

Resources for Planning After the Storms

Contacts for Manatee and Sarasota County (all can complete a site visit and/or recommend a planting palette and maintenance plan):

- [Manatee County UF/IFAS horticulture and Florida Friendly Landscaping staff](#) – contacts Michelle Atkinson, Shawn Steed, and Susan Griffith
- [Sarasota County UF/IFAS staff](#) – contact is Forrest Hecker 941-861-9812

Other grants that can fund landscaping projects (eligibility depends on if you are in the Sarasota or Manatee County portion of LBK):

- [Sarasota County's Stormwater Dept's LID rebate program](#)
- [Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant](#)
- [Manatee County Neighborhood Grants](#)
- [Bradenton Neighborhood Pride Grant](#)
- [Gulf Coast Community Foundation Grants](#)
- [Community Foundation of Sarasota County Grants](#)
- [START Healthy Ponds Grant](#)
- [Florida Native Plant Society Grants](#)

Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

<https://sarasotabay.org/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/>.

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Manatee County newsletter links to resources for assessing damaged vegetation and “Post-Hurricane Landscaping Tips: Wind Burn, Salt Spray and Storm Surge”

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Besides SBEP and partner grants, groups in Sarasota County would be eligible for the [Stormwater Dept's LID rebate program](#) for things like rain gardens and bioswales.

