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Introduction

As Frank Brogan, President of Florida Atlantic University, remarked at last year's Sustainable Florida Awards Program, "Florida has become a model for the nation on the issue of sustainability." An excerpt from his inspiring speech is included in this publication to remind us of the accomplishments and challenges we have in Florida.

We are pleased to share with you these brief summaries of the important work that Floridians are doing to create a more sustainable future for Florida.

With assistance from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Council for Sustainable Florida sought to identify outstanding achievements in water resource management and other sustainable business practices. We invited partners from state government, environmental and business groups, water management districts, and community organizations to make nominations for consideration. We appreciate their help and diligence in recommending individuals and organizations familiar to them from around Florida.

Board members of the Council for Sustainable Florida reviewed applications and had the challenging task of selecting the best. Our goal is to learn from and spread these award-winning best practices throughout the state.

We invite you to join this movement by helping to disseminate the best practices identified in this publication. We also welcome your participation by inviting you to tell others about this program, and to encourage others to submit an application for 2005.

Please visit our web site at www.sustainableflorida.org to download the application and learn more about the 2005 award process.

Sincerely,

MARY LOU RAJCHEL
PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Council for Sustainable Florida

The mission of the Council for Sustainable Florida is to improve Florida's environment and economy, while building a safer, healthier, higher quality of life for all Floridians.

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An Excerpt from the Speech of Frank Brogan

President of Florida Atlantic University at the 2003 Sustainable Florida Awards Ceremony

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) was a recipient of a 2003 Sustainable Florida Award for its innovative Environmental MBA program and hosted the Awards Ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale. President Frank Brogan made the following remarks in his keynote address:

Florida has become a model for the nation on the issue of sustainability. For many years we have had this at the center of our discussions, our debate, our considerations and our planning.

Considering our diversity, the fact that we not only get people to the table but also have meaningful and profoundly important discussions about the future of Florida—one of the most fragile and vulnerable states in the nation—is something of which we are very proud. This is an incredible accomplishment in a time when many states are either just now beginning to understand the importance of sustainability or are still trying to find a common ground.

This peninsula and the attached archipelago pay tribute to the fact that, when people can put aside their political differences, when they can put aside their cultural differences, and come together to embrace the fragile nature of an important environmental jewel, we will make certain at the end of the day that we are not just growing, but growing with a theme.

The theme is that growth and the environment should never be mutually exclusive. That indeed, if you don't grow with a plan—and that is what sustainability is all about—then you are guilty of nothing but growth that will ultimately see cataclysmic events take place.

Consider the day and time when the wonders of Florida would not be available to children in the next generation and the next and the next, and that those things which we and our visitors enjoy today would not be available for generations yet to come.

We aren't going to allow that to happen. It is too precious a commodity—this thing called the environment. We have a sacred covenant that we must maintain in an everlasting way for generations who have not yet been spawned. It is an incredibly important covenant that we hold sway over and we must preserve.

When we make our agenda the sustainability of this precious and wonderful peninsula and archipelago, it makes all other agendas pale at the end of the day.

When we create communities that are sustainable now and in the future, we indeed are making our contributions to the next generations, to the country and to the world at large by making and protecting this environment and seeing that it is indeed of the highest priority for all 16 million Floridians who call it home today, the millions who will call it home in the future, and the millions upon millions who rely on us to see after this sacred trust.

When we consider the restoration of the Florida Everglades, one of the most fragile, vulnerable and important water bodies of its kind anywhere on the face of the Earth, then we see how many people of how many backgrounds have come together to acknowledge that, no matter what other agendas might exist, the restoration to the greatest extent possible of that incredible and pristine water body is indeed not second on anyone's list in the State of Florida.

We're not just doing important work, we are proving to people all over Florida and across the country that, if you put those other agendas aside and set a course of sustainability for the community at large that you call home, you can accomplish great things.

