



When pollution from fossil fuels threatens the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the beaches we visit, everyone loses: families, businesses, and tourists alike. That's why we are joining hands - both locally and globally - to end our dependence on oil and coal. We are embracing a clean energy future - which today is at our fingertips!

You're invited to participate in [Hands Across the Sand](#) on May 20 at the Bilmar Hotel in Treasure Island. This global day of events brings people together to say yes to clean energy and no to dirty fuels. Across the world we'll gather on beaches and join hands to form a symbolic line in the sand against offshore and deep-water drilling and seismic testing.

What: Hands Across the Sand in Treasure Island, cosponsored by the Center for Biological Diversity, Suncoast Sierra Club, Suncoast Surfrider Foundation, Environment Florida, Florida Consumer Action Network, Chart 411 and more.

Where: Bilmar Beach Resort, 10650 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. We'll join hands at the water's edge directly in front of Sloppy Joes.

When: Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with the main event at noon.

Instructions and Tips: [RSVP](#) at Eventbrite and share the event on [Facebook](#). Arrive early to the event. Follow beach rules: Play nice and leave only footprints behind. Bring a reusable water bottle; water and Gatorade will be available for refills. Choose alternative transportation to the event where possible: walk, ride your bike, take a bus or carpool.

Metered parking is available near the event at the Gulf Front Park Lot at 104th Ave. and Gulf Blvd., Community Center at Park Place and 106th Ave., and St. Pete's parking lot at 112th Ave. and Gulf Blvd.

Free parking is available at Paradise Lutheran Church at 10255 Paradise Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. The church is 1 mile from Bilmar, about a 20-minute walk. You can get a ride from the church to Bilmar and back with [FreeBeachRide.com](#). Call [\(727\) 776-7553](#) or use the [app](#). If using this service, arrive early or call ahead to schedule your ride. Drivers work for tips so be prepared to tip.

Riding your bicycle? You can meet up with other cyclists at the Sierra Club office at 1990 Central Ave. in St. Pete. The [meet-up](#) starts at 9:30 a.m. and we'll depart at 10 a.m.