

# **A *Florida-Friendly Yard* gets you more stuff!**

Adopt-A-Pond and the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program go hand in hand. And we encourage all pond groups to use Florida-Friendly techniques in their landscapes.

Now we're going a step further. We're offering rewards for actually using the techniques. The more your group uses them, the more you get.

## **Here's how it works!**

### **Level 1**

1 to 2 Florida Yards, or 1 common area = \$200.00 of equipment or hardware for the pond.

Sound Good? We thought so too.

Stormwater isn't just about ponds and pipes, everything we do in our yards can have an effect on our water quality.

There are currently 52 waterbodies in Hillsborough County impaired for nutrients or dissolved oxygen as determined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Landscape practices can be a significant contribution to these impairments.

The major complaint from pond residents is about material coming through the pipes.

Florida Yards have been found to increase the perceived value and decrease days to sale of homes.

Properly maintained, established Florida Yards can use 30% less water and fertilizer than traditional landscapes. That means less runoff and less pollution.

**For details on the rewards program see the attached policy sheet.**

**To learn more about Florida Yards see the Guidebook included in your AAP notebook or visit [http://hillsborough\\_fyn.ifas.ufl.edu](http://hillsborough_fyn.ifas.ufl.edu)**



### **Level 2**

3 to 5 Florida Yards = 1 free herbicide application and \$500.00 of equipment or hardware

**OR**

\$500.00 of equipment/hardware and \$200.00 of plants.

### **Level 3**

more than 5 Florida Yards = 2 free herbicide applications, \$500.00 of equipment or hardware, and \$200.00 of native plants.

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\$500.00 of equipment/hardware and \$500.00 of plants.

