

NEST

NESTs aren't just for the birds. Flock to one in your neighborhood and everyone wins.



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Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team

Connecting people with the land and water around them



Now is a great time to start. Your other neighbors are counting on you!

Contact the Sarasota County Call Center 941-861-5000 and ask for the NEST program.

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Sarasota County's NEST program invites you to explore ways you can make your neighborhood a better place for people, wildlife and our water resources.

What's in a NEST for me?

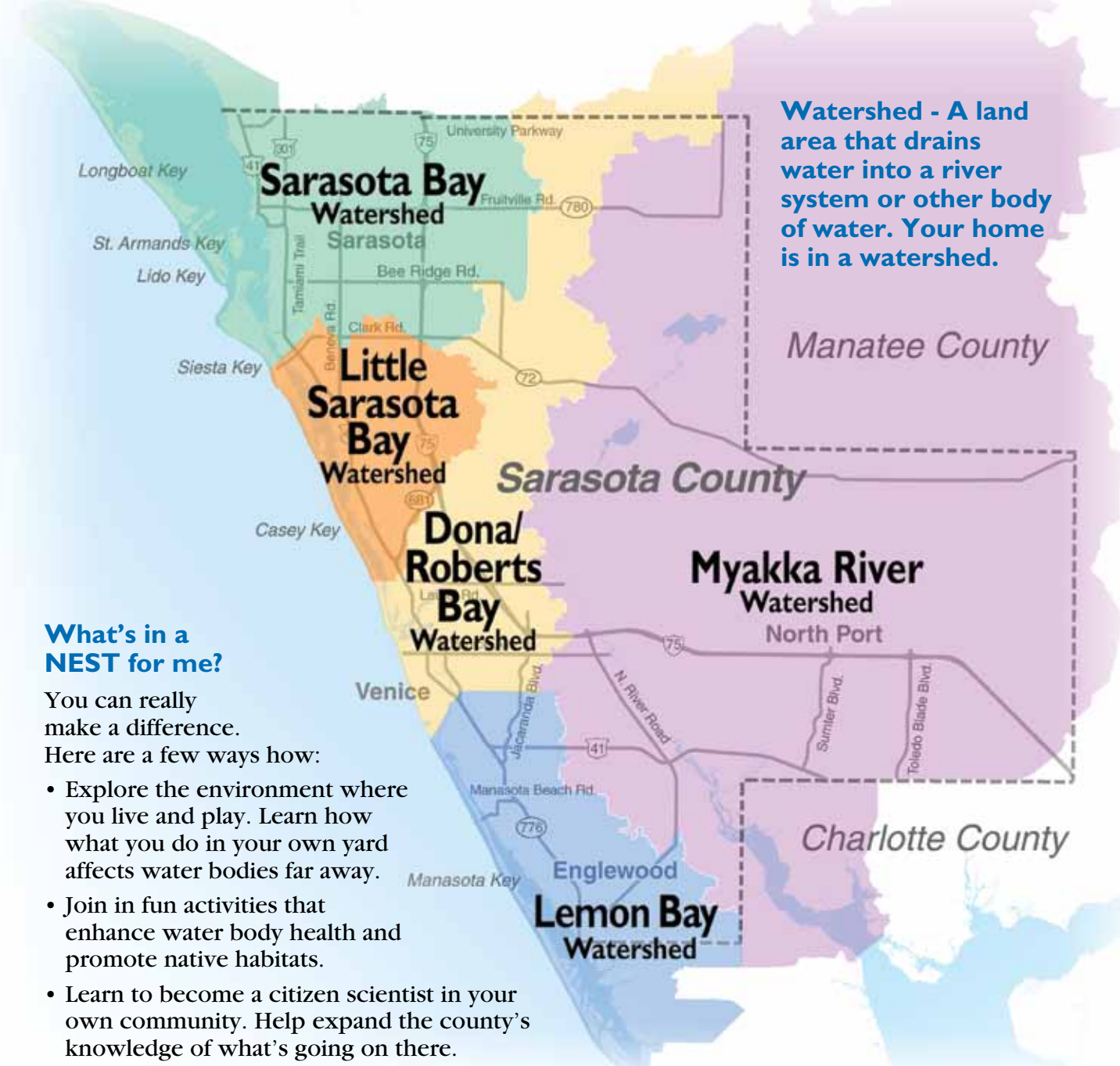
You can really make a difference.

Here are a few ways how:

- Explore the environment where you live and play. Learn how what you do in your own yard affects water bodies far away.
- Join in fun activities that enhance water body health and promote native habitats.
- Learn to become a citizen scientist in your own community. Help expand the county's knowledge of what's going on there.

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) is a voluntary association of people - neighbors, civic groups, student organizations and others - who want to better understand and improve environmental conditions in their watershed.

Watershed - A land area that drains water into a river system or other body of water. Your home is in a watershed.



Get involved in activities that will improve your neighborhood and your watershed. Learn how you can become a champion to improve the watershed your property drains to, and other area watersheds as well.

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Why build a NEST?

Each of us has an ecosystem of land, water, plants and animals that share our communities. These are our “other” neighbors. How we care for our yards helps determine which wildlife can live there, and how healthy our bays and streams are. It is up to us all to do our part in caring for those natural resources and passing them on for tomorrow.

How will you build your NEST?

Sarasota County can help you create your own NEST, or you can join one that already exists, based on your ideas and interests.

Here are a few ways others are helping ...

On the land

- Invasive and exotic plant removal
- Florida-friendly landscape projects
- Stormwater drain marking
- Cleanup events
- Animal and plant surveys

On the water

- Water quality monitoring, salt or freshwater
- Water body enhancement and shoreline restoration projects: salt or freshwater
- Cleanup events
- Animal and plant surveys

