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**Celebrate National Estuaries Day with the
Sarasota Bay Buddies and Manatee Audubon Society!**

Palmetto, FL – September 16, 2008 – The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program's Bay Buddies and Manatee Audubon Society are teaming up to celebrate National Estuaries Day on September 27 at Felt's Audubon Preserve in Palmetto. Join the family-friendly Bay Buddies to plant native wetland plants critical to improving our wetland habitat for birds and cleaning our waterways. The Bay Buddies will be planting from 9am to Noon on Saturday September 27, 2008. For more information contact the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program at 941-955-8085 or info@sarasotabay.org. Visit www.baybuddies.org to register. Manatee Audubon will provide refreshments and prizes for participants.

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is dedicated to restoring the area's greatest and most important 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."

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