

SARASOTA COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

From the Fuel Screening on August 1, 2009



On Saturday, August 1st, the Summit for Environmental Action (SEA) hosted a screening of Fuel, a film about America's addiction to oil and the potential for biofuels to be part of the alternative fuel solution. Fuel investigates biofuels as "Food vs. Fuel" and shows us a way to replace a oil with a plethora of alternative energies. Fuel was directed and produced by Josh Tickell, a New College of Florida Alum.

Josh is a former Sarasota County resident who cares about an issue and worked to make a difference. SEA is about citizens setting goals and taking action to make local change. Our community is fortunate to have many individuals who care about sustainability and work to make a difference. We believe that those individuals and organizations are Community Resources and we want to highlight some of them below.

Each of these organizations has given a statement sharing their Sustainable Goal for our community. If you share an organization's Sustainable Goal or want to learn more, please contact the people listed below each organization.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Nonprofit Groups

ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

"I'd like to see individuals walk, bike, and take the bus more as transportation and see Sarasota County hire a full-time bicycle/pedestrian coordinator. These actions fall in line with A.R.T.'s mission of promoting biking, walking, and transit as viable transportation options in Sarasota."



Andrew Nouné, Executive Director
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SARASOTA NETWORK FOR CLIMATE ACTION

"I'd like everyone in Sarasota County to embrace a sustainable, low-energy lifestyle as they come to understand the issues we face with climate change caused by global warming."



June Cussen, Co-Founder
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SEA GREEN JOBS COMMITTEE

“I’d like to see a Green Jobs program in Sarasota County that creates a positive environmental impact, increases job readiness of Newtown residents and retrofits our homes for wealth creation.”

Tim Dutton, Co-Chair
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SEA SEE WATER COMMITTEE

"I'd like to see everyone in Sarasota County install a .5 low-flow faucet aerator in their bathroom sink faucets – our county could save more than 1 billion gallons of potable water each year."

Suzanne Dameron, Co-Chair & AspirePR, Green Branding & Social Marketing
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SEA SOLAR HOT WATER HEATER TASK FORCE

“We would like to see more homeowners install solar hot water heaters in their homes. To help make that happen, we’d like to see the county establish a public solar domestic hot water utility, facilitate adoption of owner-installed systems and develop a joint public education and marketing program with the local solar industry and other entities.”

Larry Altman, Task Force Chair



SEA TRANSPORTATION & REDEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE (TRAC)

“I’d like to see the sprawl of local commercial corridors transformed into compact, complete & walkable neighborhoods connected by multi-modal transportation. Redevelopment should be guided by Master Plans inspired by citizen-generated Guiding Principles & include active engagement & consultation with landowners, developers, real estate professionals & planners to ensure real world feasibility.”

Jennifer Shafer, Chair
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SUMMIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

“I would like to see everyone in Sarasota turn off their lights when they leave their office/home and only turn the AC on at night or when they are physically in the home. I would like to see the County reward employees for energy and water conservation/efficiency.”

Nicholas C. Gladding, Summit Chair & Attorney
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COMMUNITY RESOURCES For Profit Groups

BIODIESEL2GO

“I’d like to see more people driving diesel vehicles. In addition to having higher mpg, you can use bioDiesel to lower emissions and decrease use of foreign oil. Sarasota County could use a B20 blend of bioDiesel in its fleet in keeping with my organization’s goal of protecting our community and using less fossil fuel.”

Dusty Swartz, Owner
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ELITE SOLAR SERVICES

“I’d like to see everyone in Sarasota demand that their elected officials get behind a renewable energy Feed in Tariff model for our county to bring jobs and money into our economy. This policy wouldn’t require any taxpayer dollars and could be the pilot program for the State of Florida – The Sunshine State!”

Monica Kennedy, LEED AP
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GATEWAY BANK

“I would encourage any banking organization who is renovating an existing facility to make every attempt to retrofit it to a LEED certified facility.”

Shaun P. Merriman, President & CEO
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GRANT'S GARDENS & WATERWISE IRRIGATION SOLUTIONS, INC.

“I would like to see the residence of Sarasota County install a rain garden in the lowest section of their yard. This will alleviate some of the storm water run-off from our yards into streams, rivers, waterways, canals and ultimately our beautiful bay.”

Grant Stuart Beatt, President
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MYGREENBUILDINGS.COM

“I’d like to see families explore energy saving fixes in their home. We’re fortunate to have so many energy saving technologies available. I’d like to see more people work with an expert who can help them create an energy savings plan - a combination of energy saving features that will be more cost effective over time.”



*Steve Ellis, CEO
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POST, BUCKLEY, SCHUH & JERNIGAN (PBS&J)

“I’d like to see everyone in Sarasota County work from home or bike to work once per week. That would provide our area a 20% reduction in vehicular emissions as well as a 20% reduction in traffic congestion.”



*Chris Sharek PE, BCEE, Group Manager I
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PROGRESSIVE WATER RESOURCES, LLC & COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY DESIGN, LLC

“By 2025, I’d like to see us: grow 100% of the food we eat organically and locally, use less energy and water per capita than anywhere else in the State of Florida, produce less waste per capita than anywhere else in the State of Florida and maximize the exportation (and minimize the importation) of intellectual capital, innovation, and creativity.”



*Steve Suau, Managing Partner
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RAINDROPS CISTERNS

"I’d like to see citizens of Sarasota County install cisterns to harvest rainwater and a/c condensate to supplement irrigation, flush toilets, & manage storm water run-off. Reusing rainwater is a critical step towards watershed balance & the conservation of our aquifer.”

*Jack Burden, Principal
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RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

“I’d like everybody to take a walk everyday to more fully understand the quality of life and place at risk if we don’t become sustainable soon.”



*Tim Ramage, SEE Water Co-Chair & Professor of Environmental Science
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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Government

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

“I’d like to see individuals use the right water quality for the right use & Sarasota County as a whole do this in keeping with my organization’s vision of a healthy & safe community where individuals can thrive & prosper.”



Chuck Henry, Environmental Administrator
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THE FLORIDA HOUSE

“I’d like to see individuals share their personal stories about the sustainable actions they have/are/will take to inspire and help others in keeping with my organization’s goal of measuring the combined impact of all citizens’ efforts.”

Nan Summers, Interim Executive Director
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SARASOTA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

“I’d like to see all businesses in Sarasota County join the Green Business Partnership in keeping with my organization’s goal of improving the environmental performance of the businesses in the county and recognizing businesses who are "doing the right things."”



Tom Franklin, Program Coordinator
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SARASOTA COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

I’d like to see all residents and businesses in Sarasota County recycle in keeping with my organization’s goal of reducing our environmental impacts.

Tom Franklin, Program Coordinator
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SUSTAINABLE SARASOTA

“We’d like to see all the households in Florida change one incandescent light bulb to an ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent bulb. Floridians would save up to 351 million kilowatt-hours of electricity/yr, reduce household electrical bills by \$33.1 million/yr and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 555 million pounds/yr, equal to removing 48,000 cars from Florida’s roads.”



Nina Powers, Sarasota County Sustainability
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