



HEALTHY PONDS INCLUDE

- Florida **native plants** in and around the pond, covering **30-85%** of the total pond area.
- A **3- to 10-foot-wide buffer zone** with plants growing to their maximum height
- **Periphyton*** growth
- Diverse plants and animals supporting a **balanced** aquatic ecosystem
- **Limited** stressors from surrounding roadways and yards.

**complex grouping of algae, bacteria, invertebrates, and detritus*





HEALTHY PONDS
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PROGRAM

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HEALTHY POND BENEFITS

