

# Sustainability Stewards of Broward Workshop Series

## *2012 Survey Results*

Fifty-seven (57) individuals (from local governments, businesses, non-profits, and citizens involved in community sustainability) responded to the Sustainability Stewards of Broward Workshop Series survey initiated by Broward County's Energy and Sustainability Program in September of 2012. Questions focused on gaining feedback on the previous year of workshops and understanding preferences for the upcoming program year.

### **Areas of General Consensus**

- Workshops
  - Length: Half day (3-4 hours) (94%)
  - Number of topics covered: Multiple topics, as long as the session is unified around a central theme, and time allocated is sufficient to cover ideas, maintain focus and productivity (78%)
  - Topics of interest: Top 10 topics to consider next year: energy, transportation, green infrastructure, sustainable economic development, water, grants, public-private partnerships, Smart Growth, waste management, and local agriculture.
  
- Presentations
  - Number: between 2-4 presenters ( 67% )
  - Length: 20 minutes (54%), (39% said 30 minutes is appropriate)
  
- Discussion Time
  - 10 minutes of discussion after each presenter (50%), (39% said 15 minutes)
  
- Networking Time
  - sufficient amount of networking (48%), (33% would like more networking time in the middle of the session)
  
- Respondents participated in active learning activities last year:
  - Speed Green Power Hours (63%)
  - Site Visits and Tours (45%)
  - Hands-on Training (31%)

- Respondents who would like to participate in the following active learning activities in the coming year:
  - Site Visits and Tours (82%)
  - Hands-on Trainings (76%)
  - Speed Green Power Hours (48%)
  
- Potential tours or site visits: new Art/Science Museum in Miami Bayfront park, Young At Art Museum and Library in Davie, Pompano Beach Compressed Natural Gas station, potential new biofuel factory in Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Dania Beach Nano-filtration plant, Miramar Community Garden, Resource Recovery Center (Wheelabrator in South Broward), The Salvation Army of Broward County Adult Rehabilitation (and recycling) Center, the Fruitful Field Community Garden, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital new LEED facility
  
- Workshop as a problem solving session
  - 85% would like the “workshop” concept incorporated into the series, where we tackle a problem or give feedback on an aspect of a project as a group.
  - Possible issues to “workshop”: plastic bag/Styrofoam issue, PACE/energy financing, green infrastructure visioning
  
- Municipal Green Initiatives Survey
  - 92% would like us to repeat the survey in 2013

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