

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 Grant Cycle

Remarkable Coastal Places

Project: Marineland: First Remarkable Coastal Place
Town of Marineland

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Towne of Marineland
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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: Designation by the state included funding to the Town to begin planning and implementing its revitalization. The Town finalized a master plan in Phase I and updated it in phase II, implementing selected measures in both phases. Designation to date has yielded economic redevelopment incentive planning, nature and heritage tourism planning, education programs and facilities planning, advanced information technology planning and historic preservation planning. Tangible results include the creation of a community redevelopment district to attract public and private investment. Additionally, the stakeholder Workgroup developed a priority list of hazard mitigation projects that was approved by the Town's Commission. The workgroup also helped in the process of rewriting the Town's Redevelopment Plan.

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Project: Amelia Island Lighthouse Strategic Plan
City of Fernandina Beach

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: The City of Fernandina Beach acquired a strategic plan for the maintenance, public access and management of the Amelia Island Lighthouse. The city hired experienced facilitators to conduct a series of formal strategic planning sessions. In addition, the city commissioned a feasibility study on the lighthouse property, produced informational brochures about the lighthouse for public distribution and erected informational kiosks containing interpretive signage in Ft. Clinch State Park.

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Project: Key West Marine Park Reef Relief, INC.

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Reef Relief, Inc.

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: The project established a Key West underwater park that provides free, safe shoreline access to swimming areas for a swim/snorkel experience in an area that excludes motorized watercraft on the oceanside of the island of Key West from White Street Pier to Duval Street. This grant allowed Reef Relief to install thirty- three demarcation buoys to mark three swim lanes and two vessel access lanes and produce a site brochure for the new park. The park is a voluntary no-take zone as reflected in the site brochure that has been produced and is being distributed to beach visitors, resort guests and others throughout Key West.

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Project: Island Visioning Project

City of Jacksonville

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City of Jacksonville

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: This project seeks to consider the following key issues: commercial development, zoning and housing patterns, environmental protection, economic development and employment, historic preservation recreation and open space, transportation, public access to the river, and emergency management; in its revitalization plan using a community visioning process loosely based on the charette process. Because of the interests of the many cities, state, and federal agencies with stakes in this community and the huge amount of land in public ownership, this project will be unique. These agencies will serve as a Technical Advisory Committee and will be identified during this process. The charette process will result in a community vision that will be used by a Planning Consultant to develop a Master Plan for this community.

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Community Stewardship

Project: Dune Revegetation Project
City of Fernandina Beach

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: To alleviate chronic beach erosion, the City of Fernandina Beach implemented a comprehensive beach restoration project. The City is acting as local sponsor for biannual beach disposal projects which place beach-quality sand along the City shoreline beginning at the boundary with Ft. Clinch State Park and extending approximately four miles to the southerly City limit. To help ensure that these deposits of sand will not be washed away, the City instituted a dune revegetation program, focusing on the ten-block area between Dolphin Street and 9th Street. The dune revegetation program involved the recruitment and training of volunteers, coordination with Amelia Island Turtle Watch, and finally the planting of sea oats along the dunes.

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Project: Adopt-A-Shore Program Expansion
Keep Florida Beautiful, INC.

Contact: Kim Snyder, Executive Director

Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.
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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: Keep Florida Beautiful has developed new brochures and has increased their adopting groups. Keep Marion Beautiful, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Keep Daytona Beautiful, Keep Polk Beautiful and Keep Orlando Beautiful are now promoting the program. New data cards have been designed to make it easier for reporting. Training was provided to affiliates regarding the Adopt-A Shore Program. In addition, information regarding the program was posted on the newly redesigned Keep Florida Beautiful website.

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Project: Promoting Community Stewardship
The Nature Conservancy

Contact: Mary Enstrom, Project Manager

The Nature Conservancy
55 North Johnson Road, Sugarloaf Key, Florida 33042
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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: With the support of the FCMP in 2002, volunteer and partner needs were met through the Volunteer Stewardship Exchange's support. The supervision and Recognition of volunteer course was created and completed. Several partners piloted the course. Many more partners will be trained in the future and we should expect to see happier and well trained volunteers.

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Project: Naturally Panacea: Education and Workplan
Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, INC.

