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Condo Residents Honored for Stormwater Pond Restoration

The Shores of Long Bayou Homeowners Association has received the “Golden Mangrove Award” as the Tampa Bay Estuary Program’s (TBEP) most outstanding Bay Mini-Grant project for 2012.

The project managers were honored for their “Ibis Pond” restoration project in St. Petersburg.

The Ibis Pond Restoration project was selected from 21 community groups, non-profits, and organizations who received Bay Mini-Grants from TBEP last year. TBEP’s Community Advisory Committee created the award. This is the sixth year an award has been given to recognize an exceptional grant project.

“One of the most impressive aspects of this project was the combination of habitat restoration, education, beautification and community involvement,” said Cathy Quindiagan, a member of the Estuary Program’s Community Advisory Committee and one of the award judges. A \$4,800 Bay Mini-Grant funded the project.



Award winners Glenn Odom and Ernie Franke from left in back, with CAC member Cathy Quindiagan, left and Marie Franke, right front.

The restoration of Ibis Pond restored a former stormwater pond that was overgrown by invasive plants. Resident volunteers removed the invasive plants and replanted with plants native to Florida.

Ernie Franke and Glenn Odom from the homeowners association were presented with the Golden Mangrove Award at the TBEP’s Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Grant monies come from sales of the Tampa Bay Estuary license plate, featuring a tarpon.



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