

## **Lauren Brunson**

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Lauren Brunson is the Associate Project Planner for our Southeastern Region Office. She is responsible for the project planning, environmental permitting, and document preparation for the Southeastern Region's mitigation banking projects.

Prior to joining Westervelt Ecological Services, Lauren was the Environmental Coordinator for Bay County's (Florida) Public Works Department where she was responsible for the environmental permitting of capital infrastructure and waterway projects, as well as acted as a liaison with federal and state agencies. She also worked as Bay County's Environmental Process Specialist, where she conducted routine analyses for the drinking water and wastewater systems.

She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois in 2011 and a Master's of Science in Forestry from Auburn University in 2014. Her graduate work focused on biogeochemistry along a topographical sequence in an old-growth floodplain forest, specifically belowground net primary production and nutrient cycling in Congaree National Park, South Carolina.