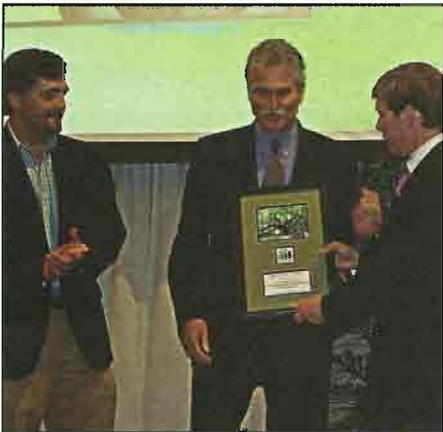


18th Annual Mayor's Environmental Luncheon

It is this annual event that offers an opportunity to celebrate outstanding achievements in environmental stewardship. Greenscape presented two of its coveted Canopy Awards at the April 3rd event.

The Canopy Award for Civic Excellence was presented to the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens Board of Directors. On November 15, 2008, The Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens held its official grand opening. The project development could serve as a model for attaining your goals by way of volunteer effort by several dedicated individuals. The mission of the newly formed 501c3 is "to educate Northeast Florida and its regional communities about native and cultivated plants, improve its beauty and atmosphere, engage in and promote the conservation and preservation of our natural resources and provide public service". Originally intended to serve as a buffer zone between a nearby water treatment plant and close neighborhoods, the property has been gently transformed



Jeff Bryan and Mayor Peyton present Canopy Award to Ron Barton of JEDC

into the only facility of its kind in our City. The 120 acres is an oasis of forested hills, lowlands, streams and tidal wetlands and boasts a tremendous bird population and haven for wildlife. The City leases the site to Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens who conduct tours and host many volunteer work sessions to continue to enhance this emerging natural asset. We salute the Board of Directors and their



Jeff Bryan, Greenscape Board President and Mayor Peyton present Canopy Award to Meg Gaffney, Chair of the Jacksonville Arboretum

Chair, Ms. Meg Gaffney for their vision and commitment and thank them for their work to provide this wonderful nature preserve and botanical garden.

The Canopy Award for Government recognized the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission for The Library/Main Street Park. The recently installed park is a result of Mayor Peyton's greening initiative for downtown Jacksonville. Working with a committee of citizens and city officials, a concept was developed to create a new image for Main Street and a green extension of the library. The opening of the new library created an additional destination venue downtown. The library hosts meetings and conferences and serves the public as a state of the art reference facility. The concept for the library park was to create a green space that would serve as an overflow space for library functions and receptions while providing a respite from

the urban environment. The location was, for many years a large, unsightly, asphalt parking lot located directly across from the Main Street entrance of the library. The park plan centers on a graceful plaza, featuring terraced lawn areas defined by large planting spaces with live oaks and magnolias. As the park matures the trees will provide much needed shade. Mr. Paul Crawford, Project Manager for the JEDC was unable to attend the event and the award was accepted by Mr. Ron Barton.

Greenscape's Executive Director, Anna Dooley, was honored by The Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission with their Leadership Achievement Award. This is a new, special award that provides recognition for outstanding, long-term contributions to the community in support of beautification activities which enhance community pride and improve the quality of life in Jacksonville. ♀



Anna Dooley receives recognition from Lynn Thompson of Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission and Mayor Peyton