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2. **Be Involved** – Make a commitment to citizen involvement, collaborative approaches, and community partnerships.
3. **Promote Stewardship** – Be a leader on environmental quality and resource conservation.
4. **Meet People's Needs** – Promote opportunity, equity, and improved quality of life.
5. **Manage for Sustainability** – Adopt best management practices, systems and new technologies.
6. **Generate a Fair Return** – Sustain your program through productivity and efficiency.

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Watershed Technologies, LLC, used a patented stormwater treatment technology to tackle difficult to treat runoff from Grassy Island / Taylor Creek (a 50 acre parcel located north of Lake Okeechobee). The hybrid treatment system are comprised of both wetland and chemical components, treating up to 20 million gallons per day of Taylor Creek waters, prior to discharge to Lake Okeechobee.



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The Four Points by Sheraton, Tallahassee Downtown, is a 164-room hotel housed in a LEED Silver-Certified building. The hotel has initiatives in place for conserving water and energy, and reducing onsite waste and chemical use, a green roof, an employee volunteer program and advanced temperature management system.



The How Low Can You Go Energy Reduction Initiative at Driftwood Middle School raises awareness and reduces energy consumption. The total drop in Green Gas emission has been 23% since June 2008. The energy reduction program started at Driftwood and has expanded to the district level. Broward County Public Schools and the Miami Heat partner up for the NBA Green Week.



The Intergenerational Fruit & Vegetable Garden - City of Miramar organized the creation of a micro-urban farm, which has transcended the built environment to become an epicenter for healthy, economically viable and educational awareness.



The Mosaic Company helps grow the food the world needs while developing solutions for tomorrow's sustainability challenges. Mosaic makes daily community investments, works on land reclamation efforts, and strives to reduce water and energy-use. The Mosaic Coastal Education Center at Fiddler's Cove is an outdoor classroom created to teach environmental education to fourth grade students in Hillsborough County.



Town of Cutler Bay PACE District is a "Green Corridor" or Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) district - the first PACE program in the country that created a partnership of like-minded municipalities and private investors to ensure the longevity of the PACE model. The Green Corridor consists of the following municipalities; Cutler Bay, Coral Gables, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Miami, Miami Shores and South Miami located in Miami-Dade County.



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Agenda

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michael Hewett, Chairman, Sustainable Florida

Joe Treshler, Covanta Energy

Andy Corty, Publisher, Florida Trend

Tim Center, Executive Director, Sustainable Florida

Lunch

Award Presentations

Small Business Best Practice

Non-Profit Best Practice

Government Best Practice

Green Building

Community Engagement

Leadership Best Practice

Large Business Best Practice

Partnership Best Practice

Closing Comments

2015 Nominees

Amelia Island Plantation Community Association	Sky Train Corporation
Annual Clean Air Fair - hosted by the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County	Solar and Energy Loan Fund
Broward County	St. Lucie County
Castle Creek Elementary School	Tallahassee Community College-Florida Public Safety Institute
City of Palm Bay	Tampa Electric Polk Regional Reclaimed Water Partnership Initiative
Community Carbon Fund of Sustainable Tallahassee	Tampa International Airport
CSX Intermodal Terminals, Inc.	TECO Energy/Alternative Energy Applications Inc.
Dewar Nurseries	The Four Points by Sheraton, Tallahassee Downtown
Duval Schools Sustainability Program	The How Low Can You Go Energy Reduction Initiative
Earth Friendly Products	The Intergenerational Fruit & Vegetable Garden - City of Miramar
First GREEN Bank - Winter Park	The Mosaic Company
Florida Wildflower Foundation	The Mustard Seed of Central Florida
Florida Wildlife Corridor	The Santa Fe Renewable Energy Accessible Laboratory
Frenchtown Heritage Marketplace	Town of Cutler Bay PACE District
Friends of Peace Water, Inc.	UF Young Entrepreneurs for Leadership & Sustainability (YELS) Program
Gainesville Regional Utilities	Watershed Technologies, LLC
Gator Dining Services/ Aramark	
Get Involved Tallahassee	
GOAA GREEN Team	
Gotha Middle School, Patrice Knowles, Principal	
IDEAS For Us	

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plane) that automatically adjusts for stability and comfort with improved viewing.

St. Lucie County hired a Coastal Resources Coordinator to help protect and improve fishing habitats both offshore and inshore. Through this office, the Indian River Lagoon, a 156 mile-estuary, extending from Ponce de Leon Inlet in Volusia County to Jupiter, this key to the region's recreational and economic livelihood rebuilt the county's offshore artificial reef program and created the county's first official oyster reef restoration program.



Tampa Electric launched the **Polk Power Station Regional Reclaimed Water Partnership Initiative**, a first-of-its-kind project that offers water to help cool generating units from the cities of Lakeland and Mulberry and Polk County which had to manage nitrogen-rich wastewater that was entering Tampa Bay-area ecosystems. The water is treated through reverse osmosis with clean water separated to cool generating units while impure water is sequestered in two approved deep injection wells, safely below and removed from the Floridan Aquifer.



Tampa International Airport created a Sustainable Management Plan branded as LEAF (Legacy of Environmental Actions for our Future). The LEAF program is intended to represent the 7 priorities, 26 goals, and 33 sustainable initiatives that were identified through collaboration with Aviation Authority staff, tenants, and the local community.



