

Submitted	County	Do you have any reef-related concerns or specific problems you would like to share?	Do you have any suggestions about how to improve the Our Florida Reefs Community Planning Process?	What's the best way to engage, inform, and work with your community?
6/6/2013	Martin	No	I think it is a great start at getting the community involved. I think there should be more marketing done in the local newspaper and TV commercials. I realize the cost of this and thus the the lack of. Creating working groups can be effective for a long term solution but right now a big push in social networking and holding events at various beaches would also get avid outdoor people involved also.	I think engaging at boat ramps and beaches would be very effective. considering handing out literature at the local boat ramps on the coast during busy days for boaters and telling them to share with their friends the information. The best way to communicate with me would be email and phone.
6/8/2013	Miami-Dade	The elkhorn corals in Biscayne National Park are looking good. That is encouraging.	Perhaps users could have a way to share photos.	I think Facebook works pretty well. Email is fine.

<p>6/14/2013</p>	<p>Broward</p>	<p>Since 2009 DRD Enterprises Inc of Davie and marine salvage associates have petitioned the State of Florida and Broward County to consider stabilizing 700,000 tires off shore from Ft Lauderdale referred to as the Osborne tire reef. With luck no tidal surge has taken these tires and deposited them on the reefs from Palm Beach to Miami Dade County. Every year the state and county seek funds for the removal and each year it doesn't happen with the budget currently funds for removal will not be allocated again most likely. Staying focused on removal only is a dangerous plan hoping that a storm will not hit South Florida. DRD Enterprises Inc of Davie believes as do other marine professionals that stabilizing these tires until funds are found for removal or some other use of the tires would be a better plan. By using a series of nets and heavy cargo anchors to attach them to will prevent the tires from dislodging. Once funds are found for removal the same nets can be used to place the tires onto and hoisted up so the man hours and money spent for stabilizing these tires will eventually go toward the removal so money is not wasted on the ultimate goal of removal</p>	<p>Take the most dangerous issues and address those first and accept suggestions from the public for alternative methods of preserving the reefs</p>	<p>Scuba clubs and Dive operators are the main groups for contact that know what is going on underwater. David Pressler www.safedomes.com</p> <p>Owner DRD Enterprises Inc of Davie excavation and dredging</p> <p>954 370 7944</p> <p>South Florida Divers and South Florida Underwater Photo Society</p>
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<p>6/14/2013</p>	<p>Monroe</p>	<p>The coral reefs of South Florida have experienced a massive ecological decline. What were once tropical reefs with extensive coral growth are now mostly dead or dying coral rock enveloped in macro algae growth. There is a possible solution. There was an unprecedented plague that destroyed the populations of the keystone herbivore, the long-spined sea urchin, <i>Diadema antillarum</i>, in 1983, removed the ecological factor that controlled macro algae growth and substrate conditioning that allowed corals to effectively compete with the growth of macro algae. For many reasons <i>Diadema</i> have not returned to tropical Atlantic reefs, although not biologically extinct, they are ecologically extinct. Our coral reefs have little chance of recovery unless these keystone herbivores are returned to our reefs. These urchins can be successfully maintained in a hatchery, spawned on demand, and the larvae reared to juveniles, then to adults and even through to the F2 generation. I have done this in a small laboratory, the University of Miami and Mote Marine Laboratory has produced juveniles as well. The funding to do this work is minuscule. Hatchery bred <i>Diadema</i> can be used</p>	<p>As I am in the Keys, I have not been able to attend these meetings so I am not aware of the details of your activities. I would suggest a strong interaction between management programs, concerned citizens, and active restoration efforts.</p>	<p>martin_moe@yahoo.com</p> <p>Martin Moe 222 Gulfview Drive Islamorada, FL 33036</p> <p>305 517-9085</p>
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<p>2013-06-14 09:48:51 - 04:00</p>	<p>Palm Beach</p>			<p>Have you identified local restaurants and bars that are east of I-95 as potential stakeholders? I think if you coordinate with the restaurant owners to have educational fliers in the menus it would really help target and educate users.</p>
