

Green Implementation Advancement Board
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report
June 16, 2022

Tree Inventory

The Tree Inventory project is nearing completion. E Sciences/RES has been provided final comments from City staff on the Urban Forest Management Plan and inventory data. A meeting was held between City GIS staff, OSAR, and City GIS consultant on June 2, to address the transfer of GIS data, and subsequent use and updating of the data after transfer.

Tree Planting RFP

The Cone of Silence for the RFP process is in place. An agenda item and presentation has been prepared for the June 14, 2022 City Commission meeting.

Tree Trust Fund

Balance as of 6/08/2022, is \$755,044.67. The Fund will be used for Year 2 and subsequent years of the Tree Planting project.

Green Building Ordinance

The next presentation to City Commission on this topic is scheduled for July 19, 2022. The presentation will address the six points in the GIAB Annual Report given to Commission on April 5, 2022. The Green Building Ordinance will make up the biggest part of the presentation. Commission direction will be requested regarding the approach to be taken in the revised ordinance. Kent passed the LEED Green Associate certification exam, and Mary plans to take the exam in July.

Monthly Sustainability Message on Utility Bill

The May message was about spring cleaning and how to properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste. Future OSAR messages on Utility Bills are temporarily on hold, as messages are being used to raise awareness of utility rate changes. The Utilities Department will let us know when we can resume sending out OSAR messages. However, there will be an insert included about storm water and flood hazards, provided by Public Works.

Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

OSAR staff attended the kickoff meeting for the Florida League of Cities Race to Zero cohort. This is a fast-paced program, with meetings held at least every two weeks. Data requests for fuel usage have been sent out.

Legislative Issues

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

HB 620 has not been signed by the Governor, as of June 9. This bill allows businesses to sue local governments over regulations which reduce profits.

Recycling in City Buildings

This initiative is running well with no reported issues this month from CITY staff. OSAR staff provided the PIO with an educational reminder email that was sent out to all staff about how to recycle correctly.

Recycling

OSAR staff met 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 would need to arrange for pickup of the materials and include the Recycle Right logo on any promotions. OSAR staff will continue to work with other City Departments to raise awareness of this opportunity.

Climate and Art

OSAR staff continues to work with partners on Climate and Art 2022 WAVES. The event will be held on September 2 and 3. The logo and website are in development, and should be completed shortly, so the City and partners can use these in advertising. A basic outline for the event thus far:

Friday Sep 2

Morning- Orchard View Park, Talk: Habitat Restoration Project, Partner with Orchard View Elementary
Afternoon- Arts Garage, Climate Change and Resilience Panel- state government, county government, consultant, and journalist panelists have been invited

Late Afternoon- Arts Warehouse, Opening of exhibit showing works from School Art Contest winners

Evening- First Friday Art Walk, Restaurant and Art Gallery events

Saturday Sep 3

Morning- A1A/Atlantic Ave Pavilion, Talk: Historic Shoreline Protection and Current Dune Restoration;
Beach Cleanup

Afternoon- Multiple partner events in development

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Plastics

Educating about single-use plastics remains a high priority for OSAR staff. A social media post on World Oceans Day (June 8) was done about keeping plastics out of the ocean by either skipping the straw or using sustainable alternatives. See the following link to the OSAR sustainable food service ware information page: <https://www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/office-of-sustainability-and-resilience/sustainable-food-service-ware-guide>

Habitat Restoration

Invasive plant management work at Barwick Park and Orchard View Park should begin the week of June 20.

July 19 Commission Workshop and Regular Meeting

OSAR is preparing a presentation for the July 19 Workshop meeting, in response to Commission request for follow up on GIAB Annual Report presentation. The presentation will address each of the priorities mentioned in the Annual Report. The Tree Inventory project presentation has been moved to the July 19 Regular meeting agenda.