

*Water Conservation as an Alternative
Water Supply*

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We promote application of design, construction and management practices that minimize environmental degradation and make more efficient use of energy, water and other natural resources in master planned residential communities.



Growth Trends

Population - Florida:

- 1980 ~10,000,000
- 2005 ~17,000,000
- 2030 ~28,000,000



Growth Trends

Building Permits - Florida:

- 2003 ~155,000
- 2004 ~185,000
- 2005 ~208,000
- 2006 ~146,000
- 2007 ~72,000



Growth Trends



The screenshot displays the homepage of The Bonita Bay Group. The header features the company logo on the left and navigation links for Careers, Subscribe, Site Search, and Home on the right. A vertical sidebar on the left contains a list of links: Our Communities, Golf Courses & Marina, New Projects, Our Philosophy, Affiliated Businesses, Press Room, Refer A Friend, and Contact Us. The main content area includes a large image of a wooden boat on water, followed by a welcome message and a paragraph describing the company's commitment to environmentally sound development. Below this is a section titled 'Distinctive Lifestyle Experiences' which showcases logos for various communities: Bonita Bay, Mediterra, The Brooks, Verandah, Shadow Wood Preserve, the estates at Twineagles, and Sweetwater Landing. The footer contains links to the Copyright Statement, Privacy Statement, and Refer A Friend page.

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Welcome to The Bonita Bay Group

The Bonita Bay Group™ offers exceptional community living with its environmentally sound development philosophies and innovative designs. Residents enjoy traditional neighborhood gathering spots, recreational facilities and access to community parks that blend seamlessly with surrounding habitats.

Distinctive Lifestyle Experiences

Bonita Bay
MEDITERRA
THE BROOKS
Verandah™
Shadow Wood PRESERVE
the estates at TWINEAGLES™
SWEETWATER LANDING

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Our Communities

OUR COMMUNITIES

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THE WCI STORY

1-STOP SHOPPING

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INVESTOR RELATIONS

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FAVORITES



Select a Community 

Choose Your Location



★ *Palm Coast*

Tampa ★ *Plant City*

★ *Sun City Center*

Bradenton ★

Sarasota ★

Punta Gorda ★

Ft. Myers ★

Estero ★

Bonita Springs ★

Naples ★

Marco Island ★

★ *Jupiter*

★ *Palm Beach Gardens*

★ *West Palm Beach*

★ *Coral Springs*

★ *Fort Lauderdale*

★ *Miami*

For more information on a specific community,
click on any area of the map.

