



Elisa Kropat

Elisa Kropat serves as the **Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Transportation Scholar** for the 2013-2014 Public Lands Transportation Scholar Program. She will be working in Florida's space coast expanding public transit and non-motorized transportation access to Merritt Island with a goal of enhancing visitors' experience while minimizing impact to the habitat. With a Bachelor's and Masters of Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware and experience working on transportation planning projects in the private and public sectors, her background will provide guidance on developing bus systems and maintaining refuge roadways. Eager to put her education to work and her passion for preserved lands, she is excited by this opportunity to collaborate with the Merritt Island staff as well as with local agencies to augment the refuge's transportation system and its connections to surrounding areas.