

Alachua County Climate Festival: Tentative Agenda

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at the Alachua County UF/IFAS Extension Office

(Registration at Eventbrite: tinyurl.com/Climate-Festival)

Time	Session	Description
8:15 (45 mins)	Registration and breakfast	Light breakfast and coffee with exhibitors. <i>Please bring a reusable mug to reduce waste!</i>
9:00 (10 mins)	Welcome Address	
9:10 (25 mins)	Overview of Alachua County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) & Icebreaker	The Resiliency Office at the Environmental Protection Department will give an overview of the Climate Action Plan and what it means for the community
9:35 (35 mins)	Panel 1: Municipal Leaders' Climate, Resiliency, Sustainability Initiatives	Local municipal leaders will share what their cities and towns are doing to address climate, resiliency, and sustainability
10:10 (10 mins)	Break	
10:20 (40 mins)	Keynote on Climate and Food Systems – <i>We Are Eating the Earth</i>	Hear from Michael Grunwald, author of "We Are Eating the Earth" about the challenges and opportunities to address climate change and resiliency in the food system
11:00 (35 mins)	Panel 2: Alachua County Agricultural Systems and Climate Resiliency	Members of the local agricultural system will discuss how their work interacts with climate resiliency
11:35 (15 mins)	Star Center Theater Youth Performance	Youth will perform a story of Alachua County's journey to climate resiliency
11:50 (20 mins)	Ceremonial Planting	County Commissioners will signify acceptance of the Climate Action Plan with a tree planting at the Florida-Friendly Landscaping "Inspiration Garden"
12:10-3:00 (~3 hrs)	Lunch, visit exhibitors, food trucks	Stop by interactive demonstrations showcasing climate resiliency strategies from community organizations doing the work and grab lunch from food trucks.