Advance climate literacy, planning, resiliency, and action on Florida’s Gulf Coast.

Founding Members:

- Around the Bend Nature Tours
- City of Sarasota
- Manatee County
- New College of Florida
- Ringling College of Art + Design
- Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
- Sarasota County
- Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Climate Education Survey

34 organizations in education, government, non-profit, and business sectors

**Current Status**

- 80% provide climate change education
- Only half have organization-level outreach strategy
- Target audiences: general public, families, policy makers, and seniors
- Less than 20% make resources available in other languages

**Needs/Gaps**

- Local projections
- Local stories about human impacts
- List of actions and solutions
- Infographics/brochures on local impacts
- Funding and project planning support
Next Steps

Video series on local stories and impacts

Digital and printed resources - local impacts and solutions

Climate communications workshop/training
100 most effective climate solutions

Compiled by 190 scientists, engineers, politicians, writers, architects, economists, and other experts

Can be implemented today using the technology we have now
How will you be part of the solution?

**BUILDINGS & CITIES**

- **GIVE YOUR HOME A TUNE UP**
  - I will find out how to make my home more energy efficient, water efficiency, and support better quality of life.

- **CHOOSE LED BULBS**
  - I will replace (___) incandescent (light bulbs) with energy-saving, LED bulbs, saving up to ___ per fixture per year.

- **GET AN ENERGY AUDIT**
  - I will call Florida Power and Light at ___-___-___ to set up an in-home energy audit for my home or business.

- **ADVOCATE FOR SOLAR INSTALLATION**
  - I will make a plan and advocate for solar installations at my home, apartment building, or campus.

**ENERGY GENERATION**

- **SUPPORT COMPANIES LEADING IN GREEN ENERGY**
  - I will use my spending power to support local and community organizations working on energy solutions.

- **TALK TO MY ELECTED OFFICIALS**
  - I will ask my local elected officials to support local renewable energy and community organizations working on energy solutions.

- **GET A ROOFTOP SOLAR CONSULTATION**
  - I will contact a local installer for a solar panel installation consultation on my house.

**FOOD**

- **CHOOSE BETTER WOOD PRODUCTS**
  - I will only purchase wood and paper products from recycled or sustainably certified sources like Forest Stewardship Council.

- **RECYCLE EVERYTHING**
  - I will research what waste can be recycled at home and what plastic bags are now recycled at our local store.

**LAND USE**

- **PROTECT COASTAL WETLANDS**
  - I will involve (___) hours of a coastal protection or restoration project with a local organization.

- **PLANT A TREE**
  - I will learn more about the benefits of native trees, what type of trees is best for my property, then plant one.

**MATERIALS**

- **REDUCE AND REUSE OF PLASTIC**
  - I will learn about the lifecycle of plastics, avoid buying toxic plastics, and instead replace them with durable options.

- **PURCHASE A CARBON OFFSET**
  - If I buy a plane ticket, I will purchase a carbon offset.

**TRANSPORT**

- **TRY WALKING, BIKING, OR CARPOOLING**
  - I will choose to walk or bike instead of driving for trips under a mile, or carpool (___) times per week.

- **CONNECT WITH A NONPROFIT**
  - I will connect with and support a local nonprofit working on empowering women or girls in my community.

**WOMEN & GIRLS**

- **SUPPORT WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES**
  - I will support fair trade, indigenous, or women when I shop for holiday gifts and gifts.

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