



Designing Florida-Friendly Landscapes

Rookery Bay Reserve, 300 Tower Rd Naples, FL 34113

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 Class day schedule

Florida-friendly landscapes protect our unique natural resources by conserving water, reducing runoff and pollution, and preserving wildlife habitat. Any landscape can be Florida-friendly if it is designed and managed using the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles. While the process of landscape design is instrumental in renovating existing landscapes and creating new spaces, the Florida-Friendly guiding principle of “right plant, right place” is key to enabling beautiful landscapes that work with the natural environment. After the training, participants will understand the broad concepts of non-point source pollution, the principles for designing landscapes, and will be able to improve the beauty, function and sustainability of Southwest Florida landscapes.

8:45 AM **REGISTRATION**

9.00 AM **Welcome**

Understand how Florida-Friendly Landscapes assist in reducing non-point source pollution and preserving Rookery Bay Research Reserve and Southwest Florida environment.

Cesar Peralta, Project Greenscape Coordinator, Rookery Bay NERR

9.20 AM **Designing Florida-Friendly Landscapes in 3 Steps**

This 3-step process works for renovating existing spaces as well as creating new landscapes. Explore fundamental design principles to enable beautiful, functional and sustainable landscapes. We’ll include solutions that work for you and your clients, saving your time, effort and money while conserving water, safeguarding health and delighting your customers.

Mary Jane Cary, GI-BMP Instructor, UF | IFAS Collier Extension Master Gardener

10.10 AM **Break**

10.20 AM **Expanding your plant palette**

Tired of using the same few species? Our SWFL environment supports an incredible diversity of plants, so we’ll highlight a number of easy care plants that could be used more frequently here. From trees and palms to ground covers, from the wind-resistant to the salt-tolerant, we’ll explore Florida-friendly “right plants” for your “right places.”

Discussion facilitated by *Mary Jane Cary, GI-BMP Instructor, UF | IFAS Collier Extension Master Gardener*

11.10 AM **Local Ordinance updates**

Receive current news of local city and Collier County fertilizer ordinances

Samantha Gibson, Educational Outreach Environmental Specialist, Collier County Pollution Control and Prevention

11:25 AM **ADJOURN**