



Green Bridges : Connecting Cultures Through Community Involvement and Environmental Action

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Why It Matters

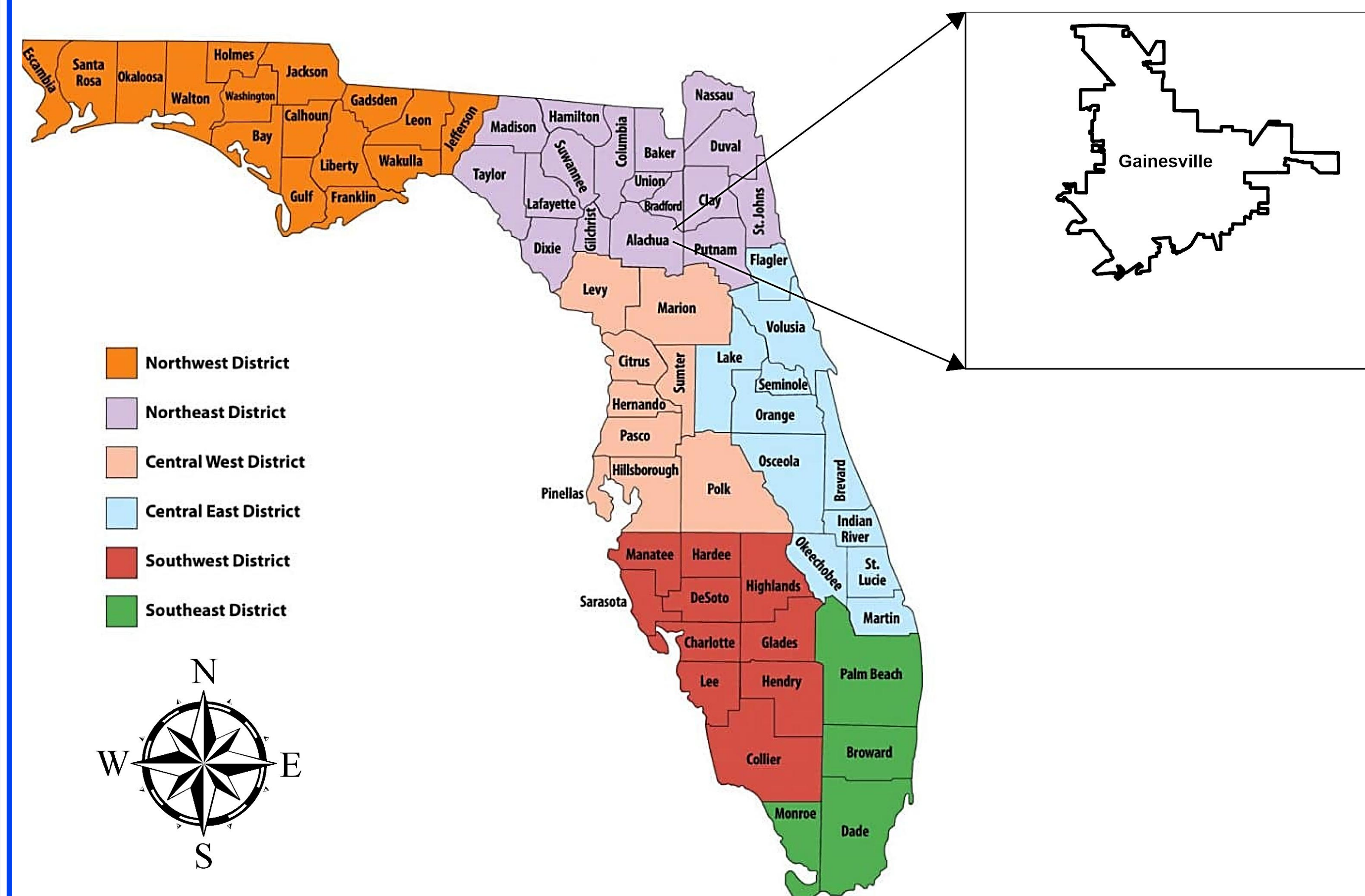
- ❖ For over 70 years, the English Language Institute at the University of Florida (ELI / UF) has welcomed students from 150+ places of origin (UF,2023).
- ❖ Few pathways to engage in local civic and environmental action.
- ❖ Missed opportunities to build leadership, environmental awareness and community engagement.

