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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative to Host Living Shorelines Workshop**

**WHAT:** The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative's Habitat Working Group is holding a Living Shorelines Workshop to offer shoreline protection alternatives to municipalities and waterfront landowners that will enhance the resources and water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon. Living shorelines use plants and other natural materials to stabilize shorelines, minimize coastal erosion and maintain the natural coastline, benefiting property owners as well as fish and wildlife.

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative is a partnership-driven effort to support increasing awareness of Palm Beach County's largest estuary and implement solutions to protect and enhance the lagoon and its watershed. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County League of Cities are among the state and local agencies and organizations that participate in the advisory group.

More information about the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative can be found at [www.lwli.org](http://www.lwli.org). An agenda for the Living Shorelines Workshop can be found [here](#).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010

**TIME:** 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Center  
Exhibit Halls  
559 North Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

**WHO:** The free workshop is primarily for municipal representatives, coastal land managers, environmental scientists, developers, contractors, private landowners and local planning and permitting staff.

**RSVP:** Space for the workshop is limited. Anyone wishing to attend should register at [livingshorelines.eventbrite.com](http://livingshorelines.eventbrite.com) or by contacting Erin McDevitt at [Erin.McDevitt@MyFWC.com](mailto:Erin.McDevitt@MyFWC.com) or (561) 625-5122, ext. 130.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*