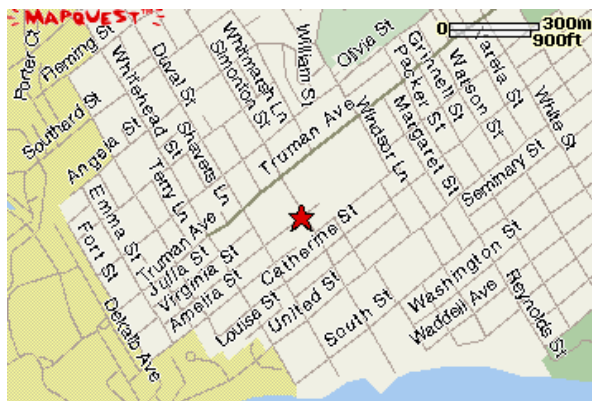
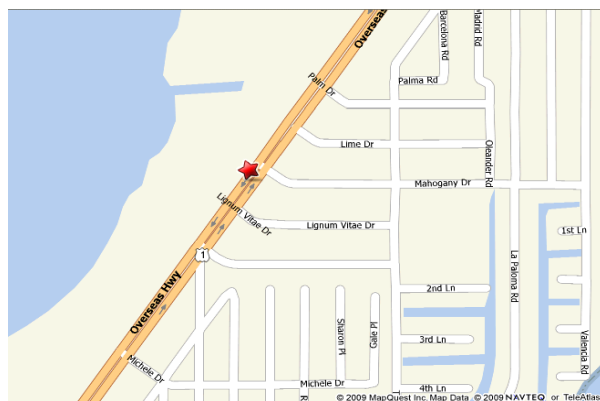


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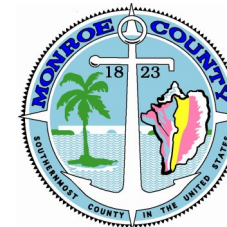
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UF/IFAS Monroe County Extension Services



The University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have shared a productive county/state/federal partnership through Extension Services since 1972. The UF/IFAS/Monroe County Extension office provides the following science-based educational programs.

	<p>Florida Sea Grant Program Marine Agent Shelly Krueger shellykrueger@ufl.edu</p>
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Florida Sea Grant supports research, education, and Extension to conserve coastal resources and enhance economic opportunities for Floridians. Information is available to the public on a variety of marine and environmental topics including water quality, habitat restoration, marine ecology, and fishing regulations.

Florida Keys Water Watch is a volunteer water quality monitoring program that trains individuals to collect water quality data.

Community Sponge Restoration - Sponge die-offs are being mitigated through volunteer sponge restoration events in partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The Florida Master Naturalist program is an adult education course that teaches Florida ecology for individuals who desire to know more about their environment.

Fisheries Management and Regulations - Annual workshops are targeted to marine resource agencies, law enforcement, state park staff, and fishermen.

Environmental Horticulture Agent

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Homeowners and commercial landscape/nursery businesses are provided assistance with landscaping in the Keys by best management practices for planting natives using slow release fertilizer and practicing integrated pest management. Master Gardener classes are held for residents interested in volunteering and teaching the community about horticulture.



Economic Resource Development Agent

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The Economic Resource Development Agent concentrates on fostering entrepreneurship and community development to enhance job opportunities and local economies in the Florida Keys.

Greening Monroe County

Extension has provided leadership in sustainability and green government since 2005 and is the county liaison for the Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Extension has managed many grants over the years, provided by the EPA, for water quality testing.



**Family and Consumer Sciences/
Community Development Agent
& Extension Director, Alicia Betancourt**
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The Family and Consumer Sciences / Community Development program focuses on educational programs in the areas of household budgeting, community resources, family resource management, and consumer fraud. This program facilitates the development of community-based solutions to local needs including: volunteer resources, community resource development, and disaster preparation.



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The Extension Coordinator provides vital support for the agents, assists clientele, develops and maintains the UF website, creates a monthly newsletter, and keeps the Extension library and publications organized and up-to-date.



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