



## Participant Information Sheet & Consent

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

**Researcher:** Dr. Blake Simmons, Tampa Bay Estuary Program

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

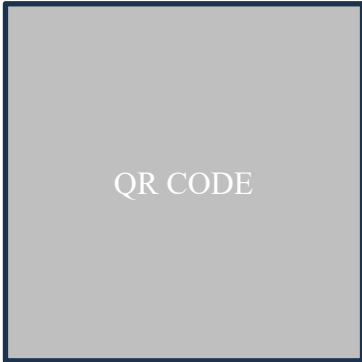
If you understand these issues, would like to participate in this research, and are over 18 years old, please select 'I agree' below and complete the questionnaire that follows.

- I agree  
 I do not agree

### Got a minute? Tell us what you think!

Please answer the questions below and mail your responses back to us using the return envelope provided (no need to use your own stamps). You can also submit your answers online by going to [TBEP.ORG/XXXXX](https://www.tbep.org/XXXXX) or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. If submitting online, please enter the TBAY code to the right.

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**Please remind us of who you are by entering your property address or email. We will use this to match you with your previous responses.**

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

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

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

**Q1.** Since receiving your personalized living shoreline design, have you submitted a permit application to install a living shoreline on your property?

- Yes     No

**↳** *In the next six months, how likely are you to submit a permit application for a living shoreline?*

- Very unlikely    Unlikely    Not sure    Likely    Very likely*
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**Q2.** What are the main reasons why you *have* or *have not* submitted a permit application for a living shoreline? *Need more space? You can also write on the back of this paper.*

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**Q3.** If there are any additional resources you need to help with installing your living shoreline, please list them below. *If possible, we will try to provide you with these additional resources via mail or email.*

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**Q4.** We'd love to hear more from you. Would you be willing to participate in an interview with Dr. Blake Simmons to discuss this topic further at your convenience? *If yes, be sure to provide your email address so we can follow-up with you.*

- Yes     No

**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. Feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions or would like more resources.**