CSPP Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Community Sustainability Partnership Program?
The Community Sustainability Partnership Program is a one-year partnership between the University of South Florida and a selected community partner. The community partner will propose a variety of sustainability related projects for University of South Florida students and faculty to address using the high-impact practice of service-learning. Students, led by expert faculty, employ a variety of innovative approaches to complete each project.

What happens during the year-long partnership?
During the year-long partnership, students and faculty involved in CSPP undertake approximately 12 – 20 sustainability related projects through a variety of courses. With this approach, over 200 students contribute approximately 20,000 hours of work, benefiting from this high-impact practice.

Why should I get involved?
We match your course with real-world, engaging projects from our community partner, in addition to providing support, information, and infrastructure to make a CSPP project a drop-in for your existing course.

What are the benefits to participating in a CSPP project?

• Professional printing of reports - Which also may serve as evidence of faculty work for annual review, promotion and tenure.
• Staff support - We provide assistance for your service or applied learning activity.
• Publicity - CSPP works with campus and local media to share your course successes and ensure you receive recognition for the good work you and your students are doing in the community.
• Interesting, meaningful work for students - Which is more likely to engage your students—the same hypothetical data set for your Statistics course OR data from a local community that could be used to develop solutions to real-world problems?

What opportunities can involvement in CSPP foster?

• Opportunity for great public-relations exposure for community engaged learning in both internal and external communications outlets.
• Opportunity for establishing relationships within the community for future partnerships and high-impact projects
• Opportunity for publicity and media attention to courses and projects

Have any additional questions?
Feel free to contact CSPP Project Manager, Mazi Ferguson, at mferguson1@usf.edu or (813)974-0697 with any additional CSPP related questions that you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!