



**SARASOTA BAY**  
**ESTUARY PROGRAM**  
*Restoring Our Bays*

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*Photo Option:* Individual photo of Dick Clapp.

**DICK CLAPP AND SUZI FOX JOIN SBEP'S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SARASOTA, FL** – Dick Clapp of Sarasota and Suzi Fox of Anna Maria Island were recently approved for membership by the Citizens Advisory Committee with the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP). The 23-member group 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.

Dick Clapp is a former City Commissioner for Sarasota from 2007 to 2011. He served as mayor in 2009. He moved to Sarasota in 2001 from Illinois with his wife Marti. Dick had a prior career in the paper industry in the areas of manufacturing management, product development, and new business development. He spent many years in Wisconsin and is originally from Michigan. Dick has volunteered extensively in neighborhood association and business organizations.

Suzi Fox is well known in the region as an active caretaker of nesting sea turtles and shorebirds on Anna Maria Island (AMI). She is the director of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch & Shore Monitoring, a non-profit organization. She oversees a group of volunteers and provides liaison with officials at all levels of government. Suzi moved to AMI from Miami in 1987. For fun, Suzi enjoys photographing wildlife and nature. She was born in Traverse City, Michigan.

SBEP is seeking additional applicants for the CAC. Interested candidates can download an application at [sarasotabay.org](http://sarasotabay.org). Questions should be directed to Sara Kane at [sara@sarasotabay.org](mailto:sara@sarasotabay.org).

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***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.*