



Wednesday, June 5, 1-6:30 p.m.

Riverview High School auditorium,

1 Ram Way, Sarasota

1-1:15 p.m.

Opening remarks and welcome

- Charles Hines, Chair, Sarasota County Commission
- Jon Thaxton, Senior Vice President for Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
- John McCarthy, Executive Director, Historic Spanish Point

1:15-2:10 p.m.

The science behind water quality

- Moderated by David Shafer, Co-Executive Director, Science and Environment Council
- Cindy Heil, Red Tide Institute Director, Mote Marine Laboratory
- Steve Suau, Principal, Progressive Water Resources
- Mike Mylett, Interim Director, Sarasota County Public Utilities
- Mary Lusk, Assistant Professor, University of Florida

2:10-3:35 p.m.

What is being done to improve water quality

- Moderated by Frank Alcock, Associate Professor, New College of Florida
- Chuck Walter, Stormwater Division Manager, Sarasota County
- Lee Hayes Byron, Director, UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability, Sarasota County
- Isaac Brownman, Director, Town of Longboat Key Public Works
- Jennifer Fehrs, Utility Engineer, City of North Port
- Bill Riebe, Director, City of Sarasota Utilities
- Kathleen Weeden, Engineer, City of Venice
- Randy Smith, Natural Systems and Restoration Bureau Chief, Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Mark Alderson, Executive Director, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

3:35-3:50 p.m.

Break

3:50-4:45 p.m.

What you can do to improve water quality

- Moderated by Miranda Lansdale, Community Outreach Specialist, Sarasota County Neighborhood Services

Business actions – agriculture

- Tricia Hobson, Environmental Specialist, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Tiffany Bailey, President and Owner, Bayside Sod Inc.

Neighborhood actions

- Mollie Holland, Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team Coordinator, Sarasota County
- Ken Brinker, Resident, Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club

Individual actions

- Pat Williams, Residential Horticulture Agent, Sarasota County
- Earl Varn, Master Gardener, Sarasota County

4:45-5:30 p.m.

State policy update

- Moderated by Charles Hines, Chair, Sarasota County Commission
- Rep. James Buchanan
- Rep. Margaret Good
- Rep. Wengay 'Newt' Newton
- Rep. Will Robinson
- Tom Frick, Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Visit exhibitors and speakers

There will be a question and answer period at the end of each session.