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2004 Sustainable Florida Best Practices Awards Ceremony Agenda

The Capitol

Tallahassee, Florida

May 24, 2004, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Mary Lou Rajchel, President, Council for Sustainable Florida

Presentation of Awards and Recognitions

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Mary Lou Rajchel

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Council for Sustainable Florida Exemplary Board Member Award

Presented by Mary Lou Rajchel, President, Council for Sustainable Florida

(Florida Crystals Corporation will join the CSF President in presenting this award)

Julie Morris

Recipient of the 2004 Rosendahl Award

Julie Morris is the recipient of the 2004 Rosendahl Award for exemplary board service. As a member of the Council's Executive Committee, Julie has made valuable contributions to the Council's programs and projects. In particular, her leadership and service as co-chair of the Sustainable Best Practices Awards Committee have enabled the Council to improve its program for identifying and disseminating sustainable best practices.

Julie has co-directed, with her husband, Jono Miller, the Environmental Studies Program at New College of Florida since the mid-1980s. She recently joined the staff of the Provost of New College, as Assistant to the Provost. From 1991 through 2001, Julie served on the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Julie was the first Chairman of the newly organized Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in 1999 and 2000. In 2001 Julie was appointed to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, the managers of fish in the federal waters of the Gulf. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Council. Julie lives in Sarasota with her 16 year-old son and husband.

We are honored to recognize Council for Sustainable Florida Board Member Julie Morris with the 2004 Rosendahl Award. This award is named in honor of Dr. Peter Rosendahl who, while serving as Director of Environmental Relations at Florida Crystals Corporation, made many contributions to support the Council's work that is dedicated to creating a more sustainable future for Florida.

Recipients of the Rosendahl Award to date include:

- 2001—CSF BOARD MEMBER MARY LOU RAJCHEL
- 2002—CSF BOARD MEMBER WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON
- 2003—CSF BOARD MEMBER DREAMAL WORTHEN
- 2004—CSF BOARD MEMBER JULIE MORRIS

Exemplary Sustainable Florida Partner Recognition

Joe Kilsheimer, IMK Group

The Council for Sustainable Florida (CSF) is proud to recognize Joe Kilsheimer, IMK Group, as an Exemplary Sustainable Florida Partner. Joe has made many contributions throughout the year to support the work of the Council. As a Member of the CSF Public Information and Outreach Committee, Joe led the way in creating an important media partnership between the Council and the Orlando Business Journal to heighten public awareness of the Sustainable Florida Best Practices Awards Program and the Council's mission to promote a more sustainable future for Florida. Thank you, Joe Kilsheimer, for your many contributions to the Council, and for your commitment to *keep sustainability in the forefront of the public eye.*

Adjourn to Reception

Windsor Metal Finishing

KISSIMMEE

The folks at Windsor Metal Finishing Company keep thinking of new ways to reduce pollution at their plant in Kissimmee, Florida. The severe environmental conditions that prevail along Florida's coastline make their job as a custom applicator of high-performance architectural coatings especially challenging. The combination of high humidity, salt air, wind blown sand, scorching heat and high UV exposure produce the most severe conditions for organic coatings in the world.

When Windsor was approached by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to become involved with the Pollution Prevention (P2) project, they enthusiastically redesigned their processes to reduce pollution, save costs, and deliver a superior product.

First, they installed state-of-the-art coating guns for the priming and coating process. The newer guns are "smarter" at directing paint to the targeted surfaces, which results in a reduction of coating materials needed, and fewer emissions of air pollutants such as volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants. They discovered that this resulted in both environmental and economical savings, increased worker efficiency and improved product performance. The reduction in pollutants is estimated to exceed 50 percent annually.

Not known to rest on its laurels, however, the

Windsor team is currently improving its processing to include high performance powder coatings.

Powder-based coatings are solid and emit essentially zero air pollutants or hazardous waste. Since this is new technology, one of their tasks is to inform the architectural and building community about the durability and high performance of this new powder coating, which has been tested to withstand Florida's harsh environment for over 20 years.

