

# LEMON BAY CONSERVANCY, INC.

## Membership Application / Donation Form

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### Annual Membership Options.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 FAMILY MEMBER           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 CORPORATE MEMBER      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 TRUSTEE OF THE LAND    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 KEEPER OF THE LAND  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 GUARDIAN OF THE LAND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 STEWARD OF THE LAND |   |

☐ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Options.

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or charge my
- ☐ Visa/Master Card Card Security Code # \_\_\_\_\_
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## LEMON BAY CONSERVANCY, INC.

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Thank you for your support.  
It is greatly appreciated!

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**Join or make your donation on-line at**  
**[www.lemonbayconservancy.org](http://www.lemonbayconservancy.org)**

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

To accomplish our vision, we need your help.

**First**, join us. Become a member of the Lemon Bay Conservancy.

**Second**, volunteer. We need your help in multiple areas. Our overhead is low because we use volunteers for many of our activities. Volunteers are clearing trails, conducting water sampling, planting native trees, developing a butterfly habitat, working in our office, assisting with communications and in many other projects.

**Third**, participate and spread the word! Learn more about Lemon Bay Conservancy on our website at [www.lemonbayconservancy.org](http://www.lemonbayconservancy.org). Come out and enjoy some of our many programs. And, encourage your friends to join us too!

## THE FUTURE IS NOW

As our population grows, so will our challenges. Until 1900 the Bay was virtually natural and free of human influence, with fewer than 600,000 people living in Florida. Today the state population exceeds 19 million, adding more than 240,000 residents each year, and annually hosting more than 95 million visitors.

Much of that growth and tourism is happening right here - within the Lemon Bay watershed. We invite you to join us, pooling your passion for these unrivaled waters with ours.

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# LEMON BAY ESTABLISHED 1971 CONSERVANCY

## OUR VISION

**"To forever protect and preserve the natural features of Lemon Bay, Charlotte Harbor, their surrounding waters and uplands, and vital fish and wildlife habitat, through property preservation, environmental education and advocacy for sustainable land and water conservation policies and practices."**

The Lemon Bay Conservancy is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)



## HISTORY

In 1971, private developers were proposing to build a large trailer park on several islands in Lemon Bay (northeast of Stump Pass) and to construct a bridge from Manasota Key to the islands. Manasota Key and Englewood community leaders, concerned about the environmental impacts, banded together to find a way to limit the development. Lemon Bay Conservancy was formed to support that effort and to protect local environmental resources in the years ahead.

In the decades since, the Conservancy has played important roles in the creation of Blind Pass Park, Lemon Bay Park, Indian Mound Park and Cedar Point Park. We worked with state and county officials to have Lemon Bay designated an "Outstanding Florida Water" and have advocated for a wide variety of environmental protection initiatives to ensure the future of our sensitive coastal ecosystems.

Our land holdings have grown to include: two small islands and several parcels of mangrove shoreline along Lemon Bay, Scrub Jay habitat within the Peace River watershed and two acres of waterfront property in the center of Cedar Point Park. In 2010, we acquired the former Wildflower Golf Course and have begun transforming it into Wildflower Preserve, a remarkable 80 acre natural area with hiking trails and wetlands. In 2011, we acquired ten acres of environmentally sensitive land on Thornton Key, a bridgeless barrier island.

Lemon Bay Conservancy has become a vibrant community force which embraces the entire complex of our coastal

lands and waterways from Lemon Bay to Charlotte Harbor. Supporters like you are key to our continued success. We need both your personal and financial backing. We invite you to share your talents and your passion for our incredible local habitats.

## OUR COMMITMENT

To support our vision, we focus our mission in three areas:

- **Saving Land** by taking title to environmentally sensitive properties and placing them under permanent protection and by facilitating preservation through support of community and government acquisition projects
- **Educating** Southwest Florida's residents and visitors alike about our fragile ecosystems.
- **Advocating** appropriate land and water conservation policies, programs, practices, laws, and ordinances

## SAVING LAND

Over the years, the Lemon Bay Conservancy has been involved in saving hundreds of acres of land from development. We work with individuals, businesses, government agencies, and other environmental groups to create conservation corridors for the protection of our water supply, to deter storm surge, to provide critical habitat for wildlife, and to sustain the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors to our communities.

Often, the land we help to protect is placed into public ownership. In other cases, private land owners choose to forever preserve the natural resources on their properties through conservation easements. And, in some situations, Lemon Bay Conservancy becomes the land owner.

## EDUCATING

Lemon Bay Conservancy periodically hosts programs and lectures designed to enhance public understanding of environmental topics. We sponsor educational nature walks and tours. And, we publish informative brochures and newsletters on a variety of subjects. One of our latest initiatives is partnering with the Charlotte County school system to develop innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) educational programs for middle and high school students that will use Wildflower Preserve as an outdoor learning laboratory.

## ADVOCATING

The Lemon Bay Conservancy environmental advocacy committee regularly reviews environmental issues that may impact the Lemon Bay and Charlotte Harbor areas and advocates for appropriate decisions. Alone and hand-in-hand with other organizations we seek to serve as a voice for the people. We and our members stand ever ready to challenge any activity, public or private, that threatens our marvelous ecosystems.

*The natural beauty of Lemon Bay as seen from the Mangroves along the shore of Lemon Bay Park.*

