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## **Sarasota County Web site offers foreclosure assistance network**

Sarasota County has created a Web site to help county residents who face foreclosure. The site is part of the county's new Foreclosure Recovery Assistance Network program approved by the county commission in December.

The Web site, at [www.scgov.net/homehelp](http://www.scgov.net/homehelp), provides county residents with a place where they can research options to help them avoid losing their homes in foreclosure. The site contains information about how to avoid foreclosure, what steps to take during foreclosure and sources of help for people who must leave their homes.

There also are resource lists for credit counseling, federal, state and local agencies, lender contacts, information for renters and tips on avoiding foreclosure. The site will be updated with new information and resources as they become available.

About 8,000 foreclosure actions are pending within the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court and about 900 additional cases are being filed each month, according to Chief Circuit Judge Lee Haworth.

"This is not just a national crisis, it's a local crisis as well," said Deputy County Administrator Susan Scott. "Many times in these situations, people don't know where to turn and we want to offer them a place where they can find reliable, creditable information to get the assistance they need."

For more information about the Foreclosure Recovery Assistance Network program, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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