

## **Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Water Conservation Community**

This award recognizes communities that have adopted water conservation measures in common areas to conserve and protect Florida's water resources. The jury will consider the FFL water saving principles that have been incorporated and the amount of water saved as a result of these principles.

Typical Entries Include: Residential communities that have modified their irrigation systems to become more Florida-Friendly. Nominees may self-submit or may be nominated by others.

Below is a suggested outline for the project narrative.

- **Summary**
  - What was the motivation to make water conservation changes to the landscape?
  - Please provide a detailed description of the planning and implementation of this project. Were consultants used to help with this process?
  - Please provide the total area that was irrigated at beginning and end of project and area that received irrigation upgrades.
  - Please describe any outreach activities that were part of the development of this project and methods used to create support among property owners, if applicable.
  - Discuss any challenges you faced in gaining approval/adoption of the board and/or residents and resolutions, if applicable.
- **Scope of Project**
  - Which of the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ water saving principles have been adopted? When possible, include potential water savings of each action.
    - Turned off zones or capped irrigation heads in mature landscape beds – how many; what was irrigated area
    - Calibrated sprinkler system to deliver ½" or ¾" water instead of 1" or more
    - Converted turfgrass area to landscaped beds with micro irrigation – what is the square footage of installed microirrigation
    - Turned off irrigation system or zones and only irrigate when plants and turfgrasses show signs of wilt
    - Converted spray head nozzles to multi-stream, multi-trajectory (MSMT) nozzles
    - Installed pressure compensating heads
    - Replaced expanding disk interrupt in the rain sensor
    - Installed soil moisture sensor or evapotranspiration controller
    - Installed low volume irrigation
  - Please include any additional information you consider relevant to the topic.
  - Upload images to illustrate your landscaping changes.

- **Maintenance**

- Does your Landscape maintenance contract incorporate UF/IFAS recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs)? See Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Management Contract: [https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/CCRs\\_Sept-20-2010\\_final.pdf](https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/CCRs_Sept-20-2010_final.pdf)
  - For example, maintaining 10 foot fertilizer free zone around water bodies
  - Mowing grass at recommended height
  - Mulching at depth of 2 inches
  - Irrigation system maintenance schedule
- Do your deed restrictions contain any portions of the model Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Covenants, Codes and Restrictions? If so, please include the portions of your restrictions that are Florida-Friendly. Click here to view the model language: <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/ffl-and-you/community-management/florida-friendly-communities/>
- Describe other maintenance practices you have implemented to conserve water in common areas.

- **Outcome**

- Provide specifics on the program's results to date including the gallons and dollars saved by any Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ changes made.
- Please describe how you calculated the savings rate, return on the investment, and payback period for your community. How are you communicating these savings to your community members?
- Include information on any audits, tests or other methodologies used in the decision to implement the program.
- Do you have ongoing evaluation and measurement of effectiveness of your (other?) environmental programs? If so, please describe.
- What community partnerships were leveraged to implement the landscape changes?
- Describe the other awards your community has received.

**Photo Release**

By submitting your photographs for award consideration, you are granting The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program (FFL) the right to use photo and project information in publications or other media material produced by FFL including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, websites, etc. If you object to having your photos used in this manner, please do not submit them for award consideration.

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