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: Wakulla County recently acquired a building and land in Panacea to be used as a welcome center and in coordination with the Waterfronts Florida designation for Panacea. Because the building formerly was a privately-owned restaurant, the sensitive tidal flats and marshes surrounding this building have accumulated trash in them for decades. Keep Wakulla County Beautiful developed a plan to educate residents about the negative effect this trash has on this fragile environment and to utilize young people's volunteer services clean up this area.

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Project: Seagrass and Shoreline Restoration in Tampa Bay
Hillsborough Community College

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: This project has two aspects; both designed to improve water quality in Tampa Bay. Educational components were included with each of the tasks. Task 1 involved the planting of

approximately one acre of seagrass (*Halodule wrightii*) in Tampa Bay near the Manatee Viewing Center (MVC), through collaborative efforts of Hillsborough Community College, Aquatic Subsurface Injection Systems, Inc., Tampa Electric Company, and community volunteers. Four locations were selected that contain 1/4 acre of planted seagrasses. Task 2 involved the planting of about one acre of seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*) along the shoreline of the canal near the Manatee Viewing area. The educational components involved the production of a video and brochure to communicate to the 160,000 annual visitors to the MVC the importance of preservation and restoration of seagrasses for the well-being of the manatee and other marine life.

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Project: Bayou Texar Education and Restoration
West Florida Regional Planning Council

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West Florida Regional Planning Council

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: This project was a partnership between the West Florida Regional Planning Council, The Bayou Texar Foundation and the City of Pensacola, to provide an educational outreach campaign to citizens within the 11,000-acre Bayou Texar watershed. The strategy was fourfold: 1) conduct a pre-campaign survey and water-quality sampling to set baselines for resident knowledge and practices and for water quality, 2) develop the program, 3) conduct public outreach/education, and 4) conduct a post-campaign survey and water-quality sampling to assess the changes in behavior and water quality as a result of the project.

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Project: Citizens in Action Bay Stabilization
City of Panama City

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City of Panama City

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: The bulkhead on Bayview Avenue was in need of structural stabilization to protect the road from severe damage in future storms. The area is used for non-motorized boating traffic but is currently hazardous and unsightly. This project stabilized the bulkhead, making it safe for non-motorized boat traffic. Stabilization was attained by rebuilding the bulkhead, removal of unsafe

concrete and rebar from the waters' edge and planting native vegetation to beautify and help stabilize the bulkhead.

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Project: Seaside Stewardships: St. Lucie's County
Adopt-A-Beach, St. Lucie County

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St. Lucie County

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FCMP Funding Amount: 25,000

Description: The Seaside Stewards Adopt-A-Beach grant was used for the purchase of ten sets of recycle bins and trash cans for ten parks. In, addition, a sign encouraging beach goers to pick up trash was developed and placed at these parks with additional signs for Frederick Douglas Memorial Park regarding horseback riding on the beach. Funds also covered the cost of t-shirts, hats, garbage bags, gloves, pick up ticks, and printing cost. The Conservation Alliance and the City of Fort Pierce were partners in this community stewardship project. Clean beaches will keep the tourist coming back year after year and will be good for sea turtles that nest on our beaches.

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Working Waterfronts

Project: Bicentennial Park Baywalk
Planning and Design Bayfront Park Management Trust

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Bayfront Park Management Trust

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: This project provided an engineering survey to determine the condition of the existing bay walk area and the bulk head. A professional consultant worked with the City of Miami and interested citizens to determine the condition of the existing bay walk and bulkhead to develop a visioning document for repair/replacement of an unsafe or unusable structure, so a significant bay side walkway can be revitalized.

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Public Access

Project: Mattie Kelly Wetlands Walkway
City of Destin

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City of Destin
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FCMP Funding Amount: \$50,000

Description: The Mattie Kelly park improvements funded by this grant was to construct a concrete pathway 23 feet long to connect to a wooden boardwalk approximately 515 feet long that encompassed the western perimeter of the park and provided ADA-compatible access to the wetlands. An additional twenty parking spaces were constructed, one of which were designated ADA van-accessible.

