

Think Green



Working to move to a higher level of sustainability, these thought leaders partner with companies to create and implement green programs within the commercial and residential home building industry and throughout Sarasota County. Following the Keep America Beautiful model, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful focuses on three key issues: prevention, waste reduction and community greening and beautification. Founders of Two Trails Drew and Debbie Smith work with builders and architects to administer and verify sustainable certification by checking the products, materials and techniques used on projects to be certified.

KEEP SARASOTA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



KEEP SARASOTA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL (KSCB) IS A COUNTYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM THAT INITIATES COMMUNITY CLEANUP PROJECTS TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY FREE OF LITTER. Established in 1987, KSCB is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful Inc., a national, nonprofit, public education organization dedicated to improving waste handling practices in American communities. Following the Keep America Beautiful model, KSCB focuses on three key issues: litter prevention, waste reduction/recycling and community greening and beautification. This is accomplished through a combination of community organized events, public education and the fostering of public and private partnerships. Maintaining the gulf-area beaches ensures a sustainable asset for tourism, wildlife and current and future generations to enjoy. However, debris-free beaches aren't the only litter-free areas of concern. Clean roadways, parks and urban areas also fall under the care and watch of the KSCB program. Individuals, social clubs, civic groups and businesses support the countywide anti-litter campaign by selecting an area to maintain and beautify through the Adoption Program. Adopted areas are maintained as part of a joint effort to keep our environment clean and healthy. Several of the adoption groups have been involved for more than 10 years and can be easily recognized by the "adoption" signage throughout the county. All volunteers complete a cleanup report after each event to help KSCB track trends and to quantify the time and service contribution of the volunteers. Nearly 3,000 unique KSCB volunteers contributed 6,000 volunteer hours and collected just over 10 tons of trash during fiscal year 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014-Sept. 30, 2015).



TWO TRAILS INC.



Sarasota Gulf Gate Library, USGBC LEED Silver: Harvard Jolly Architecture

DURING CONSTRUCTION TWO TRAILS IS THE ADMINISTRATOR/VERIFIER OF THE SUSTAINABLE CERTIFICATION. What this means is a third party verifier records and checks the products, materials and techniques used on the project to achieve the intended level of sustainable certification, which is required to obtain for reputable certification programs. Building to a sustainable standard has great benefits such as: higher resale, healthier indoor environment, reduced operating cost, verified products and construction techniques, better built project, energy savings and reduced environmental impact. Sustainable Building is now becoming a standard, however having a consultant/verifier on the team ensures that sustainable features are implemented. Certification is an important part of the building puzzle, otherwise you have no way of knowing what is actually being done on your project has been done. Two Trails was founded by Drew & Debbie Smith. Two Trails has accomplished many firsts in the sustainable building industry with over 280 LEED completed projects. For example, the first LEED Platinum Public School in the nation; Highest Scoring LEED Platinum Home in the nation; Four out of six highest scoring LEED homes in the world and the Power Haus; USGBC LEED project of the year in 2011. Drew was named 2013 NAHB Green Building Advocate of the year and Two Trails won the 2013 NAHB Green Multifamily project of the year. The Home Innovation Labs recognized Drew with the 2013 NGBS Green Partner of Excellence Award. Drew was also the Certified Green Professional of the year 2010 by NAHB. Drew is the first and current Governor appointed Green Building Commissioner for the State of Florida, as well appointed as a NAHB National Director and to the NAHB Energy & Green Sub-Committee for the National Association of Homebuilders. He is a State Director, Area VI V. P. & Green Council Chair for the Florida Homebuilders Association. Drew is the immediate past President of the Building Industry Association of Manatee Sarasota. Drew is the Past Chairman of the Green Building Committee for Florida Home Builders.

Two Trails, Inc. is one of the nation's premier sustainable building consulting firm established in 2001. Two Trails provides sustainable consulting services nationwide for commercial, residential and developments seeking to obtain LEED certification and/or LEED commissioning by USGBC (U.S. Green Building Council), ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) & Energy Star by the U.S. Department of Energy.

