

## **2005 Sustainable Florida Best Practice Awards**

### **Small Business Best Practice Award**

EkkWill Waterlife Resources, Gibsonton: A small business, faced with the need for growth but concerned over environmental limitations, chose to invest in tools and technology that allow both to thrive.

### **Large Business Best Practice Award**

Universal City Property Management II, LLC, Orlando: Devastated wetlands and contaminated groundwater is successfully restored to pre-polluted condition through private investment that has also improved the area's local economy.

### **Florida Government Best Practice Award**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Jacksonville, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection-Pensacola: Federal and state agencies join efforts to minimize the impact of growth and development in Florida's Panhandle.

### **Non-Profit Best Practice Award**

The Community Classroom Consortium, North Florida: A group of 30 organizations realized they could accomplish more together than they could individually. By combining efforts, they succeeded in developing programs that are providing teachers and students alike with a greater understanding of and appreciating for sustainability issues.

### **Business Partnership Best Practice Award**

Hillsborough County Agriculture Industry Development Program, Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic Development Council and Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, Tampa: After surviving rumors that the agriculture industry was nearing its end in Hillsborough County, several organizations developed a cooperative relationship to establish accurate industry data and make recommendations for the economic sustainability.

### **Leadership Best Practice Award**

Stan Carter of McArthur Farms—Indian River Citrus League, East Central Florida: Successful efforts to protect water resources from agricultural impact in east central Florida have resulted in a model that today is being incorporated into statewide water policy.

### **Hurricane Heroic Award for a Sustainable Florida**

Florida Power & Light Company (FP&L), Juno Beach: With little time to react between last year's onslaught of storms, FP&L employees worked around the clock to restore essential services to Floridians and reduce the economic impact to the affected communities.

### **WCI Green Building Best Practice Award**

Diane Marshall, Key Largo: One person's efforts to build a home with limited impact on the environment creates an unprecedented awareness of green building issues in one of the world's most environmentally sensitive areas.

## **Sustainable Florida Educator Best Practice Award**

Dr. Kris Thoenke and Dr. Katherine Dew, Naples: Two educators recognized that business leaders were ill-equipped to make important decisions affecting the collaborative relationship between the environment and the economy. Through a series of case studies, they developed real-world models and new techniques that today are helping adult learners and traditional students understand how to combine environmental protection with the needs of economic growth.