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Jennifer Hecker is the Director of Natural Resource Policy for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, specializing in water resources, listed species, everglades, environmental lands and natural resources policy and legislation. Her educational background includes a Bachelors in Environmental Studies from Prescott College, a graduate degree in Tropical Biology and Conservation from University of Missouri-St. Louis, as well as studying environmental law at the North Carolina Central University School of Law. Prior to joining the Conservancy eight years ago, Jennifer was a Project Ecologist for WilsonMiller and had worked for Hillsborough County, FL as an Environmental Specialist in their Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program. She currently serves as co-chair of the Everglades Coalition, on the boards of the national Great Waters Coalition and Florida Coastal and Oceans Coalition as well as other environmental organizational boards. Having worked for government, for-profit, and the non-profit sectors, Jennifer embraces an approach of involving a diverse stakeholder group to improve natural resource policy and preserve our quality of life in Southwest Florida.