

ASHRAE Community Sustainability Project

Manatee Park-Butterfly Gardening and Clean-Up

ASHRAE Southwest Florida Chapter



"Manatee Park is a sanctuary for the manatee in our rivers, canals and harbors. The warm water generated by the adjacent Power Plant attracts the Manatee into the park waters during the cooler winter months. Sometimes, there are over 200 manatees in the immediate waters in January, February and March. We have done work at this park and other parks located in the county (Lee County)" — *Richard Brooks, P.E. Suitability chair, Southwest Florida Chapter*

Project Description

Members of the Southwest Florida Chapter took part in a beautification and cleanup project at Manatee Park in Fort Myers, Fla. The project was part of a larger Florida Power and Light initiative—Power to Care! Program. Some 20 volunteers helped plant a butterfly garden along the manatee viewing area, and cleared off invasive plant species in the natural habitat.