



Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Park and Tree Board Members
From: Ricky Allison, Recreation and Public Works Director
Date: 1/8/2019

Subject:

Florida Friendly Yard Recognition and Award

Summary:

The Park and Tree Board would like to begin a formal process for the recognition of homeowners who have taken the environmentally conscious act of making their yards Florida Friendly. This combines the efforts of using native plants, conserving water and protecting water quality. Included in this packet are the standards provided by the University of Florida to recognize those yards meeting Silver or Gold recognition.

Previous Commission Action: N/A

Background/Problem Discussion: Due to the large amount of water that surrounds Florida and the dense populations in and around urban areas there is a major concern for water quality caused by the runoff of chemicals used in the fertilization and treatment of grass lawns. The University of Florida has taken steps in showing home owners how they can do their part in mitigating the impacts of fertilizers and chemicals on our surrounding waterways.

Expenditure Challenges: N/A

Financial Implications: N/A

Recommendation: To formalize process to recognize Florida Friendly landscapes within the Town.

Proposed Motion: None needed at this time