

## Boca Raton Green Partners



Although it is well known that the Boca Raton community actively supports environmental programs, projects, and activities that promote community sustainability, it is recognized that a successful community sustainability program needs to include all sectors of the community, including the government, the residents, the businesses and the educational institutions. Unless all of the sectors understand and participate in forwarding jointly established goals and objectives, a community sustainability program cannot be successful. To facilitate the development and implementation of environmental programs and activities in the community, the **Boca Raton Green Partners** was established.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Boca Raton Green Partners is to develop and implement programs and activities that encourage environmental stewardship – often known as “green” programs and activities – throughout all sectors of the City to create a positive environmental impact on the Boca Raton community.

The Boca Raton Green Partners establish the goals and objectives for the environmental stewardship in the community, and each member of the Boca Raton Green Partners develops and implements plans and programs based on these objectives, report on the progress of these plans and programs, and coordinate efforts that bridge multiple sectors of the community.

The Boca Raton Green Partners reflects the community’s commitment to the environment, to meet environmental quality goals, and to forward the concept of community sustainability.

### **Boca Raton Green Partners:**

Government	City of Boca Raton
Residential Community	Green Living Task Force
Business Community	Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
	Other Businesses including
	Office Depot
	Lynn Financial Center
Educational Institutions	Florida Atlantic University
	Palm Beach Community College
	Lynn University

**Background:** Community sustainability is a framework that describes a community’s commitment to the future of the community and its residents. It gauges the commitment of the community in three main areas – environmental stewardship, social health, and economic viability. It is a comprehensive method to evaluate and improve the long-term condition of the community - a method of meeting the needs of Boca Raton now, without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future residents.

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The Boca Raton Green Partners enhances the environmental stewardship component of community sustainability. It provides a venue for the key community sectors to share information and experiences, and develop, implement and promote positive environmental programs and activities in Boca Raton. Based on the goals and objectives established jointly by all of the Boca Raton Green Partners, the individual partners develop environmental stewardship plans for their own areas and organizations, and share their progress in forwarding these plans. One of the primary benefits of the Boca Raton Green Partner Program is the opportunity for collaboration on projects and programs that increase community environmental awareness, education, and participation. The Boca Raton Green Partners facilitates an exchange of information and ideas, encourages others to develop and implement green practices, and provides an opportunity to share resources between the partners and with others in the community.

The Boca Raton Green Partner Program provides a framework for the development and implementation of green practices throughout the community.

It is recognized that the three components of community sustainability – environmental stewardship, social health, and economic viability – are interlinked. That is, that positive outcomes in one of the three components of community sustainability positively affect the other areas. Success of the Boca Raton Green Partners in forwarding environmental stewardship will advance the success of the community's social health and economic viability components.



**Boca Raton Green Partners**

- Develop Plans/Goals
- Establish Indicators/ Measurement/ Monitoring
- Develop Education Plan
- Community Green EXPO
- Community Garden
- Public Relations
- Collaboration/Shared Resources
- Reward Success

**City of Boca Raton**

- Operational activities and projects
- FGBC
- Certification Projects
- EECBG
- Strategic Plan Projects

**Residents**

- Green Living Task Force
- Conservation
- Individual property projects

**Educational Institutions**  
(FAU, PBCC, Lynn)

- Operational activities and projects
- Academics/Student Projects
- Programs (Focus the Nation, Earth Day)

**Business Community**  
(Chamber of Commerce)  
(Office Depot, LFC Development)

- Green Business Subcommittee
- Business Seminars
- Ambassador Program/Energy Audits
- Individual property projects

**Other Partners**

- Community Experts
- Palm Beach County Schools
- Florida Power and Light (FPL)
- Vendors/ businesses