

Putting LID to the Task for Resources at Risk- Lockwood Folly River Field Trip

8:30 am – 3 pm

Field trip participants will travel via bus to neighboring Brunswick County, the nation's 29th fastest growing county. We will explore the many challenges of managing fragile coastal resources at risk and how a dedicated Roundtable of local citizens, developers and community leaders considers LID to be a hopeful strategy for the future of the Lockwood Folly watershed. Participants will boat up the Lockwood Folly River to gain an understanding of the management approaches being considered for the quickly developing watershed in an effort to protect fragile coastal water quality and fish habitats. Participants will be treated to sights including the vast emergent-grass salt marshes of the Lockwood Folly estuary and the picturesque bald cypress swamps along the river upstream. The tour will also include a visit to one of the working waterfront areas that are integral to the cultural heritage and social fabric surrounding the Lockwood Folly. The Roundtable's recommendations to institute LID in Brunswick County will be discussed in detail, as well as some of the other Roundtable Strategies, including stormwater BMP retrofits in existing communities, ecological restoration of streams, wetlands and shoreline habitats, and strategic preservation of culturally and ecologically valuable resources.