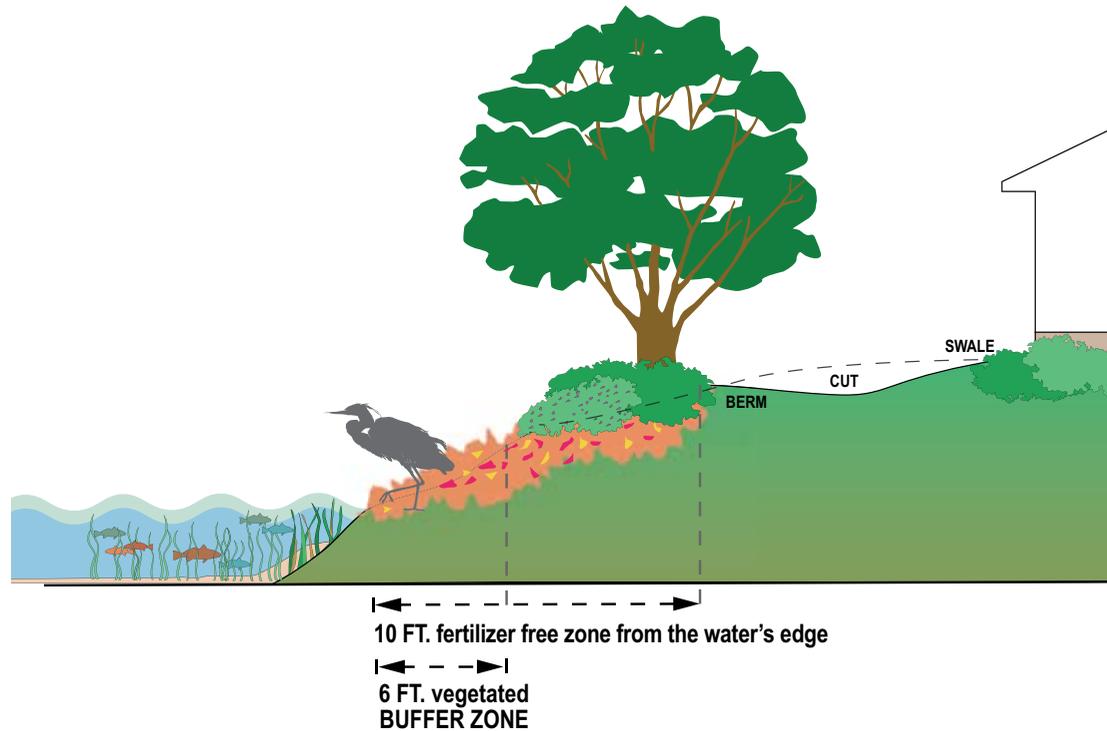
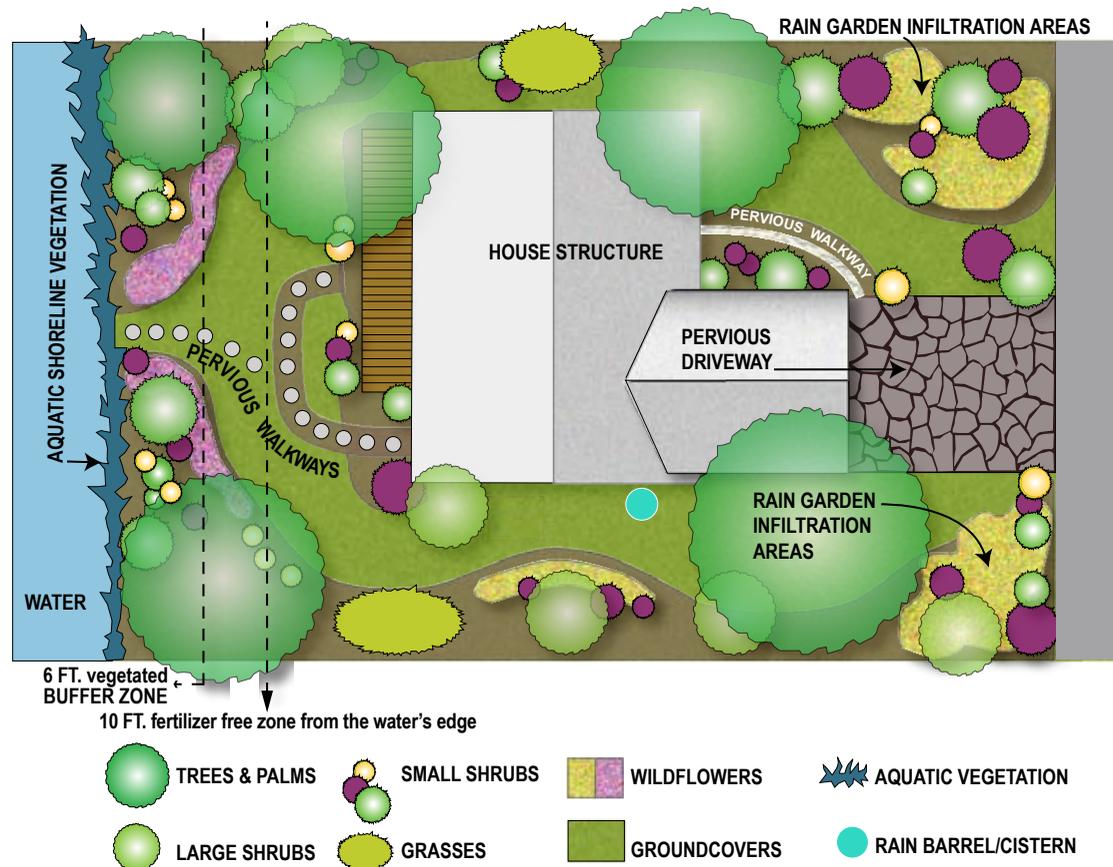


## Earth Shaping to Prevent Runoff



## Example of a Bay-Friendly Landscape



## Shoreline Buffer Zone Alternatives

### Sarasota County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Code, Ordinance 2007-062

Living on the water's edge is a beautiful and special place to live. This brochure provides a landscape example with a sampling of plants that could be used in the required (10 feet) fertilizer free zone and (6 feet or greater) recommended low maintenance (no irrigation or fertilizer after establishment) vegetated buffer zone along the waterfront. These plants may be used as an alternative to or in combination with an existing turf grass buffer. The plants were selected as an example to provide an attractive, drought tolerant, bay-friendly, commercially available way to beautify the landscape while controlling erosion and reducing the amount of nutrients, fertilizer and pesticides entering our waterways.

