



## **2011 Environmental Stewardship Award Winners**

### **Business/Professional Award**

**Sunset Bay Marina & Anchorage** provides recycling bins and monofilament recycling stations along their docks, uses no pesticides or chemical fertilizers in their landscaping, and uses a solar water heater and fluorescent bulbs throughout their new “green” facility.

### **Government Agency Award**

The **Oyster Reef Restoration Project** is focused on re-establishing the oyster population in the St. Lucie Estuary via the construction of artificial oyster reefs, in order to improve water quality and restore habitats for many species associated with oyster reefs.

### **NonProfit/Civic Groups Award**

**Habitat for Humanity of Martin County** built and donated two affordable ‘green’ homes this year in East Stuart. The homes include features such as energy efficient appliances, high-efficiency air conditioners, and double-pane insulated windows.

### **Youth/School Award**

The **Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County** SWAT Teams (made up of members ages 6-18) from the five Martin County branches participated in neighborhood cleanups resulting in tens of thousands of fewer cigarette butts littering our community as part of their Tobacco Litter Removal initiative.

### **Unsung Hero Award**

As part of her involvement in the Great American Cleanup Extreme Martin Makeover, **Mrs. Thelma Washington** coordinated a neighborhood revitalization project to paint, repair, and landscape homes of needy local families, including the creation of three new Habitat for Humanity ‘green’ homes.



## **2011 ESA Specialty Award Winners**

### **Waste Management “Think Green” Sustainability Award**

Palm City Elementary for the Wildcat 2 Playground. The Wildcat 2 Playground brought together the community for revitalization and beautification efforts, and Palm City Elementary ensured that long-lasting recycled materials were used in the construction of the playground.

### **Raleigh “Riley” Jackson Award**

Mary Kindel devotes herself everyday through her work with the city to help residents and businesses reduce their impact on the environment, she volunteers her personal time to improve the quality of life throughout Martin County. As the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Stuart, Mary is the friendly environmental face of the city, jumping in to help wherever she is needed, and always with a smile. During her time with the city she has initiated many successful projects that have made a measurable impact in reducing waste and promoting recycling.

### **AT&T Innovation Award**

The Stuart School of Music for its ‘green’ renovation - adding a new energy-efficient metal roof, increased insulation, CFL and LED lighting, low flow water fixtures and low-E impact doors and windows. The business now showcases a 5K thin film photovoltaic solar system, allowing them to produce only 21 kWh per day of electricity in their first month!

They also included an educational kiosk with a touch screen monitor allowing visitors to observe real-time solar electrical production, as well as check the daily, weekly, monthly and lifetime environmental offsets provided by the system.

### **KMB President’s Award**

The Barley Barber Swamp is a 400 plus acre cypress swamp adjacent to the FPL power plant in Indiantown. This swamp is home to many vital ecosystems and had a declining vegetative palate that was in need of land stewardship and management. This project restored this habitat and opened it to the public for education and public benefit. The collaboration of partners who made this restoration and reopening for the public possible is wide-ranging and innovative.

Florida Power & Light is the owner and primary partner. They provided funding, direction and vision, whereas the Treasured Lands Foundation was charged with facilitating the actual restoration, design, educational and public access elements that made Barley Barber functional again.

The Foundation also partnered with the Seminole Inn in Indiantown to provide public access to the swamp, and the Inn continues to make reservations for tours, houses the bus, hosts the visitors and serves as an ambassador for Barley Barber.