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What is a “pointer?” It could be a tip or verbal cue, or it could reference a participant who contributes to a team score. Pointer is also a term for a marker that guides the way to a desired destination. The Neighborhood Pointers program relies on all three meanings of the word.

FOLLOW TIPS: This scorecard is filled with pointers for improving your neighborhood. These tips are borrowed from Sarasota County’s Comprehensive Plan, and invite neighborhoods to join in the campaign toward our community’s long-term goals.

COLLECT POINTS: Neighborhood associations will collect one point each time they incorporate a pointer in their community. Scores will be tracked as proof of neighborhood achievements. Association board members will have the opportunity to redeem points for additional learning and enhancement opportunities.

GUIDE OTHERS: Participants in the Pointers program will be published, with their accomplishments, to serve as an inspiration & resource for other neighborhoods.

Choose which pointers your neighborhood will follow, then act. Track progress by writing the date of implementation in the box next to each pointer.

Get credit by emailing neighbor@scgov.net to tell us the who, what, where, when, which pointer and send a photo of the action.

A point is valid for one year from its implementation date, after which time that pointer may be repeated and re-submitted for new credit.

Take action and collect points all year long!



IMPLEMENTATION

	1. Book a planner to present a neighborhood overview Policy: FLU 4.1.6
	2. Request a facilitated visioning conversation Policies: FLU 4.1.6, HOU 1.5.10
	3. Adopt a neighborhood strategic plan Policies: FLU 4.1.6, HOU 1.5.10, HOU 1.5.9
	4. Enroll a board member in Civics 101 Policies: FLU 3.2.3, FLU 4.1.6
	5. Assemble founding documents & cultural artifacts Policy: HIS 1.3.1
	6. Consult with county staff about collections management Policy: HIS 1.3.5
	7. Complete a Neighborhood Initiative Grant Policies: FLU 3.2.5, FLU 4.1.6, HOU 1.5.10
	8. Register with the Neighborhood Online Directory Policies: FLU 1.3.4, FLU 4.1.6, HOU 1.5.14
	
	9. Send a board member to a Neighborhood Workshop Policies: FLU 1.3.4, FLU 4.1.2, HOU 1.5.14, HOU 1.6.1
	10. Aim for carbon neutral buildings Policies: PUB 1.1.2, ENV 5.1.9, HOU 1.6.3
	11. Achieve LEED certification of buildings Policies: PUB 1.1.1, ENV 1.7.8, ENV 5.1.8, ENV 5.1.9, PUB 1.2.1, PUB 1.2.3, PUB 1.2.4
	12. Identify, preserve & retain historic structures Policy: HOU 1.5.17
	13. Remove invasive species (and replant with natives) Policies: ENV 1.5.6, ENV 1.5.7, ENV 1.7.5, ENV 1.7.8
	14. Work with county staff to create a resource management plan for native habitats. Policies: ENV 1.3.11, ENV 5.1.1

	15. Manage rural and natural resource areas (ie permitted, prescribed burning) Policies: ENV 1.3.10, FLU 2.1.4
	16. Prioritize irrigation needs: 1) demand management, 2) connect to reclaimed water, 3) use rainwater, and 4) use a community ground water well. Policies: PUB 1.2.3, WATER 3.3.4, ENV 1.7.8, PUB 1.2.5
	17. Install micro-irrigation Policies: PUB 1.2.3, ENV 1.7.8, PUB 1.2.5
	18. Implement a water conservation program Policies: WATER 3.3.1, ENV 1.7.8, ENV 5.1.1
	19. Promote & educate on Florida-Friendly Landscaping Policies: ENV 5.1.3, ENV 5.1.4
	20. Utilize Florida-Friendly Landscaping designs & principles Policies: ENV 1.7.1, ENV 1.7.2, ENV 1.7.5, ENV 1.7.8, PUB 1.2.5
	21. Incorporate native of Florida-Friendly vegetation to screen and shade parking areas Policies: ENV 1.5.5, ENV 1.7.1, ENV 1.7.2, ENV 1.7.5, PUB 1.2.5
	22. Landscape along roads & corridors with native or Florida-Friendly plants Policies: ENV 1.5.4, ENV 1.7.1, ENV 1.7.2, ENV 1.7.5, PUB 1.2.5
	23. Salvage & transplant native vegetation Policies: ENV 1.5.3, ENV 1.7.1, ENV 1.7.5, ENV 1.7.8
	24. Connect existing greenspaces with new native habitat for wildlife corridors Policies: ENV 1.6.1, ENV 1.7.1, ENV 1.7.5, ENV 1.7.8
	25. Have your landscape certified as Florida-Friendly Policy: ENV 1.7.4
	26. Use proper housekeeping, maintenance & storage practices Policies: PUB 1.3.2, PUB 1.3.3
	27. Apply Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policies: ENV 1.7.7, PUB 1.1.5, PUB 1.2.1, PUB 1.2.2, PUB 1.3.3
	28. Protect & enhance the existing tree canopy Policy: ENV 1.5.1
	29. Monitor and maintain your neighborhood's stormwater management system Policies: WATER 1.1.2, ENV 5.1.1
	30. Collect and analyze water samples Policies: ENV 7.1.1, ENV 5.1.1

WHAT CAN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DO WITH THE POINTS IT EARNS?

Board members can redeem points to attend popular events such as the County’s Citizens’ Academy Civics 101, the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful awards dinner, the Neighbors Luncheon, and the Sustainable Communities Workshop.

Email neighbor@scgov.net to learn about upcoming redemption opportunities!

