

Lakes Management Incentive Program

The City of Maitland's Lakes Management Division would like to invite the residents to participate in the following lakes management incentive programs.

a) Shoreline Revegetation Program

This program provides a way for you to help your lake become healthier, while at the same time beautifying your shoreline with attractive, native, aquatic plants. The City will reimburse qualified residents up to 50% of the cost to purchase and install aquatic plants along their property shoreline. A maximum one-time reimbursement of \$200 is being offered. For a list of beneficial shoreline plants, and nurseries that sell plants and perform the work, please email the Lakes Management Coordinator at sduarte@itsmymaitland.com, or call Lakes Management at 407-539-6203.

b) Wetland Tree Planting Program

Bald Cypress trees are native to Florida and provide valuable wildlife habitat, as well as beauty to your shoreline. The City is offering lakefront homeowners up to three, 8-10 foot tall, bald cypress trees at a cost of only \$25 per tree. A City representative will work with the homeowner to establish the ideal location for the trees to ensure that the trees will benefit the lake and the shoreline. The trees will be delivered to your home on the last Friday of the month, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Applications must be received by the third Friday of the month for delivery to occur within that month. For planting instructions and tree care, please contact the Lakes Management Coordinator at sduarte@itsmymaitland.com,

c) Environmental Swale Program*

The construction of swales helps treat stormwater runoff, as well as prevent sediment, debris, and petroleum-based products, such as oil and grease, from entering our lakes. A City representative will help establish the best location for the swale to ensure that the lakes/canals have maximum benefit. The City of Maitland will pay for 20% of the cost to grade and sod the swale, or \$500 per property, whichever is less. **NOTE:** In order to qualify for financial assistance from the City, the project must not be a requirement of any regulatory agency, and an application form (enclosed) must be filed with and approved by the City of Maitland's Lakes Management Coordinator prior to construction.

e) Fertigation Program

Fertigation is the application of frequent, but very small doses of fertilizer (phosphorus-free), through a homeowner's irrigation system. The fertigation system is inexpensive; locally available; and helps reduce the amount of phosphorus polluting our lakes. The City is offering new fertigation users a gift certificate redeemable from a local supplier for up to two (2) 40- pound bags of phosphorous-free fertilizer.

NOTE: An "Incentive Application Form" **must** be filed and approved by the City of Maitland's Lakes Management Coordinator **prior** to construction or planting of aquatic plants and the projects must not be a requirement of any regulatory agency. The fertigation program does not require a City of Maitland application, but a site inspection is needed in order to obtain the gift certificate.

Native shoreline plants provide food and habitat for many beautiful birds and nesting sites for fish. Also, these plants help prevent the erosion of your shoreline and trap harmful lake pollutants.

If you are interested in participating in any of the incentive programs, please contact the Lakes Management Coordinator at 539-6203. The Coordinator is available to meet with interested residents to

answer questions, help with the design of the shoreline revegetation, or environmental swales, or assist with the permitting process.