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CITY OF SANIBEL
VEGETATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Any Issues the Committee wants to bring to City Council's Attention:

- Promote the use of the Environmental Handbook as a Community Educational tool.
- Provide a hard copy of the Environmental Handbook to the Sanibel Library.
- Continue the E-mail advertising for Plant Walks at City Hall.
- Restart "Grow Native" spots in the local newspapers.
- Supply an informative sign for the Wildflower Garden at City Hall to be designed by the Vegetation Committee.

Committee's Accomplishments

- Held 11 meetings on the first Thursday of the month except August at 1:30 pm
- Held quarterly classes and exams for Landscapers and Fertilizer contractors. A total of 75 persons took the classes. One person passed using the Spanish version.
- Conducted 26 vegetation inspections: 18 regular, 10 re-inspections and 3 final inspections.
- Conducted walks twice monthly on City Hall grounds to provide information on planting and care of native plants with an average of 20 participants. Literature provided to participants about native plants and gardening on Sanibel.
- Presented an informational Q and A session about native plants at the Sanibel Library
- Assisted Natural Resources with the Air Potato educational program including a weekly information booth at the Farmers Market.
- The Landscaper's Course materials are now available in Spanish
- Coordinated and conducted Arbor Day activities at the Sanibel School. A Slash Pine was planted. Special recognition of Berdenna Thompson was noted.
- Planted Sea Oats at the Lighthouse

Any Committee Recommendations to City Council:

- Continue Arbor Day activities.
- Continue City Hall Vegetation walks
- Co-ordinate with the school and SCCF to do dune stabilization planting
- Consider increasing signage of plants on City Hall grounds to aid in native plant walks and the Landscaper's course.
- Promote the use of native plants and the adherence to the Sanibel Fertilizer Ordinance as directed by the City.
- Assist the City of Sanibel and Department of Natural Resources with vegetation surveys as needed.

Members of the Committee:

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