

I	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate . House
	Comm: FAV
	4/17/2008 .
1	The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
2	(Jones) recommended the following <b>amendment</b> :
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4	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Delete everything after the enacting clause
6	and insert:
7	Section 1. Section 125.568, Florida Statutes, is amended to
8	read:
9	125.568 Conservation of water; Florida-friendly landscape
10	Xeriscape
11	(1)(a) The Legislature finds that Florida-friendly
12	<u>landscape</u> <del>Xeriscape</del> contributes to the conservation of water. In
13	an effort to meet the water needs of this state in a manner that
14	will supply adequate and dependable supplies of water where
15	needed, it is the intent of the Legislature that <u>Florida-friendly</u>
16	<u>landscape</u> <del>Xeriscape</del> be an essential part of water conservation
17	planning.
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(b) "Xeriscape" or "Florida-friendly landscape" means 18 19 quality landscapes that conserve water, and protect the 20 environment, and are adaptable to local conditions, and which are 21 drought tolerant. The principles of Florida-friendly landscape 22 Xeriscape include planting the right plant in the right place, 23 efficient watering, appropriate fertilization, mulching, attraction of wildlife, responsible management of yard pests, 24 recycling yard waste, reduction of stormwater runoff, and 25 waterfront protection. Additional components of Florida-friendly 26 27 landscape include planning and design, appropriate choice of plants, soil analysis that which may include the use of solid 28 29 waste compost, practical use of turf, efficient irrigation, 30 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall 31 (2) 32 consider enacting ordinances requiring the use of Floridafriendly landscape Xeriscape as a water conservation measure. If 33 the board determines that Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape 34 35 would be of significant benefit as a water conservation measure 36 relative to the cost to implement Florida-friendly Xeriscape landscaping in its area of jurisdiction, the board shall enact a 37 Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape ordinance. Further, the 38 39 board of county commissioners shall consider promoting Florida-40 friendly landscape Xeriscape as a water conservation measure by: using Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape in, around, or near 41 42 facilities, parks, and other common areas under its jurisdiction which are landscaped after the effective date of this act; 43 providing public education on Florida-friendly landscape 44 45 Xeriscape, its uses as a water conservation tool, and its longterm cost-effectiveness; and offering incentives to local 46

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47 residents and businesses to implement <u>Florida-friendly</u> <del>Xeriscape</del>
48 landscaping.

49 (3) A deed restriction, or covenant entered after October
50 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any
51 property owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-friendly
52 landscape on his or her land.

53 Section 2. Section 166.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to 54 read:

55 166.048 Conservation of water; <u>Florida-friendly landscape</u> 56 <del>Xeriscape</del>.--

57 (1)(a) The Legislature finds that <u>Florida-friendly</u> 58 <u>landscape</u> Xeriscape contributes to the conservation of water. In 59 an effort to meet the water needs of this state in a manner that 60 will supply adequate and dependable supplies of water where 61 needed, it is the intent of the Legislature that <u>Florida-friendly</u> 62 <u>landscape</u> Xeriscape be an essential part of water conservation 63 planning.

64 "Xeriscape" or "Florida-friendly landscape" means (b) 65 quality landscapes that conserve water and protect the environment and are adaptable to local conditions and which are 66 drought tolerant. The principles of Florida-friendly landscape 67 Xeriscape include planting the right plant in the right place, 68 69 efficient watering, appropriate fertilization, mulching, attraction of wildlife, responsible management of yard pests, 70 71 recycling yard waste, reduction of stormwater runoff, and 72 waterfront protection. Additional components of Florida-friendly 73 landscape include planning and design, appropriate choice of 74 plants, soil analysis that which may include the use of solid 75 waste compost, practical use of turf, efficient irrigation, 76 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance.

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77 The governing body of each municipality shall consider (2) 78 enacting ordinances requiring the use of Florida-friendly 79 landscape Xeriscape as a water conservation measure. If the governing body determines that Florida-friendly landscape 80 81 Xeriscape would be of significant benefit as a water conservation 82 measure relative to the cost to implement Florida-friendly 83 Xeriscape landscaping in its area of jurisdiction in the municipality, the board shall enact a Florida-friendly landscape 84 85 Xeriscape ordinance. Further, the governing body shall consider 86 promoting Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape as a water 87 conservation measure by: using Florida-friendly landscape 88 Xeriscape in, around, or near facilities, parks, and other common 89 areas under its jurisdiction which are landscaped after the effective date of this act; providing public education on 90 Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape, its uses as a water 91 conservation tool, and its long-term cost-effectiveness; and 92 offering incentives to local residents and businesses to 93 94 implement Florida-friendly Xeriscape landscaping.

