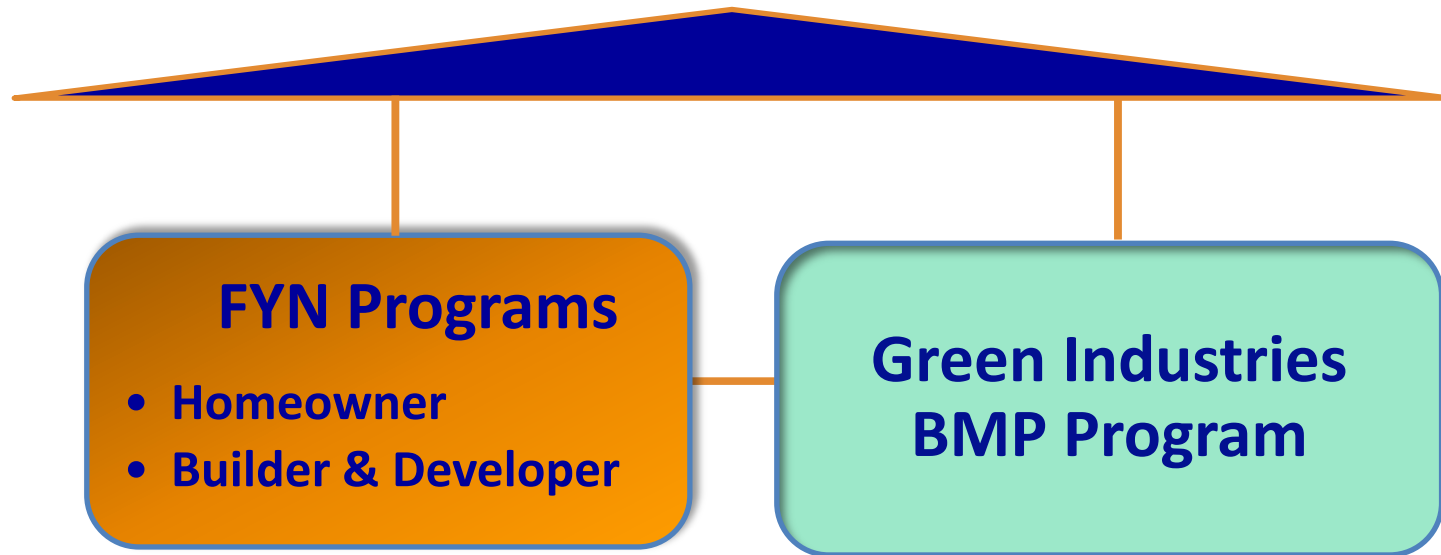


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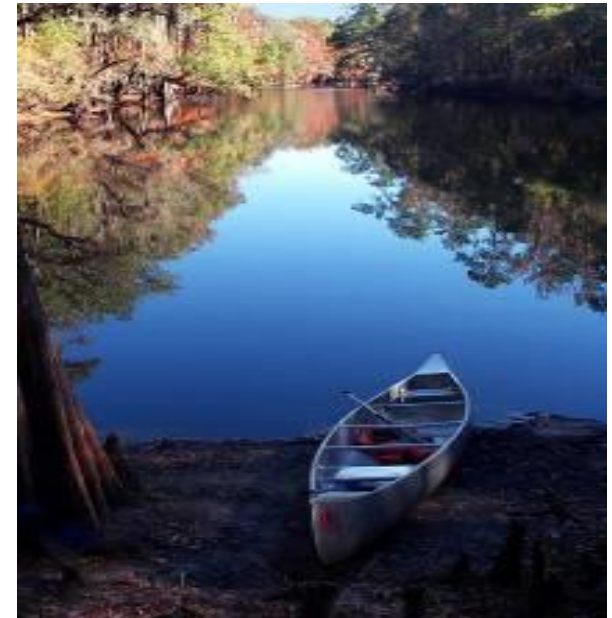
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LEGISLATURE



SB 2080 FFL definition....

- 🔥 quality landscape that conserve water,
- 🔥 protect the environment,
- 🔥 are adaptable to local conditions, and
- 🔥 are drought tolerant. F.S.,Ch.373.185



SB 2080 FFL Principles...

- 💧 right plant in the right place,
- 💧 efficient watering,
- 💧 appropriate fertilization,
- 💧 mulch,
- 💧 attraction of wildlife,
- 💧 responsible management of yard pests,
- 💧 recycling yard waste,
- 💧 reduction of stormwater runoff, and
- 💧 waterfront protection.....



