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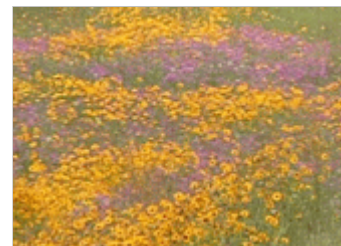

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## Wakulla County Receives Grant for Wildflower Planting

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The Florida Wildflower Foundation recently awarded \$500 grants for 15 planting projects in nine counties through its La Florida, "Land of Flowers," Community Grant Program. Grants will be used to acquire native wildflower seeds or plants for the projects. Program funding is provided by the generous donations received from Florida State Wildflower license plate sales and renewals.



To be eligible for the La Florida program, counties must have adopted a resolution to conserve Florida's native wildflowers. Grant proposals were received from organizations, and county and municipal departments in Brevard, Duval, Lake, Lee, Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, Volusia and Wakulla counties.

"There was a tremendous amount of interest in these grants, and proposals were very competitive," said Lisa Roberts, Foundation executive director. "These highly visible projects will widely increase awareness of Florida's native flowers. Some also add education value through signage and brochures."

Grants have been awarded to:

- (Brevard) Town of Melbourne Village, for beautification of Daytona Boulevard.
- (Brevard) Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Titusville, to augment plantings at the Visitors' Center Gardens, the Visitor Center entrance, and Black Point Drive at the Cruickshank Trail.
- (Brevard) UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension, for a planting on Lake Drive at the future Brevard Botanical Garden.
- (Duval) Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, to establish a wildflower meadow in downtown Jacksonville on Bay Street along the St. Johns River.
- (Flagler) Flagler County, to establish wildflowers adjacent to the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop cycling trail at two beachside parks.

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