



The Tampa Bay Estuary Program: A Partnership for a Healthy Bay



Tampa Bay is Getting Better!

- TBEP has awarded \$88,500 in community grants for bay restoration and education to organizations in Clearwater over the last three years. Recipients include the Pinellas County Native Plant Society (for a project at The Rainbow at Mars Pocket Park), St. Paul's School and Keep Pinellas Beautiful.
- TBEP and partners will use nearly \$400,00 in grant funding to restore degraded tidal wetlands in the Feather Sound area by filling old mosquito control ditches and treating stormwater runoff.
- TBEP co-convened a workshop in 2007 to evaluate technical and management issues associated with Clearwater Harbor/St. Joseph Sound, focusing on current and past natural resources, impacts, and resource management issues. This workshop was a vital first step in managing and protecting the natural resources in the Harbor and Sound.
- TBEP was a major sponsor of the "Tampa Bay: Reality Check" community visioning effort for the 7-county Greater Tampa Bay Area, and remains on the Steering Committee for the successor program, called One Bay.
- TBEP is facilitating a major reallocation of nitrogen reduction targets to assist Clearwater and other governments in meeting new regulatory limits on nitrogen.



- **Record number of Bay Scallops found in 2008 (600+)**
- **More than 6,000 acres of seagrasses have been restored since the 1980s**
- **Water quality has met regulatory targets in all bay segments for three years in a row**



- **Snook populations in Tampa Bay now among the highest in Florida**

TBEP is a Good Investment

For your annual investment of **\$13,979** over the past 3 years the City of Clearwater has received \$1.4 million return in projects and grants.

Overall, TBEP brings in \$9 for every \$1 invested

