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MEETING AGENDA

March 11th, 2022

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Online Webinar via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllc-ysrT4iG9G0bAvtHDcJTl8gXDauj11>

Meeting Objectives:

The March ONE Bay Resilient Communities event will be an online webinar focused on the growing interest in the Tampa Bay region on sustainable food systems. Planners will learn some of the regulatory barriers farmers have identified in their operations and will be able to begin to identify opportunities for adapting policies and regulations to facilitate sustainable food systems.

1. **Dr. Catherine Campbell, UF/IFAS Food Systems Institute**

Dr. Campbell has conducted a statewide needs assessment of urban farmers. Through this assessment, urban farmers have identified some of the obstacles to maintaining their business including zoning/regulatory obstacles. Dr. Campbell's research provides important insight into the needs of farmers, that planners may not have the opportunity to interact with in their day-to-day work.

2. **Dr. Whitney Elmore, Pasco County Extension**

At the local level, UF/IFAS extension staff are assisting local governments with implementing urban agriculture. Dr. Elmore will share how local governments can work with their extension offices to expand food system sustainability.

3. **Linda Fisher, AICP, Forward Pinellas**

To better serve the local communities in Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas created the Knowledge Exchange Series on Urban Agriculture. Linda Fisher will discuss considerations for local governments in eliminating regulatory obstacles for urban agriculture, including front yard farms, community gardens, and backyard chickens. Linda will also share some of the potential benefits, challenges and opportunities; and provide successful examples from communities across Florida and the U.S.