Living Shorelines - Promoting a Softer Approach than Coastal Hardening

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To establish living shorelines as the primary means for protecting eroding shorelines in the coastal areas of northwest Florida where appropriate, thereby steering coastal protection towards soft alternatives and away from hardening.
What are living shorelines?

Tampa Bay

Miami
Partners

- Apalachicola Riverkeeper
- Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Bay Area Resource Council
- BEST, Inc. & Friends of St. Andrew Bay
- Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
- City of Fort Walton Beach
- City of Gulf Breeze
- EarthBalance
- Ecological Consulting Services
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Mississippi State University and Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- The Nature Conservancy
- PBS&J
- St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Association
- Seahaven Consulting
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- University of Florida Conservation Clinic
- University of Florida Sea Grant Extension
- West Florida Regional Planning Council
Do nothing

The Living Shorelines Cookbook

THE ALL-PURPOSE COOKBOOK
joy
OF COOKING

by IRMA S. ROMBAUER and MARION ROMBAUER BECKER
Regulatory and Permitting 101

Good LSL permit applications = Easier permitting

Green tape  Red tape

Contractors
What’s in my folder?

http://www.fws.gov/panamacity/species/Shoreline.html
Workshop Hosts

Bay County
BEST, Inc, & Friends of St. Andrew Bay
EarthBalance
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University and Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PBS&J
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
University of Florida Sea Grant Extension

Thank you
Workshop Purpose

“Effective and ecologically-sound shoreline protection methods that do not harden the coast”

• Education
• Restoration
• Conservation
• Collaboration

Who Is This Workshop For?
Responsibility Breakdown

- Melody: Overall coordination of workshop, Introductory speaker, workshop announcement, resource CD, agenda, and more...

- Chrissy: EarthBalance exhibit, workshop evaluation, keep time during sessions

NRLI Tools

- Identifying stakeholders
- Time management
- Agenda design
- Refreshments
- Listening techniques
- Framing issues
- Stacking and mediating
- Workshop Evaluations
- Collaboration
Lessons Learned

- Be prepared for anything (i.e. lunch arrangements falling though at the last minute)
- Stay on schedule
- Be flexible (i.e. raffle set up and question cards)
- Delegate and follow-up
- Get organized early
- Include all stakeholders
- Build in extra time within the agenda

Value / Impact

- Positive Feedback on Evaluations
- All stakeholder objectives were met
- Potential for workshops in other areas of the State
- Long-term partnership that will extend beyond NRLI
QUESTIONS ???