

Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB)
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report
Report Date: August 21st, 2025

1. Tree Planting Program

- The Year 4 Tree Planting Program contract was executed on August 21, 2024. It includes an allotment of 719 trees for giveaways and 877 trees for drop-off.
 - Year End Status (contract expires 2025/08/21):
 - 865 trees have been given away to residents.
 - 828 trees have been dropped off through the residential drop-off program.
 - 84 trees have been planted on city and partner sites
 - Several city/partner plantings have been completed in the last month.
 - Spady Elementary
 - Lowson/Dover
 - Homewood
 - Linton
 - Congress
 - Lake Ida Road
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2. Tree Trust Fund

- As of 2025/08/14 the total amount of funding for the 5th year of the program is approximately \$93,000.
 - The initial proposal from Community Greening to continue the Tree Planting Program at the same level as the previous 4 years is approximately \$322,000, leaving a funding gap of \$229,000
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3. Climate Action Plan (CAP)

- Three 90-minute meetings have been held, and well attended, by representatives of the majority of city operational departments.
- During these meetings each potential strategy listed in the climate action draft has been discussed at a high level.
- Using a combination of Teams, Whiteboard, and a dedicated SharePoint site where all CAP documents are stored and accessible by any participating members of the team, we are collecting stakeholder feedback and keeping it accessible to all. The SP site contains references

as well as several working documents designed to capture comments from all stakeholders in one place.

- Simultaneously OSAR is working to “align” the potential strategies with the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan, which has a significant number of the proposed CAP strategies already imbedded into it. By identifying these parallels, we intend to establish a baseline and highlight the great things the city has already established as goals and initiatives. This will allow us to identify areas for improvement and establish clear goals for making those improvements. This will also prevent duplication of strategies or the creation of a conflicting set of goals, allowing for better long-term collaboration and a unified city vision into the future.

4. LEED for Cities

- The City of Delray Beach is registered for LEED for Cities v4.1 and was accepted into the 2025 Local Government Cohort.
- OSAR has completed:
 - A preliminary checklist to prioritize achievable credits
 - A crosswalk comparison between the City’s completed FGBC (Florida Green Building Coalition) certification and LEED for Cities credit requirements
 - A living Gap Analysis document, hosted on SharePoint, with supporting documentation uploaded for credit review and audit preparation.
- Completed credit category reviews:
 - IP – Integrative Process
 - NS – Natural Systems
 - TR – Transportation
 - WE – Water Efficiency
 - EN – Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - MR – Materials and Resources
- Quality of Life (QL) credit review is in progress.

5. Facility Energy Benchmarking

- Benchmarking efforts remain limited by the utility’s current data sharing structure.

6. Habitat Restoration & Invasive Species

- \$50,000 was allocated in the FY2024-25 (and the next 2 fiscal years) Parks budget for habitat restoration at Leon Weekes Environmental Preserve.
 - An updated more detailed plan for restoration has been received from Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC)
 - A meeting is scheduled with OSAR and Parks & Rec to review the proposed scope of work.
 - The Reef Institute
 - The final paperwork is being completed for the transfer of the \$40,000 to assist with the relocation of The Reef Institute to a larger and improved facility.
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7. Public Outreach

- No new public outreach
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8. State Legislation Monitoring

- GIAB members please share any items you wish to be tracked here.