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### **Conservation Team Receives Excellence Award**

**PALM BAY** - The Brevard Water Resources Conservation Team was recognized Wednesday at the 2007 Florida Section of the American Water Works Association's (FSAWWA) annual meeting for its commitment to water conservation. The team received the Best in Class Water Conservation Award in the Public Education category for a DVD created in conjunction with the *Bringin' in the Green the Florida Friendly Way Landscaping Seminar*, an event held this past March. The event was hosted by the Conservation Team which includes water conservation professionals from Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay and the Brevard County Utilities Departments. This group often works together to promote water conservation throughout the county by educating residents and school-age children of the importance of protecting water resources.

The DVD receiving accolades features Loren Rapport, landscape operations manager for Brevard County; Sharon Dolan of Maple Street Natives; and Sally Scalera from University of Florida's Brevard County Extension Program. The guest speakers provided resourceful information regarding Waterwise Landscape Planning, Native Plants and Integrated Pest Management. This video has been featured on Brevard County's Space Coast Government TV Channel and Titusville's government cable access channel. Members of the Brevard Water Resources Conservation Team have also incorporated this video into their public education programs.

For more information regarding water conservation, please contact your local utilities department. For Titusville contact Maureen Phillips at 321-383-5669; for Cocoa, please contact Cathy Carter at 321-639-7602; for Melbourne, contact Jennifer Wilster at 321-953-6302; for Palm Bay, contact Julie Lemons at 321-952-3410; and for Brevard County, please contact Cheri Camp at 321-633-2092.

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