

Your future depends on what all of us do now.

Join us to bring more urgency to the task of what must be done in the Bay area and Florida to preserve our community.

- With the Tampa bay area's relentlessly growing population, rapid urbanization in the form of sprawl has claimed large portions of farmland.
- Such changes produce the need for ever greater consumption of petroleum energy, not only for transportation, but for fertilizer, infrastructure, and overall consumption.
- Throughout the southeastern US, water and depleted top soils have become critical issues.
- Species diversity continues to greatly diminish.
- Vital necessities such as water and air quality, and essential biological supports are in jeopardy.



We must persuade those who serve us: the corporate and government officials whose decisions most intimately affect our lives, of the importance of this ultimate issue. This cannot be put off, nor ignored. Business as usual is ultimately doomed to failure. As a society, we have important decisions to make, and we must equip ourselves with the best knowledge available. It is the purpose of the Post Carbon Council to give a public voice in support of change. Join us!



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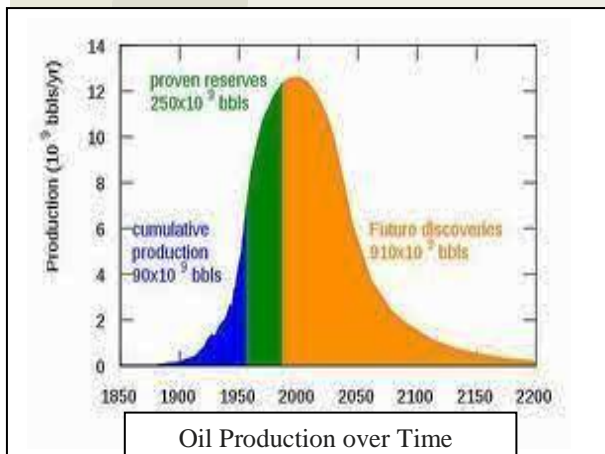
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Prepare Now

To live harmoniously within the limits of the natural world, while satisfying legitimate human aspirations.



Oil Production over Time

The Tampa Bay Post Carbon Council

Preparing the People of the Tampa Bay Region to live in balance with our resources

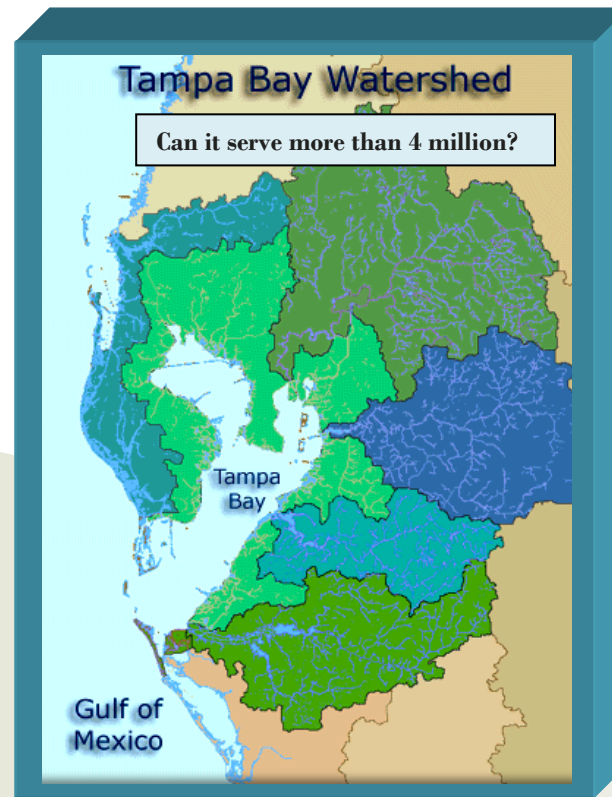
The end of the carbon age is now in sight. The readily available forms of carbon; oil, coal, and gas, supplied cheap energy for the industrial revolution, have been consumed, or are too dangerous for our climate, to use. The problems of “Fracking” means it is not the answer.

- Alternative energy
- City/state Planning
- Resource Allocation
- Flood gates for the mouth of Tampa Bay.
- Individual planning
- Preserve precious liberties
- Stop top soil erosion
- Economic regulation

We must find alternatives to our present habits of production and consumption quickly, if we are to keep the many advantages of our technological society. Most importantly, we must change our way of life to conserve our dwindling non-renewable resources while we make a transition amidst stressful climate change. We can **live better** in smaller, more energy efficient houses, in more compact communities, served by more efficient means of transportation of both people and goods. To accomplish these changes, we must make our voice heard in the political and economic institutions that govern so much of our future.

This is not just about oil, but about everything that **cheap oil** energy has made possible. Fuel, power, water, food, fertilizer, plastics, asphalt for highways and roofs, medicine, and a surprisingly long list of common necessities are going to become much more, if not prohibitively, expensive.

We must do what we can for ourselves and future generations, to extend the science and technology that has become the greatest engine of material prosperity and well-being human Society has ever known.



Water is a vital necessity. Too many people are draining away and polluting too much water. We must find a way to live in a non-growth oriented economy. Florida’s natural systems are unable to carry the population we have.

Transportation must be more efficient, connecting compact urban areas. No more “sprawl”! Vastly increase use of water and rail for commodities as well as people.

Importing **food** over thousands of miles is a great energy waste. We can grow more of our area’s food year-round. Hydroponics and other minimal methods can make it possible for families and neighborhoods to grow a large measure of their own food. Community gardens can also augment our diets.

We must build a **culture** that begins to reflect a higher degree of social cooperation expressed in practical terms. At the same time, the political system must permit the greatest accommodation to human freedom

Conservation and efficiency does not mean poverty, or doing without. It means doing better and using our intelligence and our science to find a more ingenious way of life. It means not doing with less, but doing more with less.

We Americans are clever and adaptable. We can and will find a way around the most difficult situations, even those we ourselves have created.

The Tampa Bay Post Carbon Council is one way to give the necessary social and political push to a problem many of us consider the most urgent we have ever faced. Join with us today!



- More localized production of food
- Rational planning for more compact communities with easily available services.
- Preserving and enhancing our tradition of democracy.
- More green spaces for the enjoyment of natural beauty, and to support essential biological systems
- Continued development of technological and agricultural innovation.
- Products used in daily life must be more robust, without built-in planned obsolescence as a marketing tool.

Prepare for the Future!