

SERV Program

2020 Summer/Fall



Photos below: Winter 2020



Black Bear WA



Spring Hammock Pr.



Native pickerelweed



Seminole Wekiva Trl.

Restoration Events

After careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our lake/pond restoration events until next spring (2021). Our volunteers' safety is our highest priority, and planning for social distancing and other health precautions during these popular multi-location events has proved to be incredibly difficult. Please check out our other options for other more independent volunteer opportunities on the following pages until we can all come together again. We have missed our wonderful volunteers!



Rolling Hills 2019

In the meantime, you can still spread the word about protecting water quality, utilizing native plants, and saving water! Check out these educational resources:

[A Citizens' Guide to Lake Management](#) (booklet)

[How to Plant Your Lakefront](#) (booklet)

[Save Water with Florida-Friendly Plants](#) (video)

[How to Build Your Own Rainbarrel](#) (video)



Buttonwood Pond 2019



English Estates Pond 2019

Benefits of Native Shoreline Plants

- Improves water quality
- Improves wildlife habitat
- Reduces erosion
- Beautifies the community

Ongoing Opportunities

These opportunities are available year-round. After a brief training session, each activity can be done independently. These activities are great for volunteers who would like to take ownership of a more long-term project, and can be used to earn many volunteer hours if needed. Contact: Elizabeth Stephens, serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457

Adopt-A-Road

Did you know that litter along our roadways can wash into nearby waterways, and harm wildlife? Make a difference by protecting our natural resources and beautifying your community! Adopt your own section of road in Seminole County (FREE sign!) and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (4 per year).

Stormdrain Marking

Stormdrain marking is a wonderful way for volunteers to help educate the public about water quality, and protect our local waterbodies! Volunteers are trained on how to mark stormdrains, and given a map and supplies. Volunteers can track their progress over time on their printed map, or via a fun App.

Adopt-A-River

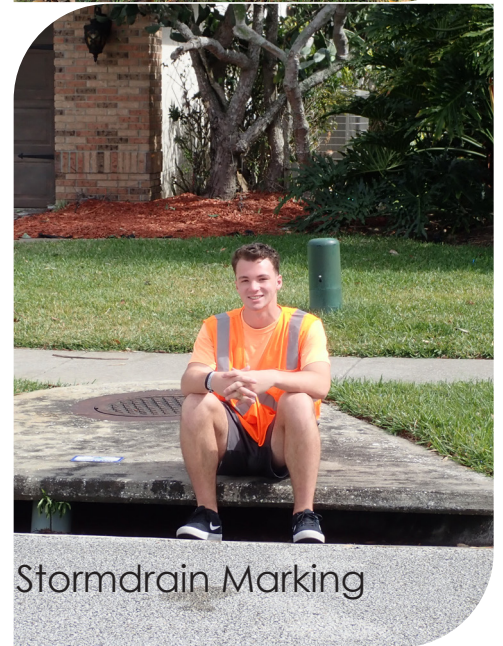
Do you have your own canoe or kayak? Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-River Program! Adopt your own section of river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (2 per year).

Adopt-A-Park

This program facilitates the monitoring, clean-up and enhancement of parks, natural lands, trails, and trailheads maintained in Seminole County. For more information and to join this great program, contact Seminole County Leisure Services at 407-665-2001.



Adopt-A-Road



Stormdrain Marking



Adopt-A-Park



More Opportunities

Group-Tailored Activities

Looking for a small group volunteer project? SERV can work with your group to start planning a future litter clean-up or invasive plant removal event. Contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457 for details.



LakeWatch

Do you live on a lake? Consider joining LAKEWATCH and help with monthly monitoring activities. Visit <https://lake-watch.ifas.ufl.edu/>, or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.

Request an Educational Presentation

Are you a teacher or scout leader? Are you part of a civic club, small business, or faith organization that would like to request a speaker on water quality, or biological conservation & restoration? SERV is currently offering virtual presentations, and will be scheduling in-person presentations again as soon as possible. Please contact us (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov,

407-665-2457)! This service is free of charge to any group in Seminole County. Read about our frequently requested presentation topics [here](#), or work with the SERV Coordinator to meet your curriculum requirements.





Floridy Friendly Landscaping (FFL)

Virtual Classes:

Aug. 19, 2020

Water Gone Virtual

[Link to recording](#)

Aug. 20, 2020

Fertilizing Effectively

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ItJajvpOQpeVB-wSnDqNPww

FFL Newsletter:

Sign-up on the FFL website

<http://www.seminolecounty-fl.gov/ffl>

Florida-Friendly
Landscaping™ PROGRAM 

FFL Contact: Tina McIntyre
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407-665-5575

Volunteer of the Season

Robert Duarte

SERV Involvement: Robert has volunteered with SERV since 2019, and is one of our newest Site Captains. He writes “The best part about volunteering in SERV events is being able to have hands-on experience, learning about native and invasive plants specific to my community. Learning from a book is great, but physically holding and identifying plants really cements that knowledge in your head. Also, volunteering for lake restorations is a great way to get out and cool off in a lake on a hot sunny day!”

Background: Robert graduated from UCF with a BS in Biology. While there, he did an internship in the Urban Ecology Lab doing research on carbon levels in soil samples. He now works as a Field Mosquito Technician in the Seminole County Watershed Management Division. Robert is a FL native and grew up in Altamonte Springs. He loves hiking on nature trails and finding and photographing interesting wildlife, which he shares on Instagram. His goal is to hike through every Natural Lands preserve in the County by the end of summer.



Robert planting native shoreline vegetation at SERV event