Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Launches
New Volunteer Program – Sarasota Bay Guardians

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The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program's Bay Guardians are teaming up with Around the Bend Nature Tours and Manatee County Natural Resources Department for the first spring planting at Robinson Preserve in honor of Earth Day!

Sarasota Bay Guardians is a new family-friendly volunteer program that SBEP runs in partnership with Around the Bend Nature Tours. Guides from Around the Bend will enlighten participants about the importance of planting a native buffer to protect the water quality of the bay as well as answer questions. Sarasota Bay Guardians goal is to get everyday people involved in making a difference in their community by engaging in activities that make a positive impact on the Sarasota Bay Watershed.

Be a part of the restoration revolution and give some time to help out at Manatee County's newest preserve. This is a great opportunity to have fun and learn about the area's natural history while planting native plants that will help build valuable habitat in the Sarasota Bay watershed.

This event is suitable for all ages. Please wear hat, sunscreen, close-toed shoes, clothes that can get wet/dirty and work gloves. Also bring water.

WHAT: Earth Day Restoration Native Planting

WHERE: Robinson Preserve, 1704 99th St. N.W., Bradenton, Florida

WHEN: Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
                Park in the main parking area at entrance to Preserve.

Reservations are required: There is limited space for this event. Make your reservation today by contacting sara@sarasotabay.org, 941-955-8085 or Karen@aroundbend.com, 941-794-8773.

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is dedicated to restoring the area's greatest natural asset—Sarasota Bay. Its unique program strives to improve water quality, increase habitat and enhance the natural resources of the area for use and enjoyment by the public. Sarasota Bay is one of 28 estuaries in the United States that have been named by the U.S. Congress as an "estuary of national significance."