



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

June 5, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
— AND —  
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: June 20, 2017 – Work Session  
Florida-Friendly Development Strategies

On November 1, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners discussed the merits of exploring additional water-conserving development strategies and standards for large developments and other development types. These strategies are commonly referred to as Florida-Friendly. At that meeting, Mayor Teresa Jacobs asked staff to provide a presentation on the issues for Board consideration.

More than half of residential water consumption is attributed to lawn and landscape maintenance. In addition, excessive nutrient loading to Florida's surface and ground waters is one of the biggest issues facing our state. Florida-Friendly landscaping means quality landscapes that conserve water, protect the environment, are adaptable to local conditions, and are drought tolerant.

On June 20, staff will provide a presentation outlining the concepts of Florida-Friendly landscaping and development, along with an assessment of our existing development and water conservation codes. Staff will discuss where additional gains in water conservation, nutrient reduction, habitat enhancement and other principals of Florida-Friendly may be achieved moving forward.

This item is for informational purposes.

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