



LOCAL ACTION, LASTING IMPACT

The Bays to Backyards Community Engagement Program helps neighborhoods across the Inland Bays watershed take action for a healthier, more resilient environment—starting right in their own backyards. The program provides expert guidance, practical resources, and an easy-to-follow framework to help communities steward shared open spaces.

Focus Areas to Select From:

- Community Education
- Stormwater Management and Coastal Flooding
- Landscaping with Nature in Mind
- Wildlife Habitat
- Waste Reduction and Prevention
- Energy Efficiency and Climate Actions

Why Get Involved:

- Improve water quality and wildlife habitat
- Build community resilience
- Access free workshops, expert support, and resources
- Earn public recognition for your community's efforts



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HOW IT WORKS

STEP 1: IDENTIFY

Identify the topics from the program's action framework that interest your community. Consider any relevant issues and/or goals—like wildlife habitat, stormwater management, or waste prevention.

STEP 2: EXPLORE

Review your neighborhood's existing HOA rules or service contracts so everyone understands what's already in place. (No contracts required to participate in Bays to Backyards!)

STEP 3: INQUIRE

Complete the short Inquiry Form to connect with our team and receive next steps and resources.

STEP 4: DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT

Create a 3–5 year Action Plan and start putting your ideas into action.

STEP 5: REPORT & RECOGNIZE

Share your progress each year and earn "Bay-Friendly Community" recognition.

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Visit <https://inlandbays.org/bays-to-backyards/> for more details and to submit an inquiry form for your community.

See what's going on throughout the communities who are participating in the program at <https://shorturl.at/d7ETx> or scan the QR code to see more.

