



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

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**SARAH HIRSCH JOINS SBEP'S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SARASOTA, FL** – Sarah Hirsch is the newest member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) with the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP). The 20-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.

Hirsch currently works as a Staff Biologist for the Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program at Mote Marine Laboratory. Her responsibilities include managing the database that records sea turtle activity. A graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Hirsch has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology with a minor in Environmental Science. The Virginia native graduated with honors and completed internships with Mote Marine Laboratory as well as the National Park Service.

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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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