

500-plus Bald Cypress trees to be planted in county

3-year effort sponsored by Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Pointe West was selected as one of the first communities in the county to participate in the 2009 First Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting.

On Jan. 24, 175 Bald Cypress trees were planted around several lakes within the Pointe West Community.

The Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring the three-year effort in which more than 500 Bald Cypress trees will be planted each year, at no cost, in only five pre-selected Indian River County subdivisions.

Many of the lakes or storm water ponds in the county, which were built to address storm water runoff, are in residential areas. Planting trees along the shoreline helps to increase the ability of the ponds to “clean” the water, which ultimately makes its way to the Indian River Lagoon. Trees also hold water, thereby increasing water conservation and they also create habitat, which attracts wildlife.

For more information on this new project, visit the Indian River Soil & Water Conservation District's Web site www.ircgov.com/Departments/General—Services/SWCD/Index.htm



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