

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Do your comments refer to an item on today's agenda? NO YES

Item #: _____ CONSENT: NO YES

The Board of County Commissioners welcomes your comments. Your presentation will be limited to two (2) minutes. If appropriate, the matter(s) you present will be placed on a future commission agenda.

It is requested that you complete this form and return it to the receptionist prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Comments portion of the agenda.

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Brief description of problem or concern:

KINNAO PARK

Dear Commissioners,
This could be done at the Kinnan park area

Survival Food Forest with Chickens: Zero to 10 Years Tour!

Clip from the new "Surviving Collapse - Designing your way to Abundance" is a story on how Geoff Lawton discovered permaculture and what he did to prepare for any global crisis.

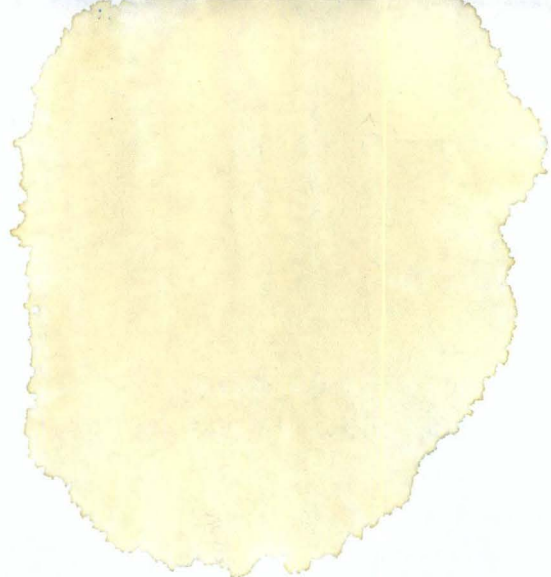
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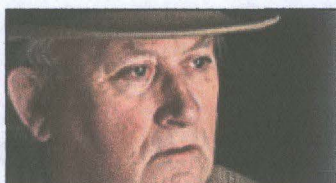
Survival is not just about hoarding food but building stability and abundance into a natural food forest system. Geoff takes you on a fly-over of his property and explains the things you need to be aware of - should an economic or social upheaval destroy your water, food and electricity systems, you need to be able to cope with any disaster. Could you survive? Geoff says its possible. In fact he's doing and teaching it right now around the world. Come along for the ride. See whats possible. Low tech solutions create abundance when partnered with natural systems that are life enhancing.



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Walmart has more solar capacity than 38 U.S. states

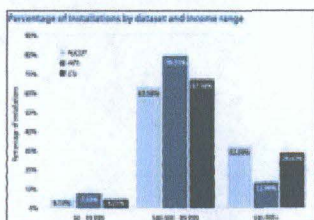


Michael Graham Richard
Energy / Renewable Energy
October 28, 2013



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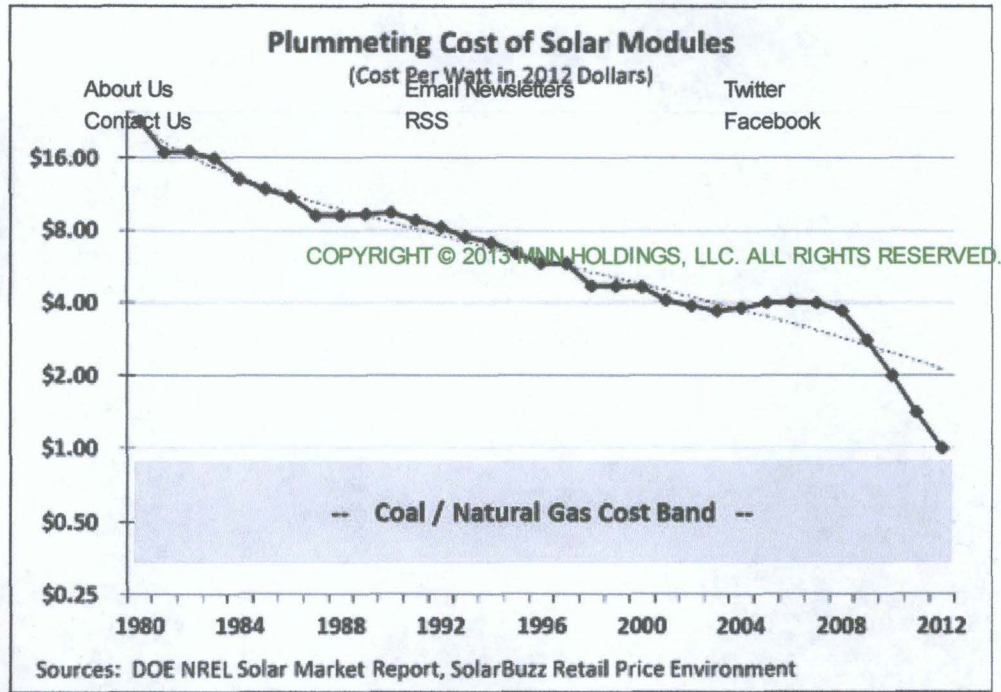
300,000 MIRRORS: WORLD'S LARGEST THERMAL SOLAR PLANT (377MW) UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE MOJAVE