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<p>6/19/2013</p>	<p>Broward</p>	<p>I would like to teach the students more about our Ocean. Many live so near and have not been able to visit.</p> <p>I took a seminar at the Boston, NE aquarium in Feb on OCEAN Sci lessons to teach Common Core Standards using the OCEAN theme.</p> <p>It was a magnificent seminar. ALL the lessons were engaging the TEACHERS with HANDS on experiments. This inspired us to bring it to our classrooms.</p> <p>Pls keep me posted on these seminars. I was unable to attend today in Dania Beach.</p>	<p>I suggest HANDS on learning experience to engage the learner more than listening to theory. I got training in a workshop in Boston. The resources was from Carolina Curriculum. The program is \$700 to purchase.</p> <p>It was well worth it. Pls Call me for more info !!</p>	<p>Post flyers on Message boards at Starbucks. Go to the Beach and post on car windows.</p> <p>I would make effort to go to the City of Hollywood (etc) and give a stack of flyers at the GUEST / Tourist offices on the beach (Garfield street). Send to the Broward schools to send out in the PONY for schools to post. I can send you the screening form to get it approved.1. Pls email me Julie.Ganas@browardschools.com JGanas1@yahoo.com or call or text me 954 258 4170 I am also on Facebook (Julie Ganas)</p>
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6/26/2013	Broward	there are many issues, but it will take coming together with all interested parties to figure out what to do	Don't let the gentleman speak. The lady , Dana, did a much better job at communicating what the process was about. The guy that spoke at other meetings was, unfortunately not good, I had no idea what was going on by the end of his portion other than get an application, but I don't even know what that does.	facebook and email are good
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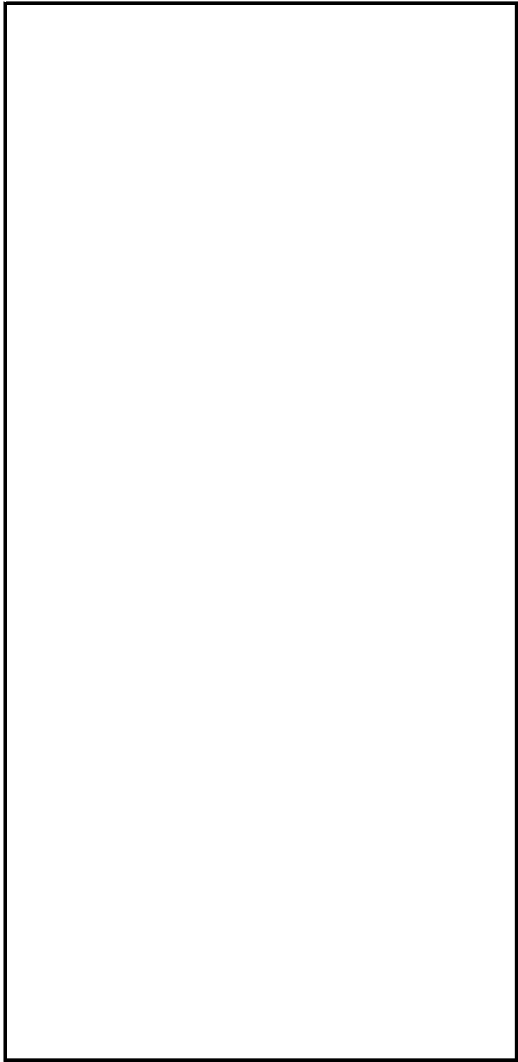
<p>6/26/2013</p>	<p>Broward</p>	<p>Was not able to attend the meetings. However, our reefs are incredibly important and I commend your efforts in trying to safeguard them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remember that there is an economic value in our reefs in terms of tourism-related issues - tourists will no longer visit here if there is not an active and vibrant underwater community worth seeing. - Also, there should be some guidance on appropriate materials used in the creation of artificial reefs as we do not need a repeat of what we are still trying to clean up years later off the coast of Broward in the form of a mountain of tires. - Public education is also needed to inform citizens of our value of reefs, and to re-educate them of the dangers of pollution. i.e. when the Air and Sea Show used to occur off the coast of Ft. Lauderdale, there was an incredible amount of debris (used bottles, food, etc.) left floating in the water. Perhaps education about the effect of this marine debris on the ecosystem is needed. 		<p>Although there are many local govts. involved, try contacting govts. officials who may be able to get the word out to their constituents. Newspapers (Herald, Sun Sentinel).</p>
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Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about the Our Florida Reefs Process, the community meeting you attended, or any other aspect of the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative?

I believe in people who are educated the good and bad will help the goal of caring and preservation of our reefs.

You are doing a terrific job. Keep up the good work!

Stabilize those 700,000 tires



The workshop presentation was informative for the general public. However, it seemed as though most of the people that attended were educated and well informed on the general characteristics of coral reefs. I'm trying not to be too blunt, but the presentation seemed too dumbed down. It would have been a great presentation to have down at the beach for the general public, but I think most of the people that attend these workshops already have an interest and are educated on coral reef processes. More results and discussion on the scientific data collected over the past decade would have been nice.

I would suggest to hire or work with
teacher volunteers to come up
with lesson plans (hands on learning)
to teach this concept to people.
OUR reefs are important and we must
reach out !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

again don't let that guy talk, I don't know if he's just trying to give people the run around or if he doesn't know that he is the public's impression of this.