95 (3) A deed restriction or covenant entered after October 1, 96 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any property 97 owner from implementing <del>Xeriscape or</del> Florida-friendly <del>landscape</del> 98 on his or her land.

99 Section 3. Section 255.259, Florida Statutes, is amended to 100 read:

101 255.259 Florida-friendly Xeriscape landscaping on public 102 property.--

(1) The Legislature finds that water conservation is increasingly critical to the continuance of an adequate water supply for the citizens of this state. The Legislature further finds that "Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape," as defined in

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107 s. 373.185, can contribute significantly to the conservation of 108 water. Finally, the Legislature finds that state government has 109 the responsibility to promote <u>Florida-friendly landscape</u> 110 <del>Xeriscape</del> as a water conservation measure by using <u>Florida-</u> 111 <u>friendly landscape</u> <del>Xeriscape</del> on public property associated with 112 publicly owned buildings or facilities.

(2) As used in this section, "publicly owned buildings or facilities" means those construction projects under the purview of the Department of Management Services. It does not include environmentally endangered land or roads and highway construction under the purview of the Department of Transportation.

118 (3) The Department of Management Services, in consultation 119 with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall adopt 120 rules and guidelines for the required use of Florida-friendly 121 landscape Xeriscape on public property associated with publicly owned buildings or facilities constructed after June 30, 1992. 122 The Department of Management Services also shall develop a 5-year 123 124 program for phasing in the use of Florida-friendly landscape 125 Xeriscape on public property associated with publicly owned buildings or facilities constructed before July 1, 1992. In 126 127 accomplishing these tasks, the Department of Management Services 128 shall take into account the guidelines set out in s. 129  $373.185(2)(a) - (q) = \frac{373.185(2)(a) - (f)}{2}$ . The Department of Transportation shall implement Florida-friendly Xeriscape 130 131 landscaping pursuant to s. 335.167.

(4) A deed restriction, or covenant entered after October
133 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any
134 property owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-friendly
135 landscape on his or her land.

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136 Section 4. Section 335.167, Florida Statutes, is amended to 137 read: 138 335.167 State highway construction and maintenance; Xeriscape or Florida-friendly landscaping.--139 140 (1)The department shall use and require the use of 141 Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape practices, as defined in s. 373.185(1), in the construction and maintenance of all new state 142 143 highways, wayside parks, access roads, welcome stations, and 144 other state highway rights-of-way constructed upon or acquired 145 after June 30, 1992. The department shall develop a 5-year program for phasing in the use of Florida-friendly landscape 146 147 Xeriscape, including the use of solid waste compost, in state 148 highway rights-of-way constructed upon or acquired before July 1, 1992. In accomplishing these tasks, the department shall employ 149 150 the guidelines set out in s. 373.185(2)(a)-(g) s. 373.185(2)(a)-151 <del>(f)</del>. 152 (2) A deed restriction or covenant entered after October 1, 153 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any property 154 owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-friendly landscape 155 on his or her land. 156 Section 5. Section 373.185, Florida Statutes, is amended to 157 read: 158 373.185 Local Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape 159 ordinances.--160 (1) As used in this section, the term: "Local government" means any county or municipality of 161 (a) 162 the state. 163 "Xeriscape" or "Florida-friendly landscape" means (b) quality landscapes that conserve water, and protect the 164 165 environment, and are adaptable to local conditions, and which are Page 6 of 17 4/17/2008 4:21:00 PM 13-07648-08



166 drought tolerant. The principles of Florida-friendly landscape 167 Xeriscape include planting the right plant in the right place, 168 efficient watering, appropriate fertilization, mulching, attraction of wildlife, responsible management of yard pests, 169 170 recycling yard waste, reduction of stormwater runoff, and 171 waterfront protection. Additional components of Florida-friendly landscape include planning and design, appropriate choice of 172 plants, soil analysis that which may include the use of solid 173 174 waste compost, efficient irrigation, practical use of turf, 175 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance.