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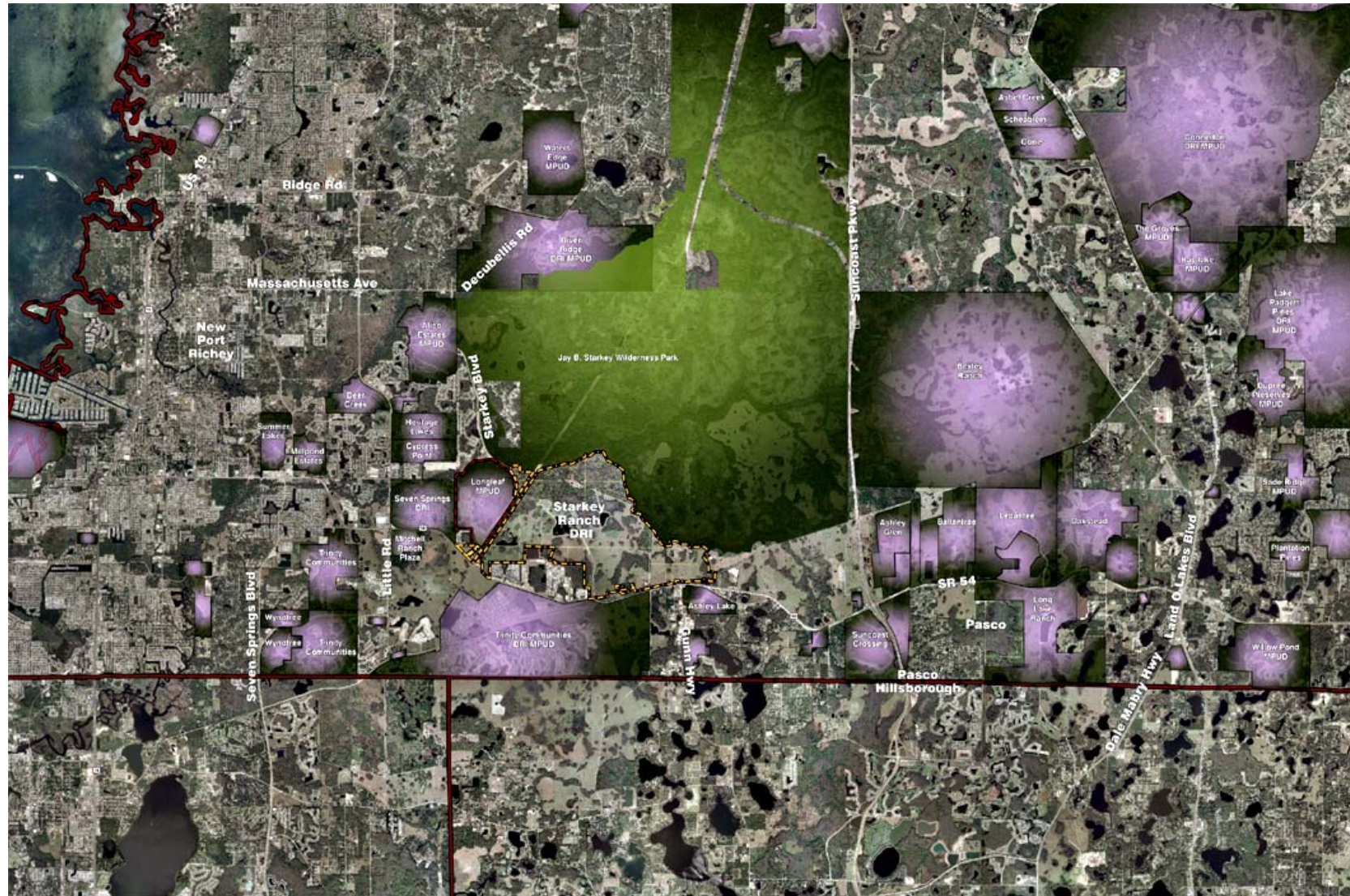
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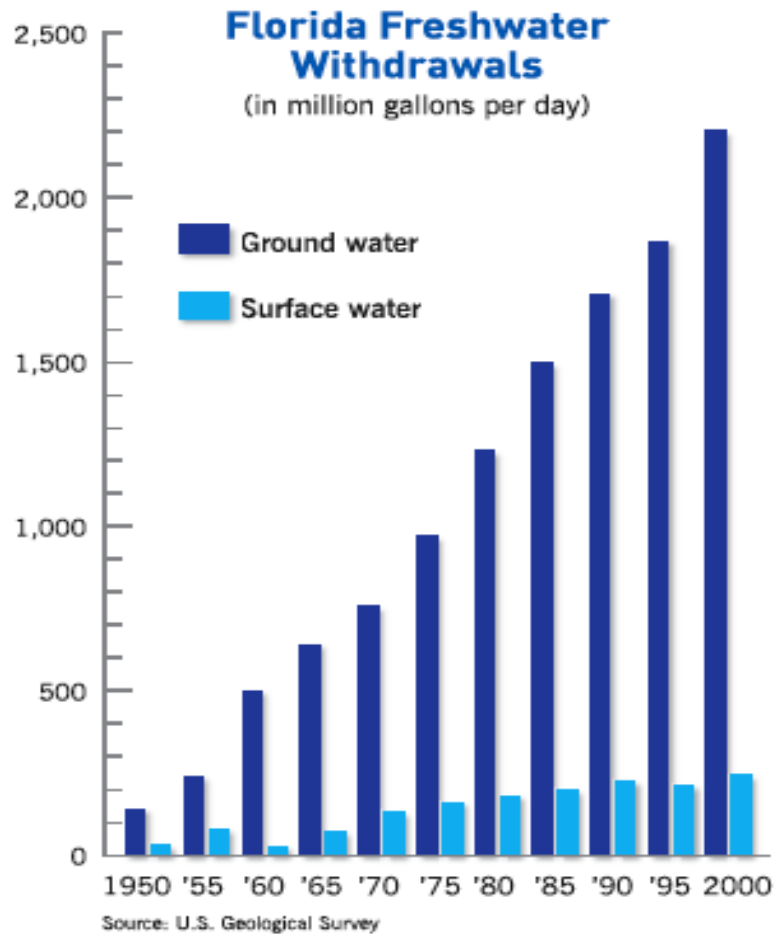