To stimulate an increase in demand, Windsor is operating the new powder line one day a week, and is launching a new web site extolling the environmental advantages of high performance powder coatings to the "Green Building" community.

Both the adoption of the electrostatic smart guns for liquid coating, and the installation of the high performance powder line produce the ideal results of eliminating pollution at its source while saving costs and delivering a more durable product.

Sustainable Small Business Award

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Baldwin Park Development Company

ORLANDO

When the Navy decided to close the Orlando Naval Training Center, it left behind an 1100-acre concrete campus that had housed various military activities for the last 60 years. Long gone were native vegetation and wildlife. In its place were buildings covered with lead based paint, arsenic used in grounds maintenance programs, and large concrete box dormitories with baths on alternating floors—hardly desirable real estate by today's standards.

The City held neighborhood meetings to gain citizen input to guide the redevelopment effort that included: no traffic intrusion, lots of parkland, quality development and good schools. All these goals are being accomplished by Baldwin Park Development Company that is building the new community.

Reclaiming land that had been used for military purposes for 60 years and identifying and adequately remediating all environmental concerns was a highly specialized, expensive, and lengthy process. A total of 4.5 million square feet was bulldozed and 256 buildings demolished. Forty miles of asphalt roads were removed and sold for recycling. Reusing over 750,000 tons of recycled concrete material onsite saved 40,000 truck trips to the landfill.

Plans call for Baldwin Park to have approximately 3,600 homes at completion and 950,000 square feet of commercial (retail and office) property. The Village Center with its shops,

restaurants, office space and apartments will be the heart of the 1100-acre traditional neighborhood development. No new roads were needed to transport residents to jobs since the site is located in the heart of Orlando. An antidote to urban sprawl, this urban infill development requires no loss of natural areas to accommodate new roads

Today, there are over 200 acres of parks, including ball fields and playgrounds. Two lakes cover more than 200 acres, providing an opportunity to restore a natural habitat like that found in the last century. No houses will be built along the lake so that wildlife will be encouraged to return. A new stormwater management system has replaced the previous use of the lakes as convenient depositories

of stormwater runoff. Over 100 specimen trees have been saved and relocated with a 90 percent survival rate. Over 2000 new trees were planted.

As Florida continues to grow, a key question remains: How can the process of land development be harmonized with protecting ecological systems? The redevelopment effort at Baldwin Park in Orlando serves as a fine example of what can be accomplished when developers, citizens and governmental officials work together with a common goal to create a sustainable community.

Sustainable Large Business Award

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Florida Atlantic University Florida Public Officials Design Institute at Abacoa

The challenges faced by elected officials in Florida are increasingly complex as development pressures often collide with citizen and environmental concerns.

What are the design elements of a sustainable community?

An innovative group at the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions at Florida Atlantic University has initiated a new problem-solving, educational approach to help public officials deal with design challenges in their area. The Florida Public Officials Design Institute convened its first session in October 2002, and has helped 12 public officials tackle significant planning and design issues, thus helping 12 communities in south Florida.

Design Institute staff assists officials and their staff members select project sites and prepare briefing books for use at the Institute. Experts in planning and design, transportation, economic development, housing, policy and law, landscape design, retail and real estate development and architecture are involved on a voluntary basis, as needed.

In the days leading up to each session, the design experts visit the communities and prepare initial drawings for the officials' training. Day one begins with an informative and inspirational lecture delivered by a national expert (for example, Mayor Joe Riley from Charleston, was the first speaker). During day two, each official makes

a presentation about his or her site and related challenges, after which the design experts discuss the issues and make recommendations. Each official leaves with a list of immediate short-term and longer-term action steps.