176 (2) Each water management district shall design and 177 implement an incentive program to encourage all local governments 178 within its district to adopt new ordinances or amend existing 179 ordinances to require Florida-friendly Xeriscape landscaping for 180 development permitted after the effective date of the new 181 ordinance or amendment. Each district shall establish criteria adopt rules governing the implementation of its incentive program 182 183 and governing the review and approval of local government 184 Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape ordinances or amendments which are intended to qualify a local government for the 185 incentive program. Each district shall assist the local 186 187 governments within its jurisdiction by providing a model Floridafriendly landscape Xeriscape code and other technical assistance. 188 189 A local government Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape ordinance 190 or amendment, in order to qualify the local government for a district's incentive program, must include, at a minimum: 191

(a) Landscape design, installation, and maintenance
standards that result in water conservation. Such standards shall
address the use of plant groupings, soil analysis including the



195 promotion of the use of solid waste compost, efficient irrigation 196 systems, and other water-conserving practices.

197 (b) Identification of prohibited invasive exotic plant198 species consistent with the provisions of s. 581.091.

(c) Identification of controlled plant species, accompaniedby the conditions under which such plants may be used.

(d) A provision specifying the maximum percentage of turf and the maximum percentage of impervious surfaces allowed in a <u>Florida-friendly landscaped</u> <del>xeriscaped</del> area and addressing the practical selection and installation of turf.

(e) Specific standards for land clearing and requirementsfor the preservation of existing native vegetation.

207 (f) A monitoring program for ordinance implementation and 208 compliance.

209 (g) Incorporation of the landscape irrigation and Florida-210 friendly landscape design standards developed pursuant to s. 211 <u>373.228(4).</u>

213 The districts also shall work with local governments, county extension agents or offices, nursery and landscape industry 214 215 groups, and other interested stakeholders to promote, through 216 educational programs and publications, the use of Florida-217 friendly landscape Xeriscape practices, including the use of solid waste compost, in existing residential and commercial 218 219 development. The districts shall use the University of Florida's 220 Yards and Neighborhoods extension program or a similar program as 221 a primary resource for the delivery of educational programs to 222 individual homeowners and homeowners' associations. This 223 subsection is not subject to the rulemaking requirements of 224 chapter 120. This section may not be construed to limit the

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225 authority of the districts to require Xeriscape ordinances or 226 practices as a condition of any consumptive use permit. 227 (3) This section does not limit the authority of the 228 districts to require Florida-Friendly landscape ordinances or practices as a condition of any permit under part II or part IV 229 230 of this chapter. (4) (3) A deed restriction or covenant entered after October 231 232 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any 233 property owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-friendly 234 landscaping landscape on his or her land, or create any 235 requirement or limitation in conflict with any provision of part 2.36 II or a water shortage order, other order, consumptive use 237 permit, or rule adopted or issued pursuant to part II. Any deed restriction, covenant, or local government ordinance, now in 238 239 effect, may not be enforced to prohibit a property owner from 240 implementing Florida-friendly landscaping. Such restriction, 241 covenant, or ordinance may not create any such conflicting requirement or limitation. The Legislature finds that the use of 242 243 Florida-friendly landscaping and other measures that conserve Florida's water resources serve a compelling public interest and 244 that the participation of homeowners' associations and local 245 246 governments is essential to state water conservation efforts. 247 Section 6. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 373.228, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 248 249 373.228 Landscape irrigation design. --250 The Legislature finds that landscape irrigation (2) 251 comprises a significant portion of water use and that the current 252 typical landscape irrigation system and Florida-friendly 253 landscape xeriscape designs offer significant potential water 254 conservation benefits. Page 9 of 17

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255 The water management districts shall work with the (4) 256 Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, the Florida Chapter 257 of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Florida 258 Irrigation Society, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 259 Services, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the 260 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of 261 Transportation, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida 262 Association of Counties, and the Florida Association of Community 263 Developers to develop landscape irrigation and Florida-friendly 264 landscape xeriscape design standards for new construction which 265 incorporate a landscape irrigation system and develop 266 scientifically based model guidelines for urban, commercial, and 267 residential landscape irrigation, including drip irrigation, for 268 plants, trees, sod, and other landscaping. The landscape and 269 irrigation design standards shall be based on the irrigation code 270 defined in the Florida Building Code, Plumbing Volume, Appendix F. Local governments shall use the standards and guidelines when 271 272 developing landscape irrigation and Florida-friendly landscape 273 xeriscape ordinances. Every 5 years, the agencies and entities specified in this subsection shall review the standards and 274 275 guidelines to determine whether new research findings require a 276 change or modification of the standards and guidelines.