South Pasco County

Growth Issues

Water Supply

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Tampa Bay Water Desalinization Facility



Water Supply



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- Total Water Use ~20,800,000,000 Gal/yr
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- Overwatering ~ 5,020,000,000 Gal/yr



Water Supply



200,000 Gallon Water Tower

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Broward Edition

Water woes hit development

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the first in a series examining how the region's drinking water is running low.*

BY SUSAN STABLEY

South Florida has run out of natural sources of drinking water and will likely experience halted development due to the problem.

Major real estate projects in the tri-county area must be curbed until alternative sources of water can be developed, according to the state. Already, it has told Miami-Dade County to reject 17 large-scale projects because of drinking water scarcity.

And the creation of alternative water sources will not happen soon. The work will cost of hundreds of millions of dol-

lars and can take decades to complete, according to estimates from regional and local water officials.

"For us to go back into a built environment is a very expensive proposition," said Doug Yoder, assistant director of Miami-Dade County's water and sewer department.

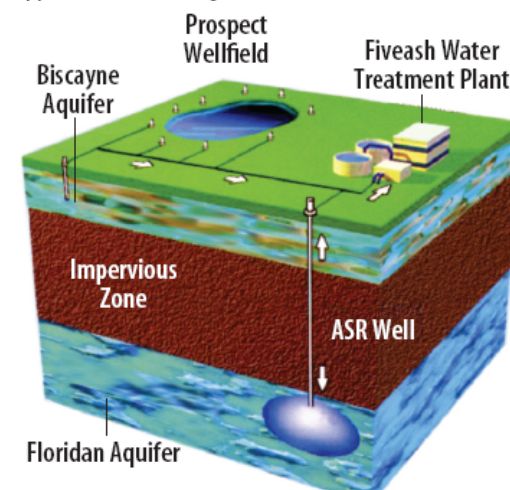
Last week, Gov. Jeb Bush vowed to make South Florida confront its water issues before the state will approve any more large projects.

"It makes no sense to develop west and west and west without the adequate development of infrastructure and water supply," Bush said at the Urban Land Institute's Symposium on Regional Cooperation on March 17.

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POTENTIAL SOLUTION

Fort Lauderdale is pumping water into the saltier Floridan Aquifer, where it forms a freshwater bubble that can be tapped in times of drought.



