

Leon County, FL Summary of Activities

- The county's Agricultural Extension Service held its first public educational workshop, Climate Change and Sustainable Living, on September 6, 2007. **The power point presentation from this workshop will be provided on Monday**, as I am experiencing technical difficulty with the CD that was provided.

- The Leon County Landfill Gas Collection and Treatment System destroys methane being produced at the landfill by burning it. Methane is a significant contributor to greenhouse gasses. 1 Mg of CH₄ destructed = 18.25 avoided equivalent CO₂ emissions.

- Leon County Commission held a Workshop on "Green Buildings" and Florida State University's Off Grid Zero Emissions Building on May 22, 2007. The Commissioners toured the building, which is an example of how local business, universities and local government can partner together to move the clean environmental agenda forward in a very literal way. The objectives and criteria for various green building standards (such as the LEEDS Program, and others) were discussed from a standpoint of how county buildings could take the lead as models of environmental protection to the community. The Workshop materials are attached (Adobe file).

- As a result of the Workshop (above), the Board passed Resolution 807-05 which approved membership in ICLEI, the International Consortium of Local Environmental Initiatives. for Leon County to become an ICLEI member, and support the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. This initiative by the Board sets in motion ICLEI's proven methodology for greenhouse gas emissions reductions as follows:

Milestone 1: Analyze greenhouse gas emission levels

Milestone 2: Set a reduction target

Milestone 3: Develop a Local Action Plan

Milestone 4: Implement the Local Action Plan

Milestone 5: Monitor the progress and report results

Current status: Milestone 1.

CACPS registration was completed on 7/30/07. Access to CACPS software used in this process was released and downloaded on 8/23/07. County staff is currently learning the software and developing a plan for data collection.

- The Tallahassee - Leon County (joint) Planning Department is attempting to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions issues through its planning process. Planning staff is currently strategizing how the Comprehensive Plan might be modified by Commissioners in the future to address greenhouse gas emissions, either by reference or specific policy initiatives. The Planning Department document (in Word) is attached.