Santa Fe River Springs Protection Forum Agenda
Thursday October 22, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
High Springs Civic Center
19107 NW 240th Street, High Springs, FL

Topic and Speaker	Start Time
Welcome - Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department	9:00 AM
Announcements and Introductions - EVERYONE!	9:05 AM
Hydrologic Conditions Report- Robbie McKinney, Suwannee River Water Management District	9:25 AM
Water Hyacinth Pulls- Rick Lanese, Our Santa Fe River	10:05 AM
Integrated Pest Management for Aquatic Vegetation- Leila Agoora, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	10:25 AM
Break	11:05 PM
Basin Management Action Plan Legal Update- Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council	11:20 PM
Recent Advances in Land Protection in the Santa Fe River Watershed- Susan Carr, Putnam Land Conservancy	12:00 PM
Fire and Wildlife Habitat-*Field Trip Sneak Peak*- Joseph Vaughn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	12:10 PM
Lunch- Pre-order lunch from Spinwiches for $15 using this form by 10/19 or bring your own lunch!	12:40 PM
Travel to Field Trip- Let's carpool to 1008 4 Mile Rd, Trenton, FL.	1:40 PM
Bell Ridge Longleaf Wildlife and Environmental Area- We will join Joseph Vaughn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Susan Carr, Putnam Land Conservancy to learn about the ecology of the longleaf pine sandhills. This will be a slow hike (less than 2 miles) with frequent stops. The FWC prescribe burned part of Bell Ridge earlier this year, so we expect an outstanding display of fall wildflowers! The terrain is level – mostly sandy roads and trails. The open longleaf pine woodlands provide little shade, so please dress accordingly and bring drinking water. No registration needed!	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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