



## Participant Information Sheet & Consent

### Homeowner Perceptions, Barriers, and Intentions to Install a Living Shoreline

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You are invited to complete a questionnaire about your perceptions of living shorelines.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this research is to collect crowdsourced data from homeowners in the Don CeSar neighborhood about their opinions of living shorelines and their interest in installing living shorelines on their property. The results will be used to identify key barriers, motivations, and other important factors that influence the adoption of living shorelines.

#### **What is involved?**

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire before and after today's presentation. This should take about 5-7 minutes. After this is completed, we will send you three short follow-up questionnaires over the next 12 months to track how your interests and opinions of living shorelines might change over time.

#### **Privacy and confidentiality**

To match your answers to the questionnaire today with your answers in future questionnaires, we will ask you for your property address and/or email address. The lead researcher, Dr. Blake Simmons, is the only person who will have access to this information, and we will never publish or share your contact information with anyone. Once the study is complete, your contact information will be permanently redacted and deleted from the records to ensure your responses remain anonymous and no one will be able to identify you.

#### **Is there likely to be a benefit to me?**

We plan to use this data to better understand what is important to homeowners when considering installing a living shoreline on their property. We can't guarantee that you get any direct benefit, but the results of this research will help us design better programs to increase shoreline enhancements across Tampa Bay.

**Participation in this research is entirely voluntary.** You can stop at any time without explanation. There will be no penalties or loss of benefits to you if you do not participate or decide to stop once you start.

If you would like more information about the research, contact Dr. Blake Simmons: [bsimmons@tbep.org](mailto:bsimmons@tbep.org)

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#### **Consent**

If you understand these issues, would like to participate in this research, and are over 18 years old, please select 'I agree' below and complete the questionnaire that follows.

- I agree
- I do not agree

**Please remind us of who you are by entering your property address or email.**

*Don't worry, we will never publish or share your contact information with anyone. Only the lead researcher, Dr. Blake Simmons, will have access to this information, and all identifying information will be redacted once our study is complete.*

Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
*House number and Street*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**After you've received your personalized living shoreline design plans for your property, answer the following questions to let us know what you think of them.**

**Q1.** Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below:

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neither agree nor disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
The designs are very interesting to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The designs are attractive or aesthetically pleasing.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The designs look similar to what I expected.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The designs are confusing to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The designs enhanced my understanding of a living shoreline.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The designs will make it easier for me to get a living shoreline installed on my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**The next set of questions pertain to your experience throughout this project – including the presentations, meetings, and updates sent to you. We'd like to hear your feedback on what you liked about this experience, how informative or useful it was to you, and any questions or recommendations you have for future projects.**

**Q2.** Overall, how would you rate the content presented during the public meetings in terms of how informative, useful, and relevant they were to you? *Circle or fill in the number of stars (out of five) you would give. Whole or half-stars are OK.*

Informative ☆☆☆☆☆  
Useful ☆☆☆☆☆  
Relevant ☆☆☆☆☆

**Q3.** Overall, what did you like most about this project? *Need more room? You can also write on the back of this paper.*

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**Q4.** Do you have any recommendations for how we could improve this project in the future (e.g., content or materials provided, frequency of meetings or updates, etc.)?

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**Q5.** Do you have any remaining questions that you feel have not been answered?

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**Finally, we'd like to see if this experience changed your perceptions of living shorelines for your property. Please answer the following questions, and we'll compare your answers today with the answers you provided at the beginning of this project.**

**Q6.** Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below:

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neither agree nor disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
Living shorelines could effectively reduce flood damage to my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installing a living shoreline would be too time-consuming for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living shorelines would increase my personal safety.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living shorelines would decrease the value of my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are better solutions to reducing my property's flood risk than installing a living shoreline.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living shorelines would increase the beauty of my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The cost of living shorelines are too high for me to install them on my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident that I could get a living shoreline installed on my property if I really wanted to.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The costs of a living shoreline will outweigh any benefits to my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The people who are important to me would approve of a living shoreline on my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I wanted to install a living shoreline at my property, I wouldn't know where to start.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Even if I wanted a living shoreline on my property, I don't have much control over the decision.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am interested in learning more about installing a living shoreline on my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the next two months, I intend to request a permit to install a living shoreline on my property.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you very much for your participation in this project! Your responses are crucial in helping us better understand homeowners' opinions about shoreline modifications so that we can provide more opportunities to increase the resiliency of coastal properties in Tampa Bay.

We will send you one last follow-up email or letter in about two months. In the meantime, if you have any questions or additional feedback you'd like to share, please feel free to contact Dr. Blake Simmons at [bsimmons@tbep.org](mailto:bsimmons@tbep.org) or (727) 893-2765.