

Tamarac wins statewide environmental honor

The city of Tamarac was honored Tuesday for having the most proactive environmental conservation efforts in the state.

The city received the "Environmental Stewardship Award," a new honor given by the Florida League of Cities. Tamarac was the only South Florida municipality to receive recognition in the league's newly established achievement awards.

"We got the official word yesterday, and we're really excited about it," said Jennifer Bramley, the city's community development director, who leads the city's conservation efforts.

Since launching a green initiative in 2007, Tamarac has offered \$100 rebates to residents who buy low-flow toilets and install waterless urinals, which rely on chemicals and filtration systems for cleaning. The city boasts that it consumes less water now than the beginning of the decade even though its population has increased.

Tamarac is also the first South Florida city to be certified as a "green local government" by the Florida Green Building Coalition.

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