



Naples Botanical Garden: A model landscape

Naples Botanical GARDEN

Conserve & Discover. Engage & Inspire.

Incorporated: 1994

Grand Opening: 2009

Visitors: 250,000/year

Awards & Recognitions:

2017 Award for Garden Excellence
American Public Gardens Association

2018 Award for Museum Excellence
Florida Association of Museums

*And... we're consistently ranked among the
top Naples-area attractions on Trip
Advisor!*



YEARS

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**We're renowned for our
beauty...**

...But we're more than a "pretty face."









The perils of inaction



Sadly, we aren't alone...

**State Health Officials
Develop Signs Warning
About Blue-Green Algae
Blooms – *Wisconsin
Public Radio***

**Seneca Lake blue-green
algae makes annual
return in September –
*Star-Gazette (Elmira, NY)***

**Blue-green algae
showing up again in
Discovery Bay – East Bay
Times (Walnut Creek,
Calif.)**

(photo: National Science Foundation)

Our Stormwater Treatment System...



- Consists of a five-stage “treatment train” starting in our parking lot.
 - Includes the lake we use to irrigate our property.
 - Mimics the natural flow of water.
- And, critically....

SLOWS the water.





Step 1: Bioswales

- Plantings selected from seasonally inundated landscapes
- Featured in an upcoming international documentary







Step 2: Rain Garden

- Sense of Place
- Native and non-native species
- Attractive and includes ecosystem function





Step 3: Harvey's Lake

- Existed on site before Garden built
- Heavily planted littoral buffer
- Aeration
- Sole source of irrigation



Step 4: River of Grass

- Main viewshed
- Wildlife refugia
- Smaller version of the Everglades







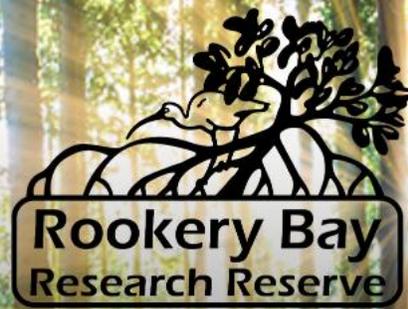
Step 5: The Lakes

- Over 1.5 miles of shoreline
- 15 Acres of open water
- Fresh to Brackish



What can you do:

- Ask questions
- Plant the right plants in the right place
- Re-evaluate perceptions
- Continue to educate yourself



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Naples Botanical GARDEN

Lakes and Ponds Workshop Series: HOAs and CAMs

[Naples, FL](#)

March 18th, 2020 | Lessons for Your Lakes

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This site is the only place to book directly with us and see live availability



Lessons for Your Lakes!

Rates

- Person (All Ages): \$20.00

March 18th, 2020

7:30am - 1:00pm

About

Learning Objectives:

Participants will learn about:

- Nonpoint source pollution and how it affects ponds and lakes
- Expanding the littoral planting palate
- Various stormwater management features and proper pond maintenance

<https://rookerybay.org/learn/training/>

Stormwater system tours:

- Email visitorservices@naplesgarden.org
- \$50 pp includes 75-minute tour, Garden admission, boxed lunch, discount in the gift shop (\$30 w/o lunch).
- No minimum tour group size.

