

Opportunities and Ideas for Local Action in Florida

1. Supporting and passing policies that incentivize smart growth and transit-oriented development
 - A. Transit-oriented development projects
 - B. Density incentives
 - C. Requirement for GHG reduction planning in comprehensive plans
2. High energy costs mean high potential savings; but we need to present the data
3. Rethink state funding allocation to offer incentives for more sustainable practices
4. Websites for sharing resources
 - A. General: www.icleiusa.org (online networking section to be launched later this year)
 - B. Florida-specific: www.SustainableDelRay.com
5. Public service announcements or local public access shows
 - A. Energy Smackdown available for public access, <http://www.energysmackdown.com/>
6. Climate Action Map @ www.coolmayors.org
7. Educational programs
 - A. NEED, <http://www.need.org/>
 - B. Energy Star for Kids, http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index
 - C. EPA's Climate Change for Kids site, <http://epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html>
 - D. EERE (DOE) Kids Saving Energy, <http://www.eere.energy.gov/kids/>
8. Community outreach opportunities
 - A. Earth Day Network
 - B. Working with your local Neighborhood Services Department
 - C. "Green Teams" i.e. participation by staff across departments
 - D. Partnership with local non-profits and universities
 - E. Extension services
 - F. Sustainability/Energy Month- October
9. Sustainability Days- e.g. once/month with public libraries in Sarasota County
10. Transportation Resources Board climate change webinar (March 28th, but there may be others)
11. Economic opportunities of doing the right thing
 - A. Job creation
 - B. Economic development
 - C. Monetary savings
12. FL local government climate action listserv, including web archive of listserv FAQs
13. Corporate partnerships to offer lower costs on EPP