



Agenda

November 01, 2016 Open Discussion
Board of County Commissioners Chambers
201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, FL 32801

Commissioner Edwards, District 5, would like to discuss Florida Friendly Landscaping.

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To: Vice Mayor Bryan Nelson
From: Commissioner Ted Edwards, District 5
Date: October 19, 2016
Re: **Florida Friendly Landscaping**

I request our Board discuss a policy of requiring Florida Friendly Landscaping or something similar for large scale developments, and smaller projects as appropriate, across unincorporated Orange County. Florida Friendly Landscaping is a set of best practices developed by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) which applies 9 principles to planning residential landscaping. The goal of the Florida Friendly Landscaping program is to reduce environmental impacts through the use of certain native plant species, reduce the need for irrigation and prevent pollution of surface and ground waters, lessen the need for fertilization and pesticides, prevent erosion, and create habitats for wildlife. In addition to Florida Friendly Landscaping requirements, the use of reclaimed water and smart technology to monitor water usage may lead to improved environmental outcomes for our community. Instituting these green measures would not pose a hardship for future large scale development or infill projects and would help maintain Orange County's natural beauty.

Please agenda this item for our November 1 Open Discussion period. Thank you for your consideration of this request.