SOLAR-POWERED KIDS! U.S. ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS ARE GOING SOLAR



NEW SOLAR POWER CAPACITY WILL EXCEED



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Businesses, including some of the most recognized brands in the U.S., have adopted solar at an unprecedented rate. Since the first edition of Solar Means Business was released last year, U.S. businesses, non-profits and government organizations have blanketed their rooftops and properties with over 1,000 megawatts (MW) of new photovoltaic (PV) solar installations. As of mid-2013, cumulative commercial deployment totaled 3,380 MW at over 32,800 facilities throughout the country, an increase of more than 40 percent over last year. ([source](#))

An increase of 40%! Not bad.

So with 89 MW, they now have more capacity than the bottom 38 states in the U.S. according to the [NREL ranking](#).

Housing Objective 4: Assist low- and moderate-income and special needs households to become homeowners (continued).

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
2. Provide funding for programs that concentrate on assisting renters to become homeowners	10 people assisted	1	1
3. Support programs that offer homebuyers counseling on home-ownership	10 people assisted	0	0

Homeless Objective 1: Reduce homelessness in Manatee County.

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
1. Fund non-profits that engage in homeless prevention and counseling programs	500 people assisted	0	0
2. Support programs that offer shelter facilities and emergency shelter beds to the homeless	50 people assisted	0	0
3. Increase supply of transitional housing or low-demand shelters for the homeless	1 public facility	0	0

Community Development Objective 7: Support public services for low- and moderate-income persons.

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
1. Fund programs that support economic development initiatives	50 people assisted	0	0
2. Support programs that offer health services to persons of low- and moderate-income	75 people assisted	0	0
3. Support programs that offer legal services limited to estate/ probate, landlord/tenant, title issues and mortgage foreclosure to persons of low- and moderate-income	100 people assisted	0	0
4. Support programs that provide youth or childcare services for low- and moderate-income households	200 people assisted	0	0
5. Support programs that provide services for low- and moderate-income adults	1,000 people assisted	0	0

Homeless Objective 1: Reduce homelessness in Manatee County (continued).

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
4. Provide funding for Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) system for defining and tracking the homeless population to determine if they are receiving Continuum of Care Services	25,000 people assisted	0	0

Community Development Objective 1: Improve physical conditions within designated low- and moderate-income areas through code enforcement.

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
1. Fund designated code enforcement officer(s) to identify and correct code violations within low/mod income areas	5 staff positions	2	2

Community Development Objective 2: Eliminate blight within designated low- and moderate-income areas.

Strategy	Proposed Five-Year Accomplishments	2012-13 Program Year Accomplishments	2012-17 Accomplishments
1. Provide funding for the demolition of blighted structures	5 units demolished	3	3

Austin to Shelter Homeless in a Tiny House Village



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By [Kelly McCartney](#)

November 19, 2013

In Austin, Texas, a project to offer affordable housing to some 200 chronically homeless citizens is on the move. [Community First! Village](#), which has been in the planning stages for nearly 10 years, is set to soon break ground on a 27-acre property sprinkled with tiny houses, mobile homes, teepees, refurbished RVs, a three-acre community garden, a chapel, a medical facility, a workshop, a bed and breakfast, and an [Alamo Drafthouse](#) outdoor movie theater.

Supporter Alan Graham, of Mobile Loaves and Fishes, notes that the price of not housing these folks costs taxpayers about \$10 million a year, not to mention the emotional and psychological tolls on the homeless themselves. Graham says that, for the most part, local residents seem to be in favor of the project, "We haven't converted everybody, but when people come out here they go, 'Oh!' They see a chapel; they see medical and vocational services on site, and they learn that residents will not live there for free; they'll pay a monthly rent."



Graham has been working with the homeless in his community for more than 14 years and cites broken families as the leading cause of homelessness. With Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Graham has not only helped feed the homeless all these years, but he has helped transition them into homes and jobs, as well. And he has given them hope. Graham views Community First! as the next step in that mission and the next step toward solving homelessness in the U.S.

