



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) Update

**Board of County Commissioners
February 24, 2026**

County Staff Liaison Jennison Kipp Searcy
CCAC Chair Terry Clark



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC): Purpose

Resolution 2020-68

- **Provide recommendations** to the Joint Water & Climate Policy Board (JWCPB).
- **Assist and advise** the County and municipalities on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and on innovative climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, policies, and target goals.
- **Engage** with stakeholders, agencies, non-profits and the community.
- **Ensure** that neighborhoods and communities that are most impacted or disadvantaged by climate change are taken into account in the development of policy recommendations and the CAP.
- **Assist** in promotion of greater community awareness of climate-related issues and involvement in government climate resiliency initiatives.



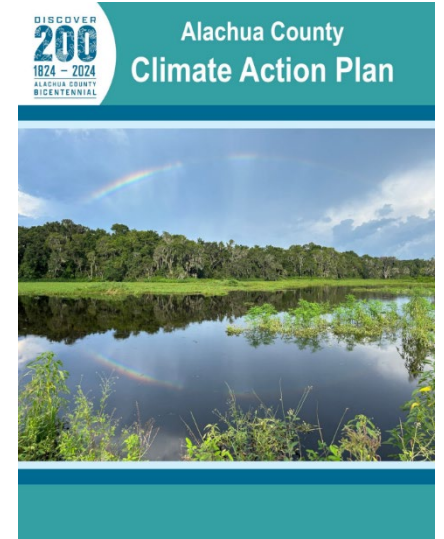
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- Terry Clark (Chair)
- John Lawson (Vice-Chair)
- Sage Cera (Secretary)
- Oliver Flanagan (Youth)
- Pamela Hawkins
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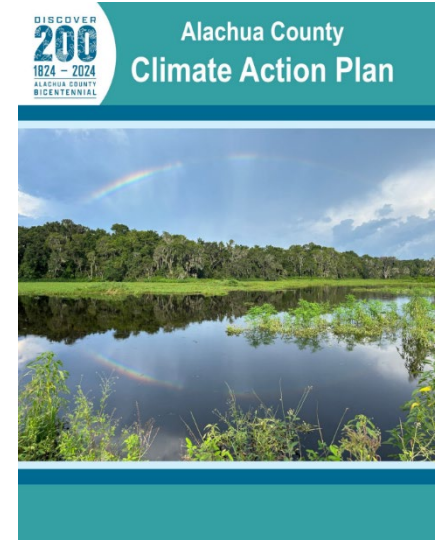
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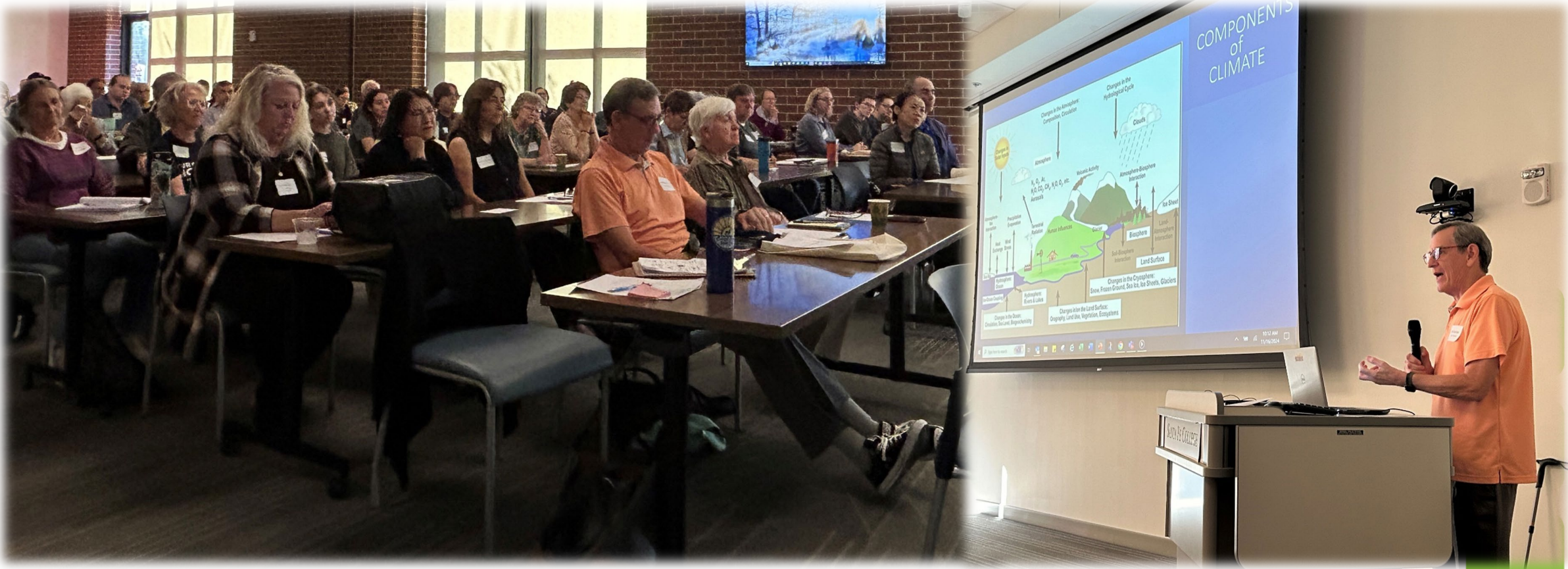
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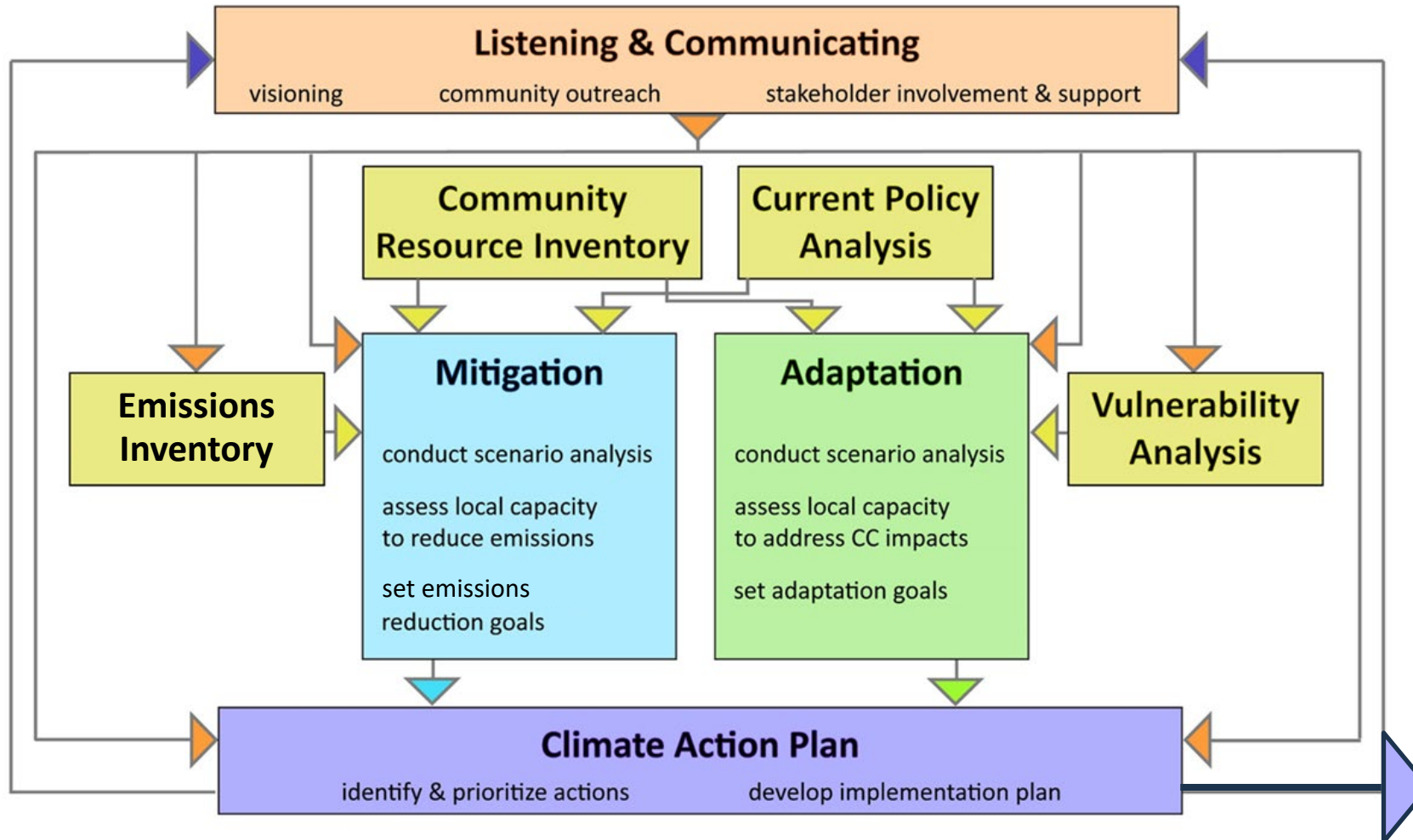
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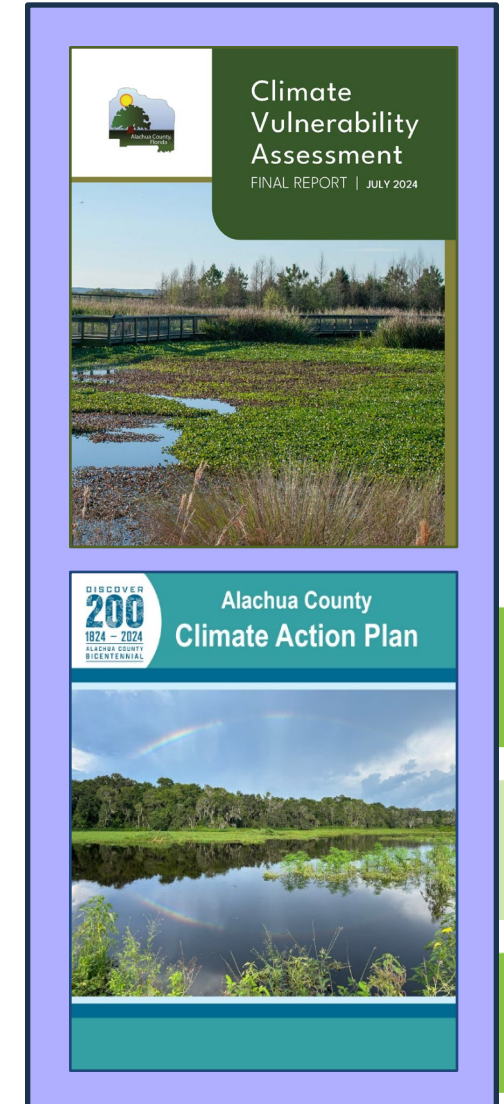
Honoring Bill Quinlan's Memory, Service, and Legacy




