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TAMARAC NAMED FIRST GREEN GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Tamarac, Florida – The City of Tamarac has officially been certified as a Florida Green Local Government. The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the built environment through conservation efforts which recognizes local governments for exceptional environmental stewardship, has designated the City of Tamarac a Florida Green Local Government.

Tamarac is the first municipality to be awarded this designation in South Florida, and also the first City in Broward County to win.

This award designation is the culmination of a formal year-long application process involving all City Departments and employees at all levels. The City of Tamarac was certified as a Florida Green Local Government on May 19, 2008 at the Silver level, having earned 31% of the maximum applicable points.

“We are thrilled with this accomplishment,” Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco stated, “not only do we continue to set the example for environmental stewardship, but we have been able to do it in a fiscally sound manner.”

The FGBC acknowledged the City of Tamarac’s commitment to the environment and praised innovative green practices such as BSO Police being trained in crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), use of energy saving computer equipment, the availability of a number of free and discounted green products, and a vast majority of City medians, streetscapes and facilities being certified as Florida Friendly landscapes. Most importantly, the City's designation has come at very little cost — most of the items that Tamarac received points for were programs already in place.

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