TECO Energy/Alternative Energy Applications, Inc. together have conducted outreach in low income communities with Tampa Electric's Neighborhood Weatherization Program. Together they have reached more than 11,000 low income customers and installed energy efficiency measures that provide real savings and have a direct impact on the monthly energy costs for this set of customers. Their outreach and customer education efforts have empowered thousands of customers to lower their energy consumption and provided the tools to understand their energy consumption and savings.



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Florida Wildlife Corridor is a conservation advocacy organization focused on connecting, protecting and restoring corridors of conserved lands and waters essential for the survival of Florida's diverse wildlife. The organization showcases the need to protect the missing links in the Corridor, preserve Florida's waters, and sustain working lands and rural economies from the Everglades to Georgia and Alabama. A dedicated statewide Corridor will benefit wildlife, watersheds and people for generations to come.



Gainesville Regional Utilities is working with the City of Gainesville Public Works Department to improve water quality in the Alachua Sink and restore more than 1,300 acres of wetlands in Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park with the construction of a 125-acre water enhancement wetland to re-establish the natural sheetflow of water from Sweetwater Branch onto Paynes Prairie.



Gator Dining Services/Aramark makes continuous strides towards ensuring a more sustainable and efficient dining operation at the University of Florida. As part of the university's efforts to become a zero waste campus and Aramark's internal commitment to environmental, social and economic stewardship, Gator Dining has implemented a variety of innovative, measurable and tangible waste reduction initiatives.



IDEAS For Us is a Central Florida based, NGO taking action in energy, water, food, waste, and ecology issues. A innovative initiative called "Fleet Farming" emerged from the "Hive:Orlando" program in 2014. This pedal-powered food model is changing the health and sustainability of Central Florida one yard at a time.



Sky Train Corporation has found solutions to the funding problem by using Container Freight as a revenue source, adding passenger stations later for added profit or convenience, and gaining quick verifiable funding. The structure surrounds the modified rail vehicle and Safely guides the passenger or freight suspended partition (a tethered air...



2015 Judges

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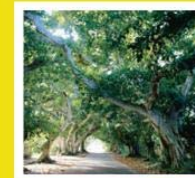
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Annual Clean Air Fair hosted by the **Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County** has grown into a signature public outreach event recognizing the month of May as “Clean Air Month” as designated by EPA. With humble beginnings in year one consisting of a few varied exhibitors and a modest crowd, the fair has evolved into a much-anticipated event that now routinely includes over 50 environmentally-conscious exhibitors and an attendance of over 1,000 guests, all of whom are presented with various environmental, sustainable, and energy-efficient concepts.



Broward County actively works to advance climate resiliency at regional and local scales through progressive policies, innovative planning, and active community engagement. Major amendments to the County’s Comprehensive and Land Use Plans with a climate resilience focus, advanced hydrologic modeling and planning to diversity water supplies, and shoreline resiliency strategies are keys to adaptation and mitigation.



Castle Creek Elementary School has been recognized for the past two years as a top “Green School” for the district with OPCS Green School rubric into the state standards for all grade-levels and all subjects. Student projects include growing vegetables in our garden for our food pantry, “Casey’s Closet,” as well as participating in a school-wide initiative for saving water through the hand washing our hands, and recycling.



City of Palm Bay was the first city in Florida to be certified as a STAR (Sustainable Tools for Assessing and Rating) Community, earning a 3-STAR rating in recognition of the City’s sustainability leadership. The STAR Program provides the City with tools to engage community participation and measure progress toward a common set of sustainability metrics.



Community Carbon Fund of Sustainable Tallahassee (CCF) accepts carbon offsets and donations from individuals, faith communities, civic organizations, and governmental groups within the Leon County area. These funds are used to provide energy upgrades installed by local contractors for local non-profits that work with our economically disadvantaged neighbors.



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CSX Intermodal Terminals, Inc., a subsidiary of CSX Corporation, operates the Winter Haven Terminal which incorporates three (3) state of the art, electric, rail-mounted Wide Span Cranes (WSC); four (4) LEED Silver buildings; LED site lighting and environmental controls to protect Florida’s ecosystem.



Duval Schools Sustainability Program initially focused a districtwide conservation initiative in 2005 on reducing electricity consumption and creating recycling zones at every school. The initiative grew to promote Green Champions – teachers who champion sustainable behavior at their schools. DCPS now has a comprehensive program that addresses the three pillars of sustainability -- saves millions of utility dollars (economic), reduces use of natural resources (environmental), and teaches students about the importance of green practices at school and at home (social).



Earth Friendly Products, a pioneer in the manufacturing of green household and commercial cleaning products, strives to create green products in the most environmentally-friendly manner. The company has more than 150 naturally derived and environmentally-friendly home and industrial cleaning products free of 1,4-dioxane, formaldehyde, phosphates, caustics, chlorine bleach, and other toxins. Their Miami-Dade-based regional manufacturing facility is carbon neutral and a Zero Waste certified facility



First GREEN Bank - Winter Park founded by Ken LaRoe helps customers understand that there is a better way to do business which is financially, environmentally and be socially responsible. With community outreach and employee benefit programs, and as a member of the Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV), First GREEN Bank, along with other member banks from around the world, have banded together to find global and viable solutions to the current financial system.

