

Leadership Award  
Agnes Ramsey – Deputy Department Director  
Everglades Restoration Planning

Agnes conceived of and spearheaded the District Leadership Development program, “The Leader Within” to recognize and develop potential future leaders of the agency. Her persistent efforts and desire to reach out, motivate and selflessly help others by providing District staff with a top quality leadership program, has made this program a reality. This effort will maintain the exceptional leadership quality found throughout the District. Furthermore, it will address the need of succession planning and maintaining agency knowledge to fill leadership positions as senior and executive leaders retire or move on from the District.

As one of the first District employees to participate in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Leadership Development Program, she recognized the benefits such a program could bring to the District. In addition to the value of forging successful relationships with partnering and participating agencies on our groundbreaking Everglades Restoration Projects, she took the initiative to invite these agencies to participate in “The Leader Within” program and create professional networks among participants.

As a Deputy Department Director, she has shown exceptional leadership skills by providing support and guidance to her staff through coaching, mentoring and leading by example.