The program includes a follow-up effort to support the newly trained public official in implementing recommendations by bringing

together partners who can be of further assistance. A tracking system has been established to follow some of the impressive accomplishments, including:

- Developing a strategic plan for mixed use development of a transportation corridor in the City of Hollywood;
- Creating a master plan to address the timing and urgency of development pressures in

South Miami-Dade County;

- Working with the City of Vero Beach to preserve the community's character and to stay within low-rise, low-density parameters;
- Assisting the City of Port St. Lucie in facing both the opportunity and challenge inherent in the tremendous growth occurring in their city.

With plans to expand statewide, more information about the Design Institute may be found at its excellent web site:

www.floridadesigninstitute.org

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Governmental Award

Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc.

Begun in 2000 by a group of ten individuals dedicated to promoting green building practices statewide, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. (FGBC) has grown to include over 120 businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies and individuals. A volunteer organization, members come from all parts of the state and include university staff, architects, land planners, realtors, landscape architects, builders, developers, energy raters, ecologists, educators, green building product manufacturers and marketers, as well as local and state government staff.

Formed with the goal of developing green building standards for homes, land developments, municipalities and commercial building in Florida, FGBC has created guidelines, standards, workshops, and educational materials that may be accessed through their excellent web site: www.FloridaGreenBuilding.org.

Two green designations are currently offered — for homes and land development— and designations for commercial buildings and municipalities are currently under development or in pilot phases. These standards are available for free downloading from the FGBC web site.

Three major developers are building master planned communities using the FGBC green home standards. Over 100 homes throughout the state have been certified as achieving the green home standards. The Florida Home Builders

Association has endorsed this private/public partnership of voluntary, non-regulatory building and development standards.

In May, the Coalition will hold its first statewide 3-day conference, called GreenTrends 2004 at the Florida Atlantic University Jupiter campus with the theme of “Green Building Enters the Mainstream.”

The vision of the Coalition was that through the use of workshops, conferences and educational materials on green building, a more informed citizenry will be created regarding the environmental, economic, and health benefits of building green. When an informed public starts asking for more green building practices, they reason, the demand will

stimulate the increase in the supply of green buildings.

The Florida Green Building Coalition has established Florida as a national green building practices leader by having the first statewide, comprehensive (homes, commercial buildings, developments, and municipalities) set of green building standards and third party verification system in the country.

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**Non-Profit
Award**

**Florida Farm Bureau Federation
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 Suwannee River Water Management District
 COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (CARES)**

Many of Florida's soils, which are sandy throughout, quickly unleash nutrients and contaminants into our groundwater. New research has led to Best Management Practices (BMPs) that can help Florida's farmers avoid groundwater contamination. The Florida Farm Bureau, along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Suwannee River Water Management District, have provided leadership in supporting a voluntary partnership initiative that is now being spread to other counties.

CARES brings agricultural associations, businesses, public agencies and farmers together to participate in an incentive-based, seven-step program:

Step 1: Local county Farm Bureaus promote the program;

Step 2: Farmer attends a CARES orientation workshop;

Step 3: Farmer fills out self-evaluation on the farming operation to assess environmental practices;

Step 4: Farmer signs up for the CARES program. Participating agencies help the farmer select and implement farm plans, which include a nutrient management plan. The private sector provides technical, educational and financial assistance;

Step 5: Farmer implements BMPs and conservation practices;

Step 6: Each farmer is recognized as a participant in the CARES program;

Step 7: When participating agencies verify that the implemented BMPs are protective of water quality, a Presumption of Compliance with state water quality standards can be established.

Today there are 115 farms that have been recognized for their improvements and received signs that designate them as a CARES farm; another 50 are in the process and under review. In the Middle Suwannee, where the program originates, 86 percent

of dairies, 95 percent of poultry operations, and 24 percent of row crop farmers participate in the CARES program.

The program has received such positive reviews that the Florida Farm Bureau has been asked to expand it, and is currently working with Indian River Citrus growers. Farmers in Okeechobee, Hillsborough and the tri-county area of Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia are also beginning to participate in the CARES program.

