

Emily Montgomery Bio

Emily Montgomery studied Anthropology and Sociology at the University of Florida where her focus was on human interactions and cultural connections with the natural world. Specific study included how indigenous people related to their environments and the effects of their exposure to industrialized nations. She began her environmental career in 2007 as an intern with the Nature Conservancy to help structure and implement a local survey of invasive plants on publicly managed lands for the First Coast Invasive Working Group. She is currently serving as co-chair of this organization. In April 2008, she joined the GTM NERR and is currently the Coastal Training Program Coordinator. The Coastal Training Program works to provide science-based information to coastal decision makers to allow better informed decisions regarding our critical coastal resources. Current program initiatives include controlling and preventing invasive species, planning for sea level rise, and sustaining healthy natural communities and water quality to sustain healthy human communities. Ms. Montgomery is serving as a collaborative process advisor and coordinator for the GTM NERR's Planning for Sea Level Rise in the Matanzas Basin project in partnership with the University of Florida (www.planningmatanzas.org). This project will bring multiple stakeholder groups together over a three year period to begin understanding and planning for the potential impacts of sea level rise on the natural processes in the Matanzas Basin.