CCAC's Planning Process, Vulnerability Assessment, and CAP



*adapted from "Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning", UN Habitat for a Better Urban Future



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee: FY 2026 Goals

- 1. Provide strategic guidance and technical input** on CAP implementation, including developing and launching a Zencity dashboard.
- 2. Participate in and provide feedback** to staff on the 2025 Climate Festival  and guide plans for 2026 CAP community events.
- 3. Collaborate** with municipalities, non-profits, stakeholders and others within Alachua County to increase citizen participation in, and knowledge of what the County and City of Gainesville are doing to address climate concerns.



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ALACHUA COUNTY
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Alachua County Climate Festival

SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH 2025
9AM-3PM**

- Celebrating the county's Climate Action Plan
- Highlighting community resiliency in the local food system and beyond
- Featuring exhibitors, food trucks, a performance by the Star Center Theater Youth, and keynote by author Michael Grunwald

Climate Action Plan and Event details:
tinyurl.com/Climate-Initiatives



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EXTENSION OFFICE**
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Newberry, FL 32669

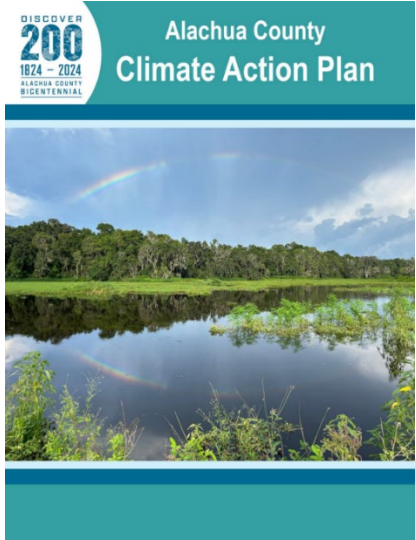
Festival Registration: tinyurl.com/Climate-Festival

Citizen Climate Advisory Committee FY '25-'26 Accomplishments

Final CAP Acceptance & Implementation Planning

Citizen Climate Advisory Committee – Current and Former Members

Adam Despang	(2021-2023)	Kathryn Taubert	(2023-2025)
Amanda Rice Waddle	(2020-2023)	Martha Monroe, PhD	(2025-Present)
Barry Jacobson, PhD	(2024-Present)	Megan Ennes, PhD	(2020-2021)
Bill Quinlan	(2025-2026)	Megan Walker-Radtke	(2020-2022)
Carla Brisotto, PhD	(2023-2024)	Nathan Fox	(2022-2023)
Carly Muir, PhD	(2022-2023)	Noah Shitama	(2020-2021)
Christine Denny	(2020-2022)	Oliver Flanagan	(2025-Present)
Danielle Cucchiara, PhD	(2022-2024)	Pamela Hawkins	(2024-Present)
Garry Kiezbak, PhD	(2023-2024)	Richard Devereaux	(2025-Present)
Hannah Bunkin	(2020-2021)	Sage Cera	(2023-Present)
Jackie Davis	(2022-2025)	Sandy Vardaman	(2025-Present)
James Fulton, PhD	(2021-2024)	Stephen Mulkey, PhD	(2020-2023)
Jennison Kipp Searcy	(2020-2025)	Terry Clark	(2024-Present)
John Lawson	(2024-Present)	Terry Harpold, PhD	(2022-2023)
John Nix	(2020-2025)	Trista Brophy-Duron, PhD	(2021-2022)



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County EPD Resiliency Division – Climate Action Plan Temp and Interns



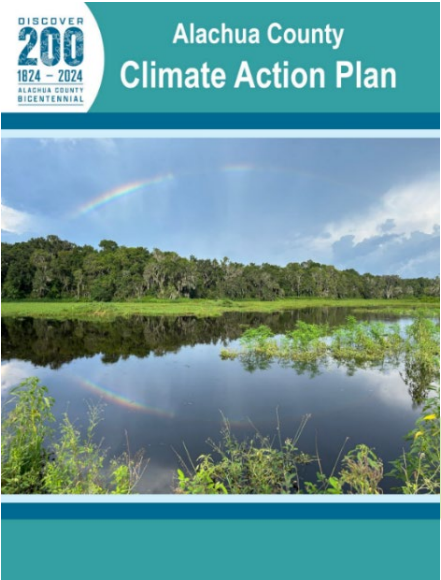
Sofia Aviles



Ava Vellines



Tupelo Hostetler



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee FY '25-'26 Accomplishments

November 15, '25 Climate Festival

- Active CCAC member guidance, planning, execution, participation, and engagement at the event with **over 150 attendees**



John Nix
MULTIGENERATIONAL FARMER

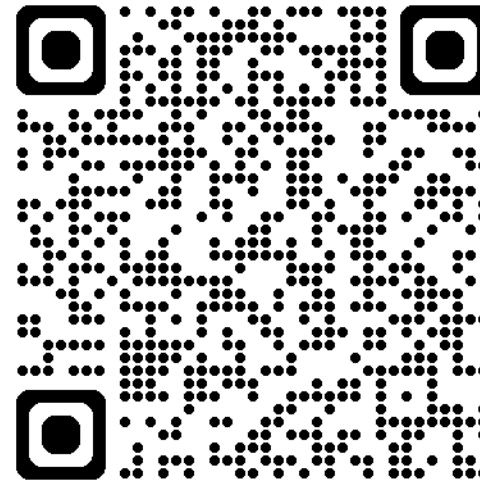
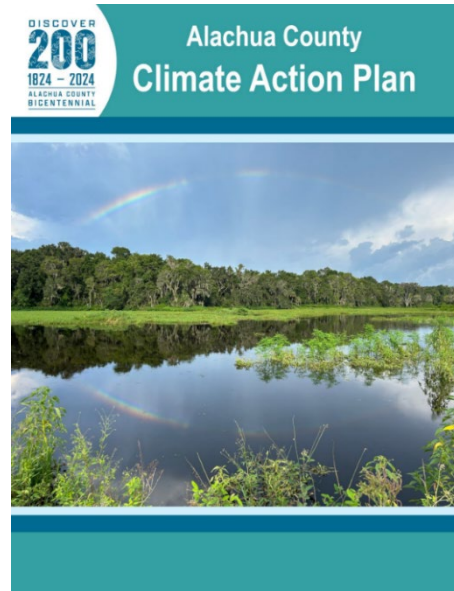
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Stakeholder Collaboration Through CAP Implementation

- Building on work foundations and partnerships, including the 16 community organizations and 7 County programs that exhibited at the Climate Festival



Thank You! Questions?



www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/epd/Pages/Climate-Initiatives.aspx

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