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Project: Waterfront Recreational Signature Pavilion
St. Johns County

Contact: Georgia Katz, Planning Manager

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$50,000

Description: In order to draw visitors and locals to Vilano Road to enjoy the waterfront and to shop, there was a need to create a publicly accessible structure and associated amenities that will ensure a safe and pleasant waterfront experience. The construction of a signature recreation pavilion and sign provided this public access and created a prominent visual landmark to bring a sense of place to Vilano Beach and to attract visitors.

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Project: Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve Access Road
City of Oldsmar

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$50,000

Description: The purpose of this project was to provide public access to Mobbly Bay. Education was the most effective means of understanding the environment and ecosystems of Mobbly Bay Wilderness Preserve. Making the preserve accessible created an open-air classroom. Construction of an access road and parking area allowed the public to view and appreciate a native Florida ecosystem. This solution provided access to land that was previously inaccessible. Development of the proposed access road as planned provided utilization of previously developed areas that connect to the preserve area. It protects the preserved lands and coastal areas from further damage and allows for public access to natural and coastal resources.

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Project: Phipps Ocean Park Dune Walkover
Town of Palm Beach

Contact: James M. Bowser, Town Engineer

Town of Palm Beach
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FCMP Funding Amount: \$50,000

Description: To provide beach access to disabled individuals in this popular park, an ADA wooden walkover was constructed. The carefully designed walkway also helped protect the dune vegetation for the enjoyment of visitors and health of the dunes.

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Project: North Beach Park Development
Fernandina Beach

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FCMP Funding Amount: 50,000

Description: This grant allowed the development of the park/beach to include an ADA accessible boardwalk with a picnic shelter and a gazebo, a pervious parking area that accommodates approximately fifteen vehicles, a bike rack, a waste receptacle and landscaping using native vegetation.

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Project: Sterner Park Turkey Creek Access
City of Palm Bay

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City Engineer

City of Palm Bay

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FCMP Funding Amount: 50,000

Description: The Sutton Park Project and Sterner Park Project combined grant sources to create an amenity that treats stormwater runoff and provides a new recreational opportunity for the community, while preserving archeological and wetland resources.

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Other Florida Coastal Management Program Grants

Project: Public Participation and Involvement
Council for Sustainable Florida

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Council for Sustainable Florida

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$40,000

Description: During the 2001-2002 grant period, the council focused on two major efforts: Identifying key elements of success in building coastal communities through the Waterfronts Florida initiative sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs and initiating the sharing success program for outstanding achievements and excellence in coastal conservation. Specific outcomes funded by the Coastal Management Program include:

- Waterfronts Florida: Key Elements of Success in Building Coastal Communities.
- A Checklist for Community Building from Waterfronts Florida Experience.
- A power point presentation: Summary of the Key Elements of Success in Building Coastal Communities.
- 2002 Sustainable Florida Awards for Outstanding Achievements & Excellence in Coastal Conservation to Create a More Sustainable Future for Florida, Conference Program.
- Outstanding Achievements & Excellence in Coastal Conservation to Create a More Sustainable Future for Florida, Program Summaries.
- Expanded information about Best Practices in Coastal Conservation in Florida posted on the Council for Sustainable Florida web site for nationwide dissemination.

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Project: Ocean Policy and Coastal Program Support
Department of Environmental Protection

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$122,995

Description: As one of the partner agencies in the networked Florida Coastal Management Program, the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Intergovernmental Programs is responsible for coordinating activities associated with State Clearinghouse and federal consistency reviews; the Gulf of Mexico Program; and offshore issues such as marine pipelines, military encroachment issues, and ocean dredged material disposal sites. As the state's designated point of **CONTACT** under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, DEP represents the Governor on outer continental shelf issues. Financial support from the FCMP is provided to support staff in accomplishing these duties as part of the networked program.

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Project: Coastal Program Support
Department of Community Affairs

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Senior Management Analyst I

Department of Community Affairs

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Funding Amount: \$40,000

Description: The Florida Coastal Management Program continued a program of coordination, technical support, and review through the DCA Division of Community Planning that assisted local governments in dealing with the cumulative and secondary impacts of coastal development. The Division is primarily responsible for involvement in the various growth management initiatives of the state, including the Development of Regional Impact process, the Areas of Critical State Concern program, and the local government comprehensive planning process.

