



Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

Protecting Our Resources

We heard your concerns and took swift action to pass an anti-fracking ordinance. This activity is associated with collecting oil and gas from underground rocks and often results in harmful effects to the environment.

Our parks and preserves saw tremendous increase in attendance, with more than 18 million visitors (over a half million more than in the previous year). To support this growing interest, we re-opened the educational centers at Brooker Creek and Weedon Island preserves on Sundays.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS In partnership with Duke Energy, we held a ground breaking ceremony for construction of the Pinellas Trail extension from Sunset Point Road to the Enterprise Road overpass at U.S. 19 in Clearwater. The trail will complete a 70-mile loop around the County, promoting interaction with our green areas and providing safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists.



In an ongoing partnership with Indian Rocks Beach to preserve and protect the natural environment, dune walkovers will soon be constructed or replaced at public beach access sites. The walkovers protect the dunes to reduce storm surge impacts and provide habitat for local wildlife.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS Boaters and anglers now have convenient access to supplies while on the waterways, thanks to completion of the Belleair Causeway Bait House.

Did You Know?

We are into renewable energy. **Our Waste-to-Energy facility processes over 800,000 tons of waste per year.** This provides electricity to power 40,000 homes per day through a partnership with Duke Energy.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS We took steps to prevent flooding that threatened homes and infrastructure in the Doral Mobile Home Park area in Clearwater. Situated at the union of three tributaries of Curlew Creek, neighbors will now benefit from a \$6 million channel stabilization and creek restoration.

Thanks to you, our recycling partners and our robust recycling programs, Pinellas County has the highest recycling rate in Florida at 89%. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection awarded this honor based on our 2015 recycling rate.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS We continue to enhance one of your favorite parks. The new Fort De Soto recirculation bridge will improve water quality and fish habitat in the back bays surrounding the park.

If you live in an unincorporated area of the County, expect to see savings in your flood insurance costs. The County achieved an improved Community Rating System classification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that will bring a 25% savings for policy holders. This means you could save at least an extra \$150 per year, all while making surface water cleaner.

