



## 2009-2010 Annual Report

### **Contribution to the UCF Goals**

#### *Offer the best undergraduate education in Florida*

Landscape & Natural Resources hosted seven undergraduate internships in the spring semester and created a service-learning course that is taught in the fall semester. This is an opportunity for hands-on application of sustainability in daily life, and is jointly supported by UCF Biology and Liberal Studies departments.

#### *Become more inclusive and diverse*

With a diverse work force, Landscape & Natural Resources (L&NR) offers employees an opportunity to take "English as a Second Language" courses. Additionally, L&NR supported approximately twenty research projects, involving over 135 undergraduate and graduate ecology students, and training for over 200 ROTC students in the campus natural lands.



#### *Be America's leading partnership university*

Landscape & Natural Resources has created approximately ten partnerships with outside federal, state, and non-governmental organizations including St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Division of Forestry, Seminole and Orange Counties, and The Nature Conservancy. Additionally, approximately a dozen partnerships have been created with internal departments.

### **Other Accomplishments of the division**

Landscape & Natural Resources received approximately \$180,000 in grant awards during fiscal year 2009/2010. Activities awarded include invasive species treatment in the campus natural areas, and tree planting and pruning around selected areas within the campus core.

### **Cost Effectiveness**

Landscape & Natural Resources (L&NR) acquired an additional program during fiscal year 2009/2010, and continued to successfully maintain the campus with reduced labor and minimal increase in operational support. Additionally, L&NR has increased grant request to offset University-funded support.

### **Technology**

Landscape and Natural Resources (L&NR) installed a weather and green roof monitoring station on Physical Sciences Phase I. This station will report real time weather data via the L&NR website and monitors the cooling effect of various plant species. Data will be compiled and submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.





### **Employee Achievements and Awards**

Three Landscape & Natural Resources' employees received Facilities and Safety employee of the month due to their outstanding work ethic. Additionally, 12 employees attended specialized training classes and four employees received type II firefighter certification.

### **Departmental Highlights**

In support of the President's commitment to be carbon-neutral, Landscape & Natural Resources has embraced Florida-friendly living concepts on campus. These practices include: attracting wildlife; implementing right plant, right place; improving water quality and efficiency; reducing stormwater runoff; and protecting the waterfronts.

### **Assessment Data**

Overall, Landscape & Natural Resources has become more focused on planning and implementing planned goals and objectives. See attached assessment plan and results.