

Navigator Tamagna at the St. Johns River Summit

On September 15th and 16th the Hudson River Navigator, Vincent Tamagna, participated in the St. Johns River Summit. Vinny was invited to present to the Jacksonville community the many successes of the Hudson River Valley's Preserve America Program and the importance of the Hudson River Valley's Heritage Area in promoting the great inventory of historic places and bolstering New York State's tourism industry. Working through the St. John's River Alliance, Executive Director Mark Middlebrook invited Vinny Tamagna, the Hudson River Navigator, Jim White, the Cuyahoga River Navigator and Beth Cade, Navigator for the New River.

American Heritage River Initiative: Examples from other Programs

Moderator: Mark Middlebrook, St. Johns River Alliance

Eleven years ago, President Bill Clinton designated the St. Johns River as an American Heritage River along with 13 other rivers around the nation as part of the federal American Heritage River Initiative (AHRI) program. Each river system had its own approach for using its designation to locate funding, promote awareness and improve river conditions. The St. Johns River Alliance can learn from other programs that have successfully created long-term funding sources, public support and improved conditions for historic, cultural and natural resources in those basins. Selected AHRI programs will share examples from their experience that could be approaches used in the St. Johns River Basin.

Historic and Cultural Programs in the Hudson River

Vinny Tamagna, Hudson River Navigator

Water Quality Programs in the Cuyahoga River

Jim White, Cuyahoga River Navigator

Ecotourism Programs in the New River

Beth Cade, New River Navigator

The presentations are available at www.stjohnsriversummit.com.

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