	<p>31. Maintain a vegetative buffer zone around water bodies Policies: ENV 4.5.5, ENV 1.7.8</p>
	<p>32. Plant littoral zones Policies: ENV 1.2.2, ENV 1.7.8</p>
	<p>33. Treat water facilities as amenities (park-like setting) Policy: WATER 1.1.6</p>
	<p>34. Implement a program to reduce your neighborhood's ecological footprint or increase sustainability Policies: ENV 5.1.1, ENV 1.7.8</p>
	<p>35. Provide education & resources to residents on environmental issues Policy: ENV 5.1.2</p>
	<p>36. Educate on how to recycle (and reduce, reuse, recycle, compost) Policy: WASTE 1.2.7</p>
	<p>37. Educate on yard waste separation Policy: WASTE 1.2.2</p>
	<p>38. Divert & recycle yard waste Policies: WASTE 1.2.6, ENV 5.1.1</p>
	<p>39. Soften shorelines instead of hardening them Policies: ENV 4.5.2, ENV 4.5.4, ENV 1.7.8</p>
	<p>40. Protect mangroves & mosquito-ditched mangroves Policies: ENV 1.3.9, ENV 4.5.2</p>
	<p>41. Restore a "dump" (contaminated) site into natural or usable space (remove & reduce pollution) Policy: ENV 1.4.1</p>
	<p>42. Restore a wetlands or coastal habitat to its natural state Policies: ENV 1.2.3, ENV 4.5.2</p>

	<p>43. Find "sweet spot" for sustainable environment, economy and society when making board decisions Policy: PARKS 1.2.1</p>
	<p>44. Pro-actively work with residents who seek a solar energy system Policies: HOU 1.6.3, HOU 1.6.4, ENV 5.1.9</p>
	<p>45. Purchase locally-sourced products; reusable products, products made of recycled materials, or products that are biodegradable/compostable (Green Business Partners) Policies: PUB 1.1.3, WASTE 1.2.9</p>

 **MOBILITY**

	<p>46. Install devices such as ramps, audible signals, or wider paths Policies: LIB 1.2.3, TRAN 1.4.10</p>
	<p>47. Install pedestrian/bicyclist amenities like bike racks or benches Policies: TRAN 1.4.1, HOU 1.5.8</p>
	<p>48. Connect existing pathways Policies: PARKS 1.6.1, TRAN 1.3.14, HOU 1.5.8, HOU 1.6.1</p>
	<p>49. Use context-sensitive landscaping principles for multi-modal transportation areas Policy: TRAN 1.7.1</p>
	<p>50. Establish a Public Improvement District for non-maintained, county-owned roads Policy: TRAN 1.3.9</p>
	<p>51. Educate residents on alternative transportation choices & networks Policies: TRAN 1.3.15, HOU 1.5.8</p>
	<p>52. Coordinate an alternative transportation program (carpool) Policies: TRAN 3.2.4, ENV 3.1.3, ENV 5.1.1, HOU 1.5.8</p>
	<p>53. Install facilities for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Policies: TRAN 1.3.16, ENV 3.1.3, ENV 5.1.9</p>
	<p>54. Have a board member participate in a county transportation survey/presentation Policy: TRAN 1.6.1</p>



QUALITY OF LIFE

55. Obtain & incorporate feedback on programming from users & non-users Policy: PARKS 1.7.3
56. Implement current technology to enhance programs Policy: PARKS 1.7.5
57. Offer activities that support quality of life for the workforce Policy: ECON 2.2.6
58. Support the needs of the learning and physically disabled Policy: LIB 1.2.3
59. Partner with other agencies to provide innovative activities Policies: LIB 1.4.1, PARKS 1.7.4
60. Recruit & train volunteers Policy: PARKS 1.8.1
61. Facilitate mentorships Policy: ECON 4.1.1
62. Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles Policy: TRAN 1.4.5
63. Implement compliance procedures as outlined in governing documents Policy: PARKS 1.1.8
64. Provide a free neighborhood gathering space Policies: HOU 1.5.7, LIB 1.1.7
65. Promote arts and culture activities Policy: ECON 2.2.7
66. Host sporting events Policy: PARKS 1.9.6
67. Utilize natural areas (ecologically benign & permissible activities) & waterways for recreation Policies: PARKS 1.1.5, PARKS 1.1.7, PARKS 1.9.3, ENV 5.1.1
68. Host opportunities for wildlife observation Policy: PARKS 1.9.3
69. Provide history, nature, health/wellness programs Policy: PARKS 1.7.2
70. Offer a variety of programs focused on physical activity & healthy living Policy: PARKS 1.7.4

71. Install community gardens, edible landscaping/trails, permaculture or community orchards Policies: ENV 5.1.7, ENV 5.1.1
72. Provide free access to print and digital resources/software Policy: LIB 1.1.7
73. Share the Disaster Planning Guide with residents. Policy: COASTAL 1.5.3
74. Make sure residents know your neighborhood's evacuation level and route. Policy: COASTAL 1.5.3
75. Identify residents with medical needs and submit their contact information to Emergency Management Policy: COASTAL 1.4.3
76. Register a board member with CodeRED Policy: COASTAL 1.3.1
77. Follow BMPs to craft a disaster preparedness plan or train a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Policy: COASTAL 1.3.1
78. Harden buildings that will serve as community shelters Policies: COASTAL 1.3.1, HOU 1.6.6
79. Educate on rules & compliance (before enforcement) Policy: HOU 1.5.1
80. Coordinate with law enforcement to improve security Policy: PARKS 1.1.8

The policies listed for each pointer come from Sarasota County's Comprehensive Plan. The "Comp Plan" is a set of goals, objectives and policies that bring our community's long-term vision to life. It is adopted by the Sarasota County Commission to guide land development, economic growth, resource protection, and the provision of public services & facilities. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide for the future of Sarasota County – and your neighborhood plays an invaluable role shaping that future!

Interested in learning more about the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan? Reach out to planner@scgov.net with questions or to arrange a presentation.