The Our Home for Life Sustainability Plan is a set of goals and strategies that serve to integrate sustainability into our culture, decision-making and governance, making it a key component of our policies, programs, services and initiatives.

2018 Annual

Sustainability Highlights

ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT FLORIDA

Our HOME for Life
Healthy · Prosperous · Connected
Orange County, Florida

ACHIEVING SUCCESS:

New trails connect people to nature and promote health. A new section of the Florida National Scenic Trail opened this spring in Orange County's Split Oak Forest; grant funding will fill the ORANGE gap in the 250-mile Coast-to-Coast Connector; and a groundbreaking for the new Shingle Creek Trail will add to the existing 53.5 miles of paved trails maintained for walkers, runners, skaters, cyclists, and equestrians.

ARTS & CULTURE
Maintaining and enhancing Orange County's position as a leader in arts and cultural attractions will provide vibrant experiences for both local residents and the millions of tourists who support our economy.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT
We are envisioning a built environment that promotes health and economic vitality while using natural resources efficiently through an emphasis on high-performance buildings and connectivity of communities.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Through outreach and engagement opportunities, we will create communities with more actively involved residents, improved employment opportunities, higher participation in government and increased volunteerism.

COMMUNITY
Creating safe, healthy and connected communities that will allow Orange County residents to thrive and maximize quality of life.

EDUCATION
By enhancing Orange County's educational opportunities and improving the academic environment in which students grow, we will ensure that graduates are better prepared for life and enter the workforce as well-educated and productive individuals.

MOBILITY
By increasing mobility options such as mass transit, walkability and bike infrastructure, we can reduce pollution and create a better-connected Orange County, with healthier and active residents.

NATURAL RESOURCES
We are working toward responsible management and conservation of our natural resources to ensure that we have a clean and healthy environment to live, work and raise a family while allowing people and wildlife to thrive.

View the Our Home for Life Plan at www.ochomeforlife.net.

MEASURING PROGRESS:

GOAL | **Green and open spaces are preserved and valued**

STRATEGY 3
Strengthen regional trail, bike trail, waterway, and park systems to promote healthy lifestyles and ecotourism.

Target Metric (2020): 58 miles of paved, multi-purpose trails

Current Metric (2018): 53.5 miles of paved, multi-purpose trails

The INVEST in Our Home for Life program has resulted in many projects transforming our region for current and future generations. Several interesting and outstanding achievements of our sustainability efforts within the past year are highlighted below.

GET INVOLVED!

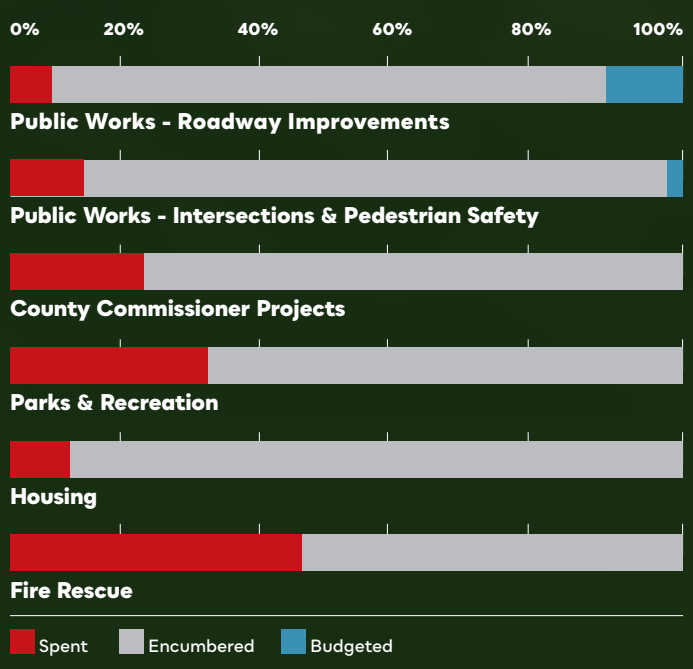
Bring your education and insight to the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) and help shape our community. Whether you choose to serve as a member or an attendee, your community will benefit from your valuable experiences. The SAB monitors the progress and implementation of the Sustainability Plan and provides recommendations and annual reports to the Board of County Commissioners. The SAB meets every other month on the fourth Thursday. Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas can be found on the ocfl.net County Calendar.

Sustainability Advisory Board Members

John Martinez, Chair
Melvin Pittman, Vice-Chair
Tommy Boroughs
Samuel Graham
Hal Kantor
Byron Knibbs
Kenneth Peach
Christopher Rizzolo

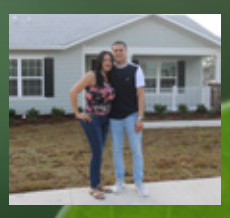
INVEST

In 2013, Orange County created a Roadmap to Sustainability that expanded upon existing projects highlighting our commitment to the safety of our residents and visitors, protection and preservation of our natural resources, energy efficiency in our buildings and streets, along with sustainable development practices. In 2015, this trend was given an even greater level of commitment for the future, with $300 million allocated towards six different budget areas to bring about a more healthy, prosperous and livable community in Orange County, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations.



