Sarasota County’s Watershed Story

Dona and Roberts bays
Connected to the world’s oceans through the Gulf of Mexico

Photo by Stan Sagella
Watershed management is about our quality of life

- Understand the relationship between watersheds and estuaries
- Stimulate watershed stewardship at individual, neighborhood and regional scales
Watershed management is about our water heritage.

The goal of watershed management is to balance the water needs of people with those of nature.
Historical view of Dona Bay and Myakka River watersheds

1847
Dona Bay watershed major changes

Hydrologic changes in the Dona Bay watershed
Dona Bay watershed then and now
Dona and Roberts bays watershed changes

A closer view of Dona and Roberts watersheds hydrologic alterations

- Historic slough to Myakka
- Canals
- Watershed boundary