



PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2017

IGNACIO HAYA PARK – LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT ECOSPHERE RESTORATION INSTITUTE

Ecosphere Restoration Institute will restore the section of the Hillsborough River shoreline at Ignacio Haya Park in the City of Tampa. This shoreline is eroded due to boat wakes, and during tide events the exposed banks add sediment loads to the water column. By stabilizing the bank via a Living Shoreline feature the sediment loads will be eliminated. This project will also improve water quality by creating a biological treatment system to remove nutrients.



MACDILL AFB LIVING SHORELINE CREATION PROJECT TAMPA BAY WATCH, INC.



Photo courtesy of Tampa Bay Watch, Inc.

Tampa Bay Watch, Inc. will install approximately 2,065 linear feet of oyster reef along the eastern shoreline of MacDill AFB. This project is designed to improve environmental habitat and water quality conditions in Hillsborough Bay by providing a source of natural biological water filtration that will create a more hospitable environment for aquatic plant recruitment and ultimately lead to an increase in diversity of wildlife.

INVASIVE TREE REMOVAL FROM AUDUBON'S BIRD ISLAND, GREEN KEY, AND WHISKEY STUMP KEY SANCTUARIES AUDUBON FLORIDA

Audubon Florida will remove invasive leadtree and Brazilian pepper trees from the Audubon sanctuary islands in Tampa Bay and replant the areas with native coastal maritime forest species. Planting native trees will improve habitat for nesting birds and migrating songbirds in this important rookery.





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SMALL FARMS FOR CLEAN WATER: COMPOST EDUCATION TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE MANURE MANAGEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The University of Florida will promote best management practices for manure composting on small horse farms in Hillsborough County. This project will develop short videos for social media dissemination and create an online clearinghouse of factsheets and tips for sustainable small farm management, with the overall goal of reducing nutrient and bacteria loads to Hillsborough County water bodies.



HILLSBOROUGH TRASH FREE WATERS

KEEP TAMPA BAY BEAUTIFUL



Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful will install a kayak/canoe launch at Reed Park in the City of Tampa. The launch will provide better access to the Hillsborough River for river cleanup events, litter prevention education, and will be open for public use. Grant funds will also be used to purchase gloves for volunteers to use during cleanup events, and for storm drain inlet educational projects.