

SARASOTA AGRICULTURE POLICY COUNCIL				
PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AG POLICIES OF SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN				
Developed at Meeting on Nov 18, 2008*				
		Primary	Additional	
Number	Chapter	Policy No	Policy No	Proposal Description
1	Environment	4.7.9a1		Provide \$100K funding to expand cost/share programs, e.g., Mini-farms Program, to promote water conservation practices
2	Future Land Use	1.3.3		Support programs such as "Red, White, Grew"; Victory Gardens; & Citizen Kitchen. Educate citizens on how to grow food
2				in neighborhood associations, HOA's, churches, & schools. Provide Health Dept demonstration gardens on food/health;
2				Access 19 videos; Extension Service seminars at farmer's markets; speakers bureau.
3	Future Land Use	1.3.3a	1.3.2b	Leverage federal EQIP program funds with county/local cost-share funding. Encourage some pilot projects and grazing as
3				a restoration land management tool on public lands.
4	Future Land Use	1.3.3a	1.3.1a; 1.3.2b;	Program for incentives to help famers away from synthetic fertilizers towards organic compost (like San Francisco program
4			1.3.3b4&6; 4.7.8	by CUESA). Restaurants tax themselves to collect food wastes by county and free delivery of compost to farmers.
5	Future Land Use	1.3.3b1	1.3.3b3	County promote, install, & provide water & infrastructure for community gardens. Use of state land rights of way & green spaces.
5				Match property owners with interested gardeners. Create a self-sustaining model to cover overhead costs, e.g., use of produce
5				stands. Parks planning - set aside garden space at outset. Extension presence at farmers markets. County to identify resources
5				to focus these efforts.
6	Future Land Use	1.3.3b2		Identify and allocate public land and use of foreclosed/vacant properties for community gardens and for school & church groups.
6				Identify available land w/ access; County to hep w/ water; use of block grants & NEST program
7	Future Land Use	1.3.3b6	1.3.1a; 1.3.2b;	Provide locations for community composting operation. Equipment to be financed through a cooperative. Provide basic
7			1.3.3a; 1.3.3b; 4.7.8	composting materials, e.g., manures, food wastes, hay, etc. Use organic certification standards for use by local organic farmers.
8	Future Land Use	1.3.3b8		Create a distribution & storage center for local producers and food distributors.
9	Future Land Use	1.3.3b8		Create a local label for foods grown within county. Use for county "preferred food venders" list. ("Stepping Stone"). Use same
				label for organic and convention grown foods.

* Identical proposal numbers on consecutive lines of text represent the total information about one project proposal.