



PERCEPTION OF SUMTER COUNTY RESIDENTS ON FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™ AND BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION

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Overview

Introduction to FFL

Justification for selection of topic

Objectives

Methodology

NRLI Tools

Potential outcomes



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A homeowner association shall not prevent residents from installing Florida-Friendly landscapes



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What is a Florida-Friendly Landscape?

- A beautiful, low maintenance landscape, designed to protect the environment.
- Based on Nine Principles:
 - Right Plant, Right Place
 - Water Efficiently
 - Fertilize Appropriately
 - Mulch
 - Attract Wildlife
 - Manage Yard Pests Responsibly
 - Recycle
 - Reduce Storm Water Runoff
 - Protect the Waterfront

Funded by:
Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

Implemented by:
UF/IFAS Extension faculty and
Master Gardener volunteers

Methods:

Educational workshops, garden tours, social media, newspaper articles, etc.

Key FFL Stakeholders & Methods



Practicum Objectives

To recruit and engage 30 residents of Sumter County to share their perception of FFL during a 3-hour focus group session in March / April, 2020.

To determine if differences exists in residents' perception of FFL based on area of county the group resides.

To determine potential barriers to implementation of FFL practices.

Methodology

Team meetings

Submit Institutional Review Board (IRB) application.

Participant recruitment via local newspapers and social media.

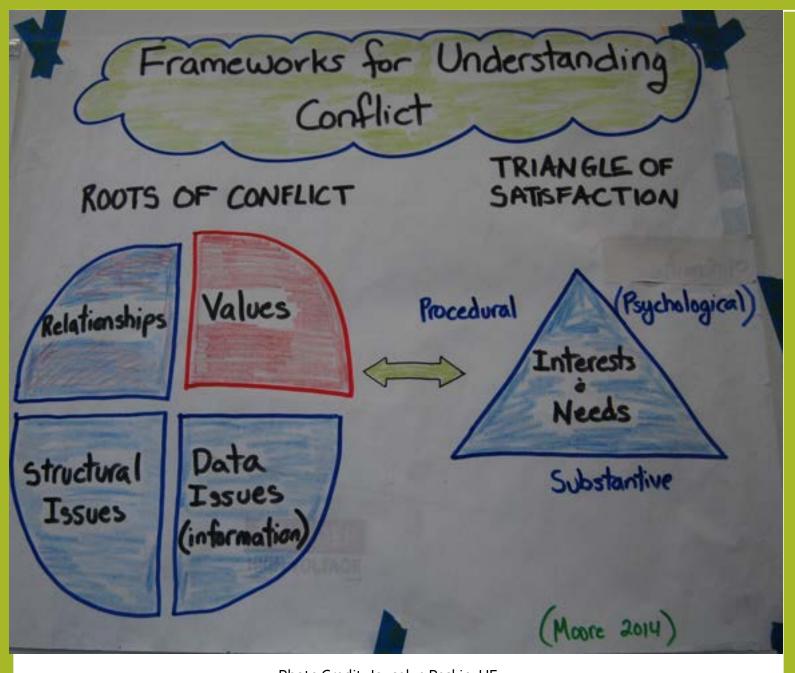
Residents with minimal to high familiarity with FFL;

property managers and or landscape review committee members

One focus group session will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Bushnell and the other in The Villages at the Wildwood Community Center.

Assess process and prepare NRLI Practicum Presentation

Develop extension publications



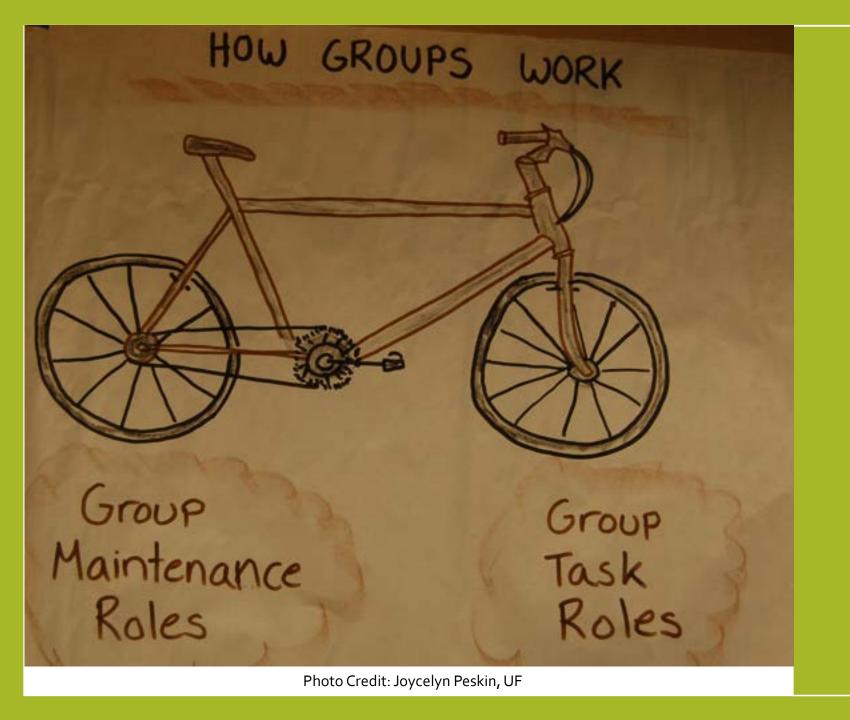
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Root Of Conflict
Triangle Of Satisfaction
Situation Assessment Matrix

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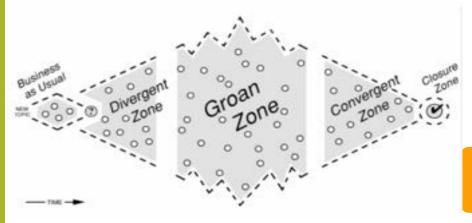
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NRLI Tools: Execution



Beginnings:

 Icebreaker, Purpose & Expectations Agenda, Roles, Group norms

Middle:

- Empathic Listening
- Following up initial questions with probing questions to guide conversation
- Foster Participation: Quantity, Quality, Diversity

End:

Next Steps

Potential Outcomes

- Increased capacity in group facilitation techniques.
- Use information gathered to influence: target audience, format of educational workshops, and marketing strategies for the FFL Program.
- Make recommendations to address barriers to implementation of FFL practices.
- Sharing of experience with NRLI Fellows.
- Publish data in journals and share at professional conferences.

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Questions???