

Foundation Releases Playbook for Healthy Waterways

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Jones Potato Farm uses tools like center-pivot irrigation to save water, manage fertilizer use, and reduce nutrient runoff.

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Gulf Coast Community Foundation has published a resource to spur and guide community-wide action to transform environmental water quality throughout the Sarasota County region. The *Community Playbook for Healthy Waterways*, which can be accessed here, is a comprehensive online manual of recommended activities to reduce and remove manmade nutrient pollution in the region's waterways and sustain those improvements in the future. While the 10-chapter *Playbook* focuses on Sarasota County, its 43 proposed activities can be adapted, transferred, and customized to other coastal Florida communities. It integrates public policy, applied science, and community education to more effectively manage nutrient

pollution, specifically nitrogen, in the region. The target audience includes leaders from municipal, county, and state governments and agencies, nonprofit environmental organizations, business and agriculture, philanthropic funders, and homeowner associations. It will continue to be updated as progress is made.