

# REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: April 21, 2008

Agenda Item: 5(C)	Prepared By: Dana A. Souza, Interim City Manager Date: April 16, 2008
Agenda Section: Business: Presentation	
Subject: Marco In Bloom Landscape Awards	Department: City Manager

## **BACKGROUND:**

City Council is asked to present the first ever, "Marco In Bloom Landscape Awards."

The City's Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) initiated the "Marco in Bloom Landscape Awards" to recognize individuals, businesses, organizations and neighborhoods who make great efforts to beautify the Marco Island community. Only City of Marco Island properties are eligible to receive a "Marco in Bloom" award.

The nominated garden or landscaped area must be visible to the public. The BAC recognizes that many homes and condominiums have beautiful back yards for private enjoyment; however, in order to qualify for a "Marco in Bloom Landscape Award" the public must be able to see and enjoy the garden. Award categories include:

- Residential – Single family, multi-family (single unit).
- Business – Non residential includes schools, churches, businesses, etc.
- Condominium – Condominium complex grounds, not individual units.
- Cul-de-sacs – Cul-de-sacs adopted and maintained by residents.

Each category was judged by the BAC using a point system based on the following criteria:

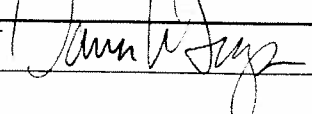
- Use of native and water-wise plant material
- Color or contrasting plants
- Visible from public spaces
- Creativity

The winners selected at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> BAC meeting are:

**Residential** – Linda Colombo, 755 Plantation Court

**Business** – St. Mark's Episcopal Church "Court Yard Garden"  
1101 N. Collier Blvd.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Present "Marco In Bloom Landscape Awards."

Reviewed by Department Director	Reviewed by City Manager 
Council Action: Motion by:	Second by: