

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY – FLORIDA
BOARD OF COUNTY
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**FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011
FINAL BUDGET**

On April 26, 2010, it became official -- St. Lucie was certified as a 'Green County,' joining the ranks of only four other Florida Counties to receive this prestigious recognition from the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC).

The FGBC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the built environment whose mission is to lead and promote economic, environmental, and social sustainability. The FGBC uses a standard of criteria to evaluate performance in implementing policies and programs in the areas of energy, water, air, land, waste, and education/awareness. St. Lucie County submitted a several-hundred-page application to the FGBC in September, 2009. It was evaluated using a point system, with St. Lucie County achieving 'Gold' level certification for its exceptional stewardship and sustainability initiatives.

Many of the policies and programs that led to St. Lucie's gold level score had already been in place for some time prior to initiating the certification process, including the environmentally significant lands program, innovative land planning codes and policies, energy retrofits, and numerous educational and community outreach programs. Additional credits were earned from recently adopted policies and programs, including the County's implementation of environmentally preferred purchasing standards, green cleaning and landscaping policies, databases to track green certified buildings, and an Energy and Water Manager position to coordinate green programs and track resultant cost savings. Two programs that earned special recognition for their innovation and significance were the Green Collar Workforce training program and Community Service's program for retrofitting rehabilitated homes using energy and water efficient technologies.



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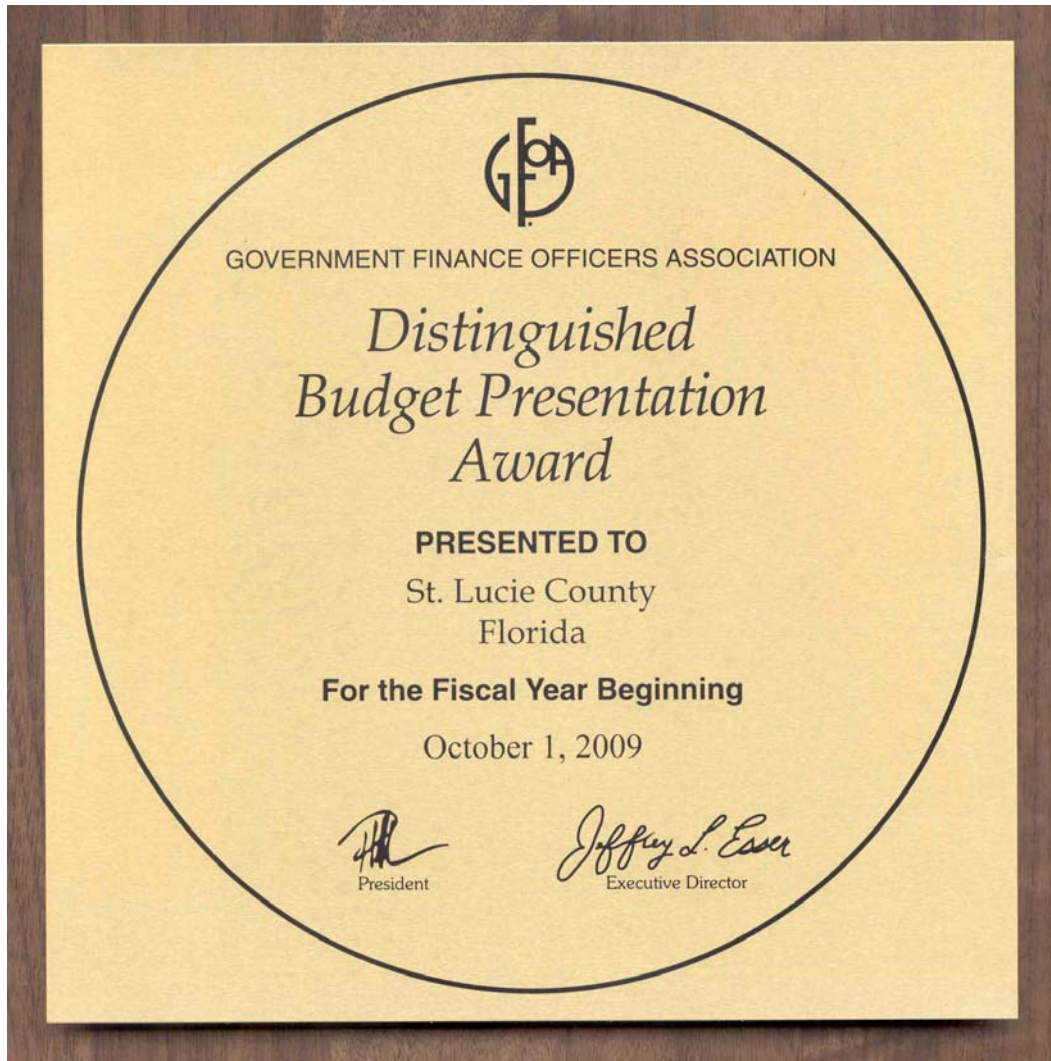
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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, Florida for its annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program's criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

-St. Lucie County OMB staff