

Michael A. Register

Michael Register is a registered professional engineer in Florida with a Master of Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Florida. During his time at Florida he lettered in Football, was a member of the Alpha Zeta Honor Fraternity and served as president of the student chapter of ASABE. Upon graduating, he began his professional career as an engineer working for the St. Johns River Water Management District. During his 33-year career at the District he has worked in the District's regulatory, engineering, ground and surface water modeling, water supply planning, and minimum flow and levels programs. During his time leading the regulatory programs, he instituted reforms to improve the permitting process to increase their efficiency and effectiveness. He developed an agricultural assistance team and agricultural cost share programs to help agricultural operators comply with regulatory requirements and implement conservation practices. He oversaw the development and adoption of minimum flows and levels for 5 Outstanding Florida Springs (including the iconic Silver Springs) ensuring their protection for future generations. In September of 2021, Michael was selected by the District's 9-member Governing Board to lead the organization as its new Executive Director. His appointment was just recently confirmed by the Florida Senate. Michael lives in his hometown of Seville, Florida with his wife of 37 years on their family farm which she operates with their son, both of whom are also graduates of the University of Florida with degrees in Agricultural Education and Communication.