As the [local NPR station \(KUT\) reports](#), Alamo Drafthouse's founder Tim League is another outspoken cheerleader for Community First Village. In fact, he enthusiastically calls it "the very first 'yes, in my backyard' project!"



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Age Group

	Sarasota Frequency	Percent	Manatee Frequency	Percent
Children	273	22.52%	166	21.39%
Adults	939	77.48%	610	78.61%
18-24	125	13.31%	61	10.00%
25-59	705	75.08%	405	66.39%
Greater than 60	48	5.11%	41	6.72%
Unspecified Age	61	6.50%	103	16.89%

Services Needed

	Sarasota Frequency	Percent	Manatee Frequency	Percent
Food	281	35.39%	172	34.40%
Housing	412	51.89%	242	48.40%
Material Goods	218	27.46%	146	29.20%
Temporary Housing	209	26.32%	95	19.00%
Transportation	269	33.88%	159	31.80%
Consumer Assistance	80	10.08%	25	5.00%
Criminal Justice/Legal Aid	56	7.05%	34	6.80%
Education	193	24.31%	61	12.20%
Health Care	246	30.98%	129	25.80%
HIV/AIDS	8	1.01%	7	1.40%
Mental Health Care	118	14.86%	56	11.20%
Substance Abuse Service	124	15.62%	42	8.40%
Employment	279	35.14%	127	25.40%
Case Management	120	15.11%	37	7.40%
Daycare/Childcare	51	6.42%	27	5.40%
Food Stamps	202	25.44%	109	21.80%
Other	51	3.65%	22	4.40%

Veteran

	Sarasota Frequency	Percent	Manatee Frequency	Percent
Yes	71	10%	53	11%
No	636	90%	433	89%

Victim of Domestic Violence

	Sarasota Frequency	Percent	Manatee Frequency	Percent
Yes	108	11.71%	36	7.02%
No	814	88.29%	477	92.98%

3. Increase education and testing among prostitutes and drug and alcohol abusers
4. Increase education, outreach, and testing in high-risk areas
5. Increase knowledge/awareness of HIV/AIDS issues among community leaders in Manatee County
6. Increase awareness of HIV/AIDS among school-aged youth
7. Engage the faith-based leaders in the community by forming a Faith Alliance/Coalition

Community Development staff is participating in the efforts to address the obstacles encountered and needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. We will continue to work closely with the health department to determine appropriate assistance and efforts that can be supported by CDBG funding.

Veteran Status

Eight and twenty-one hundredths percent (8.21%) of the homeless surveyed had served active duty in the military which is down from ten percent (10%) in 2011.

Victims of Domestic Violence

A total of 297, or twenty-nine and forty-six hundredths percent (29.46%) of respondents indicated that they had been a victim of domestic violence at some point in time. Due to confidentiality concerns, this question has not been asked in the past but local domestic violence agencies requested the addition of this question to the survey this year. This is a remarkably high percentage of the homeless population and seems to show how domestic violence often leads to broken homes and homelessness and that homeless people are particularly vulnerable victims of violence.

Foster Care Status

A total of 122 individuals, or eleven and fifteen hundredths percent (11.15%) of the homeless population indicated that they had been a part of the foster care system at some point in time. This percentage has risen four percent 4% from those who indicated prior experience with foster care in 2011.

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WHY ARE WE USING OUT OF COUNTY BANKS?

We should be using LOCAL BANKS that employ LOCAL people that benefit our county and community not in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville and Orlando.

**Revenue
Improvement
Series 2004**

\$ 47,620

47,620

12,235

33,790

\$ 1,595

September 8, 2004

October 1

April-October

\$5,000

3.50% Maturity
2014

4.3761%

2015-Maturity 100

US Bank
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Revenue
Improvement
Series 2006**

\$ 59,585

59,585

22,795

24,635

\$ 12,155

September 13, 2006

October 1

April-October

\$5,000

5.00% Maturity
2014-2016

4.0137%

2017-Maturity 100

TD Bank
Jacksonville, FL

**Revenue
Refunding
Series 2010**

\$ 14,210

14,210

7,050

\$ 7,160

May 28, 2010

April 1

April-October

\$5,000

4.00% Maturity
2014
3.838% Maturity
2015
4.69% Maturity
2016
4.00% Maturity
2017

2.3235%

N/A

Regions Bank
Orlando, FL

**Revenue
Refunding
Series 2013**

\$ 79,640

79,640

1,600

\$ 78,040

March 6, 2013

October 1

April-October

\$5,000

2.00% Maturity
2014
5.00% Maturity
2015-2016
4.00% Maturity
2017
5.00% Maturity
2018-2027
3.00% Maturity
2028-2029

1.9806

2023-Maturity 100

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Orlando, FL