

Green Implementation Advancement Board
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report
August 18, 2022

Tree Inventory

The Tree Inventory project is complete. E Sciences/RES provided final report and data, and a presentation was made to the Commission at their July 19th Workshop Meeting. OSAR staff are working with the IT Department to upload data and integrate with the software system the City uses to assign and track maintenance work orders.

Tree Planting Project

The City entered into an agreement with Community Greening on June 14, 2022, to continue the program, with a goal of planting 10,000 trees in total. Planning meetings with Department staff, Community Greening, and community groups continue, and acceptable tree planting locations are being identified. Planting plans have been designed for some sites, and will be designed for other sites that are determined to be acceptable. The first tree planting event took place at Atlantic Community High School on August 8, 2022.

Tree Trust Fund

According to Finance, the balance as of 8/11/2022, is \$596,066.67. This balance does not include the \$200,000 that has been encumbered per this year's budget for the tree planting project. Considering these funds, the overall balance of the fund is \$796,066.67.

Green Building Ordinance

The First Hearing for the revised green building ordinance is scheduled for the September 6, 2022, City Commission meeting.

Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

OSAR staff continues to participate in a cohort run by the Florida League of Cities. The cohort is designed to provide assistance for Cities participating in the Race to Zero. Responses to data requests for all carbon-based fuels were received, except for natural gas. OSAR contacted the Purchasing Department, and invoices paid to Florida Public Utilities were obtained. This company is the supplier of natural gas to our area.

Legislative Issues

The 2023 Florida legislative regular session will begin on Mar 7, 2023. Pre-session Committee meetings should begin in August 2022.

Recycling in City Buildings

This initiative is running well with no reported issues this month from City staff.

Recycling

Recycle Right events are still being discussed with Parks and Recreation and the SWA. Parks and Recreation put together a proposal for events they would like to include and are waiting for supervisors to comment/approve before sending to the SWA. The recycling initiative along the beach is moving

along. A meeting was held with Waste Management to discuss implementation and options are being considered.

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 is completed and has been shared with partners. The website has been updated for this year and will continue to be updated as the schedule is confirmed:

<https://www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/office-of-sustainability-and-resilience/rise-climate-and-art-weekend>.



Habitat Restoration

Invasive plant management work continues at Barwick Park and Orchard View Parks. OSAR staff has visited the sites and observed progress in eliminating invasive plants. Additional treatment and removal activities are planned for both sites under the current project.

July 19 Commission Workshop Meeting

OSAR made a presentation at the July 19 Commission Workshop meeting, per Commission's request for follow up on the April 5, 2022, GIAB Annual Report to Commission. The presentation addressed each of the priorities identified in the GIAB Annual Report, and it was well-received. Also at the Workshop meeting, the company hired to do the Tree Inventory gave an end-of-project presentation, summarizing the findings and recommendations to the Commission.