

Living Shoreline Workshop
June 13, 2008
Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida



Project GreenShores, Pensacola Bay, a large-scale living shoreline.

Living shorelines use plants and other natural materials to stabilize the shoreline for the benefit of property owners as well as fish and other wildlife. Panhandle Living Shoreline Initiative partners* invite you to learn how to use soft shoreline techniques to protect eroding shorelines.

This workshop is designed for public and private land managers, property owners, city and county commissioners, planning staff, environmental regulators, contractors, and others interested in effective and ecologically-sound shoreline protection methods that do not harden the coast.

Workshop Sessions

- What are living shorelines, and where is it appropriate to construct them?
- The permitting process – a panel of state, federal, and county regulators will guide us through a “green tape” approach to moving living shoreline projects through all permitting levels
- Completed living shorelines – a panel discussion of techniques, design considerations, costs, and maintenance for a variety of projects already constructed
- In-the-works living shoreline projects – a panel discussion of projects to come
- Living shoreline resources and funding opportunities

*Partners include: Apalachicola Riverkeeper; Bay Area Resource Council; BEST, Inc, & Friends of St. Andrew Bay; Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance; City of Fort Walton Beach; City of Gulf Breeze; EarthBalance; Ecological Consulting Services; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; The Nature Conservancy; PBS&J; St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Association; Seahaven Consulting; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; University of Florida Conservation Clinic; University of Florida Sea Grant Extension; West Florida Regional Planning Council; and others.



Home along Blackwater Bay with a natural living shoreline.

Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC) is located at 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City, Florida, 32401. The workshop will be held in Student Union East – go to http://www.gulfcoast.edu/maps/pc_campus_map.htm for a campus map.

The workshop will start at 9:00 am and end at 4:30 pm on June 13, 2008, with registration open at 8:30 am. There is no charge to attend, but please **register by June 6, 2008**, using the form below so we can plan accordingly. Lunch on your own in the GCCC cafeteria.

Space is limited – register early!

Registration Form

Name:	Organization:
Address (City/State/Zip):	Phone:
	Email:

Please fill out and mail this form to BEST, Inc, 801 Jenks Avenue, Suite G, Panama City, Florida 32401. Call 850-215-5590 for registration questions. For technical questions, contact Chris Verlinde at Chrisv@ufl.edu or 850-623-3868.