277 Section 7. Subsection (6) is added to section 373.236, 278 Florida Statutes, to read:

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373.236 Duration of permits; compliance reports.--

(6) (a) The need for alternative water supply development projects to meet anticipated public water supply demands of the state is so important that it is essential to encourage participation in and contribution to these projects by private rural land owners who characteristically have relatively modest



285 near-term water demands but substantially increasing demands after the 20-year planning horizon in s. 373.0361. Where such 286 287 landowners make extraordinary contributions of lands or 288 construction funding to enable the expeditious implementation of 289 such projects, water management districts and the department may 290 grant permits for such projects for a period of up to 50 years to municipalities, counties, special districts, regional water 291 292 supply authorities, multijurisdictional water supply entities, 293 and publicly owned or privately owned utilities, with the 294 exception of any of the foregoing created for or by a private 295 landowner after April 1, 2008, which have entered into an 296 agreement with the private landowner for the purpose of more 297 efficiently pursuing alternative public water supply development 298 projects identified in a district's regional water supply plan 299 and of meeting water demands of both the applicant and the 300 landowner. 301 (b) Any permit pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be granted only for that period of time for which there is sufficient data 302 303 to provide reasonable assurance that the conditions for permit 304 issuance will be met. Such a permit shall require a compliance 305 report by the permittee every 5 years during the term of the permit. The report shall contain sufficient data to maintain 306

306 permit. The report shall contain sufficient data to maintain 307 reasonable assurance that the conditions for permit issuance 308 applicable at the time of district review of the compliance 309 report are met. Following review of this report, the governing 310 board or the department may modify the permit to ensure that the 311 use meets the conditions for issuance. This subsection does not 312 limit the existing authority of the department or the governing 313 board to modify or revoke a consumptive use permit.

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314 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section315 380.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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380.061 The Florida Quality Developments program.--

317 (3)(a) To be eligible for designation under this program, 318 the developer shall comply with each of the following 319 requirements which is applicable to the site of a qualified 320 development:

1. Have donated or entered into a binding commitment to 321 322 donate the fee or a lesser interest sufficient to protect, in 323 perpetuity, the natural attributes of the types of land listed 324 below. In lieu of the above requirement, the developer may enter 325 into a binding commitment which runs with the land to set aside 326 such areas on the property, in perpetuity, as open space to be 327 retained in a natural condition or as otherwise permitted under this subparagraph. Under the requirements of this subparagraph, 328 329 the developer may reserve the right to use such areas for the 330 purpose of passive recreation that is consistent with the 331 purposes for which the land was preserved.

332 Those wetlands and water bodies throughout the state as a. would be delineated if the provisions of s. 373.4145(1)(b) were 333 334 applied. The developer may use such areas for the purpose of site 335 access, provided other routes of access are unavailable or 336 impracticable; may use such areas for the purpose of stormwater 337 or domestic sewage management and other necessary utilities to 338 the extent that such uses are permitted pursuant to chapter 403; 339 or may redesign or alter wetlands and water bodies within the 340 jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection which 341 have been artificially created, if the redesign or alteration is 342 done so as to produce a more naturally functioning system.



b. Active beach or primary and, where appropriate, secondary dunes, to maintain the integrity of the dune system and adequate public accessways to the beach. However, the developer may retain the right to construct and maintain elevated walkways over the dunes to provide access to the beach.

348 c. Known archaeological sites determined to be of
349 significance by the Division of Historical Resources of the
350 Department of State.

d. Areas known to be important to animal species designated
as endangered or threatened animal species by the United States
Fish and Wildlife Service or by the Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission, for reproduction, feeding, or nesting;
for traveling between such areas used for reproduction, feeding,
or nesting; or for escape from predation.

e. Areas known to contain plant species designated as
endangered plant species by the Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services.

360 2. Produce, or dispose of, no substances designated as 361 hazardous or toxic substances by the United States Environmental 362 Protection Agency or by the Department of Environmental 363 Protection or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 364 Services. This subparagraph is not intended to apply to the 365 production of these substances in nonsignificant amounts as would 366 occur through household use or incidental use by businesses.

367 3. Participate in a downtown reuse or redevelopment program368 to improve and rehabilitate a declining downtown area.

369 4. Incorporate no dredge and fill activities in, and no 370 stormwater discharge into, waters designated as Class II, aquatic 371 preserves, or Outstanding Florida Waters, except as activities in 372 those waters are permitted pursuant to s. 403.813(2) and the

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373 developer demonstrates that those activities meet the standards 374 under Class II waters, Outstanding Florida Waters, or aquatic 375 preserves, as applicable.

Include open space, recreation areas, <u>Florida-friendly</u>
 <u>landscape</u> <del>Xeriscape</del> as defined in s. 373.185, and energy
 conservation and minimize impermeable surfaces as appropriate to
 the location and type of project.

