

Florida PACE EH Monthly Reporting Form



Project Name: Fellsmere PACE EH

County Health Department: Indian River

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Directions

- **Frequency of Submissions.** Information must be submitted by email on a monthly basis to Daniel_Parker@doh.state.fl.us
- **Information Needed.** Please follow the format below as closely as possible reporting with team input.

1. Project Summary

"Achieving sustainable development is perhaps one of the most difficult and one of the most pressing goals we face. It requires on the part of all of us commitment, action, partnerships and, sometimes, sacrifices of our traditional life patterns and personal interests". - *Mostafa Tolba, Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development*

Sustainability was the key word this month as the PACE EH team prepared the visit by the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) via the American Institute of Architects. Friday (4/25) – Sunday (4/27) was spent working with the SDAT to determine what direction the city of Fellsmere and its distinct communities may want to go to in order to achieve a more sustainable city. Topics of discussion ranged from the creation of a park around a retention to the painting of murals throughout the city to make it more unique. In all, the event seemed to be a success; the only realistic way to evaluate the success of the program will be to actually utilize the recommendations of the SDAT.

The PACE EH program is coming to a close this month in the Hall Carter James community. That means a large portion of April's activities have included the post-survey. We began the survey just after the April 19th community meeting, in which 28 people attended. So far, we have surveyed 130 individuals living within Hall Carter James. The post-survey will be completed in the next couple of weeks and we will have results in May.

Coffee must have been in the water lines before April's community meeting, because the community was very stimulated and ready to talk about prevalent issues. Some of the issues, like parenting, are not related to PACE EH yet, it is always a goal to get the community to interact with each other in resolving any issues that may come about. As we hand the reigns back to an empowered community, we expect that non-EH issues may emerge as they take charge of the condition of their neighborhood.

As we look back, the community has seen a spark in resources. Additions to the community include, but are not limited to: two new homes, streetlights, paved roads, upgraded roads, a community park, and a revitalized grocery store. Although these are major achievements, they would not have come without an empowered and ready-to-work community.

2. Work plan and Process Update

Clearly specify the PACE EH Task you have worked on, are currently working on including future plans to complete Tasks. How close are you to achieving your outlined goal for the assessment?

PACE-EH Tasks	Action	Outcome	Target Date
Task 1: Determine Community Capacity	Conduct first community-wide meeting	Completed	
	Meet with leaders and officials to determine if support exists to undertake this project	Completed	
	Evaluate attitudes of community residents to determine if they want our involvement	Completed	
	Define geographic boundaries and parties who will be involved in project	Completed	
Task 2: Define and Characterize the Community	Define demographics of the community	Completed	
	Locate interior resources and unique features within the community	Completed	
Task 3: Assemble A community – based environmental health assessment team	Once issues are identified from surveys, applicable government officials will be asked to participate on CEHA team	Completed	
	Ask community leaders if they wish to be part of the CEHA team	Completed	
Task 4: Define the goals, objectives, and scope of the assessment	Gather information to learn what is to be accomplished by PACE EH	Completed	
	Decide and focus on desired outcomes identified by CHD and community members		
Task 5: Generate a list of community-specific environmental health issues	Distribute survey assessment to entire community via door to door interaction	Completed	
	Continue to gather verbal information at meetings and events		
Task 6: Analyze issues with a systems framework	Our Information Technology dept. has aided us in creating an access database to populate with our survey data. The database will include a few reports so that we can analyze the issues efficiently and effectively.	Completed	
Task 7: Identify locally appropriate indicators	Contact the Indian River County Planning division and research census 2000 data and charts.org to acquire local indicators	Completed	

