

SERV Program

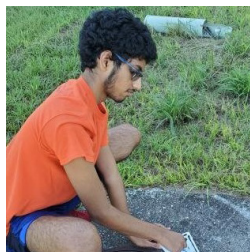
2021
Spring



Photos below: Winter 2021



Lake Monroe Wayside



Stormdrain marking



Lake Sylvan shoreline



Adopt-A-Road



Benefits of Native Shoreline Plants

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

Restoration Event

Lake of the Woods

Saturday, May 15th, 2021, 9 am - 12 pm: Seminole County Watershed Management & the SERV Program invite you to help us plant shoreline vegetation to improve ecosystem function, habitat, and water quality! **RSVP (required):** <http://bit.ly/LkOfWoods2021> or contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 300 Carolwood Pt, Fern Park, FL 32730. Please note that this event will be capped at 20 participants, including staff, to enable social distancing for health safety. **Volunteers will be required to wear masks throughout the event.**



Lake of the Woods 2019

Stay tuned for more late spring and fall 2021 shoreline planting events! In the meantime, please continue to spread the word about protecting water quality, utilizing native plants, and saving water! Check out these helpful educational resources:

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

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

[Creating Habitat in Your Yard](#) (video)

[Easy Irrigation Calibration](#) (video)



Soldiers Creek Park Pond 2019



Myrtle Lake 2018

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, 407-665-2457, serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.

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

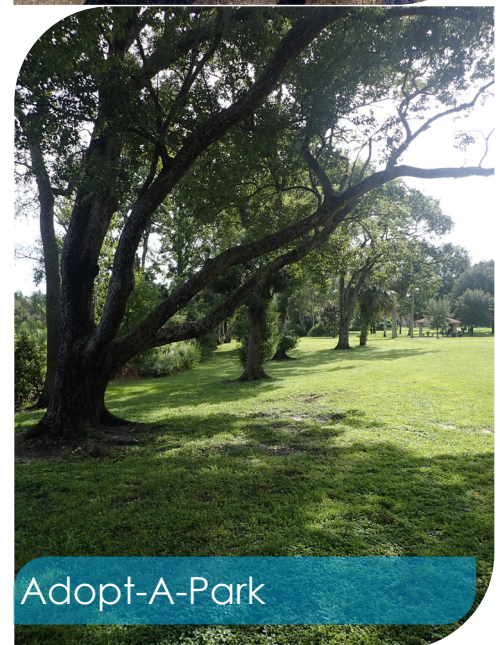
Stormdrain marking is a wonderful way for volunteers to help educate the public about water quality, and protect our local waterbodies! Volunteers are trained on how to mark stormdrains, and given a map and supplies. Volunteers can track their progress over time on their printed map, or via a fun App.

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.



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. For details, contact 407-665-2457, serv@seminolecountyfl.gov.



Macroinvertebrates 2019

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.



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.

Volunteer of the Season

Carol Jonda

SERV Involvement: Carol has volunteered with us since 2012. She writes “I enjoy volunteering through the Adopt-A-Road Program for the stretch of county road coming into my subdivision because I love my neighborhood and have lived here for 43 years. Picking up litter is such an easy way to improve the environment and enhance the entrance to our neighborhood. I love to walk for exercise, so participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program was a natural thing to do. This also fulfilled a personal civic duty for my community!”

Background: Carol holds clean-ups with her local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, an international non-academic sorority that focuses on cultural, social, and service opportunities for women. She also does the clean-ups independently as needed. Carol has been interested in helping to protect the planet since she participated in the 1st Earth Day celebration in April, 1970, which had a profound impact on her. Carol’s “glimmer of hope” is that she is making some kind of impact on passing neighbors and their children, the way Earth Day in 1970 did for her.

Floridy Friendly Landscaping (FFL)

FFL Newsletter:

Sign-up on the FFL website

<http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/ffl>

Landscape Fertilization in FL-
A Professional’s Guide

May 27

<https://bit.ly/3tVikMZ>

April 29

<https://bit.ly/3fgxZCx>

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Carol (left) and her Beta Sigma Phi group members at clean-up