

FGBC Annual Awards Spotlight Top 'Florida Green' Certified Projects at Orlando Luncheon

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, honored the top "Florida Green" certified projects in Orlando.

"Congratulations to the winners and our members who are dedicated to improving the green built environment, sustainability and promoting its positive environmental, social and economic impact in our state," said FGBC President Jeremy Nelson.



Manatee County

Neal Communities of Sarasota, Fla. was named single-family Builder of the Year with most homes certified with 282. Gables Residential of Atlanta, Ga. was multifamily Builder of the Year with 400 certified homes.



Village of Wellington

practices and sustainable techniques from a menu of available green options.

Points are awarded by FGBC for each of the individual green certifying levels - bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Numerical points are given for selecting and integrating individual environmentally friendly green products, best

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Welcome New Members

Erin Wilder
[Sod Solutions](#)
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Suzanne Cummins
[HBCA of Brevard](#)
Melbourne

Don Patterson
[REVA Development Corp](#)
Fort Lauderdale

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One of Us: Board Member Mary Tappouni



Mary Tappouni

The reason Mary Tappouni and the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) fit so well together is because they share a common mission-being a partner to Florida in sustainable construction.

The veteran Jacksonville contractor, longtime green builder and green building consultant became a new FGBC board member a few months ago.

FGBC provides Florida-specific green building certifications that include guidance on dealing with Florida pests, climate and extreme weather, along with internationally accepted sustainability practices.

"I like that they are Florida-specific, because there are a lot of things in Florida that are unique to us," said Tappouni, owner of Breaking Ground Contracting.

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Florida Green Building Coalition Partners with SEBC Again in 2018

The Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) and the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) have announced a partnership for the second consecutive year to create a "Green Trends" zone of booths and exhibits and offer green building education at the annual show.

Ramon Coronado
[REVA Development Corp](#)
Fort Lauderdale

Sarah Creekmore
[Highlands County Habitat for Humanity](#)
Sebring

Education Opportunities

[Energy Star Webinars](#)

[Florida Solar Energy Center \(FSEC\)](#)

[Building America Webinars](#)

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Calendar of Events

June 7-8, 2018
ULI Florida Conference
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples
Naples, Florida
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June 6-8
Florida Planning & Zoning Association Annual Meeting
ALOFT Hotel
Orlando, Fla.
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June 26-29
Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orlando, Fla.
[\[MORE\]](#)

Aug. 15-18
2018 Southeast Building Conference (SEBC)
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Orlando, Fla.
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August 16-18
Florida League of Cities Annual Conference
The Diplomat Beach Resort
Hollywood, Fla.
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Sept. 11-14
American Planning Association

Celebrating its 40th year, SEBC will be held at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, Fla., Aug. 16-17.



With a goal of education, verified third-party certifications and advocacy since being founded in 2000, FGBC is by far the largest certifier of green homes, residential communities, high-rises, local governments and commercial buildings in

the state with over 17,100 certified.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase our state's leadership in promoting and building green. SEBC continues to grow and be a must attend event for decision makers in the residential construction industry and suppliers for builders and developers," said Drew Smith, SEBC chairman and COO of Two Trails, Inc., a world-wide sustainable building consulting firm.

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Florida Green Building Coalition Takes Stock in Future - Teaches @ FBA Annual Conference

Despite the incredible growth of Florida's population and economy, the construction industry is facing a skilled workforce shortage.



The Florida Green Building Coalition promotes the local construction industry as a great career opportunity to Florida's future employees, industry leaders by sponsoring this year's Future Builders of America (FBA) Spring Conference.

FGBC Board Member Bill Kachman (left) and FGBC Education Committee Chair Ralph Locke taught classes and interacted with these future industry leaders at the 2018 FBA Leadership Conference.

Florida Annual Conference

Palm Beach County
Convention Center
West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Certification News

Homes

Registered: 17,202
Certified: 17,125

Commercial

Registered: 59
Certified: 18

High Rise

Registered: 66
Certified: 27

Land Developments

Registered: 62
Certified: 13

Local Government

Registered: 94
Certified: 74

Recent Certifications

North Miami
City of North Miami
Local Government
Silver

Recent Registrations

Miami
CUBE
Commercial

FGBC Committee Meetings

Board of Directors

2nd Wednesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Commercial

1st Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Education

1st Thursday
Monthly
3 p.m.

The mission is to engage in construction educational activities and help youth understand and pursue rewarding careers in construction. FGBC was also a sponsor of the conference.

Members Out Front for Earth Day Events



As Earth Day approaches communities across the state are finding themselves faced with opportunities that require novel approaches and collaborative problem-solving, especially as they strive to develop inclusive and sustainable environments.

FGBC members' dedication, creativity and innovation, supported by technology and advanced via passionate grassroots engagement, are the tools that are making a difference in Florida.

- Earth Day @ Kennedy Space Center
- 13th Annual Central Florida Earth Day
- Earth Day Festival at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- St. Petersburg Fifth Annual Earth Day Festival
- City of Hollywood Green Team Earth Day Event
- Earth Day 2018 Celebration Jacksonville Landing

High-Rise

3rd Tuesday
Monthly
11 a.m.

Homes

2nd Tuesday
Monthly
2 p.m.

Land Development

4th Wednesday
Bi-Monthly
2 p.m.

Local Government

3rd Thursday
Monthly
10:30 a.m.

Programs & Promotions

3rd Tuesday
Monthly
3 p.m.

Funding Opportunities

[St. Johns River WMD Water Programs](#)

[South Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[Southwest Florida WMD Water Programs](#)

[FHFC Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program \(MERP\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[APA Florida Job Board](#)

[Florida Facility Managers Assn Job Board](#)

[Green Dream Jobs](#)

- Earth Day 2018 Celebration at Washington Oaks

[Share your photos, video and stories](#) on how you got involved on Earth Day 2018 so we can feature you in the newsletter and our social media.

Join the conversation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)



Going Green? In Florida, You Have a Choice



FGBC Board member Barry Faske presented the "Florida Green" story to a partners meeting of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance in Tamarac, Fla.

Faske with Laura Karpaviciute, management analyst with the Tamarac City Manager's Office.