

Green Implementation Advancement Board
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report
May 19, 2022

Tree Inventory

Tree Inventory project work continues. Phases including the inventory data collection, data QA, and review of the draft Urban Forest Management Plan, are complete. E Sciences/RES has been provided final comments from City staff. A meeting between City GIS staff, OSAR, and E Sciences was held on May 9, to address the transfer of GIS data, and subsequent use and updating of the data.

Tree Planting RFP

The Cone of Silence for the RFP process is in place.

Tree Trust Fund

Balance as of 5/09/2022, is \$568,516.40. The Fund will be used for Year 2 and subsequent years of the Tree Planting project.

Green Building Ordinance

OSAR and the Communications Office completed editing of the video from the Mar 31, 2022 outreach meeting with the development community. The video includes presentations by credentialed green building professionals giving overviews of the National Green Building Standard (NGBS) and the Florida Green Building Coalition program, and the Question-and-Answer session. The video will be used in continuing outreach efforts associated with the green building ordinance.

Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) Boat Speed Zone

The City of Delray Beach Police Department received a law enforcement vessel, transferred from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The vessel underwent minor outfitting and began patrols during the second week of April 2022.

Monthly Sustainability Message on Utility Bill

OSAR staff checked with Utilities and confirmed that the sustainability message will continue to be shown on electronic bills. The April message included information about The Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation and how residents can take the My Water Pledge: www.mywaterpledge.com. The May message is about spring cleaning and how to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste.

Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

In early 2022, OSAR began working with several Departments on Energy Audit, Water Audit, and Environmental Purchasing Plan projects, which are aspects of a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. This Plan is cited in the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan and consists of major projects that result in significant reductions of carbon emissions and money savings.

After preliminary steps for the audits were taken, direction was given to OSAR to apply for the Florida League of Cities Race to Zero cohort. This program provides technical assistance in collecting data and developing plans to reduce carbon emissions, consistent with the audits that had just been initiated. Cohort meetings will begin in June 2022.

Legislative Issues

The 2022 Florida legislative regular session ended on Mar 11, 2022.

SB 1024 HB 741 **Net Metering** - The bill was vetoed by Governor DeSantis on April 27.

SB 1940 HB 7053 **Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience** - Signed by the Governor on May 3.

Recycling in City Buildings

This initiative is running well. There have been no reported issues this month from City staff. OSAR staff is planning a follow up educational reminder to all staff about how to recycle correctly.

Recycling

OSAR staff is meeting with Parks and Recreation and SWA to discuss Recycle Right events. After the success of the Delray Affair, the City is interested in turning more of our events into Recycle Right Events. The SWA provides the recycle bins and signage. The City will be responsible for arranging pickup of the materials and including the Recycle Right logo on any promotions.

Climate and Art

OSAR staff held the first planning meeting on May 6 with partners for Climate and Art 2022. The theme for this year's event is Waves and it will be held on September 2 and 3. A basic outline for the event was drawn up. The logo and website will be updated as soon as possible so the City and partners can start advertising.

Plastics

A follow up email was sent to the businesses that OSAR staff visited on Earth Day, in regard to plastics, recycling, and interest in the upcoming Climate and Art Event. OSAR staff received confirmation from Hawkers that they are no longer ordering straws that are not in compliance with the plastic straw ban and switching to paper straws with their next order. See the following link to the website with the information from the pamphlet that was distributed to businesses along the Avenue on Earth Day by OSAR staff: <https://www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/office-of-sustainability-and-resilience/sustainable-food-service-ware-guide>

Delray Beach C.O.A.S.T (Clean Ocean and Sands Team)

The program is running well. The buckets with the sea turtle design were deployed on the beaches. Public Works is continuing to monitor the buckets weekly and replace any missing ones, but this has not been a big issue.

Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The City took part in the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation during the month of April. The Mayor recorded a video for the City which was submitted to the challenge and shared with all City Staff and on our social media pages. An email went out to all City staff asking them to participate in this initiative. Posts were made each week of the month to gain the most participation. Final City rank is not available yet. Rank will be available at this site: www.mywaterpledge.com

Habitat Restoration

OSAR has selected a vendor and is moving an invasive plant management project through purchasing. The project would entail work at Barwick Park and Orchard View Park. OSAR continues to look for opportunities to work with Parks and Recreation, on projects that will enhance the natural resources in City Parks.

July 19th Commission Workshop

OSAR will have an item on the July 19th Workshop meeting agenda. This item is a result of comments made after the GIAB Annual Report presentation. The presentation will address each of the points in the Annual Report, and give an overview of OSAR projects.