

FACT SHEET: Florida-Friendly Yard Recognition Can Provide Financial Incentives from Adopt-A-Pond

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Adopt-A-Pond and the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program encourage all pond groups to adopt Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices. Properly maintained, these landscapes can use 30 percent less water and fertilizer than traditional development landscapes, resulting in less runoff and pollution.

Adopt-A-Pond offers financial rewards for utilizing these techniques to currently active Adopt-A-Pond groups including, but not limited to, providing bird houses, native plants, and/or pond maintenance equipment/service. The more yards in the neighborhood that use them, the higher the level of rewards the pond group can receive.

In order to qualify for the incentive, the yard(s) must be officially recognized by the Hillsborough County Extension Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program and be adjacent to the adopted pond or drain directly to a storm sewer system that discharges to the pond.

For additional details about the incentives offered from Adopt-A-Pond, visit their site at:

http://www.hillsborough.wateratlas.usf.edu/upload/documents/incentives%20for%20Florida%20yards_revised.pdf

To receive more information about the Florida-Friendly Yard Recognition Program, go to:

http://hillsborough_fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN%20PDF%20Files/yardstickchecklist.pdf

Complete the form and return it to me via email, barberL@hillsboroughcounty.org, snail mail to: Hillsborough County Extension, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33547, or fax (813) 744-5776 to my attention. When I receive the form, I will provide a copy of it to our Yard Recognition Team, who will contact you to schedule an on-site evaluation.

Gardening information is available at <http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu> and <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>