

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

- Small- to large-scale commercial agriculture
- Urban and rural agriculture
- Community food systems
- Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises program
- 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



4-H

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



NATURAL RESOURCES

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

GARDENING / LANDSCAPING

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ 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
 - Plant Clinic help desks
- Urban/landscape pest identification



Some of our programs:



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Helping clients
is our
most important role.

Educated **90,851** clients
through classes, field visits, phone calls,
emails, or other direct consultations

247 households provided with
Energy Upgrade information
and free upgrade kits,
for total annual savings of **\$41,317**

13 Plant Clinic help desks
located across Sarasota County
provided plant and pest information to
8,409 contacts

15,253 nutrition, healthy lifestyle, and
gardening lessons/activities
delivered to **3,976** students

5,315 area youth received education,
experience and expertise
through 4-H clubs, programs, camps
and related activities

Connected with **415,278**
through web visits, blog posts, and social
media interactions

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

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

305

Extension and Sustainability volunteers
provided **23,270** hours of service,
worth **\$591,754** 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
- Neighborhood consultations
- Free home irrigation evaluations
- Volunteer and citizen science programs
- Community/School garden expertise
- Newsletters and digital publications
- Speakers bureau
- Educational curricula and resources