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**Business
 Partnership
 Award**

The Old Collier Golf Club

There are more than 1300 golf courses in Florida, but only one can claim to be the first Audubon International Certified Gold Signature Sanctuary golf club in the world. And this accolade only came after careful planning, management and commitment to creating a unique, sustainable golfing environment in southwest Florida by Collier Enterprises.

The 267 acres had been zoned for a planned 800-unit development, but the developers had a vision to create a world-class golf course that would complement and coexist harmoniously with the Cocolahatchee River, an Outstanding Florida Waterway, which comprises its northern border. With resourceful management of water as a primary concern, Collier Enterprises found a salt tolerant grass, Seashore Paspalum, which it uses on its entire golf course including greens, tees, fairways and rough. It is the first golf course in the world to irrigate with brackish water, and the first to landscape with indigenous plants that are halophytes (100% salt tolerant).

Water conservation is achieved by a state-of-the-art computerized system with soil probe analysis combined with visual observation by well-trained staff to determine the precise water requirements. The planting of selected, indigenous plants further reduces the need for fresh water consumption.

Over 50 acres of mangrove and wetland habitat bordering the river were set aside as a wildlife preserve and approximately 109 additional

acres of continuous native habitat corridors have been preserved for the protection of the plentiful wildlife that has increased substantially since the development was completed. Eagles and gopher tortoises, among many other species, are thriving in their new home.

The design and implementation of Integrated Pest Management has reduced the consumption

of pesticides, fertilizer, water and time, thus producing a substantial reduction in operational costs. The spotless maintenance facility, sitting on a continuous concrete surface, developed and uses best management practices in recycling water and materials, heating and cooling practices, lighting and energy management and cleaning of equipment—no small matter considering the use of highly corrosive saline water.

Golf course bridge surfaces, benches, trash cans and water coolers are made of 100 percent post consumer plastics.

The philosophy and approach to business by Collier Enterprises is reflected in their application: *“Incorporating energy-efficient equipment, and implementing energy-efficiency management policies not only makes good sense for the environment ... but also makes good economic sense. Economic savings, wherever they are derived, help The Old Collier Golf Club invest in our most important resource — our employees and the community.”*

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Sustainable Water Resource Management Award

St. Johns River Water Management District Water Conservation Public Awareness Campaign

How do you get the public to conserve water? As Florida grows rapidly and accommodates an influx of people who have little knowledge of native landscaping, using reclaimed water and other water-saving strategies, this question becomes more and more critical. As the recent drought proved, we need to focus more attention on water conservation.

The St. Johns River Water Management District (WMD) has assumed leadership in developing a statewide media campaign to change the public's water use behaviors. In a state surrounded by water, this is a long-term process that requires heightening awareness of the importance of conservation, increasing education on conservation techniques, and repeating the messages frequently enough for the messages to be remembered and acted upon.

The campaign is a mass-media, paid advertising partnership initiative that includes the St. Johns River WMD, local governments, water supply utilities and other water resource agencies. Begun in 2002, the campaign currently has 23 partners who have contributed ideas, support and funding for the ongoing campaign.

The primary campaign elements in 2004 include six TV ads in English and two in Spanish. Support elements include brochures in English and Spanish and materials such as newspaper ads, flyers, bill stuffers, and door hangers that can be

used by campaign partners in local areas. Benefits of the collaborative campaign include providing consistent messages to the public, reducing duplication of expense and effort, enhancing media-buying power, and creating a synergy between local water conservation campaigns and the district effort.

Conceived of as a statewide effort, the

campaign's excellent web site is floridaswater.com and contains useful, practical step-by-step tips about how to save water both outdoors and indoors. The campaign slogan is "Florida's water: It's worth saving." The conservation information and tips apply statewide. There are links to more in-depth information such as Waterwise Florida Landscapes.

The campaign has received numerous advertising awards that validate the creative approach and the clarity of the message. A recent survey in January of 2004 found that approximately 50 percent of the public recalled the advertisements (2 million people extrapolated districtwide) and that it had a positive impact on changing water use behavior. The public's level of concern about water conservation remained high at 99 percent.

