

Green Implementation Advancement Board  
Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR) Staff Report  
November 21, 2023

Tree Planting Project

The City's Year 3 Planting Program agreement with Community Greening became effective on June 14, 2023. OSAR efforts to identify planting locations and develop planting plans and manage the program are ongoing. There was a tree giveaway on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Old School Square and 248 trees were distributed. The next tree giveaway is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Delray Beach Historical Society. 20 trees were planted at Village Square apartments and another 21 were planted at Banyan Creek Elementary.

Dead Tree Removal

An agreement with Salgado Tree LLC for tree and stump removal services was approved at the Commission Oct 10 meeting. A project coordination meeting with the company was held on Oct 17. The initial removal efforts will focus on the 239 dead and critical condition trees identified in the 2022 tree inventory. Site visits to identify and flag trees have been completed at Lakeview Golf Course, Orchard View Park, and Catherine Strong Park.

Tree Trust Fund

Funds in the amount of \$178,220.41 have been encumbered from the Tree Trust Fund through fiscal year 2023-24. In addition, as of 11/13/2023 there is a balance of \$261,285.42 in the Tree Trust Fund. Combined, this means a total of \$439,505.83 is available for the current and future years of the program, or other tree planting projects.

Green Building Ordinance

The ordinance went into effect on Nov 1, 2023.

Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

A presentation on GHG Reduction and Climate Action Planning was made at the City Commission on Sep 18. This presentation was consistent with the July 20, 2023 GIAB memo to Commission. A resolution supporting the Regional Climate Action Plan v 3.0, produced by the SE Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (SEFLRCC) was approved at the Nov 7, 2023 Commission agenda.

Legislative Issues

The 2024 Florida regular legislative session will begin Jan 9, 2024, and run for 60 days. The Pre-session Committee meetings are underway.

Recycling

Work is ongoing with Neighborhood and Community Services, Waste Management, and other City Departments to increase and make City office recycling more efficient. Social media posts for the holiday season will be created.

### Habitat Restoration

OSAR staff have been working with Parks and Recreation staff, and George Gann from the Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) to build knowledge of habitat management methods. The agreement IRC was renewed in September and will run for another year.

### OSAR Webpage and Social Media Outreach

OSAR continues to meet with the PIO office to update them on OSAR events, and to discuss future initiatives. Plans for putting out a monthly newsletter are proceeding, which will be sent to those who express interest in OSAR projects, and those who sign up through the OSAR webpage.

### Tree City Application

The application to attain Tree City status has been submitted. The state coordinator has approved the application and it is now under review by the Arbor Day Foundation.

### SE Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (SEFLRCC)

The annual summit of the SEFLRCC is scheduled for Nov 16 and 17, at the Miami Beach Convention Center. OSAR staff will be in attendance.

[The Summit - Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact \(southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org\)](https://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org)