SB 2080 Highlights



- 💧 Deletes references to “Xeriscape”
- 💧 Homeowner association (HOA) covenants, deed restrictions , and local government ordinances may not prohibit or be enforced so as to prohibit any property owner from implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices

F.S.,Ch.373.185; F.S. 720.3075

SB 2080 Highlights

- 💧 Does NOT invalidate HOA architectural Control and Landscape committees
- 💧 Does prohibit any watering mandates that are in violation of Water Management District water use restrictions
- 💧 Does not address common areas

F.S.,Ch.373.185; F.S. 720.3075



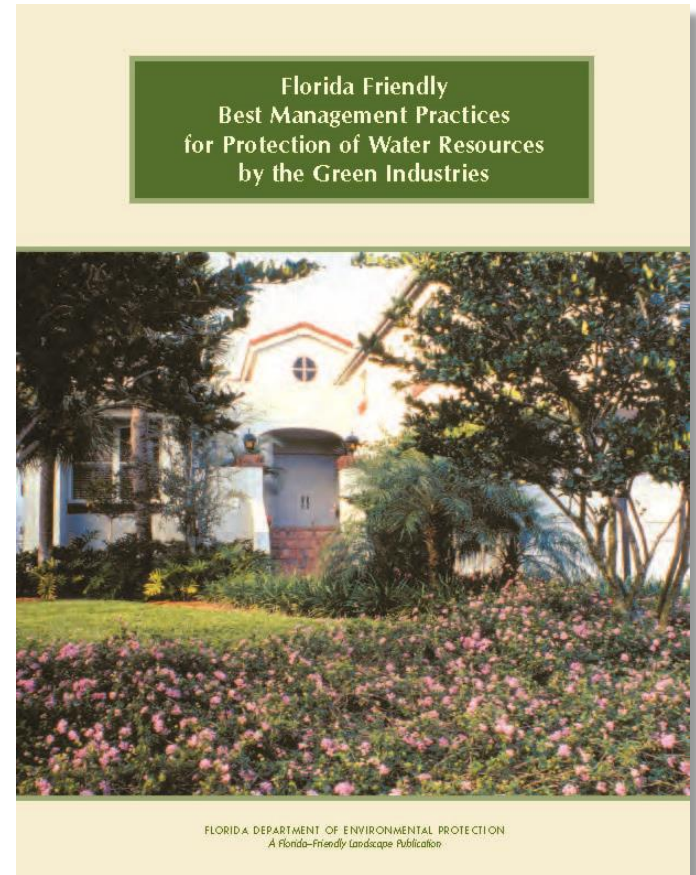
Chapter 482.1562, F.S. Limited certification for urban landscape commercial fertilizer application



F.S. Section 403.933

(1) The FDEP, in cooperation with UF/IFAS, shall:

- (a) Provide training and testing programs in urban landscape best-management practices**
- (b) issue certificates demonstrating satisfactory completion of the training.**



Total Number of GIBMP certified

	Total Certified	Total Attended	Classes	Average Class Size
In-Person	19,536	23,484	932	25
Equivalent**	247			
Online	1,218	1,218		
DVD	24			
Total	21,025	24,702		