Within each of the budgeted areas, many successful projects have been completed, started or set into motion with extensive planning, design and contracting. A few examples include the "Walk, Ride, Thrive!" Campaign for pedestrian and bicycle safety, an affordable rental community at Goldenrod Pointe Apartments, the Pine Hills Trail, Fire Station #67, East Orange Recreational Park and an ADA compliant intersection in Dr. Phillips/ Winderwood. In addition, each District Commissioner was able to allocate funding for needs within their District.

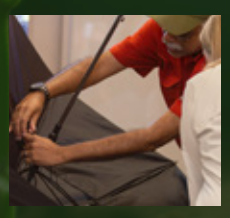
53.5 miles of paved trails maintained for walkers, runners, skaters, cyclists, and equestrians.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tireless efforts of the Orange County Building and Safety Division helped Habitat for Humanity open the Arbor Bend subdivision in a shortened timeline. From plan review and permitting to inspections, the push to complete the process made the dream of home ownership a reality for five families in need and 29 more to follow.

FY18 BUILDING PERMITS
51% PROCESSED ON-LINE



REPAIR WORKSHOPS

Controlling waste in our community will take a combination of reducing, reusing, recycling and repairing. In 2018, Orange County Pollution Prevention sponsored two community repair workshops giving residents the opportunity to have broken items repaired for free by handy neighbors and repair businesses.

HAPPY CUSTOMERS
100%
87 ITEMS REPAIRED 443 LBS. DIVERTED FROM THE LANDFILL

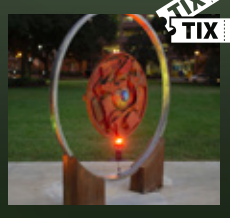
MASS TRANSIT

The expansion of SunRail with four new stations serving Orange and Osceola counties signifies the importance of mass transportation to spur economic development and quality of life. The public and private partnerships were critical to providing this regional approach to mass transit infrastructure.

AVERAGE RIDERSHIP
54%
FOR AUGUST 2018 FROM AUGUST 2017

ART IS UPLIFTING

Art inspires our citizens, brings economic activity through tourism, generates creative jobs and educates our students. In the fiscal 2018-19 budget, the importance of stable arts and cultural programs was endorsed with the committment of $1 per capita allocation of general funds.



RECORD ATTENDANCE
634K
AT DR. PHILLIPS CENTER

STORMDRAINS
1500
LABELED BY 236 VOLUNTEERS IN 2017 3X MORE THAN IN 2016

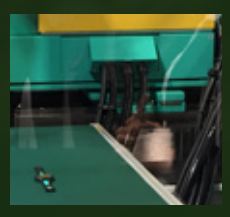
VOLUNTEERS & TRAINING

Since July 2017, more than 170 residents completed training on the proper use of landscape fertilizers. Retail stores and commercial applicators also have a role through educational signage and proper training. Education is critical to protecting our waters from excessive nitrogen and phosphorus.

CAREER READINESS

Mentoring and internship opportunities will make a difference in the future of these graduates of the OCFL Leadership, Employment and Development Success (LEADS) program. These students appreciated the job readiness skills, workplace practice and genuine support given to them by OCFL staff and participating organizations.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
1430
EMPOWERED THROUGH OC MENTORING & LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



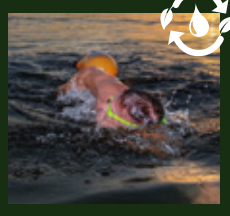
NPE:2018
157 TONS
ON-SITE PLASTICS CREATED AND RECYCLED

ECONOMICS & TOURISM

The Orange County Convention Center hosted the largest NPE:PLASTICS show in history, with 1.2 million square feet of exhibit space and more than 11,000 attendees. Emphasizing sustainability, the show featured emerging technology and a goal of diverting 100 percent of the show's waste to recycling.

WATER QUALITY

Lake Cane owes its water quality to its Restoration Society and the mission of a swimmable, fishable and lovable lake. Science, natural solutions and education help preserve the pristine water quality, but the love for the lake by residents and swimmers has the biggest impact.



WATER BODIES
91%
MEET GOOD WATER QUALITY THRESHOLDS

There's so much MORE information available at www.ochomeforlife.net!

- NEW progress details on the goals/ strategies
- UPDATED target data measurements with trend analysis.
- MORE videos highlighting outstanding projects.

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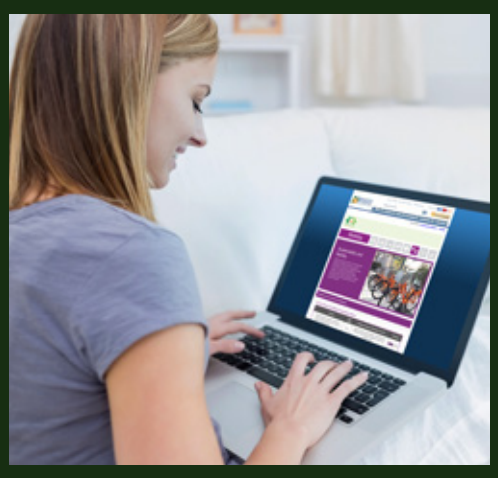

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