## Sarasota County **UF/IFAS** Extension and Sustainability

# **2023 Focus**



### SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION

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.

#### 4-H / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Group activities, clubs and camps
- Florida 4-H public speaking
- Positive youth development
- Life skills
- STEAM education
- Career readiness
- Citizenship, Leadership
- Volunteer training/development
- Experiential learning opportunities

#### **GARDENING / LANDSCAPING**

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping<sup>™</sup> outreach
- Master Gardener volunteer program
- Community and school gardens
- Continuing education, licensing for lawn and landscape professionals
- Homeowner irrigation evaluations
- Homeowner association consultations
- Tree education and adoptions
- Plant Clinic help desks
- Urban/landscape pest identification

#### **NUTRITION / HEALTHY LIVING**

- Disaster preparedness/awareness
- Home-closing education
- Food preservation skills/knowledge
- Food safety awareness
- Nutrition/aging health and mobility
- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) food budgeting
- Financial tools education (FNP)
- Nutrition exposure (FNP)
- Healthy lifestyles education

#### **Our programs include:**





#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE Small- to large-scale

- commercial agriculture
- Urban and rural agriculture
- - Community food systems
    - Small Farms and
- Alternative Enterprises Program
- Disaster readiness and recovery
- "Beginning Farmer" incubator program
- Home-based food business education

## NATURAL RESOURCES

- Water guality/conservation education Florida Master Naturalist Program
- Florida Waters Stewardship Program Wildlife awareness education
  - STEM education and outreach

Sustainable fisheries / living shorelines

- Mangrove, coastal conservation
  - Recycling and waste reduction
- Composting education and awareness
- Integrated pest management education

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainability and resilience planning
- County sustainability commitments
- Sustainable economic development
- Sustainable communities workshop County employee education
  - Green living
  - Energy efficiency
  - Solar technologies
    - Electric vehicles
      - Green building



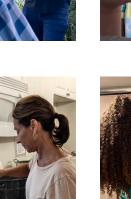
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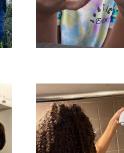
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# 2023 Impacts

IFAS Extension ota County

# **Helping clients** is our most important role.

43.972

clients educated through classes, field visits, phone calls, emails or other direct consultations

connections through **1.7** million web visits, blog posts, and social media interactions web visits, blog posts, and

\$38,900

estimated annual savings through delivery of energy-saving devices

6,940

9,496

students received lessons and activities in nutrition, healthy living, and gardening topics

## AND

area youth received education, experience and expertise through 4-H clubs, programs and activities

3 million

gallons of water saved through resource conservation education, home irrigation audits, and distribution of 293 rain barrels

5,000 lbs. landfills through 14 active home, school and other composting education/r

of food waste diverted from landfills through 14 active composting education/projects

And our latest client survey\* shows: of clients benefited from used Extension satisfied contact information \* UF/IFAS Program Development and Evaluation Center, 2021 data

provided 12,879 hours of service, worth \$378,771 in labor

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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 »

« Sustainable lifestyle/community education » « Educational curricula and resources »

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