

GROWTH PLAN 2014, GREEN PARTY OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Dear Fellow Greens,

As a third time around Green Party candidate Henry Lawrence has learned that growing the Green Party in Bay County has been no easy task. More and more Bay County voters are choosing to register as an Independent or No Party Affiliation when they register to vote. It's not for lack of trying to generate interest in the Green Party, since Bay Greens have been visible at local Friday Fest street festivals and Earth Day events for ten years running, with Green Pages newsletters and Green Party Platform booklets always free for the asking.

Locally the Bay Greens represent all the registered Greens in Bay County, however it is normally only three or four of those registered Greens who are truly active at our events. We have never been able to bring together more than 10 registered Greens at one of our meetings. The last large group meeting had six registered Greens, and that Fall of 2013. There were three Bay Greens present at our most recent meeting in May 2013, and we had four Greens assisting with our Green Party booth display at the recent earth Day celebration. The future of the Green Party of Bay County will depend on the dedication and passion of a few active members if we are to continue moving forward.

Our local web blog www.baygreens.org has been overhauled by Kelly Duncan, giving it a more professional feel, with content updated on a regular basis. Our Facebook page and web blog serve to keep Bay Greens updated on what we are doing, and what we hope to do. We hope to be busier in the near future once my qualification as a candidate for State Representative for District 6 is certified by the Bay County Supervisor of Elections. As a local organizer, Henry's injuries have slowed him down; but they certainly not stopped him! He has been out collecting candidate petitions to complete his qualification process by May 19th 2014 in order to be included on the November 4 ballot. We had the most successful Earth Day Bay County Celebration to date on April 19 in beautiful McKenzie Park in downtown Panama City. Our involvement in Project Democracy was 100% thanks to Kelly and Henry visiting all 11 schools in Bay County to share the Green Party message. Although the Green Party is small, we are a very active group, and hope to be doing much more in 2015. A meeting is being discussed between Kelly and Henry to plan for our future goals, which include:

- Updating Green Party of Bay County brochures and literature.
- Promoting the Green Party of Bay County through tabling at local events.
- Reaching out to students at Gulf Coast State College with the hope of establishing a student group there.
- Participating in Project Democracy in 2015.
- Continue our work with Move To Amend
- Work to get the word out about Amendment #1 - Land & Water Legacy
- Work to get the word out about Amendment #2 - Medical Marijuana
- Finding a suitable location to re-start our film series. Possible showings of "At the Table with the Green Party" locally.
- Organizing and promoting Henry's campaign for District 6 Representative.
- Reaching out to high school students both locally through Project Democracy, and across northwest Florida.
- Establishing a regional group of affiliated and non-affiliated Greens to promote Green interests and projects outside of Bay County.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Lawrence
Kelly Duncan

