

The St. James Ponds Committee is sponsoring its free Spring Educational Seminar on **Friday, May 1**, 10AM, at the Wright Event Center. Our speaker this year is Dr. Amanda Southwood Williard, Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, UNC-Wilmington. Her topic of discussion and area of expertise is marine reptiles and specifically sea turtles and terrapins. She will discuss conservation physiology and energetics of sea turtles and terrapins in the adverse interaction with coastal fisheries as well as their extraordinary and successful adaption to varying environments such as salinity and temperature which, among other things, enables sea turtles to travel vast distances in the world's oceans and visit and nest in beaches such as those here in Brunswick County. For more info visit:

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