

Zeta Communities -Part A

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What can do to help--for steps to take?	I would make flyers for my community to help clean our waters, and maybe put up other resources. I would also contact our local government to see if I could get any assistance from them.	Is there a minimum age for the task in which I would like to participate?	Any age is able to help and clean up these waters.
Related organization and name of contact	Charlotte County Wildlife Preservation Program	How will I get to the event(s) and back home again?	I will be driving myself. Any events are to come up.
Organization phone number, email, or street address	8888 Main St. Suite 100 • Fort Charlotte, Florida 32909 • 941.743.1204	Do I have parent or guardian permission?	I have parent permission to be a volunteer for this program and get answers from them about their program.
Dates I contacted organization and what was said	I contacted the local Charlotte County Wildlife Pres. and asked various questions about their job treatment programs. They were happy to answer and said that they would be willing to provide assistance to the future.	Who can help me and how?	My community can help me to clean the community, as well as, visit the organization.
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Who ... Whom does the issue or problem affect? How does it affect them? Are others already working on the issue? Who else cares about it that you know? Who has information that can help you?	This issue affects everyone, but those who I've seen most get the brunt of it. Due to peer pressure many self-respecting teens and adults. I believe the government and law enforcement need to get involved in it, and the local police help with enforcement, but the focus is with them.	This issue much like underage drinking is taking others over. Not here in Florida we are surrounded by water. Pollution and littering in such a vast amount of water is a problem. The government and law enforcement need to get involved in it, and the local police help with enforcement, but the focus is with them.
What ... What factors contribute to the problem? What can people do to help? What type of service might be most helpful to people affected by the issue?	The factors that contribute to the problem is when an adult allows people under the age of 21 (drinking and 21) (drinking) to do these things. People can help by stopping adults from letting kids do these things. A type of service would be a local police officer or a judge.	The factors that contribute to the problem are careless people just leaving their trash onto the ground which could eventually get into our waters. People can help by providing trash cans near the coast. A type of service that would be helpful is the local police department.
Where ... Where does the issue have greatest impact? Where can you find people working on it?	There is no one location within my county that this is affecting. It is a general issue that exists in the local authorities have been trying to keep the issue in check.	It has the greatest impact on the coast as this is a popular vacation and entertainment spot. The beach attracts many tourists and locals alike. Many local organizations and even the local government are working to fix the issue of pollution and littering.
When ... When did the issue or problem begin? When are related plans or events scheduled?	This issue has been many many years ago and will continue down on some form when people will stop selling to underage teens.	This issue has been an ongoing issue for many years. It will most likely continue unless people volunteer their time to help clean up the community.
Why ... Why do people think this issue is important? Why do you think it is important?	People are starting to realize that underage drinking is a major problem. Our children are our future, and if we don't do the right thing we can risk our child's life.	Our county and Florida in general have large tourist attractions. This is where we make most of our money during the winter season. If littering and pollution continues to grow eventually it will no longer be the best place to visit. Our money would fall.
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What I can do to help—at all steps involved	I would make flyers letting the community to help clean our waters, and maybe pick up after themselves. I would also contact our local government to see if I could get any assistance from them.	Is there a minimum age for the task in which I would like to participate?	Any age is able to help and clean up these waters.
Related organization and name of contact	Charlotte county within per treatment program	How will I get to the event(s) and back home again?	I will be driving myself if any events are to come up.
Organization phone number, email, or street address	18000 N. Highway 100 • Fort Charlotte, Florida 33548 • 846.743.4200	Do I have parent or guardian permission?	I have parent permission to be looking into this organization and get answers to on them about their program.
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