

# A morning spent helping the Bay



The **Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team** partnered with the South Venice Water Quality Task Force to rid Skip Stasko park of trash and help improve both the water quality and wildlife utilization in Faun Lake.

Volunteers planted 230 feet of shoreline with 535 plants in just over 2 hours. Plants in the water can help keep the water clean and clear before it heads into our beautiful bays. Vegetated shorelines have many benefits:

- ◆ providing valuable habitat to resident and migratory birds, as well as fish, and turtles;
- ◆ protection from erosion;
- ◆ reduction of nutrients (pollution) in the water

Volunteers also planted larger shrubs and trees that not only improve water quality, but can also provide important bird nesting habitat, host pollinators, and shade the water during the hot summer months.



We also met new friends that were excited about the improvements and came out to help. Thanks to all who volunteered today!!



**We had FUN!!**