

Alachua County Climate Festival Agenda

November 15, 2025

View the County Climate Action Plan: tinyurl.com/Climate-Initiatives

Time	Session	Speakers and Exhibitors
8:15 (45 mins)	Registration and breakfast; Exhibitor Tables Open	Coffee, muffins, and breakfast refreshments from <i>The Bakery Mill</i>
9:00 (10 mins)	Welcome Address	Missy Daniels – <i>Assistant County Manager Alachua County Manager’s Office</i> Commissioner Ken Cornell – <i>Chair Alachua County Board of County Commissioners</i>
9:10 (25 mins)	Overview of Alachua County’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) & Icebreaker	Stephen Hofstetter - <i>Director Alachua County Environmental Protection Department</i> Jennison Kipp - <i>Resiliency Specialist Alachua County Environmental Protection Department</i>
9:35 (35 mins)	Panel 1: Municipal Leaders’ Climate, Resiliency, Sustainability Initiatives	Moderator: Commissioner Mary Alford – <i>Alachua County Board of County Commissioners</i> Panelists: Jacquelyn Randall – <i>Mayor City of Hawthorne</i> Kim Worley – <i>City Manager City of Waldo</i> Jiana Williams – <i>Mayor Town of Micanopy</i>
10:10 (15 mins)	Star Center Theater Youth Performance	Introduction by Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler <i>Alachua County Board of County Commissioners</i>
10:25 (15 mins)	Break	
10:40 (40 mins)	Keynote on Climate and Food Systems – <i>We Are Eating the Earth</i>	Michael Grunwald – <i>Author of “We Are Eating the Earth: The Race to Fix Our Food System and Save Our Climate”</i> <i>Appearance sponsored by The Bob Graham Center for Public Service; UF College of Journalism and Communications; WUFT’s Environment & Ag Desk; The Florida Climate Institute; and The Rothman Family Chair in the Humanities.</i>

<p>11:20 (35 mins)</p>	<p>Panel 2: Alachua County Agricultural Systems and Climate Resiliency</p>	<p>Moderator: Jean Willoughby – <i>Senior Planner Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Agricultural Land Protection Strategy</i></p> <p>Panelists: John Nix – <i>Multigenerational Farmer, Agricultural Land Conservation Board Member, Former Citizen Climate Advisory Committee Member</i></p> <p>Commissioner Anna Prizzia – <i>Vice Chair Alachua County Board of County Commissioners</i></p> <p>Gerard Duncan - <i>Executive Director Pleasant Street Civil Rights Cultural Arts Center, Senior Pastor – Prayers by Faith Family Ministries</i></p> <p>David Banes – <i>Executive Director GROW HUB</i></p>
<p>11:55 (15 mins)</p>	<p>Ceremonial Tree Planting</p>	<p>Alachua County Board of County Commissioners</p>
<p>12:10-3:00 (~3 hrs)</p>	<p>Lunch, visit exhibitors, food trucks</p>	<p>-- Community Organizations --</p> <p>Climate Cafe Gainesville</p> <p>Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC)</p> <p>Third ACT Florida</p> <p>Climate Reality Project</p> <p>UF School of Arts</p> <p>UF/IFAS Master Gardeners Volunteer Program – Florida Friendly Inspiration Garden Tours **1-3pm**</p> <p>Bicycle University</p> <p>Climate Collaboratory Pod of the Writers Alliance of Gainesville</p> <p>Sunrise Movement GNV</p> <p>City of Gainesville Office of Resiliency</p> <p>SIERRA CLUB Suwannee St Johns Group</p> <p>Cultural Arts Coalition</p> <p>Grace 2 Overcome</p> <p>Jones Edmunds</p> <p>Zero Waste Gainesville</p> <p>Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT)</p> <p>-- Alachua County Programs --</p> <p>Solid Waste Management & Waste Recovery</p> <p>Alachua County Forever (ACF) Land Conservation Program</p> <p>Tourism & Economic Development</p> <p>Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan</p> <p>Crisis Center</p> <p>Emergency Management</p> <p>Water Resources</p>