











Liberty Park

Grace Lake

Softshell turtle

Lake Jesup



Benefits of Native Shoreline Plants

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

SERV - Spring 2022

We hope you have been having a wonderful spring! We have a few more events for you before the end of the season, and we're starting to schedule some summer events too. Check out the links below, and read about our newest Volunteer of the Season! Feel free to contact serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, 407-665-2457 with any questions about the following opportunities.



Buttonwood Pond Restoration

Date: Saturday, 5/21/22

RSVP (required):

https://bit.ly/Buttonwood2022

Time: 9 am - 12 pm



Lake Mills Park - Invasive Removal

Date: Saturday, 5/28/22

RSVP (required):

https://bit.ly/LkMillsPk2022

Time: 9 am - 11 am



Lake Jesup Restoration

Date: Saturday, 6/4/22

RSVP (required):

https://bit.ly/LkJesup2022

Time: 9 am - 12 pm



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@seminole-countyfl.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).

Adopt-A-River

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









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-semi-nole-county-7995917345

FFL Newsletter: Sign-up on the FFL website http://www.seminolecounty-fl.gov/ffl

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



Volunteer of the Season

Jayleen Moya

SERV Involvement: Jayleen Moya, below on right, is our newest SERV Site Captain. When asked what she enjoys about SERV events, she writes, "I like meeting new people who share similar interests with me. I also enjoy being able to contribute to the improvement of water quality and removing invasive plants." Jayleen adds, "I learned how to plant in the water and really love to do this. SERV has helped me in being able to identify different plants, which is very exciting to me."

Background: Jayleen is studying environmental science at Seminole State College. She is still deciding on the exact career that she would like to pursue, but she hopes that it will involve some type of field work. She has lived in Seminole County since she was 5 years old. In her free time, Jayleen loves going on walks with her dog Bella at parks, and swimming. She plans to spend lots of time at the springs going kayaking this summer.

