

UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability delivers valuable programs and resources across core areas to help people, businesses, and neighborhoods in Sarasota County solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.



AGRICULTURE

- Sustainable agriculture and agroecology
- Community food system
- Sarasota Food Policy Council
- Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises program
- Urban agriculture
- Disaster readiness and recovery



SUSTAINABILITY

- Energy efficiency
- Solar technologies
- Electric vehicles
- Green building
- Green living
- Universal design, visitability
- Sustainable events
- Sustainable economic development
- County sustainability commitments
- County employee education

NUTRITION / HEALTHY LIVING

- Nutrition education
 - Food budgeting
- Cooking classes/education
- Aging health and mobility
 - Gardening experiences
 - Healthy food exposure
- Financial tools education
- Storm readiness/awareness



GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ education and outreach
- Master Gardener volunteer program
- Community and school gardens
- Continuing education, licensing for lawn and landscape professionals
- "Treejuvenation" urban/community forestry program
- Homeowner irrigation evaluations
- Homeowner association consultations



NATURAL RESOURCES

- Florida Master Naturalist Program
- Florida Microplastics Awareness Project
- Florida Water Stewardship Program
- Backyard Landscaping for Wildlife Program
- STEM education and outreach
- Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- Recycling and waste reduction education
- Composting education and awareness
- Water resource/quality education
- Mangrove, coastal conservation

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- Group activities, clubs and camps
- Tropicana Public Speaking Program
 - Positive youth development
 - Life skills
 - STEM education
 - Career readiness
 - Citizenship, Leadership
- Organizational/volunteer systems



Some of our programs:



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Helping clients
is our
most important role.

Through classes, field visits, phone calls,
emails, or other direct consultations,

71,492

216 households provided
Energy Upgrade information
and free upgrade kits,
for total annual savings of **\$36,072**

Individuals who received conservation
and/or irrigation education
saved a **164,400** gallons
combined of water

Nutrition, healthy lifestyle, and
gardening lessons and activities
delivered to **34,059** students

Designed and delivered a hands-on,
field-based series of STEM training
activities to **2,334** Grade 8 students

And our latest client survey* shows:

94% of clients were satisfied
with their experience

89% benefited from
their experience

77% who received information
said it solved their issue

Average number of times
contacted by client: **4**

* UF/IFAS Program Development & Evaluation Center, 2016 data

198

Extension and Sustainability volunteers

provided **11,818** hours of service,

worth **\$285,285** in labor



SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION

partners the resources of Sarasota County, the
University of Florida, and the United States
Department of Agriculture to provide a wealth
of information through myriad opportunities,
including:

- Classes, workshops and events
- Plant Clinic plant and pest advice
- Free home irrigation evaluations
- Master Gardener training
- Community/School garden expertise
- Newsletters and digital publications
- Speakers bureau
- Educational curricula and resources