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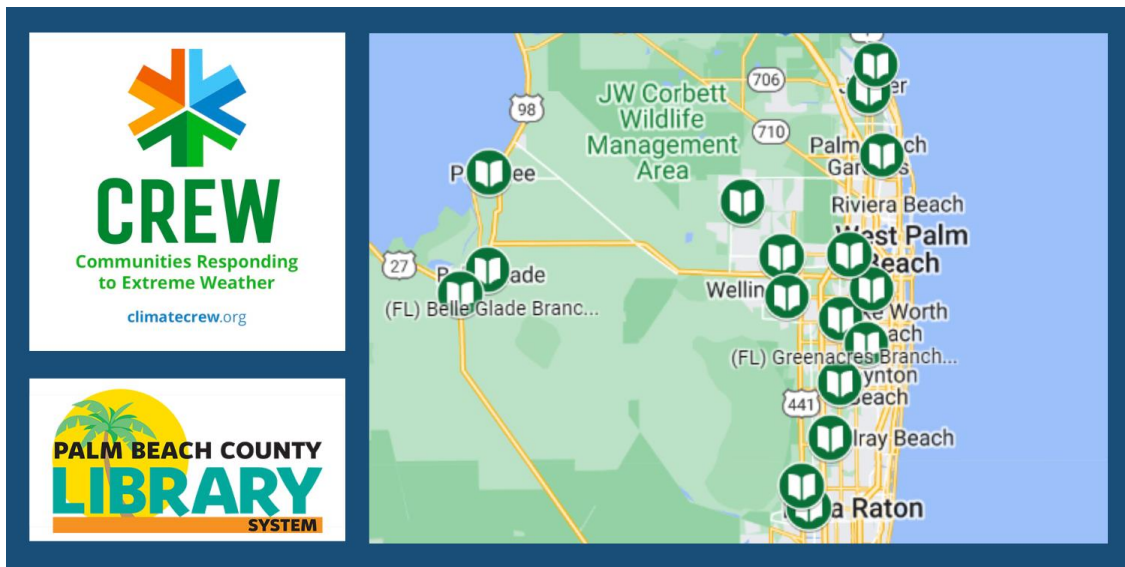
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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS



PBC to Receive \$1M EPA Grant for Resilient Glades Tree Campaign

Palm Beach County recently was selected to receive a \$1,000,000 grant from the [US Environmental Protection Agency's 2023 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program](#). Under the Resilient Glades Tree Campaign, the Office of Resilience will partner with the [PBC Parks and Recreation Department](#) and nonprofit [Community Greening](#) to expand tree canopy in the Glades region. This project will increase the tree canopy of six PBC Parks in the Glades and include at least eight tree giveaways of both native and fruit trees to members of the Glades community. Additionally, the campaign will help improve air quality, provide shade and cooling, absorb stormwater, [mitigate climate change](#), and boost access to fresh produce.



PBC Library System Joins the CREW Climate Resilience Hubs Program

The [Palm Beach County Library System](#) recently joined the Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW) Climate Resilience Hub Program. [CREW Climate Resilience Hubs](#) are community institutions (e.g., libraries, schools, churches, nonprofits) that teach residents about extreme weather preparedness and other climate change impacts. Climate Resilience Hubs educate and prepare community members before emergencies happen, helping residents to know what to do when one occurs.

South Florida Climate Resilience Tech Hub is one of 31 to Win EDA Designation as a Tech Hub

On October 23, 2023, the South Florida Resilience Tech Hub was selected by the [U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration \(EDA\)](#) as a national Tech Hub for resilience—one of only 31 in the country. The [South Florida Regional Climate Change Compact](#) and Palm Beach County supported the EDA designation application. The designation will help South Florida pursue funding to enhance South Florida's progress in resiliency and climate action.

RESILIENCE RESOURCES



Shop Local at Farmers Markets across Palm Beach County

Farmers markets around Palm Beach County have recently started back up for the 2023-2024 season! Most people don't realize that Palm Beach County is one of the 10 largest county agricultural industries in the U.S., and #1 east of the Mississippi River. Our local farmers markets are ready to bring you the best produce and artisanal goods straight from the heart of our community. Here are some local markets to check out:

[The Delray GreenMarket](#)

Location: Old School Square, 20 North Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL

Date(s): Saturdays, October 21, 2023–May 18, 2024, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

[Farmer's Market at Mizner Park](#)

Location: 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL

Date(s): Saturdays, starting October 21, 2023, 11:00 AM–6:00 PM

[The Gardens GreenMarket](#)

Location: City Hall Municipal Campus, 10500 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Date(s): Sundays from 8:00 AM–1:00 PM

[West Palm Beach Green Market](#)

Location: 100 North Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL

Date(s): Saturdays, October 7, 2023–April 20, 2024, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

[Swank Farmers Market](#)

Location: 14311 North Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL

Date(s): Saturdays, October 14, 2023–May 2024, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

[TikiMarket](#)

Location: Riviera Beach Marina Village, 190 East 13th Street, Riviera Beach, FL

Date(s): Sundays from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

[Royal Palm Beach Green Market and Bazaar](#)

Location: Village Hall Campus, 1050 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Date(s): Saturdays, until April 27, 2024, from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

[Coco Market](#)

Location: 51 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL

Date(s): Sundays, December 3, 2023, and January 7, 2024, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Why should you incorporate farmers markets into your weekly shopping routine?

