

## **Sustainable Florida Award Given to FPUA**

At the 2001 Sustainable Florida Awards and Symposium were held at the Hyatt Regency Westshore in Tampa on May 24, 2001, FPUA received a Leadership Award. The Awards define excellence for Florida's economic, environmental, and social future. The Council for Sustainable Florida defines "sustainable" as meaning a fully integrated approach to the diverse but interrelated goals of a healthy environment, a prosperous economy, a satisfying quality of life, broad public participation, and vibrant, livable communities.

Candidates for the awards were required to demonstrate the ways in which their performance correlates to six Sustainable Florida standards. They are: State Your Values, Be Involved, Promote Stewardship, Meet People's Needs, Manage for Sustainability, and Generate a Fair Return.

As one of nine Leadership Award winners, FPUA was invited to take part in the afternoon Symposium. Lew Gilliland, Marketing and Energy Services Manager, shared information from our entry using a PowerPoint presentation.

Other winners included: the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Gulf Power Company; HydroMentia, Inc. of Okeechobee; Indian RiverSide Alliance of Stuart; Motorola, Inc. of Plantation; and Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Symposium was followed by a reception and an Awards Ceremony and Banquet. Lynda Keever, Publisher of *Florida Trend* Magazine, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Director Bud Boudreaux accepted the award. Also attending were: Manatee Center Curator Camille Sewell, Communications Assistant Ann Corbin, and City of Fort Pierce Mayor and FPUA Board Member Eddie Enns.

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## **Mission**

The Council, a private, non-profit organization established by the Florida State Legislature in 1990, provides a non-partisan forum for diverse perspectives about the advantages and opportunities to be gained through adopting a sustainable development philosophy for Florida. In this way, the Council promotes an appreciation and awareness of the inextricable link between a healthy environment, a prosperous economy, a satisfying quality of life, and vibrant, livable communities.

## **Goals**

- Promote sustainable policies and practices at the state and regional level through dialogue, education, and training;
- Develop criteria and measures for a Sustainable Florida;
- Create incentives and recognition, through award programs and other means, to individuals, organizations, and corporations demonstrating leadership for sustainability; and
- Serve as the leading, non-partisan forum for industry, government, communities, institutions, and environmental groups devoted to better understanding of, and stronger commitment to, achieving a Sustainable Florida.