

## Roberts Bay North Watershed Management Plan

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The Roberts Bay North WMP is a regional initiative that promotes and furthers the implementation of the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan, the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program's (SBEP) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), and the SWFWMD's Southern Coastal Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The purpose of this initiative is to develop and implement a watershed management plan for Roberts Bay North and its watershed which effectively addresses water quality, hydrology, floodplain management, ecosystem management, and sustainable surface water supply issues.

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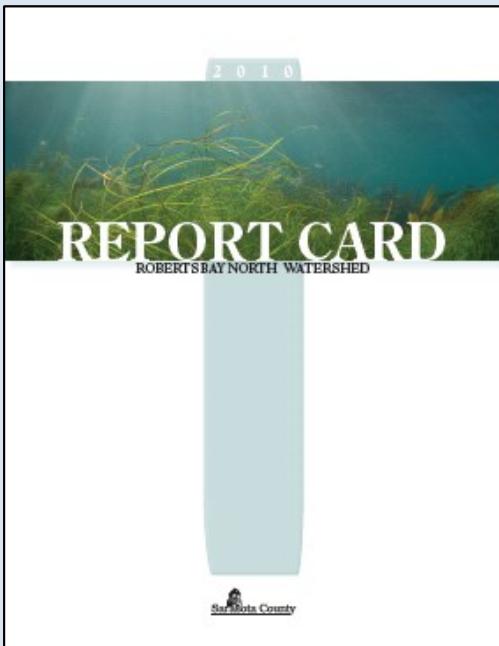
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### Summary



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### How Can You Help?

**How you can help!**

**Watershed Improvement**

Roberts Bay North Percent of Land Developed, Undeveloped and Developed with Stormwater BMPs

37%	22%
Developed with Stormwater Treatment	Undeveloped
43%	57%
Developed	Undeveloped

**Low Impact Development**

Low Impact Development (LID) is a stormwater management approach that allows the natural hydrology to be restored or replicated by the property owner. LID can also minimize soil erosion and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff. LID techniques include rain gardens, permeable pavers, infiltration wells, porous pavements, and vegetated roofs. Rain gardens are effective in removing sediments and pollutants carried via over-the-road and floodwater flow.

You can help by starting a LID at your next landscape, retrofitting your property with LID best practices, capturing stormwater on your property with cisterns or rain barrels, planting a rain garden, and reusing your irrigation.

Our goal is to increase the amount of land that has a stormwater runoff treated by doing property throughout the watershed.

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**Water Conservation**

Water conservation starts with inside and outside your home. By using water wisely you can reduce the amount of water used during winter and your daily activities. Reducing water use can mean turning off the shower when soaping up and saving electricity needed to pump, treat and purify the water to your home.

**Rain Gardens**

A rain garden is a landscaped area in your yard where native grasses and the soil mixture must be incorporated into a rain garden filled with native living flowers and plants. These grasses and plants can reduce pollution and stormwater runoff by intercepting runoff and allowing it to soak into the ground instead of running off and polluting our waterways.

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