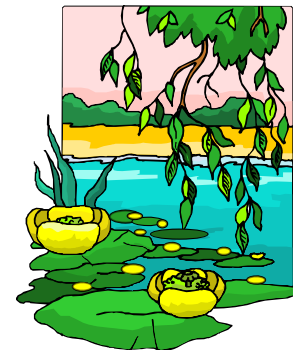
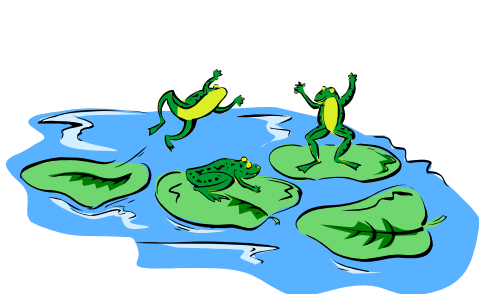


# Pond Planting Festival at Gillespie Park

A grant supplied by the SWFWMD Manasota Basin Board

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



Please join us to beautify and plant Gillespie Park pond and learn about the natural Florida environment.

The planting will take place on April the 28th beginning at 8:30 AM. Volunteers will assemble and select tasks. Approximately 1000 aquatic plants including Water Lily, Pickerel Weed, Duck Potato; 200 shore plants; a rain garden and 25 trees will be planted.

Various groups will have booths with literature about nutrient and pollutant uptake, beautifying ponds with aquatic plants, native plants and trees, environmental health effects and taking care of water systems.

Groups involved are: SWFWMD Manasota Basin Board; The Sierra Club; Gillespie Park Neighborhood Associations; Sarasota Bay Estuary Program; Sarasota County Nest Program; Sarasota County Health Department PACE; EH program; Sarasota Military Academy; Beautiful Ponds, Inc; Natures Way Aquatic Farm (Arcadia); Florida Native Plants, Inc; Garden Sol; and the Healthy Gulf Coalition.

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