

Year 2009 Projects

Project Name	Lead Implementer	Project Description	Habitat Type	Acreage	Linear Miles	Linear Feet
Bay Walk at Ken Thompson Park	Sarasota County	This project consisted of replacing the entire boardwalk and overlook at the Baywalk at Ken Thompson Park. A portion of the boardwalk was replaced in 2009. The remaining portion of the boardwalk and the overlook will be replaced in 2010.	Barrier Island	0	0	750
Blackburn Point Park Addition	Sarasota County	Sarasota County purchased the 10.94 Blackburn Point Park Addition in 2009 to meet the needs of the County's Comprehensive Plan objectives for public water access, open space, and recreational opportunities. Blackburn Point Park Addition is the primary landward access to Casey Key. The eastern portion provides boat launch access to Blackburn Bay and the western portion provides boat launch access to Little Sarasota Bay. Both waterbodies are designated SWIM waterbodies.	Barrier Island	10.94	0	0
Circus Hammock	Sarasota County	This project is designed to improve native wooded parkland habitat by removing exotic trees (Brazilian peppers) and potato vines. Activities also include the installation of trail markers to provide easier walking access.	Forest/Woodland	3	0	0
FISH Preserve: Phase 1	Sarasota Bay Estuary Program	The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage (FISH) was chartered in 1991. FISH is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the cultural and environmental integrity of Florida's traditional maritime communities. The SBEP helped develop a comprehensive habitat restoration plan for the FISH Preserve, a 93 acre environmentally sensitive wetland/upland parcel adjacent to Cortez village. Phase 1 of the restoration plan was completed involved removing non-native vegetation, contouring and creating intertidal wetlands and coastal hammocks within a 15 acre parcel of the property.	Tidal Wetland	15	0	0
Longboat Key Park	Sarasota County	The Longboat Key (LBK) Site was purchased through the Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program. It is a 3.88 acre gulf-to-bay parcel that is located within the Town of LBK and adjacent to the existing Bayfront Park Rec Ctr. The western beachfront parcel is located west of Gulf of Mexico Dr. with 100-ft of shoreline, open beach and a developing dune. The remaining 3 parcels are located east of Gulf of Mexico Dr. and include approximately 200-ft of bay shoreline and open space. Mangrove-lined narrow canals are located on either side of the bayfront property. A Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by both the County and the Town of Longboat Key. Sarasota County and the Town are collaborating on conceptual planning of the overall park site	Barrier Island	3.88	0	0
Neal Preserve	Manatee County	The Neal Preserve project will restore and enhance habitat on 132 acres of intertidal wetlands and uplands in west central Manatee County. The land was purchased in July 2005 by Manatee County for \$9 million. A large portion of the upland and spoil areas are infested with non-indigenous invasive plants (primarily Australian pines). Restoration activities include the creation and enhancement of open water, intertidal habitats, and coastal uplands, and the removal of exotic plant species. Future hydrologic alterations will improve the habitat and water quality of the site and provide limited stormwater treatment of waters entering both Tampa and Sarasota Bays.	Mangrove	10	0	0
North Lido Exotic Removal	City of Sarasota	This project consisted of the removal of exotic Australian pines from a two acre upland portion of North Lido Park. This area, which will become the entrance to the rehabilitated park, will then be replanted with native vegetation.	Barrier Island	2	0	0
Red Bug Slough Preserve	Sarasota County	During this fiscal year, Sarasota County staff controlled invasive vegetation, primarily Brazilian pepper trees, on ten acres of this 72 acre publically-owned natural habitat park.	Forested Wetland	10	0	0
Robinson Preserve	Manatee County	This major restoration/rehabilitation project restores and enhances 487 acres of intertidal wetlands and uplands in northwestern Manatee County. The land purchase was made possible though funding by Manatee County, Florida Communities Trust, and a donation by the landowner. Partners include Manatee County, the Manasota Basin Board, the SWIM Program, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program. Restoration targeted open water, intertidal, and coastal upland habitats. Exotic plants such as Australian Pine and Brazilian Pepper were removed and replaced with both planted and naturally recruiting native	Field/Meadow	487	0	0

		species. This project provides significant benefits to both habitat and water quality. Manatee County has also provided passive recreational and educational opportunities by building trails and a kayak route.				
Runaway Bay - Sarasota Bay Coast Line Restoration	Runaway Bay Condominium Association	This project restored approximately 900 linear feet of shoreline. This project also reduced pollutants being received by Sarasota Bay. Through the years, this shoreline has experienced serious erosion which has negatively impacted the habitat and wetland function. Best Management Practices were implemented to remove non-permitted structures and sea walls, restore the shoreline and improve water quality. Runaway Bay is responsible for ongoing maintenance.	Barrier Island	0	0	900
South Lido Park Phase III	Sarasota County	The South Lido Park restoration project removed nuisance exotic vegetation from 38-acres of South Lido Park. The project left many of the larger Australian pine trees in place to provide shade along the beach. Previously reported restoration efforts include removing exotic plants, notably Brazilian pepper, Australian pine and carrotwood, installation of native plants, cleaning out trash and debris, improving tidal connections and building boardwalks. In 2009 exotic vegetation control around mosquito ditching throughout the park took place.	Barrier Island	4	0	0
Ungarelli Preserve Archeological Survey and Exotic Plant Eradication	Manatee County	Manatee County acquired this 38 acre conservation property in 2008. It is located on the southwest shore of Palma Sola Bay which empties into the Inter-Coastal Waterway that connects Sarasota Bay and Tampa Bay. This parcel has 29 acres of Mangrove swamp and 9 acres of uplands.	Mangrove	38	0	0
Total				583.82	0	1650