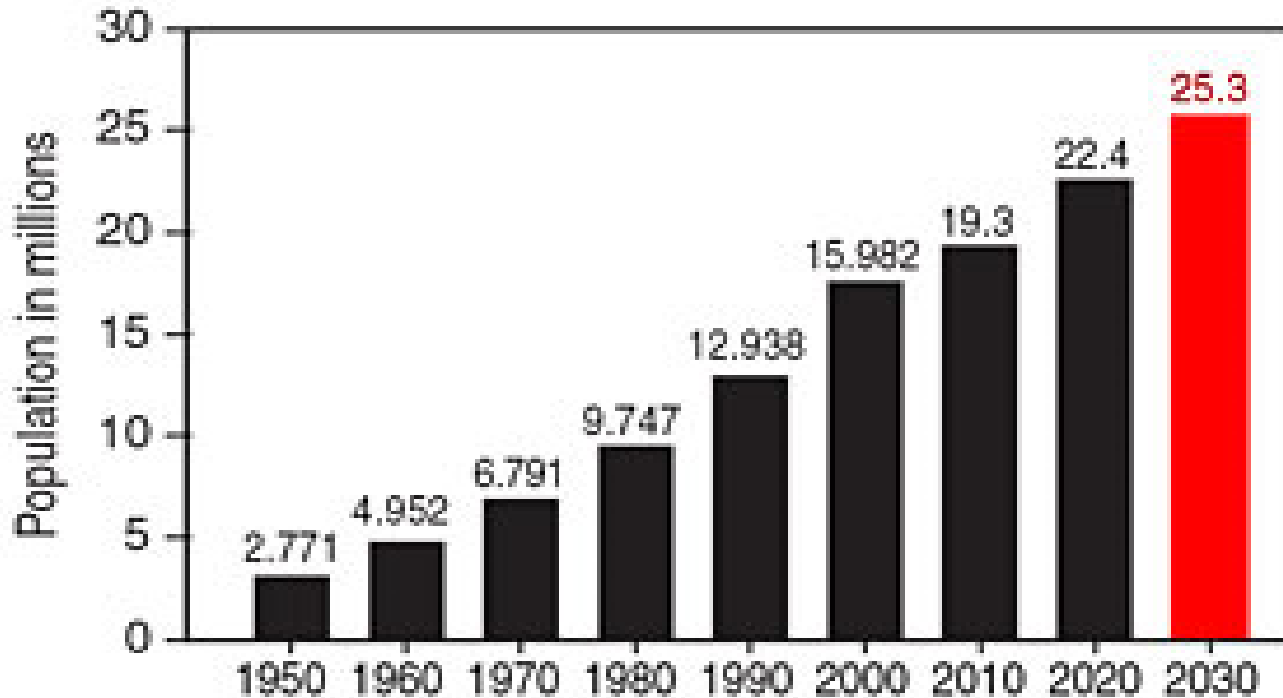
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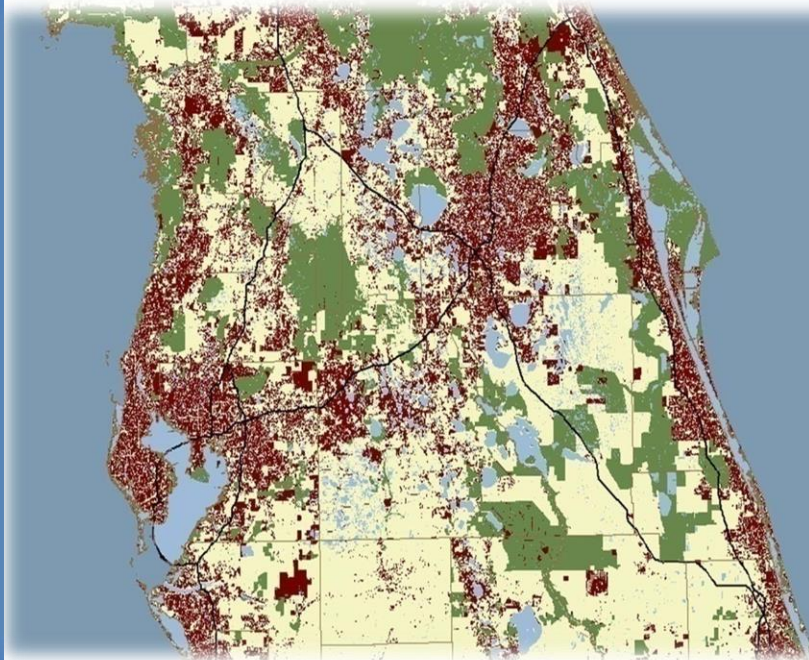




Florida Population 1950-2030



URBAN LAND USE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



2005



2060

This region is projected to have the largest percentage of urban land use (51%) of any region in the state by 2060.

