

# WATER REGULATIONS AND RESOURCES

## Supporting Science-Based Water Solutions



Dr. Brian Lapointe, Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute discusses Florida's water troubles with business leaders at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum.

"To secure Florida's water future, we really have to follow science; science has to lead the way."

DR. BRIAN LAPOINTE

Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch  
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### Why It Matters to Florida

Florida's ongoing economic recovery has fueled growth in all areas- from population growth to private-sector job creation. In fact, Florida is now the third most populous state in the nation and since December 2010 has created more than 1.6 million private-sector jobs.

But, an increased population means an increased need for vital resources such as water. Florida's population is expected to have 26 million residents by 2030 - residents that will consume approximately nine billion gallons of water each day. From a single glass of water to fueling Florida's large agriculture economy, water discussions must take into account the needs of the future so sound policies can be enacted today.

### Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

The Florida Chamber growth estimates place Florida's water demand at 20 percent higher between now and 2030. The Florida Chamber understands that enacting strong, science-based water quality standards now will protect Florida's natural and economic resources for the future.

As part of its ongoing efforts to help secure Florida's water future, the Florida Chamber of Commerce announced an educational partnership in March 2016 with Dr. Brian Lapointe, Research Professor at Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. *Securing Florida's Water Future* is a series of educational videos solely focused on ensuring Florida's water future is sustainable and provides the quality of life Floridians and visitors deserve.

The most recent video in the series of educational videos demonstrates why following science-based research is important to securing Florida's water future, and sheds light on the the harmful role that septic systems are playing in ongoing water quality problems in the Okaloosa River Basin.

### The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

With a larger population and increasing demand for resources on the horizon, science-based solutions that take into account the needs of Floridians and our precious natural resources will help move us in the right direction. Adopting smart growth policies will benefit small businesses and families by growing the private sector and will protect Florida's natural resources for the future.

#### ACT NOW:

Join the Florida Chamber Infrastructure Coalition's efforts to maximize Florida's economic growth opportunities and double down on efforts to prepare for Florida's growing population through infrastructure investments.

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