

## Phillippi Creek Healed by Rising Tide

Rising Tide International conducted a cleanup of Phillippi Creek on Saturday September 24, 2016. Dozens of volunteers paddled kayaks around the mangrove tunnels and near the mouth of Phillippi Creek to remove accumulated plastic and other debris from the large mangrove forest at the mouth of Phillippi Creek.



Enjoying the camaraderie

Phillippi Creek is the largest watershed draining to the coast between Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor. It is subject to pollution from septic systems and excessive stormwater runoff, but environmental leadership by Rising Tide makes a big difference. Raising consciousness about clean, healthy, living water is fundamental to making our creek and community a better place.



Pitching in

Before paddling the creek, there was time for peaceful reflection and a water blessing for healthy waters, led by Chris Miller, an Interfaith Minister from Rising Tide. Rising Tide is an interfaith spiritual center located on Swift Road near Ashton Road in Sarasota - and is located within the Phillippi Creek watershed.



Preparing for the event



A moment's reflection



A beautiful morning

Right in the middle of town, Phillippi Creek is a refuge for manatees, waterfowl, snook and a cornucopia of our fellow creatures. This morning's contribution by Rising Tide International protects wildlife from entangling or consuming our wastes and helps to preserve our waterbodies for future generations.

**HEALING OUR WATERS**  
**Sept 27th**  
 Phillippi Creek Cleanup & Water Ceremony

NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK | NITCS | ECOGENESIS | CTRC

**A Day to Serve Manatees, Our Creek, & All**  
*"Interdependence is the law of nature."*  
**Saturday, Sept 27th 8am - 4pm**  
**Phillippi Creek Estates Park**

• Water Ceremony • Free T-Shirts (ht. 5 ppl) • Native Plant Walk •

Join us at Phillippi Creek Estates Park for cleanup along the shoreline & through the estuary to keep trash out of the mouths of our manatees and out of the Gulf of Mexico. We will collect trash from the shoreline walking, or bring your own boat to collect trash from the water. Plastic gloves, trash bags, water & snacks provided. PFC-Sun-protection.

Event Webpage: [risingtideinternational.org](http://risingtideinternational.org)  
 Location: 5500 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231  
 RSVP to [chris@RisingTideInternational.org](mailto:chris@RisingTideInternational.org) or (941) 677-8348.  
*"Rivers flow not past us, but through us." - John Muir*

A local non-profit, Sarasota Bay Watch also assisted the project by providing materials and coordination.