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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Program: Living Next to Nature

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 22nd from 7 – 9 p.m.

Place: Hillsborough County Extension Service office at 5339 County Road 579, Seffner FL 33584
No cost

Instructors:

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Thousands of families in the Tampa Bay watershed live in homes adjacent to state and county owned parks, natural areas and open space. These lands were purchased by our public agencies for multiple reasons ranging from flood control, aquifer recharge, passive and active recreation, and the protection of rare, threatened and endangered species of plants and animals. All of these lands are managed in a manner that promotes the maintenance of native plant communities and associated animals.

The first half of this workshop will cover public agency use of prescribed fire to promote healthy native plant and animal communities, while reducing the potential for catastrophic wildfire. The second part of the program will draw the audience into a discussion of the practical ways that families and homeowner associations can manage their conservation lands and home sites in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing, safe and supportive of the unique natural qualities represented by the adjacent natural area.