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Environmental Awards & Recognition

The Tree City USA Growth Award is provided by The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help the leaders of all Tree City USAs plan for improving community tree care. Palm Coast has earned the Growth Award every year since 2006.



The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, annually recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources. Palm Coast has earned the Tree City USA recognition each year since 2005.

Received the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) 2016 Green Achievement Award for being a FGBC Certified Green Local Government and receiving the highest score of a certifying City

Excellence in Education Award from the Northeast Florida Regional Council for the Children Helping In Resource Protection (CHIRP)

A story about the Children Helping In Resources Protection (C.H.I.R.P.) program was featured in the City Spotlight section of the January/February 2016 edition of the Quality Cities magazine of the Florida League of Cities. The story highlights how the program helps children learn the importance of Florida's natural resources.

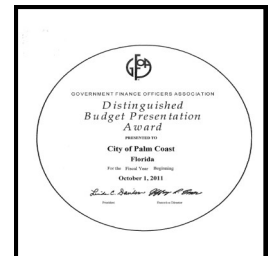
Palm Coast City Hall was awarded LEED certification at the Silver level for design and construction that demonstrates high performance in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Palm Coast is the fifth City Hall in Florida to be LEED-certified.

Communications & Marketing Awards

- ✓ Bronze Telly Award in the TV Programs, Segments, or Promotional Pieces – Information category was received for the Zombie Survival Guide to Bicycle Safety PSA created in partnership with the Fire Department.
- ✓ The Northeast Florida Regional Council’s Excellence in Public Safety Award for the “Change Your Batteries” smoke detector fire prevention PSA video.
- ✓ Two Communicator Awards – an Award of Excellence for the “Walk Through Life” Parks & Recreation video, in the Public Relations category; and an Award of Distinction for “Change Your Batteries,” a Fire PSA, in the Public Safety category.
- ✓ A Bronze Telly Award of Excellence for the “Are You In?” economic development video, in the category of Government Relations.
- ✓ First place in the 2015 Government Programming Awards given by NATOA, for the “Walk through Life” Parks & Recreation video, in the Profile of a City/County government category. Also, honorable mention for “Walk through Life” for Innovative Use of Video.

Finance Awards

The GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was received for the fiscal year 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the 15th consecutive year the City of Palm Coast has received this award.



The GFOA Budget Presentation award was received for the fiscal year 2016 budget document. This is the 13th consecutive year the City of Palm Coast has received this award.

The GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement for Popular Annual Financial Reporting was received for the fiscal year 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is the 3rd consecutive year the City of Palm Coast has received this award.



The ICMA Center for Performance Analytics recognized the City of Palm Coast for the third year in a row for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Distinction. Palm Coast is among eight jurisdictions receiving the Certificate of Distinction, and one of 52 recognized overall.

Utility Department Awards

The Palm Coast "Water Buoys" team represented the city well by, once again, taking first place in both the State and the National Top-Ops competitions hosted by the American Water Works Association. The College Bowl style competition is a true test of the contestants' dedication to the water treatment profession. Competing against some of the best water treatment professionals across the country, this is the tenth time the City of Palm Coast team has won the State contest and the sixth time for the National title.



The City of Palm Coast placed fifth in the nation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, among cities with populations of 30,000 to 99,999. This is Palm Coast's second time participating in the annual program in which residents pledge to conserve water and cut pollution.

Trip Advisor named the top 20 vacation rental destinations in the U.S. in April 2015, and Palm Coast scored the highest out of the 6 Florida destinations on the list! Read "6 Praiseworthy Florida Vacation Spots" at: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/VacationRentalsBlog/2015/04/09/6-praiseworthy-florida-vacation-spots-to-add-to-your-bucket-list/>

The City of Palm Coast was honored as a 2015 Healthy Weight Community Champion by the Florida Surgeon General - in recognition of the Parks & Recreation Department's annual Palm Coast Running Series. The Surgeon General of the Florida Department of Health's "Healthiest Weight Florida" campaign is a public-private collaboration to help Florida's children and adults make informed, consistent choices about healthy eating and active living.

In August 2014, Forbes magazine named Palm Coast as the nation's No. 7 City for the Best Small Places for Business and Careers. One of the criteria for placing Palm Coast over areas such as Dubuque, Iowa, and Auburn, Alabama, was the community's efforts to grow tourism and technology industries.

See the story at: www.forbes.com/pictures/mli45ekgej/7-palm-coast-fla

Where To Retire magazine selected Palm Coast among its Top Eight Low-Cost Cities in the U.S. for retirement. The story showcasing Palm Coast was featured in the magazine's September/October 2014 edition.



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