

Community Partnerships and Education

Current Status

April, 2008

- PBCC celebrated and promoted Earth Day with scheduled activities at three locations. The Sustainability Committee and Service Learning Committees worked together in a joint-effort. Human Resources was also involved and offered Life-Work balance workshops for employees on the topics of residential solar and native gardening.

Feb, 2008

- Local chapter of the Sierra Club, Audobon Society, and the Palm Beach county Environmental coalition all promoted PBCC's Focus the Nation events.
- We involved numerous outside organizations in our planning and activities for Focus the Nation. Participating groups included:
 - Palm Tran & Tri-Rail
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Palm Beach Metropolitan
 - South Florida Water Management District
 - Spinnaker Group
 - Office Depot
 - State Representative Mary Brandenburg
 - Solar World USA
 - Florida Power and Light
 - Florida Farm Hero
 - City of Boca Raton mayor's office
 - City of Delray Beach
 - Animal Rights Foundation
 - The Climate Project of South Florida
 - Boca Elementary School

Sept, 2007

- In September, students, faculty and staff again reached out to help our community by participating in the International Coastal Clean-up. Over 100 volunteers came out to clean up Bryant Park in Lake Worth.

June, 2007

PBCC partners (in the environmental arena) with the following groups through the Environmental Technology Program on the North campus. The partnerships include internships, guest lecturers, and "various action and research projects."

- Grassy Waters Preserve
- Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management
- Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation – in particular the Okeetee Nature center
- Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
- Loggerhead Marine life Center of Juno Beach
- Everglades National Park (Fed.)
- Florida Parks Service (State)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Audubon Society
- Belize Audubon Society
- Jupiter Environmental Academy (high school group)
- Perry Marine Institute
- Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Palm Beach County School District
- South Florida Water Management District
- Ardaman & Associates Inc
- Jupiter Laboratories
- Environmental Consulting Service
- Tierra Consulting Group
- Riverwoods Field Laboratory
- Riverbend Park
- Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful
- Loxahatchee National Wildlife Preserve
- Friends of Jupiter Beach
- NOAA
- Pine Jog
- Folke Peterson Wildlife Center

In addition, a few faculty members teaching Environmental Conservation (BSC 1050) partner with Palm Beach County ERM and Parks and Recreation through Service Learning. Other than that, partnering seems to be based on individual faculty interests