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Living Shorelines

What are Living Shorelines?

Unlike traditional erosion control structures, such as bulkheads and seawalls, living shorelines stabilize the shoreline using more natural techniques. By incorporating a variety of structural and organic materials, such as sand and wetland plants, living shorelines protect against shoreline erosion and storm surge, while creating habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species.

Learn more about ERM’s living shoreline projects by visiting:
http://pbcgov.com/erm/lakes/estuarine/

Benefits of Living Shorelines

- Protect seawalls against wave energy & storm surge
- Create habitat for birds, oysters, fish, & marine mammals
- Protect natural shorelines from erosion
- Provide a more natural, aesthetic view to the waterfront

Facts

As of 2016, ERM’s projects have increased natural habitat in the Lake Worth Lagoon by the following amounts:

- 81% Approximate percentage of Lake Worth Lagoon’s coastline which is hardened (e.g., bulk head, seawall, riprap)
- 85 Acres of Seagrass
- 80 Acres of Mangroves
- 20 Acres of Oyster Reef

What is Palm Beach County Doing?

- Since 1990, Palm Beach County and Lake Worth Lagoon stakeholders have completed 49 habitat and stormwater management improvement projects totaling $41 million.
- An additional 90 sites in the Lagoon have been identified as potential locations for future living shoreline projects.
- County participates in the Shoreline Resilience Working Group as part of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

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Subject: Letter of Thank You

Dear Dr. Delaney;

On behalf of the Palm Beach MPO Board members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your presentation on current efforts to evaluate multimodal alternatives for the US 1 corridor in the Village of North Palm Beach at this year’s annual Rolling Retreat.

You gave an excellent presentation that was well received by all. We appreciate your time, expertise, and contribution to make this event a success.

Sincerely,

Nick Uhren  
Executive Director