A Summary of the 4th Sustainability Stewards of Broward Workshop

Thank you to everyone who participated in Wednesday’s workshop.

With 53 attendees, 10 speakers, and a special site tour by our co-host…

it was another informative and inspiring event!

The Sustainability Stewards of Broward (SSB) is collaborative peer network, bringing municipal staff and other interested parties together to discuss best practices in sustainability occurring in Broward County. The topic of the fourth SSB Workshop held on July 11, 2012 was ***Local Agriculture, Urban Reforestation, and Community Transformation****.*

The workshop was co-hosted by Broward County’s Energy & Sustainability Program and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Presentations covered a variety of topics and practices, from urban forest management plans, tree canopy studies, street tree enforcement and compliance incentives, habitat creation and use of native species, to community engagement and examples of local garden and urban farm projects. After the workshop, the Housing Authority lead a tour of Northwest Gardens III, the first LEED-ND (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development) in the state, 5th in the world, right here in Fort Lauderdale’s Sistrunk neighborhood.

Thank you to our co-host and all of our speakers dedicated their time to share their stories and expertise. Some fantastic case studies were presented, and the group left inspired to take new concepts and best practice back to their municipalities to implement. By sharing our experiences, we advance all of our programs and help to move sustainability forward in our entire community. Thank you to all the participants of Sustainability Stewards for making Broward a more energy efficient, climate resilient, healthy and prosperous community!

Below is the contact information for speakers who presented at Workshop #4. See the [agenda](https://browardauthor/Sustainability/Pages/GreenNetworksandWorkgroups.aspx) for presentation topics, and if you were not able to attend, or have additional questions, our speakers have kindly made themselves available for event follow-up.

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