Partnering with Communities to **IMPLEMENT LOW MAINTENANCE STREAMS**

Through the UDFCD Maintenance Eligibility Program

UDFCD encourages stream improvements that increase public safety and reduce long-term maintenance and replacement costs to our taxpayers. **Meet with UDFCD early (prior to platting) to help successfully guide development through the MEP process.**

**Low Maintenance Streams** provide vital stream functions, including floodwater storage, groundwater recharge, water quality enhancement, and habitat for plants and animals. Stream corridors also provide great opportunities for passive recreation.

**HOW CAN UDFCD HELP?**

- Reduce time and effort with clear technical guidance and review requirements.
- Help local governments plan spaces for stormwater quality and quantity infrastructure to reduce capital and long-term maintenance costs.
- Work with developers to reorganize dedicated open space to achieve multipurpose benefits, creating a win-win business model.
- Explore alternative delivery models to streamline the process for development, like fee-in-lieu or the Development Services Enterprise.

**WHEN DOES THIS APPLY?**

- All development can help lessen stream impacts by utilizing runoff reducing techniques.
- Any development adjacent to or near a major drainageway may be a good opportunity for low maintenance stream design. **Most major drainageways are identified on UDFCD’s online mapping at udfcd.org/mapping**
- **Major drainageways may be identified if any of the following apply:**
  - Tributary area of 130 acres or more
  - Mapped floodplain
  - Contain UDFCD Master Plan improvements
- Stream improvements may be necessary, even if the master plan does not show improvements.