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CRIS COSTELLO JOINS SBEP'S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SARASOTA, FL – Cris Costello of Nokomis is the newest member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) with the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP). The 21-member CAC provides the SBEP with citizen input and helps the organization develop programs and projects in support of its mission to enhance, restore and protect Sarasota Bay.

Costello has worked with the Sierra Club as a regional representative since 2007. She is knowledgeable about local water issues and has served as the coordinator for the Sierra Club Red Tide Campaign. A former community organizer, Cris has also done work in the area of mediation and conflict resolution. Cris lives in Nokomis with her husband and daughter who is rower on the Sarasota Crew team in Osprey. The family enjoys kayaking and other recreation activities.

SBEP is seeking additional applicants for the CAC. Interested candidates can download an application at sarasotabay.org. Questions should be directed to Sara Kane at sara@sarasotabay.org.

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Note: Here is a link for profiles about all of the CAC members:
http://www.sarasotabay.org/getinvolved-cac.html

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program *is dedicated to restoring the area's greatest natural asset—Sarasota Bay. Its unique program strives to improve water quality, increase habitat and enhance the natural resources of the area for use and enjoyment by the public. Sarasota Bay is one of 28 estuaries in the United States that have been named by the U.S. Congress as an "estuary of national significance." Partners include Sarasota County, Manatee County, City of Sarasota, City of Bradenton, Town of Longboat Key, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*