6. Provide for construction and maintenance of all onsite 380 381 infrastructure necessary to support the project and enter into a 382 binding commitment with local government to provide an 383 appropriate fair-share contribution toward the offsite impacts 384 which the development will impose on publicly funded facilities 385 and services, except offsite transportation, and condition or 386 phase the commencement of development to ensure that public facilities and services, except offsite transportation, will be 387 available concurrent with the impacts of the development. For the 388 389 purposes of offsite transportation impacts, the developer shall 390 comply, at a minimum, with the standards of the state land 391 planning agency's development-of-regional-impact transportation rule, the approved strategic regional policy plan, any applicable 392 393 regional planning council transportation rule, and the approved 394 local government comprehensive plan and land development 395 regulations adopted pursuant to part II of chapter 163.

396 7. Design and construct the development in a manner that is 397 consistent with the adopted state plan, the applicable strategic 398 regional policy plan, and the applicable adopted local government 399 comprehensive plan.

400 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 388.291, Florida 401 Statutes, is amended to read:

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402 388.291 Source reduction measures; supervision by 403 department.--

404 (3) Property owners in a developed residential area are 405 required to maintain their property in such a manner so as not to 406 create or maintain any standing freshwater condition capable of 407 breeding mosquitoes or other arthropods in significant numbers so 408 as to constitute a public health, welfare, or nuisance problem. Nothing in This subsection does not shall permit the alteration 409 410 of permitted stormwater management systems or prohibit maintained 411 fish ponds, Florida-friendly landscaping xeriscaping, or other 412 maintained systems of landscaping or vegetation. If such a 413 condition is found to exist, the local arthropod control agency 414 shall serve notice on the property owner to treat, remove, or 415 abate the condition. Such notice shall serve as prima facie 416 evidence of maintaining a nuisance, and upon failure of the 417 property owner to treat, remove, or abate the condition, the 418 local arthropod control agency or any affected citizen may 419 proceed pursuant to s. 60.05 to enjoin the nuisance and may 420 recover costs and attorney's fees if they prevail in the action.

421 Section 10. Subsection (6) of section 481.303, Florida 422 Statutes, is amended to read:

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481.303 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

424 (6) "Landscape architecture" means professional services,425 including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning,
design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract
documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or
landscape management in connection with the planning and
development of land and incidental water areas, including the use
of Florida-friendly landscape Xeriscape as defined in s. 373.185,

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432 where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such 433 services or creative works is the preservation, conservation, 434 enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land 435 features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and 436 aesthetic values;

(b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches
for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas, or
other improvements;

(c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and

(d) The design of such tangible objects and features as arenecessary to the purpose outlined herein.

446 Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 720.3075, Florida 447 Statutes, is amended to read:

720.3075 Prohibited clauses in association documents.--

(4) Homeowners' association documents, including
declarations of covenants, articles of incorporation, or bylaws,
entered after October 1, 2001, may not prohibit any property
owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida-friendly landscape,
as defined in s. 373.185(1), on his or her land.

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Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

457 And the title is amended as follows:

458 Delete everything before the enacting clause 459 and insert:

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461 An act relating to water resources; amending s. 125.568, 462 F.S.; revising the principles of Florida-friendly 463 landscape; deleting references to "xeriscape"; amending s. 464 166.048, F.S.; revising the principles of Florida-friendly 465 landscape; deleting references to "xeriscape"; amending s. 466 373.185, F.S.; revising the principles of Florida-friendly 467 landscape; deleting references to "xeriscape"; revising 468 eligibility criteria for certain water management district 469 incentive programs; requiring certain local government 470 ordinances and amendments to incorporate specified 471 landscape irrigation and design standards; requiring water 472 management districts to consult with additional entities 473 for activities relating to Florida-friendly landscaping practices; specifying the University of Florida's Yards 474 475 and Neighborhoods extension program or a similar program 476 as a primary resource for the delivery of educational 477 programs relating to such practices; providing that 478 certain developments and residential units are Florida-479 friendly landscaped areas and exempt from certain regulations; amending s. 373.236, F.S.; authorizing water 480 management districts and the Department of Environmental 481 482 Protection to grant permits as incentives for landowners 483 to pursue alternative water resource projects; providing 484 requirements for the permits; amending ss. 255.259, 485 335.167, 373.228, 380.061, 388.291, 481.303, and 720.3075, 486 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 487 providing an effective date.