Source: City of Fort Lauderdale Public Services Department

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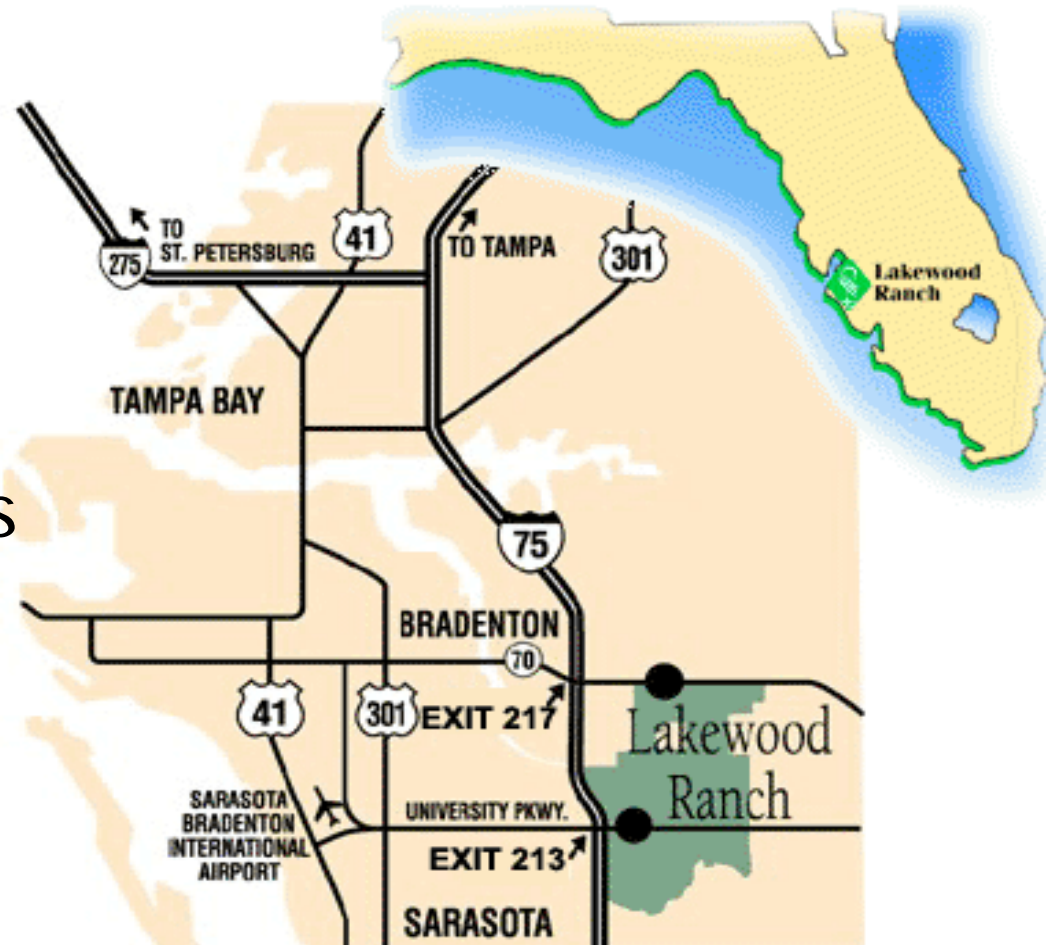
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Lakewood Ranch – Bradenton

FGBC Certified:

- Sales Centers
- Homes
- Community

AI Certified Golf Courses



Beazer Homes - Jacksonville



Green Built Homes
of Florida

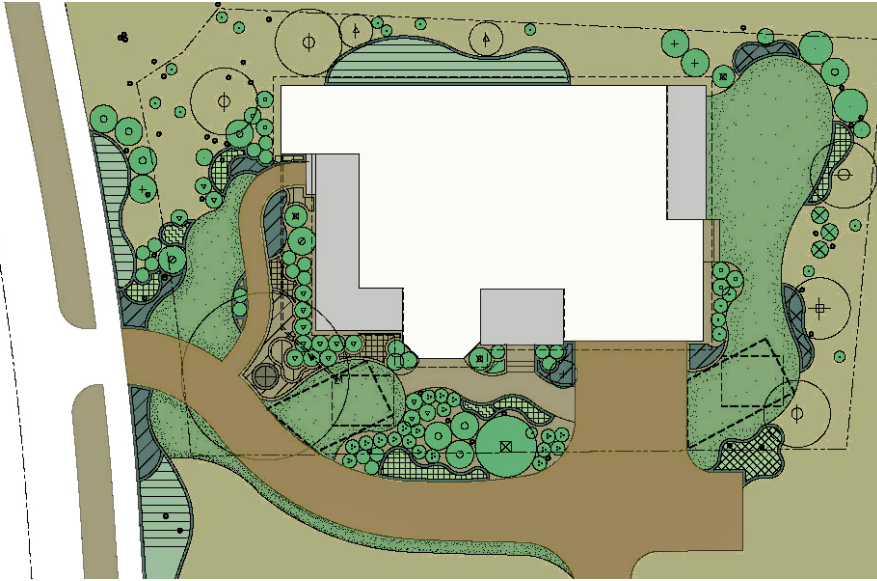
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Demonstrations

