



VILLAGE OF PINECREST  
Press Release

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*Pinecrest wins 2015 Florida League of Cities Florida Municipal Achievement Award for Environmental Stewardship*

**Pinecrest, FL** – Pinecrest won the Florida League of Cities' 7th Annual Florida Municipal Achievement Award for Environmental Stewardship for its *Going Green* initiative.

*Going Green* features diverse initiatives to reduce the Village's carbon footprint. Some highlights of the initiative include:

- A Community Greenhouse Emissions report completed in May 2013 to establish baseline information needed to monitor the Village's effects on future emissions
- A climate change adaptation element in the Pinecrest Comprehensive Master Plan
- A multi-modal transportation plan enhancing connectivity within Pinecrest and neighboring communities
- Three public and free electric vehicle charging stations
- Green landscape code requirements
- The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program that facilitates green upgrades to homes
- Increased recycling and less electric and water usage goals

Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano notes that Pinecrest's 2010 Strategic Plan established sustainability as one of six core values and places municipal focus on increased energy efficiency and sustainable growth management policies.

"Having sustainability as one of our six core values sets a standard of measurability for our green initiatives," said Galiano. "To date the Village has implemented green initiatives from using high efficiency bulbs and switches to purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles and now including a climate adaptation element in the comprehensive master to plan, making Pinecrest a model for other municipalities nationwide."

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The Environmental Stewardship Award focuses on city programs that promote conservation, improve and protect environmental conditions, and/or provide environmental education and outreach programs within a city.

“The Florida Municipal Achievement Awards have been recognizing innovation and excellence in local government programs for nearly a decade. It is important for municipalities in Florida to share best practices and new ideas to better serve the citizens of our cities,” said Matt Surrency, president of the Florida League of Cities and Mayor of the City of Hawthorne. “It is my honor to congratulate the winning cities for their outstanding programs with the coveted Florida Municipal Achievement Award.”

The winning cities each receive a trophy, special recognition at a Council meeting and at the League’s annual conference, will be featured in the League’s award-winning magazine, *Quality Cities* (QC), and on the League’s website and social media outlets.

### **About the Florida League of Cities**

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities. Florida’s cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit [www.floridaleagueofcities.com](http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com).

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