

**CITY OF SANIBEL  
VEGETATION COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

**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.
- Continue the plan for augmenting plantings and signage on the City Hall grounds to aid in native plant walks and the Landscaper's course.

**Committee's Accomplishments**

- Held 11 meetings at 1:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month except August
- Held quarterly classes and exams for Landscapers and Fertilizer contractors. A total of 71 persons took the classes; Five persons passed using the Spanish version.
- Conducted an extra Landscapers course in April
- Conducted 36 vegetation inspections.
- Conducted walks twice monthly, in season, on City Hall grounds to provide information on planting and care of native plants. Literature provided to participants about native plants and gardening on Sanibel.
- Assisted Natural Resources with the second Air Potato educational program including a weekly information booth at the Farmers Market.
- Participated in observance of National Invasive Species Week in February, with a booth at the Farmer's Market featuring Sanibel's 8 prohibited exotics.
- Coordinated and conducted Arbor Day activities at the Sanibel School. A Slash Pine was planted. Special recognition of Berdena Thompson was noted.
- Amended the Vegetation Standards materials to include basic information on tree trimming and the proper trimming of Sabal palms.
- Established a sub-committee to work with Natural Resources to increase and enhance aspects of City Hall property used for the education of landscapers and visitors.
- Designed a letter to accompany the Certificate of Occupancy letter sent by the City to new homeowners, providing insights into the ongoing management of vegetation on their Island property.
- Updated the Vegetation Committee Procedure Manual

**Any Committee Recommendations to City Council**

- Continue Arbor Day activities.
- Continue City Hall Plant walks
- Continue the new "Grow Native" ad in the local papers
- Plan for programming about native plants for the students in the after-school program at the Rec Center
- 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 and other projects as needed.

**Members of the Committee:**

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