

SERV Program

2021
Fall



Mirror Lake



Overlook Park



Natal Grass



Econ River WA

Waterway Events

Seminole County Watershed Management and the SERV Program invite you to help us plant shoreline vegetation to improve ecosystem function, habitat, and water quality. Please note that we'll be working in the water - part of the fun is getting muddy & wet! Closed toe shoes are required, and old clothes, work gloves, and sun protection are recommended.



Rolling Hills Pond Restoration*

Date: Saturday, 9/25/21

RSVP (required):

<https://bit.ly/RHillsPond2021>

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Kick-off: across from 333 Bernard Ave, Longwood, FL 32750



Lake Dot Restoration*

Date: Saturday, 10/2/21

RSVP (required):

<https://bit.ly/LkDot2021>

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Kick-off: 100 Lake Dot Dr, Sanford, FL 32773

Benefits of Native Shoreline Plants

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



*Health safety: Volunteers who have not been fully vaccinated are required to wear a facial covering/mask and practice social distancing when interacting with other members of the public and staff (e.g. at beginning and end of event). Facial coverings/masks are not required when volunteers are spread out to work independently during planting.

Ongoing Opportunities

These opportunities are available year-round. After a brief virtual 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.



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More Opportunities

Group-Tailored Activities

Looking for a group volunteer project, but you aren't available for our scheduled events? SERV can work with your group to plan a 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 <http://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? Please contact us (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457). This service is free of charge to any group in Seminole County! You can read about our frequently requested

presentation topics [here](#), or feel free to suggest a related topic. The SERV Coordinator will be happy work with you to meet your curriculum requirements. SERV is also able to offer virtual presentations!





Florida-Friendly Landscaping

Classes:

Register on the County IFAS Extension Eventbrite page
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ufifas-extension-seminole-county-7995917345>

FFL Newsletter:

Sign-up on the FFL website
<http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/ffl>

FFL Contact: Tina McIntyre
 KMcIntyre02@seminolecountyfl.gov
 407-665-5575



Volunteers of the Season

Borgon Family

SERV Involvement: “Our family has really enjoyed volunteering for the Adopt-A-River and Stormdrain marking programs this past year. We love to canoe and explore Seminole County’s beautiful rivers, and keeping the Econlockhatchee River clean has been really fun and rewarding. Stormdrain marking is a great way to educate the public about the importance of reducing pollution in our waterways, while spending time outside and exploring the beautiful neighborhoods in Seminole County.”

Background: Bob and Heather grew up in Central Florida and have always enjoyed all of the amazing waterways that Seminole county has to offer. After some time away for school, they moved back to Central Florida. They enjoy canoeing, hiking, and biking with their three kids, and they feel that the SERV program is a “great opportunity for their kids to earn Bright Future volunteer hours for school, while enjoying the outdoors and helping to preserve our environment.”