Here are some sustainability benefits:

- **Embrace Local Goodness:** By shopping at farmers markets, you're supporting local farmers and producers. This not only strengthens our community bonds but also reduces the carbon footprint associated with transporting goods over long distances.
- **Fresh and Nutrient-Packed:** Enjoy produce at its peak! Locally grown fruits and vegetables are harvested when they're ripe, ensuring maximum flavor and nutritional value. Plus, you'll be reducing the need for preservatives and packaging often associated with supermarket produce.
- **Reduce Food Waste:** Farmers markets help combat food waste by connecting consumers directly with growers. With fewer middlemen in the process, there's less chance for perfectly good produce to be discarded due to cosmetic imperfections or overproduction.
- **Eco-friendly Practices:** Many local farmers embrace sustainable farming practices. From organic farming to less plastic packaging, your choices at the farmers market can contribute to a healthier planet.
- **Artisanal Delights:** It's not just about fruits and veggies! Farmers markets boast an array of homemade treats, jams, and crafts. By supporting local artisans, you're encouraging creativity and craftsmanship in a way that's gentle on the environment.

NEWS

[Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg touts infrastructure, rides Brightline during Palm Beach County visit](#)

On October 17, 2023, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited the West Palm Beach Brightline Station to provide an update on the state of transportation nationwide and to explore the station's infrastructure. Brightline currently operates in several Southeast Florida cities and Orlando, with a goal of expanding service to Tampa.

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \\$100 Million for Energy Efficiency and Climate Resilience Upgrades in 1,500 Low-Income Households](#)

On October 19, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it is awarding over \$100 million in loans and grants to upgrade 1,500 low-income households to be to zero energy and resilient under the [Green and Resilient Retrofit Program](#) (GRRP). The funding will help working class and modest income families make upgrades to their homes that otherwise would pose financial barriers. The program will not only structurally modernize these homes, but also help boost resilience and energy efficiency. To read the full statement, click [HERE](#).

[Florida Atlantic University Survey Finds Floridians Believe in Climate Change and Want Government Action](#)

The latest findings from Florida Atlantic University's [Florida Climate Resilience Survey](#) suggest that Floridians are more likely to believe that climate change is occurring than Americans as a whole and support measures to address its effects. Ninety percent of respondents replied that climate change is happening. Additionally, the survey found that Floridians want more government action to address climate change, with 69 percent of respondents supporting state action and 70 percent supporting federal action. For more information, click [HERE](#).

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Delists 21 Species from the Endangered Species Act due to Extinction](#)

On October 16, 2023, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it would delist 21 species from the Endangered Species Act because of extinction. The Service decided that the 21 species are extinct and should be removed from the list of protected species under the ESA. One of the species delisted was a bird that once wintered in Florida—the Bachman's warbler—and was last sighted in the 1980s.

EVENTS

[Birding Basics](#)

Location: Riverbend Park, 9060 Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL

Date: November 25, 2023, 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

Details: Ages 5+, \$5/participant (Reservations required) Come join Riverbend Park staff for a guided birding walk in the park to learn about the amazing adaptations of birds and the many roles they play in the environment. Participants can borrow bird guidebooks and binoculars. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

[Bike and Hike Palm Beach County](#)

Location: Cypress Creek South Natural Area, 9424 West Indiantown Road Jupiter, FL

Date: November 29, 2023, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Details: Join PBC Environmental Resources Management staff for a bike and hike adventure on the connected Jaega Wildways trails, including the scenic Ocean to Lake hiking trail (OTLT). This is a great opportunity to explore Palm Beach County's connected wildlands and not even cross a road! The trip will consist of a 12-mile bike and 1-mile hike. For information and to register, click [HERE](#).

[Ins and Outs of Cacti](#)

Location: West Boynton Beach Branch Library, 9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, FL

Date: December 5, 2023, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Details: Unearth the captivating world of cacti in our lecture from a Master Gardener volunteer. Explore their resilience, unique adaptations, and care tips for thriving indoor or desert gardens. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

[Delray Beach Tree Giveaway](#)

Location: Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 North East 1st Street, Delray Beach, FL

Date: December 16, 2023, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Details: With the help of the City of Delray Beach, [Community Greening](#) will be passing out 200 FREE TREES to Delray Beach residents on Saturday, December 16, 2023 starting at 9:00 AM at the Delray Beach Historical Society! Trees will be passed out on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of three trees per household (1 fruit tree max). Must be a Delray Beach resident and show proof (license, mail, etc.). To learn more, click [HERE](#).

LOOK, LEARN, AND LISTEN

ARTICLES



[“A tiny deer and rising seas: How far should people go to save an endangered species?”](#)

By: Nathan Rott and Ryan Kellman



[“Why health and wellbeing should be at centre of urban planning”](#)

By: Gary Fuller

VIDEOS



[Takeaways from the 2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report](#)

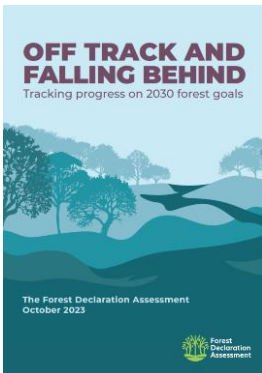
By: NOAA



[On Monkey Island, scientists have rare access to more than 6 decades of biological, behavioral data](#)

By: Lesley Stahl

REPORTS



[2023 Forest Declaration Assessment: Off track and falling behind](#)

By: Forest Declaration Assessment

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!



Palm Beach County Wants to Hear from You! Please Take This Survey!

As we approach 2024, Palm Beach County is seeking public input to help identify what is most important to our residents.

A countywide survey, available in English, Spanish, and Creole, is now available and will remain open until December 1, 2023. The data collected will provide valuable feedback for county staff to ensure that objectives and processes are in alignment with what is important to our residents.

To participate in the survey, click on this link: <https://arcg.is/OXfnaS1>
or scan this QR code with your mobile device:



Please contact Keith Clinkscale at 561-355-4075 or kclinkscale@pbcgov.org for more information.

To request this survey in an alternative format, please email pbcaccessibility@pbcgov.org.

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