

# Local Official Connection for Climate Action

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Hello again Chadd Chustz!

If you don't recognize my email, I am Cassandra Jordan from Florida Gulf Coast University. I found out that you were the Fort Myers Environmental Projects Manager when I connected with Erin Adkins at the Bay Oaks Park stand during a service learning fair. I am still interested in speaking with you about environmental policies! Additionally, I am now a Campus Representative for Project Green, global challenge for students dedicated to creating climate action.

Today's challenge is to connect with a local official about my climate concerns. Since moving to Fort Myers for college, I've noticed that this is a heavily developed area. However, Florida Gulf Coast University is surrounded by a nature preserve, so every day I am able to see the importance of nature in combatting climate change.

I also am aware that Fort Myers was devastated by hurricanes like Irma and Ian. I did some research and noticed you worked on beach recovery, so I'm sure you know firsthand how these hurricanes have not only devastated the beach but also our coastal communities, by damaging homes, disrupting lives, and causing millions in losses.

I'm concerned that the overdevelopment in Fort Myers is a catalyst towards future climate problems, such as even more devastating hurricane impacts.

Chadd Chustz Fort Myer's Environmental Projects Manager. I got in touch with him and we were planning on contacting through a phone call to discuss environmental policies, so I thought he would be a great person to contact to create real change for climate action.

devastating hurricane impacts. However, I'm very hopeful that we can protect our communities through more climate solutions, such as planting mangroves along our beaches. I believe this is a strong, much needed solution because not only will they protect against flooding, but also mangroves are a great source of carbon sequestration - which is needed in Fort Myers due to the amount of cars and our dependence on fossil fuel power plants.

During my research, I found a group of teens that started doing this last year, called "The Greenshore Initiative." I think their work is a prime example of how young people like me could help make an impact on climate resilience and environmental restoration.

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I hope that you will be interested in meeting in a zoom call to discuss your environmental projects and any way youths can get involved with you to help restore the beauty of Fort Myers! Whenever you are available, please email me back with any times you are interested in speaking.

Best regards,

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