

Jim Muller, Bay County RESTORE Act Coordinator

Jim Muller earned his master's degree in biological oceanography from Florida State University and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for FSU's Coastal and Marine Laboratory. He was director of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory for ten years.

In 1996, Jim founded Muller and Associates, an independent consulting firm specializing in environmental consulting, natural resource planning, and government relations. From 1997 to 2000, he served as special consultant on the Florida Keys under both Governor Lawton Chiles and Governor Jeb Bush. He has consulted for government, private corporations, and non-profits, and has over 20 years of natural resource planning and management experience on the federal, state and local level.

Jim worked with Bay County, Florida, the St. Joe Company, and environmental groups on strategies to protect West Bay of the St. Andrew Bay system. As a result, West Bay was successfully placed on the Florida Forever list and the NRDA Potential Early Restoration Project list. Jim is now the RESTORE Act Coordinator for Bay County. He is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all aspects of the County's RESTORE program, for both development and implementation.