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Southwest Florida has Begun the Path to Positive

Growing Climate Solutions is up and running in Southwest Florida! In our first few months, we have built a network of supportive institutions, and formed a local Leadership Circle to guide and support our outreach and strategy. Our website and Facebook page are up and running and we held several climate education events, before COVID-19 reduced our ability for in-person meetings.

With great community support, our initiative has grown from planning stages to outreach and action. Ana Puszkin-Chevlin, the Regional Director of Growing Climate Solutions, initially spent several weeks listening to community concerns and gathering ideas and commitments to action from local leaders. Numerous prominent local companies and organizations have stepped up to align with the vision and mission of Growing Climate Solutions. These future partners will serve as models and motivators for local climate action, including hosting educational events, mitigation activities and pollution reduction, and implementing resilience measures. More than 50 of these local leaders attended an initial gathering on March 10, hosted by the Naples Daily News. [Read more](#)

Living Greener

Go to the store? Buy online? Or order and pick up at the store?



Over the past couple of weeks, millions of consumers have turned to online purchasing and delivery of consumer goods from companies like Amazon or Walmart.

While the social distancing effort has dramatically reduced car trips and air pollution, a study published in late February by the journal *Environmental Science and Technology* challenged a long-held belief that online delivery of "fast moving goods" - products used daily such as food, cleaning supplies and toiletries - has a lower carbon footprint than shopping for these goods at "brick and mortar" retailers. [Read More](#)

TidBites

According to [Tastewise](#), an Israel-based food trend analytics start-up, sustainability is the No.1 food-related question trending in 2020. More than ever before, consumers are concerned about how the food they are consuming affects the health of the planet. "[Tastewise's data](#) shows that 23% more consumers prioritize sustainable food choices today than a year ago", according to [FromTheGrapevine.com](#).

This growing concern for sustainable food production is great news, as agricultural and forestry activities generate about 24% of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. [Read more](#)

Think Deeper

Thoughts from Regional Director

Dr. Ana Puszkin-Chevlin



For the Love of Modeling! COVID-19 Shows Us How to Trust the Experts

Respect for science and experts has been declining over the past decade, noted Dr. Tom Nichols, Professor at the US Naval War College and author of *The Death of Expertise* (2017). This trend is patently visible in public beliefs around the causes of our changing climate, as 16% of Americans, and 17% of Southwest Floridians state that the primary driver of climate change is nature, rather than human activity. But could the COVID-19 pandemic reverse the tide? The answer, as many college professors say, is "that depends." [Read More](#)

Website Highlights

Our website provides updated news, information and additional climate resources. Don't miss...

[Visit our website](#)

- [Partners](#) that have recently joined Growing Climate Solutions: Path to Positive Southwest Florida
- The [report](#) from the March 10th Leadership Circle Meeting

CLIMATE NEWS HEADLINES WORTH READING

Want to read more? We've picked some recent compelling climate articles, including two contrasting assessments of the impacts of COVID-19 on climate

action.

["Warmest January Ever Puts 2020 on Track to Be one of Top 10 Hottest Years"](#)

["Inside Clean Energy: General Motors wants to go Big on EVs"](#)

["Coronavirus shutdowns have unintended climate benefits: cleaner air, clearer water"](#)

["Coronavirus and climate change are two crises that need humanity to unite"](#)

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