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Envision Florida

Defining Excellence for Florida's Economic, Environmental and Social Future!

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Envision Florida* - the e-newsletter of the Council for Sustainable Florida.

Each month, the Council will highlight upcoming sustainable activities across the state, distribute information about best practices and offer guidance to help you create a more sustainable Florida.

Council Awards Best Practices

8th Annual Event Held at FSU



Lieutenant Governor **Toni Jennings** was the keynote speaker at the **8th Annual Sustainable Florida Best Practices Awards** in Tallahassee. The Council recognized outstanding work in several categories including *Leadership, Small Business, Non-Profit and Business Partnership*. The Council also presented the **WCI Green Building Award** for sustainability excellence in the built environment.

This year's award winners included a major University with a goal to have zero-waste by 2015, a tree farm/nursery that doesn't use ground water, an odor-free project that processes livestock manure to produce energy and a solar/hydrogen-fuel cell partnership in a state park.

[Meet the winners...](#)

Council is Strengthening Educational Alliance

EASF works with Florida Schools

EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE
for Sustainable Florida (EASF)

The Educational Alliance for Sustainable Florida is a partnership initiative to encourage Florida colleges and universities to incorporate the concepts of sustainability into their curriculum.



Thanks to a generous grant from the **Darden Restaurants Foundation**, the Council is proud to release the compilation of case summaries with contact information for use in classroom discussion.

[To download the case summaries...](#)

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Council Welcomes New Board Members

New Officers Also Elected



The recent awards program provided an opportunity for the Council's Board of Directors to meet. Fifteen-year Council Member and outgoing Chairman **Otis Wragg** (Wragg & Casas - Miami) passed the gavel to Naples area-resident **Karen Childress**, Environmental Stewardship Manager with WCI Communities. **Dave Tillis** (St. Joe) was elected Vice Chair, **Ben Parks** (Florida Farm Bureau) continues as Treasurer, and **Richard Brightman** (Hopping, Green and Sams law firm) will serve as Secretary.

New to the Board are **Jim Sellen** (MSCW - Orlando), **Kathy Baughman McLeod** (Healthy Development - Tallahassee), **DeDee DeLongpre** (Univ. of Fla. - Gainesville) and **Eric Draper** (Florida Audubon - Tallahassee). The Council is especially grateful for the time and service of outgoing Board members **Guerry Doolittle**, **Becky Matkov**, **Marie York**, and **Mollie Palmer**.

[Meet the new board...](#)

Council Thanks Its Partners



The Council is always grateful for its partners and donors. Thank you to **Royal Palm** donors **Darden Restaurants Foundation**, **South Florida Water Management District**, **St. Johns River Water Management District**, and **WCI Communities**. Making a gift at the **Great Blue Heron** level are **St. Joe**, **Bonita Bay Group**, **Covanta Energy** and **MSCW**.

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CSF Sports New Look on Web



Be sure to bookmark the recently updated Council for Sustainable Florida website. The site features a new look

and a renewed focus on helping you to become a champion of sustainability.

If you have an upcoming event or want to suggest a link, just e-mail or call. We look forward to hearing from you.

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