

Community Ponds and Related Information

Ponds within The Hammocks community were constructed and designed to treat and store storm water runoff from streets, lots and common areas within the community. Runoff from landscaped lawns and community streets is polluted with oils, heavy metals, pesticides and fertilizers. Treatment of these pollutants occurs by filtration through aquatic plants of shallow littoral shelves and pond slopes. Native plant installations done in The Hammocks targeted these areas to elevate the community to the Green Industries' Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources. The goal of aquatic maintenance is to promote native vegetation within these areas to improve the functionality and health of the pond. Low-lying, native plants, like Pickerelweed and Gulf Spikerush, are able to grow in shallow water areas and can be seen in many ponds within the community. Vegetated ponds increase the oxygen levels in the ponds which reduces the algae growth. The ponds are created for environmental purposes and not really for aesthetic purposes; however a spinoff of the vegetation is a clearer pond and less algae. Our pond company will monitor the amount of vegetation to keep it a proper balance.