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**Sustainable
Water Resource
Management
Award**

Destin Water Users (DWU), Inc.

Conceived in a barber shop in 1963, and started with one small tractor and an employee-owned pickup truck, Destin Water Users has grown rapidly with the area and now processes over 5 million gallons of water daily. A nine-member board elected by the citizens of Destin governs Destin Water Users. Their focus is clearly articulated in their application: "Our service area is right in the middle of a most wonderful area and both staff and board members desire to keep it that way."

In 1982 Destin Water Users pioneered in constructing a reclaimed water plant in the Panhandle where land is relatively cheap. Secondary wastewater is treated to a high degree and then distributed to public access areas for landscape irrigation. The initial user of the reclaimed water was a local golf course that took a risk, and now there is a waiting list of customers who desire to use reclaimed water.

With a focus on good stewardship of water use and protection of the natural areas, DWU is proud that its program both reduces the amount of water being withdrawn from the Floridan Aquifer and reduces the amount of nutrients reentering the aquifer.

In addition to the reclamation initiative, Destin Water Users is currently engaged in a septic tank elimination program with the goal of providing public sewer to all unsewered areas of Destin. DWU has been an ongoing supporter of

the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance, a volunteer conservation organization operating under the auspices of Okaloosa-Walton Community College.

DWU also actively promotes conservation of water and gives away low flow showerheads, faucet diffusers, and toilet bowl leak detector tablets. They regularly scan customer water consumption to identify facilities using excess water, and contact them to see if they can assist in minimizing water waste.

Constantly thinking of ways to improve water conservation, customer satisfaction and ways to protect their "most wonderful area", DWU recently initiated an engineering study of the requirements and costs of upgrading to an Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. With "Vision, Quality and Stewardship" as their slogan, they are a homegrown utility that has much to share with others in the region and state.

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Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Interactive Education Resources

We all live in a watershed, but what do we know about it, and more importantly how do we impact the quality of water in our watershed? The Southwest Florida Water Management District decided to establish Comprehensive Watershed Management teams, composed of stakeholders within the watershed, to meet regularly to identify issues and plan strategies for watershed improvement. At the top of its list was the need for watershed education—to equip the public with the knowledge necessary to value and protect local watersheds.

Thus, the Interactive Education Resources unit was created at SWFWMD to find effective ways to reach students, teachers, parents and other citizens. First, a newspaper tabloid, The Hillsborough River Watershed Excursion, and an accompanying teacher guide were developed and broadly distributed throughout the area. The project evolved into an interactive on-line virtual excursion through the Hillsborough River Watershed.

Today Interactive Education Resources take web site visitors on virtual tours of three of the District's watersheds:

- The Hillsborough River Watershed Virtual Excursion;
- The Watershed Excursion of the Springs Coast; and
- The Interactive Green Swamp Web Site.

All web sites have won awards for their excellent design, content, pictures and graphics, and educational value and effectiveness. The sites feature maps with various stops along the way where visitors find virtual reality photos, still photos and in-depth information. Web site information focuses on watersheds, water quality, wetlands and other habitats, ecosystem management, land acquisition and animals and plants that live in each watershed.

Guided by the philosophy that it is far more cost effective to educate the public about our watersheds and water resources than it is to restore watersheds, SWFWMD has developed a model initiative that could be replicated elsewhere in Florida and throughout the country.

These outstanding web sites can be reached at the Water Management District's web site: WaterMatters.org

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Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Cabinet will recognize and honor the 2004 Sustainable Florida Award Winners at the State Capitol on May 25, 2004. A State Resolution will be presented to the Award Winners for their achievements and work to create a more sustainable future for Florida.

2005 Sustainable Best Practices Awards Program

Plans are already underway for the 2005 Awards Program. Please help us identify additional noteworthy work and best practices by encouraging other businesses and organizations to submit an application for next year. For more information, please visit our web site at www.sustainableflorida.org.

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