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Broward Beautiful Grants to be Awarded

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs has declared 2005 as the "Year of the Environment." To further that goal, two Broward County schools and the Marine Industries Association will receive money for efforts taken to improve and enhance the environment that we all share.

On Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m., the Broward County Board of County Commissioners will award two Broward Beautiful grants. The presentation will take place in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, prior to the start of the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

"Broward Beautiful is dedicated to maintaining, protecting and enhancing Broward County's beauty, ecology, and environmental quality," says Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "By partnering with industry, not-for-profit organizations, neighborhood associations and others, we can make Broward County a more aesthetically pleasing place to call home."

One grant is part of the Broward Beautiful Butterfly Garden program, which provides funding to schools that wish to plant a butterfly garden. The School Board of Broward County will receive a check for \$1,000 on behalf of Arthur Ashe Jr. Middle School (1701 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale) and Pompano Beach High School (600 N.E. 13th Avenue, Pompano Beach). Accepting the check will be Principal Luwando L. Wright-Hines and Torrey Crozier from Arthur Ashe Jr. Middle School and Principal William Bell and Assistant Principal William Bankowski from Pompano Beach High School. Each school will receive \$500 for this project.

The Marine Industries Association will receive a check for \$5,000 to fund the 28th Annual Waterway Cleanup. Since 1977, the Marine Industries Association has organized the volunteer effort to clean Broward County's 300 miles of waterways, shoreline and canals. Last year, more than 3,000 volunteers collected more than 55 tons of trash.

This year's Waterway Cleanup will take place on March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 30 different cleanup sites around Broward County. Additional information is available online at www.waterwaycleanup.org or by calling 1-800-BOAT-001 (1-800-262-8001).

****Great Photo Opportunity. The media is invited to attend.****

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