Task 8: Select standards against which local status can be compared	Research demographics in greater detail. Compile statistics for project area and research/ compare against larger area statistics such as county, state, national data.	Completed	
Task 9: Create issue profiles	List issues that have been identified in the community and describe how they relate to the area.	Completed	
Task 10: Rank issues	Rank the top 5 issues of the community. These will be provided by the analysis of the data base.	Completed	
Task 11: Set priorities for action	During steering committee meetings, develop plans for action that solve community issues. Assign responsibility to individual(s) in order to get tasks completed.	Completed	
Task 12: Develop action plans	Perform asset mapping at steering committee to brainstorm list of resources available to address community identified issues. Based on identified resources, assign committee members duties to execute actions plans.	Completed	
Task 13: Evaluate progress and plan for the future	Conduct a post-survey in the community to quantify the results of the project. This will be done with the help of NACCHO.	Completed	

2. Outstanding Issues/Concerns

As we move the PACE EH program away from Hall Carter James, we hope that the progress will be sustained by community stakeholders. In just one year, many great changes have occurred in the community. We must not be satisfied though, as there are still many who need help. In other words, we need to keep the ball rolling. Some resident's have voiced concerns that "we're leaving them now." Our response has been that they now know what to do to improve their community and the processes to accomplish action-we will be here for

3. Miscellaneous

American Institute of Architects sends team to help Fellsmere with revitalization

By Henry A. Stephens

FELLSMERE — Helen Ross, a lifelong Hall Carter James subdivision, stepped out to get Friday and ran across a group of architects from nation touring her neighborhood.

Six architects, composing the Sustainable Assessment Team from the Washington-based Institute of Architects, are in town this weekend to officials and residents revive the community.

Hall Carter James, on the east end of consists of five square blocks and has a 219 people, many at poverty level, records show.

Erin Simmons, head of the institute's Communities by Design, said the team — \$15,000 grant — will focus on the subdivision but help create an ongoing relationship between environment and their location.

Simmons said she was impressed with groups to improve the area, such as Indian River Specialist Julianne Price's efforts in November, volunteers to build two homes to replace the ones hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004.

"The social networks, in a tight-knit like this, are going to be really important," Simmons said.

Ross, 54, said she came out for mail at the right time. She had another idea for Price.

"I think they should now help the ones in foreclosures if they could," Ross said.

That's the first time Price heard that kind of request, she said, adding most housing issues so far have concerned substandard structures needing repairs.

She said she would need more details from Ross before she could refer her anywhere.

The Rev. Annie Mae Brown, 46, pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, noted a retention area on Lincoln Street was created after the 2004 hurricanes to drain the subdivision. But it was at the expense of a youth ball field, she said.

And now that retention pond is fenced off as city officials look to making it a park with fishing.

"The city felt when they put the fences up, the kids wouldn't get in," she said, adding youths get in anyway.

Brown said she hopes to form a group of residents to take on tasks like painting homes where needed, cleaning up the roadsides or maintaining a community park. Team member Annalise Fonza like that kind of ambition.



Photo by Sam Wolfe

Julianne Price, right, of the Indian River County Health Department, speaks with Daniel Parker, of the Florida Department of Health, while walking through the Hall Carter James subdivision in Fellsmere on Friday morning. A group of architects from across the nation is trying to figure out ways to revitalize the area, which is plagued by run down and condemned homes

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"We'll have to talk about that this weekend," she said.

THIS WEEKEND

Residents have two chances this weekend to share ideas with visiting architects for revitalizing the Hall Carter James subdivision:

- A community celebration, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, in the Grant Park Pavilion, northwest of State Street and Grant Avenue.
- The architect team's presentation to the Fellsmere community, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, at Marsh Landing Restaurant, 44 N. Broadway St., Fellsmere

DESIGN ASSESSMENT TEAM GOALS

The main goals of the Sustainable Design Assessment Team, from the American Institute of Architects, include:

- Unifying and empowering the Hall Carter James subdivision residents to get their housing and other needs met.
- Increasing the number of people with a stake in helping the residents.
- Helping residents sustain their improvements, once in motion, without needing the government to do it all.

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