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Conventional Practice

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Summary

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Lake County

Oakland Park

OAKLAND AVENUE LOT

FRONT YARD

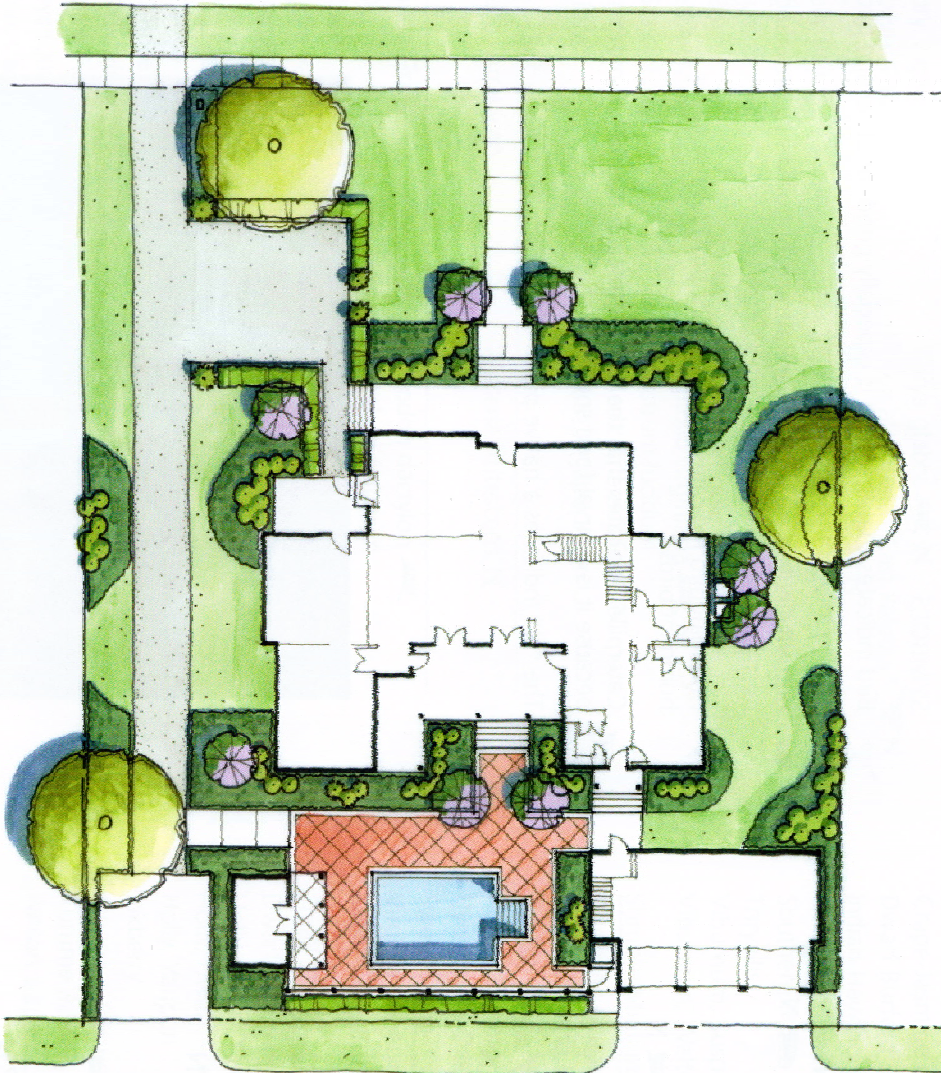
Trees minimum of 2 canopy trees
and 2 accent trees
Shrubs 20% minimum
Groundcover . . 15% minimum
Turf 60% maximum

SIDE YARD

Trees minimum of 1 canopy tree
and 2 accent trees
Shrubs 30% minimum
Groundcover . . 0% minimum
Turf 70% maximum

ALLEY YARD

Shrubs 30% minimum
Groundcover . . 0% minimum
Turf 70% maximum



Hills of Minneola

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council Recommendations:

- No St Augustine grass
- Half of all models 100% xeriscaped
- All homes Florida Water Star qualified



Bella Colina



Reduced Impact Landscape

Summary

Florida's Development Environment:

- New growth happens fast
- Tested, better practices are available
- Certification programs are in place
- Plenty of room to improve quickly
- Developers are not resistant





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Context



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