Remember, no matter where you live, your yard is connected to the bay and Gulf through a series of ponds, canals and creeks.

For more information on additional shoreline plants or regulations, contact

- Sarasota Bay Estuary Program**  
[www.sarasotabay.org](http://www.sarasotabay.org) 941.955.8085
- Florida Native Plant Society**  
[www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) 321.271.6702
- Florida Yards & Neighborhoods**  
[www.FloridaYards.org](http://www.FloridaYards.org) 941.861.5000
- Association of Native Plant Nurseries**  
[www.afnn.org](http://www.afnn.org) 877.352.2366
- Sarasota County**  
[www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) 941.861.5000
- UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension Service**  
<http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu> 941.861.5000
- Southwest Florida Water Management District**  
[www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org) 352.796.7211
- Florida Wildflower Foundation**  
[www.floridawildflowercouncil.org](http://www.floridawildflowercouncil.org) 407.353.6164



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## Homeowner's Guide to Low Maintenance Landscaping Along Stormwater Ponds

# PLANT CATEGORIES — Low Maintenance Plants for Landscaping the Buffer Zone Along Your Shoreline

## AQUATIC



**Alligator flag**  
*Thalia geniculata*  
6'-9' ht. x 6'-9' w.



**Dixie Iris**  
*Iris hexagona*  
4' ht. x 3'-5' w.



**Duck potato**  
*Sagittaria lancifolia*  
4' ht. x 4' w.



**Pickerel weed**  
*Pontederia cordata*  
3.5' ht. x 3.5' w.



**White pond lily**  
*Nymphaea odorata*  
1'-6' ht. x 4'-6' w.



## GRASSES & RUSHES



**Cordgrass**  
*Spartina bakeri*  
4'-6' ht. x 4'-6' w.



**Fakahatchee grass**  
*Tripsacum dactyloides*  
5' ht. x 4' w.



**Muhly grass**  
*Muhlenbergia capillaris*  
3' ht. x 3' w.



**Soft rush**  
*Juncus effusus*  
3' ht. x 3' w.



**Soft stem bulrush**  
*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*  
8' ht., spreads



## GROUNDCOVERS



**Frog flower (Matchstick)**  
*Phyla nodiflora*  
1"-4" ht., spreads



**Perennial peanut**  
*Arachis glabrata*  
Not Native - Turf replacement  
1"-3" ht., spreads



**Sunshine mimosa**  
*Mimosa strigillosa*  
Turf Replacement  
1"-3" ht., spreads



**Blue eyed grass**  
*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*  
2' ht. x 1'-2' w.



**Bacopa**  
*Bacopa spp.*  
2' ht. x 1'-2' w.



## WILDFLOWERS



**Tropical sage**  
*Salvia coccinea*  
1'-2' ht.



**Black-eyed susan**  
*Rudbeckia hirta* or  
*Rudbeckia nitida*  
3' ht. x 3' w.



**Blanket flower**  
*Gaillardia pulchella*  
1' ht. x 2'-3' w.



**Common tickseed**  
*Coreopsis leavenworthii*  
1'-3' ht. x 1'-3' w.



**Milkweed**  
*Asclepias spp.*  
2'-4' ht. x 1' w.



## SMALL SHRUBS



**Beautyberry**  
*Callicarpa americana*  
4'-6' ht. x 4'-6' w.



**Coontie**  
*Zamia floridana*  
2'-4' ht. x 2'-4' w.



**Swamp Hibiscus**  
*Hibiscus coccineus*  
7' ht.



**Spider lily**  
*Hymenocallis palmeri*  
3' ht. x 3' w.



**Wild coffee**  
*Psychotria nervosa*  
4'-10' ht. x 4'-6' w.



## LARGE SHRUBS



**Buttonbush**  
*Cephalanthus occidentalis*  
20' ht. x 10' w.



**Giant leather fern**  
*Acrostichum danaeifolium*  
12' ht. x 12' w.



**Firebush**  
*Hamelia patens*  
5'-15' ht.



**Walter's viburnum**  
*Viburnum obovatum*  
12'-20' ht.



**Wax myrtle**  
*Myrica cerifera*  
25' ht. x 10' w.



## TREES & PALMS



**Cabbage palm**  
*Sabal palmetto*  
15'-60' ht.



**Cypress**  
*Taxodium distichum*  
45'-130' ht.



**Dahoon holly**  
*Ilex cassine*  
30' ht.



**Red maple**  
*Acer rubrum*  
35'-90' ht.



**Sweet bay magnolia**  
*Magnolia virginiana*  
40'-60' ht.



### KEY TO SYMBOLS:

#### SOIL MOISTURE:

☀️ Dry ☔ Wet Sometimes 🌧️ Wet All the Time

#### SUN LIGHT:

☀️ Full ☔ Partial 🌑 Shade

🐦 ATTRACTS WILDLIFE:

🦋 ATTRACTS BUTTERFLIES:

🐸 POND LIFE: