

Broward Green Bites

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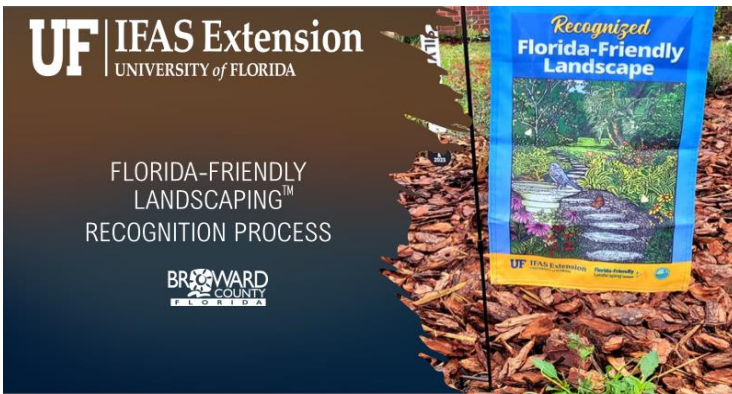


A Note From the Broward County’s Urban Horticulture Extension Agent...

Dear “Broward Green Bites” Readers,

We are excited to share the 2024 Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) Broward Green Bites newsletter sharing our latest Broward County landscape recognition projects. The FFL program is an educational outreach program informing homeowners and professionals how they can be more environmentally friendly with their landscape care practices and how this can help protect Florida’s natural environment for future generations. We can all play a role in protecting Florida’s natural resources. Enjoy our summer edition.

Warm Regards,



Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ PROGRAM

2023 Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Recognitions

Sign the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ pledge!
 Signing the pledge signals your commitment to protecting Florida’s environment

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Please indicate one or more behaviors you pledge to adopt within the next 6 months to make your home more Florida-Friendly.

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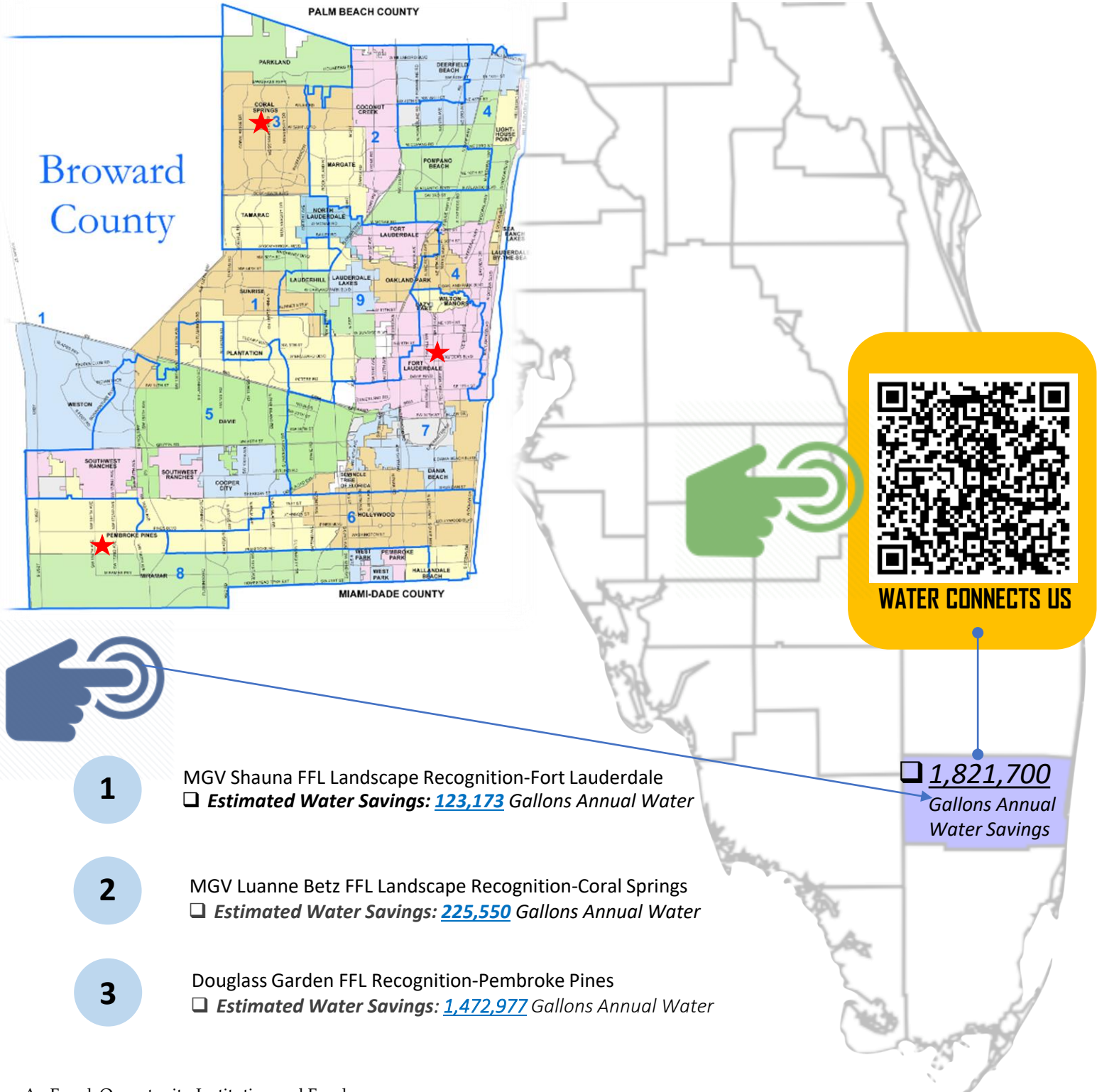
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Celebrating our Fall 2023 Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Recognitions



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MGV Shauna FFL Landscape Recognition-Fort Lauderdale
 Estimated Water Savings: **123,173** Gallons Annual Water

2

MGV Luanne Betz FFL Landscape Recognition-Coral Springs
 Estimated Water Savings: **225,550** Gallons Annual Water

3

Douglass Garden FFL Recognition-Pembroke Pines
 Estimated Water Savings: **1,472,977** Gallons Annual Water



WATER CONNECTS US

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ PROGRAM

Site Inspection Led by: Broward County Water Ambassador Team

1 Shauna and David Boughton's "Four Oaks" achieves FFL Gold



Principle #2: Water Efficiently

- No in-ground irrigation - homeowner only waters manually as needed **5,461 sq ft** for landscape.

Impact Statement

In Florida in 2023, your landscape program efforts resulted in a combined estimated water savings of	123,173	gallons of water annually, based on Extension clients' reported behavior change.
This is enough water to supply nearly	1	households with water per year [based on the average of 88,000 thousand gallons per household per year].
This water savings is valued annually at a total of	\$530.88	in water bill savings for participating households [based on the average statewide/regional value of \$X per 1,000 gallons]
and	\$320.25	in water delivery costs for utilities [based on the average cost of \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons in delivery costs] statewide.

"Most importantly to us, our yard is a wildlife habitat, full of birds, bees and butterflies. This represents 70 years of past owners each adding trees, plants and care to support this space, happily many of them have stopped back to visit. It's our turn now to be the stewards, enjoy the work, nature and then to pass it on."

It also serves as a teaching garden for neighbors who learn by example the full value and beauty of having native trees and plants. The gate is always open for a bit of instruction and a cutting from an MGV.

-Shauna B. MGV Class 2009

FFL Principle #2: Water Efficiently



FFL Principle #5: Attract Wildlife





Shauna and David Boughton's "Four Oaks" achieves FFL Gold

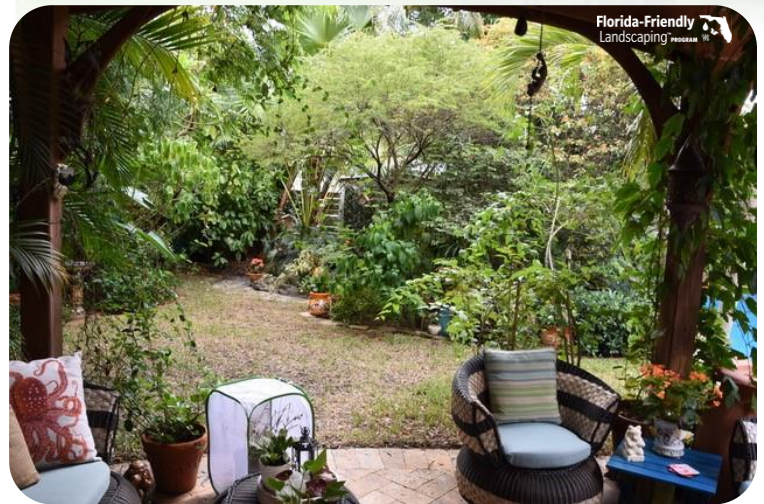
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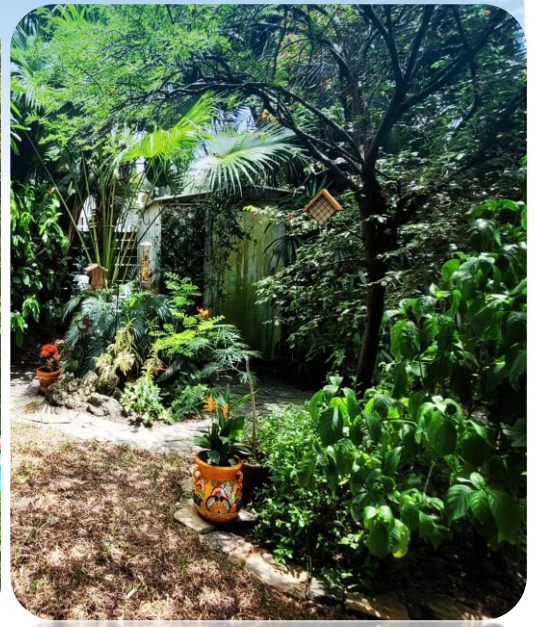
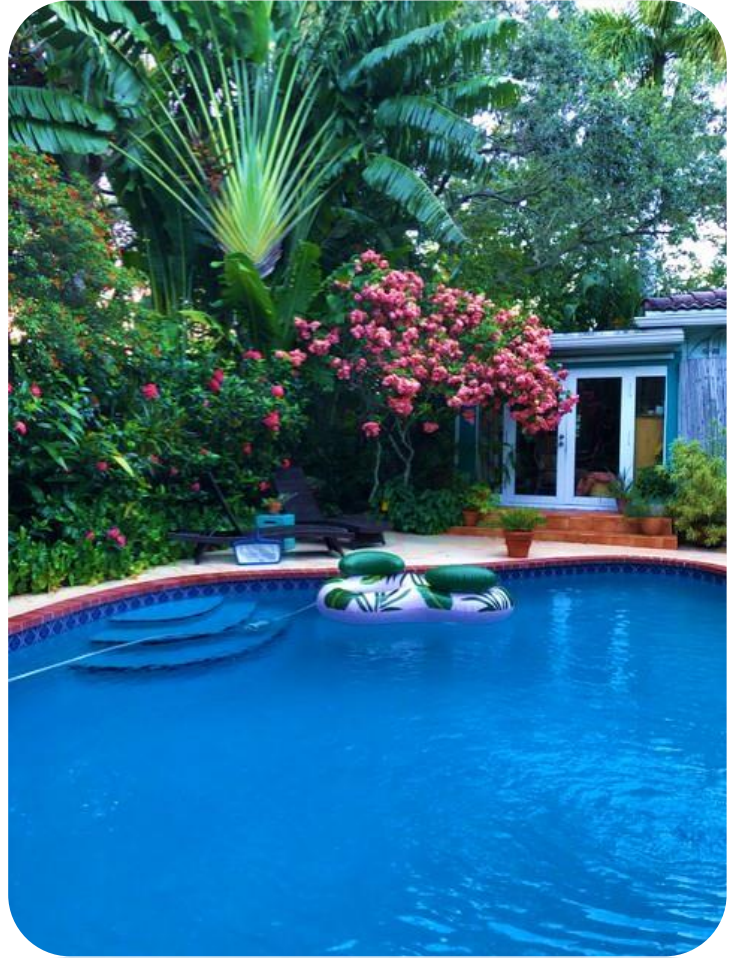
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Thank You! Meet Master Gardener Volunteer Gabriel Clarke. Gabriel joined the FFL Broward Extension Team to support FFL Landscape Videos.



Florida-Friendly Landscaping - Flamingo Gardens Butterfly Conservatory Gold Recognition



Florida-Friendly Landscaping - The Oasis-2023 Coral Springs Florida Gold Recognition



PLEASE READ OUR LATEST FFL BLOG & 3-MINUTE VIDEO TO HELP YOU GET STARTED ON YOUR NEW LANDSCAPE JOURNEY



READ BLOG



WATCH VIDEO



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MGV Luanne Betz FFL Gold Recognition



FFL Principle #5: Attract Wildlife



FFL Principle #2: Water Efficiently

Principle #2: Water Efficiently

Your Landscape Impact Statement

In Florida in 2023, your landscape efforts resulted in a combined estimated water savings of	225,550	gallons of water annually, based on Extension clients' reported behavior change.
This is enough water to supply nearly	3	households with water per year [based on the average of 88,000 thousand gallons per household per year].
This water savings is valued annually at a total of	\$972.12	in water bill savings for participating households [based on the average statewide/regional value of \$X per 1,000 gallons]
and	\$586.43	in water delivery costs for utilities [based on the average cost of \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons in delivery costs] statewide.

- No in-ground irrigation - homeowner only waters manually as needed **10,000 sq ft** for landscape.

"We have always appreciated nature, and assumed we were doing our part to make our yard into an inviting environment for wildlife. After going through the MGV certification process, I realized we could do so much more to improve our property. We knew it would require a lot of time and hard work, but adapting my outdoor space into a more Florida Friendly landscape makes me feel like we are living our absolute best to garden responsibly and create a healthier and more vibrant environment for wildlife and the future."

-MGV Class 2019-Luanne B.

WATCH VIDEO



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Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ PROGRAM

Recognizes

Luanne Betz

For protecting Florida's environment and enhancing the community by successfully implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices at 8721 NW 18th Place, Coral Springs, FL 33071

Florida-Friendly Landscape

Gold Level

October 5, 2023

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Luanne Betz FFL Gold Certification

Project Location: Coral Springs, Florida
Landscape Area: 10,000 Square Feet.

FFL Principle #1: Right Plant Right Place

Invasive Plant Removal



FFL Principle #7: Recycle



Recycling in the garden



Repurposing –Composting in the garden



Douglass Garden FFL Silver Recognition

Project Location: **Pembroke Pines, Florida**
Landscape Area: **65,306 Square Feet.**

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2023 -Your Landscape Impact Statement

In Florida in 2023, your landscape efforts resulted in a combined estimated water savings of **1,472,977** gallons of water annually, based on Extension clients' reported behavior change.

This is enough water to supply nearly **17** households with water per year [based on the average of 88,000 thousand gallons per household per year].

This water savings is valued annually at a total of **\$6,348.53** in water bill savings for participating households [based on the average statewide/regional value of \$X per 1,000 gallons]

and **\$3,829.74** in water delivery costs for utilities [based on the average cost of \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons in delivery costs] statewide.

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Recognizes

Douglas Gardens V.

For protecting Florida's environment and enhancing the community by successfully implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices at 709 SW 88th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Florida-Friendly Landscape

Silver Level

September 30, 2023

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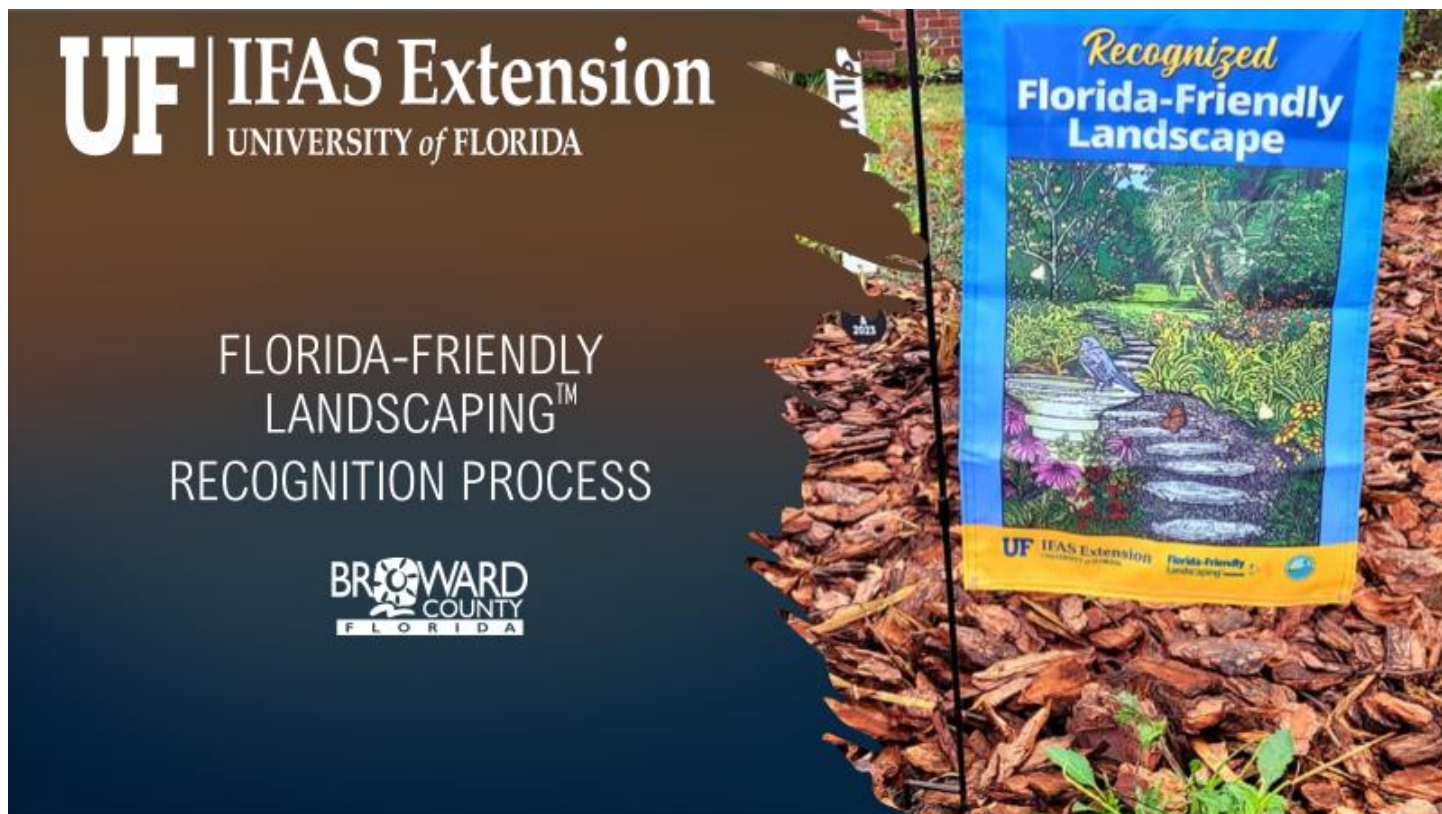


Water Use Reduction

- ☑ Reduced irrigation from 7 days a week to 2



Interested in having your urban yard Florida-Friendly Landscape™ recognized?



STEP 1: **WATCH OUR** **3-MINUTE VIDEO**

(Video created by UF Intern Sarah Marc)



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