



**Johnson Education Center  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University  
Fort Pierce, Florida**

**Friday, February 8, 2019 – *Engaging the Public: What Are the Counties Doing?***

The focus of this year's public forum for the Indian River Lagoon Symposium centers on its theme of *Indian River Lagoon: Quo Vadis? Quo Vadis?* "Quo Vadis?" literally means: "Where are you going?". With all of the changes we have seen in the Lagoon over recent years, we seek to address questions like: Are we making any progress? Have we reached a tipping point? In particular the Public Forum will address the question, what are the counties doing? There will be a panel discussion addressing that question, with representatives from each of the five major counties along the Lagoon (Brevard, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Volusia). In addition, a number of organizations will be on hand to meet with the public on the work they do and the opportunity for the public to become more involved.

**0845 - 0900 Registration and Coffee & Tea**

**0900 - 0930 Informal Dialogue with Representatives from Various IRL Organizations**

The five counties and other organizations will have displays and discuss their IRL activities and how citizens can participate.

**0930 - 0945 Welcome and Announcement of Center for Coastal and Human Health**

The new Center for Coastal and Human Health combines leading expertise to examine the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem and associated watersheds, creating a better understanding of the connections between climate change, the local environment, Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), and resulting human health issues. The Center, based at FAU Harbor Branch, includes collaborations with XX organizations, including other academic institutions, agencies, and counties.

**0945 - 1200 Panel Presentation and Discussion on What Are the Counties Doing?**

A panel comprised of representatives from each of the counties five major counties along the Lagoon (Brevard, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Volusia) several IRL organizations will briefly describe what they are doing to help restore the IRL and how citizens can participate in these efforts.

**1200 - 1300 Informal Dialogue with Representatives from Various County & IRL Organizations**