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Project: Florida Seagrass Management Toolbox
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$75,000

Description: the 2001/2002 grant period comprised an additional printing of the educational brochure Florida's Seagrass Meadows, the drafting of the seagrass manager's tool kit, background research and drafting of a seagrass conservation plan for Florida, and production of a web-based application for searching and adding new information to the seagrass conservation project inventory.

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Project: Florida Blueways Strategic Implementation
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$75,000

Description: The FCMP partnered with the Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI) to construct an information management tool that will allow coastal managers to access complete and integrated information about their areas of responsibility. The core of BlueWays is a geographic information system (GIS) built around three environmental characterizations:

- Ecological: layers describing the management region in terms of both physical and biological characteristics;
- Human Use: layers categorizing and mapping resource uses;
- Management: layers including efforts at all levels of government as well as activities outside government such as habitat restoration by volunteers and private research efforts.

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Project: Waterfronts Florida Program: Administration Transition
1000 Friends of Florida

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$30,000

Description: To make the transition from contract-provider to in-house staff provider for training and technical assistance to waterfront communities, the Department entered into a contract with 1000 Friends. 1000 Friends staff will share with FCMP staff the knowledge and expertise they have gained and developed during the course of the Waterfronts Program administration.

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Project: Waterfronts Florida Program: Panacea
Wakulla County

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: As a newly designated Waterfronts Florida community, the Panacea community has already developed a vision for the revitalization of its waterfront area. This vision has been dubbed 'Panacea 2020 Vision Plan' and includes several objectives that can be accomplished with the technical assistance, funding, and training available through the Waterfronts Florida program.

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Project: Waterfronts Florida Program: Old Homosassa
Citrus County

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: The 'Old Homosassa' community is a newly designated Waterfronts Florida community. As such, the long term goal addressed was the establishment of a Community Plan for 'Old Homosassa.' This Community Plan was formed by a local visioning process and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) as part of the county's comprehensive plan. Goals have been identified by the community at visioning meetings.

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Project: Waterfronts Florida Program: Port Salerno
Martin County

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$25,000

Description: Improving the appearance of and public access to Port Salerno's Manatee Pocket is a key ingredient of the Port Salerno Community Redevelopment Plan. A pedestrian boardwalk extending along the shoreline of the designated Waterfronts Florida program area is expected to address both concerns. The design of the Manatee Pocket Walk was a necessary step towards construction. The immediate interest of the Port Salerno Waterfronts Florida Committee was to finalize the design of those portions of the Pocket Walk located on county-owned property at Manatee Park along Park Street where the commercial docks are located, and at the Port Salerno Civic Center Park.

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Project: Coastal Nonpoint Pollution: Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems Education
Department of Environmental Protection

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$50,000

Description: This project modified South Carolina's pamphlet entitled 'Septic System Homeowner's Guide and Record Keeping Folder' so it was more relevant to Florida's geographic location and program needs. Up to 500,000 copies were produced and distributed through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) district offices and the Department of Health (DOH) county health units.

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Project: Coastal Nonpoint Pollution: NPS Monitoring in Priority TMDL Watersheds
Department of Environmental Protection

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$196,000

Description: This project refined methods to ascertain the pollutant loading contributions of major nonpoint sources in priority Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) watersheds. The monitoring will be conducted in water bodies in the Crystal River to St. Pete Basins of Citrus County. Sampling included a combination of baseline, storm flow, and source identification monitoring. One area of focus was ascertaining the contribution of septic tanks to loadings of nutrients and pathogens in the Crystal Bay, Chassahowitzka River, Weeki Wachee River, and Homosassa River watersheds.

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Project: Clean Marina Program Implementation
Department of Environmental Protection

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FCMP Funding Amount: \$150,000

Description: This program has been designed and developed in partnership with the Marine Industries Association of Florida and its local chapters, EPA, the Department of Environmental Protection, Sea Grant extension agents, the Coast Guard, and others as a non-confrontational and non-adversarial approach providing a level of compliance not available under current regulatory processes. The project implemented several components for marina and boatyard operators as well as boaters. Funds were used to further implement a multi-component approach of marketing, technical assistance, workshops, and distance learning strategies. Marketing strategies were developed to encourage participation by marinas, boatyards, and boaters to adopt practices that eliminate or reduce pollution. Technical assistance was available upon request by marinas and boatyards from program partners. Web-based distance learning strategies provided additional access opportunities to those interested in participating over a period of time and convenience