

Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB)
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report
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1. Tree Planting Program · 5th Year dropoff program has delivered 165 out of 420 trees so far. · OSAR asked for the money to continue the TPP out of the General Fund, and Community Greening has a meeting with the City Manager to discuss the future of the program. · A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) proposal has been submitted to expand the Tree Planting Program, focusing on increased canopy coverage, prioritization of heat-vulnerable areas, and improved long-term maintenance and tracking.
 2. Tree Trust Fund · Additional avenues for funding the program are being investigated. · Boca Raton funds the program directly from the city budget. · Boynton Beach funds their program and many other sustainability and resilience initiatives through a development fee (0.05%) based on the total cost of development
 3. Sustainability and Resilience Master Plan · Passing of Net-Zero Preemption changes the architecture of this plan dramatically. · All progress must now be tied directly to tangible benefits other than GHG reductions.
 4. LEED for Cities · Currently sitting at 50 points, good for Silver Certification · Workshop held with operational directors and staff to review potential additional credits. · Targeting 60 points for Gold Certification
 5. Facility Energy Benchmarking · Benchmarking efforts remain limited by the utility's current data sharing structure. · Hoping to work with Public Works to get this data from FPL consistently and in the format needed.
 6. Public Outreach · No new public outreach
 7. State Legislation Monitoring
 - A) Housing Supply, Infill, and Land-Use Process Florida Starter Homes Act (SB 948 / HB 1143) Final status: · Did NOT pass (failed to reach final passage) Implications: · No new statewide constraints on applying local land development regulations to small residential lots. · Existing Live Local-type preemptions remain the dominant state housing override mechanism.
 - SB 208 / HB 399 – Land Use and Development Regulations Final status: · PASSED (with modifications) Implications: · Increased legal defensibility requirements for denials. · Greater scrutiny on fee structures. · Continued, but more constrained, use of compatibility arguments.
 - B) Infill / Brownfield Redevelopment SB 1434 – Infill Redevelopment Act Final status: · Did NOT pass Implications: · No new administrative approval mandate for brownfield housing.
 - C) Live Local Expansion SB 1548 – Affordable Housing (Live Local expansion) Final status: · PASSED (partial expansion) Implications: · Public land remains a priority policy lever, with retained local discretion.
 - D) Transit-Oriented Development / Transportation LDRs SB 1342 / HB 1183 Final status: · Did NOT pass Implications: · No statewide TOD mandate; remains locally driven.
 - E) Disaster-Related Land Use SB 840 – Disaster-Related Land Use Regulations (2026) Final status: · PASSED Implications: · Provides limited additional flexibility for infrastructure-related regulations post-disaster.
- SB 180 (2025 carryover context) Status: · Still in effect (modified by SB 840)

- F) Conservation Lands Transparency SB 546 / HB 441 Final status: · PASSED Implications: · Increased public notice requirements for disposition of conservation lands.
- G) Large-Scale Development (“Blue Ribbon Projects”) SB 354 Final status: · Did NOT pass
- H) Environmental Product Regulation SB 958 – Drinking Straws and Stirrers Final status: · PASSED Implications: · Local governments must align with state standards.
- I) Wetlands / Buffers / Water Protections CS/HB 479 – Land and Water Management Final status: · PASSED Implications: · Reduced local authority to exceed state buffer standards.
- J) Net-Zero Policy Preemption SB 1628 / HB 1217 Final status: · PASSED (effective July 1, 2026) Implications: · Climate-related policies must be reframed to focus on resilience, efficiency, and cost savings.
8. EV Charger Monetization · Met with Parking Manager and third-party providers regarding integration of municipal EV chargers into a managed network. · A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) proposal has been submitted to implement monetization, centralized management, and utilization tracking of the City’s EV charging infrastructure.
 9. Leon Weekes Environmental Preserve – Habitat Restoration · A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) proposal has been submitted for habitat restoration at the Leon Weekes Environmental Preserve. · Scope includes invasive removal, native replanting, and improvements to ecological function and resilience.
 10. Green Building Ordinance · Limited appetite to address this currently. We will prioritize once Sustainability and Resilience Master Plan is completed.
 11. Civic Owls Sustainability Internship Began a project unofficially known as “Digitize Delray” which so far has included: · The Sustainability & Resilience Data Improvement Project · Re-symbolizing and updating GIS layers for tree-plotter data. · Building a template for the “Sustainability and Resilience Data Viewer”, which will allow for dynamic user-driven interaction with the most up-to-date data. · The ArcGIS Experience will allow for the filtering of different characteristics, including but not limited to: tree condition and health, species of tree, biodiversity enhancement zones (BEZ), plant/animal species collection/spotting data, transit stops/routes, bike-ped infrastructure. · Developed Biodiversity Enhancement Zones (BEZ) mapping project and prepared web layer, with plans to collaborate with Parks Dept and deliver data-collection improvements · The Transit & Mobility Data Improvement Project · Integrated and symbolized PalmTran spatial data; digitized bus stops and mapped routes within Delray Beach · Advanced auto-alternative modal mapping project and bus stop redesign concept · Attaining bike-ped data from previous contractor · End goal of creating a “master transit layer” which is currently WIP · Meeting with relevant city personnel about real-time parking data collection and use, EV charger utilization plans for the future · Attended sustainability meetings/events and updated Spring 2026 GIS Deliverables Document for accountability. End goals are to: complete Transit & Mobility Improvement Project