Objectives

- ❖ Empower ELI Students to become leaders in their host community:
 1. Raise environmental and civic awareness;
 2. Provide experiential learning through interactive workshops;
 3. Foster active student involvement through volunteer activities

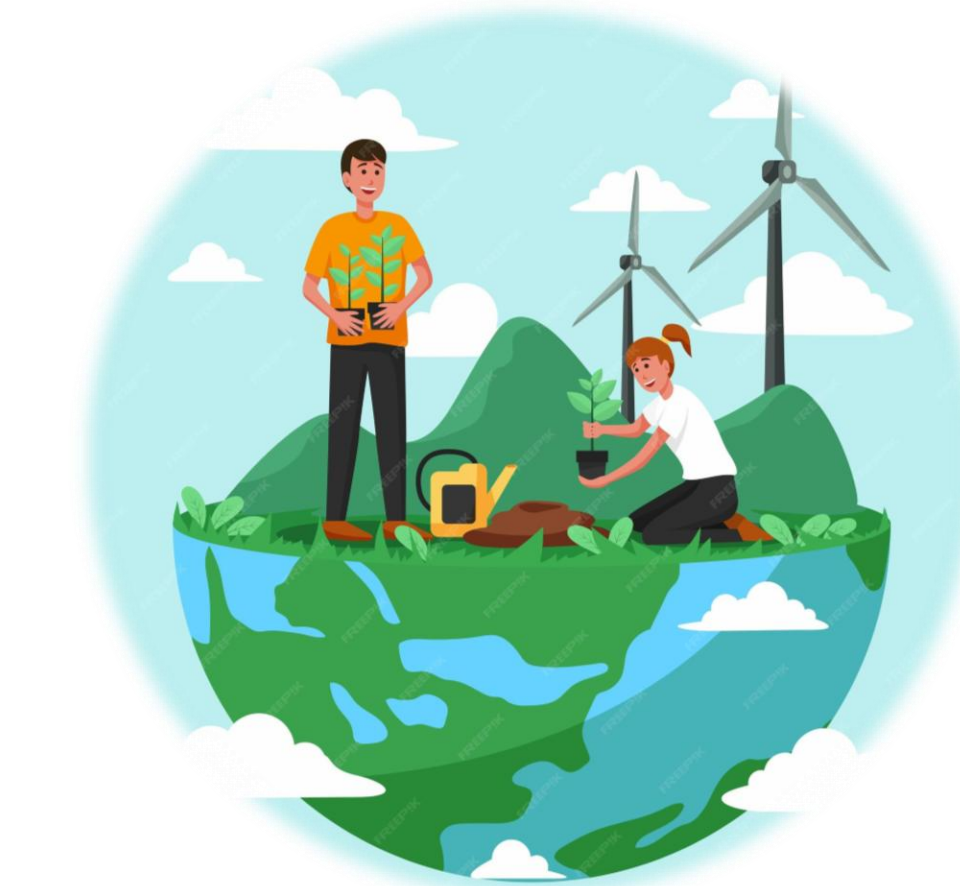
Location

Location of Community Engagement Activities



- ❖ Gainesville, FL, serves as the central hub for Green Bridges activities, providing ELI students with opportunities to engage directly with the local community.
- ❖ While Gainesville is the starting point, the initiative has the potential to expand to additional communities in the future through workshops, volunteer activities, and environmental projects that foster leadership, civic engagement, and environmental awareness.

Planned Activities



Ecological volunteering



Civic education and environmental sustainability workshops



Waste clean-up events

Expected Outcomes

- ❖ At least 100 students are aware and trained to take environmental and civic action;
- ❖ At least 10 interactive workshops and events organized to provide knowledge and hands-on experience;
- ❖ Increased students' participation in volunteering and community-based sustainability initiative;
- ❖ Strengthened ELI students' leadership skills to engage and inspire their host community.

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How to Get Involved

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