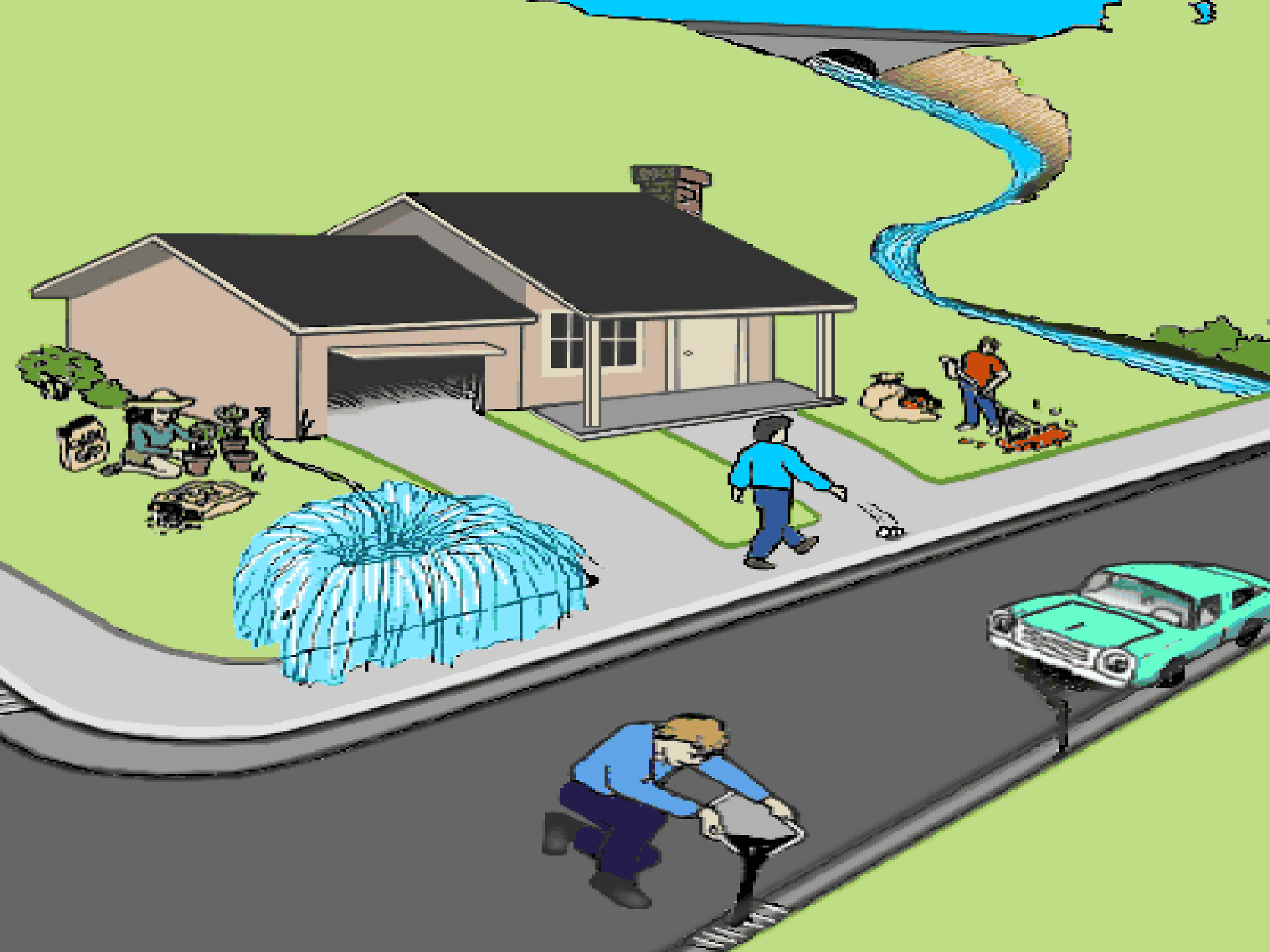


- 💧 25 to 60% of homeowner water use is for lawn & landscape irrigation
- 💧 Improper water use has impacted the source of our drinking water and other ecosystems



- ❖ Improper use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns can be sources of pollution in our lakes, rivers, and bays





There is no one prescribed design for Florida-Friendly Landscaping™





The Florida-Friendly Landscape

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide science-based interdisciplinary educational resources that result in the adoption of environmentally friendly landscape practices to reduce water use & non point source pollution, protect water bodies and natural resources and enhance the lives of Floridians





FFL SUCCESS STORIES





SUCCESS STORIES

- 💧 Ocean Gallery - Village Las Palmas – St Johns County
- 💧 Low-volume irrigation
- 💧 Installment of soil moisture sensors
- 💧 Replacement of difficult-to-maintain turf areas with groundcover

