

**WEST PALM BEACH
CITY GREEN TASK FORCE
APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS**

April 17, 2008 – February 18, 2010

- **February 18, 2010:** The CGTF recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City adjust its codes to allow a small number of backyard egg laying hens to promote better nutrition and food security, allowing homeowner's associations to opt-out.
- **October 15, 2009:** The Green Task Force recommends that the Mayor move forward on the creation of urban farms and community gardens with consideration for water and other resources, and to seek out available grant funds to accomplish this project.
- **October 15, 2009:** The Green Task Force recommends to the Mayor that a letter and/or resolution from the City Commission be sent to NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service and any other agencies determined by the Mayor or City Commission to move the Critical Habitat Designation boundary for Acropora coral North to the Lake Worth Inlet in support of the petition filed by Palm Beach Reef Rescue.
- **August 6, 2009:** The CGTF recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City accept free "turn off the lights" light switch stickers from FPL for City buildings that do not have automated lighting and to promote distribution of stickers to other businesses and organizations in the City.
- **August 6, 2009:** The CGTF recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City develop a tree planting program which allows citizens to donate native trees for planting within the City.
- **July 2, 2009** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the following Water Conservation measures be adopted:
 - To provide subsidy and/or rebate program, possibly supported by grants, which would retrofit interested West Palm Beach property owners with low flush toilet replacements, low water use washing machines, hot water recirculation devices, drip irrigation, rain sensors and rain barrels.
 - To amend the City's code to encourage rainwater harvesting and allow irrigation cisterns for applicable homes and commercial properties.
 - To require rain sensors with automatic shut-off for new irrigation systems and to phase into existing irrigation systems.
 - To amend the City's landscape requirements (as part of our building code) to require the use of native and xeric plants and reduce the required area of planting water-thirsty grass lawns while at the same time ensuring adequate pervious surface for rain/storm water infiltration.
 - To aggressively pursue a policy of removal of invasive non-native vegetation and have a program to replace them with appropriate native xeric vegetation. This should be coupled with an education program so citizens understand their role in saving water and preserving our environment.
- **July 2, 2009** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that native plants be included, to the extent possible within the existing budget, in the landscaping of the Waterfront Pavilion.

- **May 7, 2009** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the following Energy Efficiency and Conservation projects be considered for funding:
 - (1) Comprehensive Green Model Home to include Greening Your Home; and Youth Green Corps initiatives.
 - (2) City Center Solar Project with solar charging stations.
 - (3) Green Pavilion with recommendations of water conservation with water shortage as priority, solar hot water system and to investigate geo-thermal heat pumps.
 - (4) Retrofit Lighting in Parking Garages: to look at best lighting alternatives to maximize energy conservation.
 - (5) Solar Litter Container Collection improvements.

- **May 7, 2009** The City Green Task Force supports and recommends to Mayor Frankel to take all due and applicable emergency action to endorse a larger comprehensive water conservation action plan, including Phase 3 water restrictions, if deemed necessary.

- **November 20, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to the Mayor that the city make its best effort to support the accelerated implementation of the east- west express rapid transit bus route from the Wellington/Royal Palm Beach area to downtown West Palm Beach via Okeechobee Blvd.

- **November 20, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to the Mayor that the City make its best effort as a matter of public safety and environmental responsibility to proceed with the installation of additional facilities to increase the City's fuel storage capacity from the current level to five days and to include E85 fuel capability.

- **October 16, 2008** 'The City Green Task Force supports the recommendation that Grassy Waters Preserve be designated or recognized within the new City Center.'

- **August 21, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel to encourage the City to pursue participation in the Florida's Clean Marina Program and requests periodic reports from the City on their progress.

- **July 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City include snipe signs within the definition of litter under the City's anti-litter ordinance.

- **July 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City accept the invitation to participate in the Carbon Disclosure Project.

- **July 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to Commissioner Muoio that she reconvene the Committee of Neighborhood Presidents to mobilize against Roebuck Road.

- **July 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to the Mayor that City Departments stop dispensing non-biodegradable plastic bags to the public.

- **July 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends that the Mayor pursues establishing an Office of Sustainability, with a Manager of Sustainability, without any increase in the City Budget and that its future justification is based on savings generated.

- **June 19, 2008** The City Green Task Force is in support of the Intracoastal Island Proposal, South Cove Restoration Project, as presented on April 28, 2008, subject to the project manager furnishing a design description, periodic updates and notification of any proposed changes.
- **April 17, 2008** The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City of West Palm Beach urge Palm Beach County to seek alternatives to the proposed construction of the Roebuck Road extension so as to preserve and protect the City's natural resources and sensitive surface water supply, and to save critical tax dollars for necessary projects.