

Philip Leary

State Director of Florida and U.S. Virgin Islands



Phillip Leary, AICP, was named State Director for USDA Rural Development in Florida/U.S. VI in April 2019. Leary has thirty years of experience in the fields of agriculture, forestry, land use planning and environmental regulation working for local, state government and the private sector.

Was formerly Principal Consultant of Leary Governmental Affairs, representing clients in the specific areas of environmental regulation, economic development, growth management, land and water use.

From 1993 to 2004, he served as director of government and community affairs for the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the largest general farm membership organization in the State of Florida. He was a former planning and development director for Clay County and Putnam County, and worked four years as water resource specialist with St. Johns River Water Management District.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture - natural resources and environmental economics, with certificate minor in environmental studies from the University of Florida. He completed post graduate work in public administration, policy, and planning at the University of North Florida.