Ten million gallons of water in 2½ years, and \$6,500/year

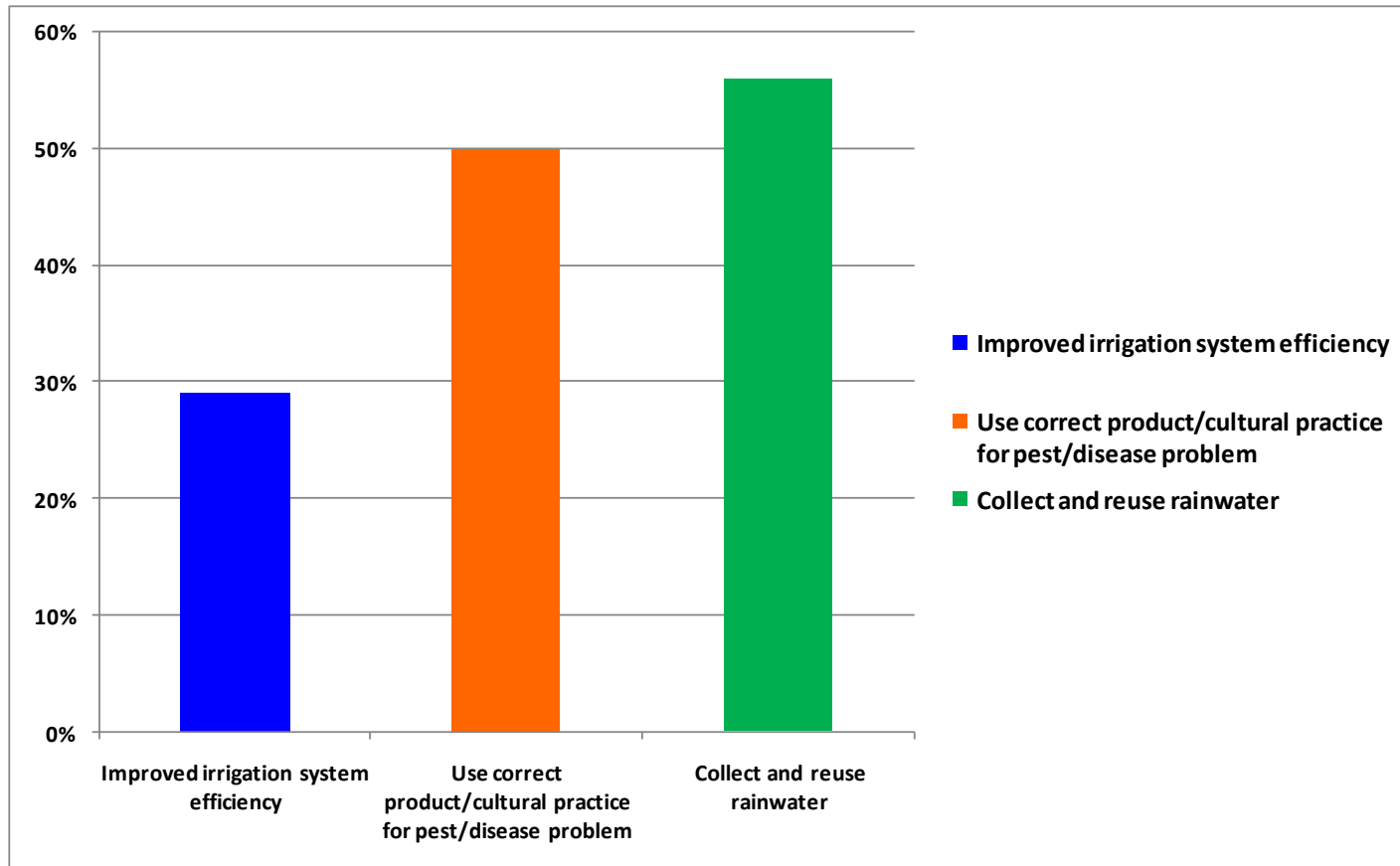
Tamarind Village Community Association Broward County (117 Homes)

By implementing FFL Practices, water use was reduced by 6.4 million gallons over 2 yrs (34.1 million gal → 27.7 million gal)

- ▶ Water cost savings =
\$2.55/1000 g = \$16,320
- ▶ Fertilizer cost savings = \$12,000
- ▶ Pesticide cost savings = \$5,000



319 Respondents



Hillsborough County



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Cases against FFL

Summerport Residential Property Owners Association v. Parker St. Augustine vs. Bahia



Cases against FFL

HOA Loses Lawsuit Against Duval County For FFL Yard








Cases against FFL

Homeowners win battle with HOA to plant Florida-Friendly yard



SB 2080 Major Highlights

-  Deletes references to “Xeriscape”
-  Homeowner association (HOA) covenants, restrictions may not prohibit Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ practices
-  Does NOT invalidate HOA architectural Control and landscape committees
-  The law does not allow a homeowner to retrofit their yard by removing turf without HOA’s permission
-  There a no government agency that enforces FFL/FYN

QUESTIONS?