

Glass Half Full Florida | Chloe Poggengerd



Screenshot of Glass Half Full Florida: "About Us ... Focusing on optimism and the potential we have to overcome some of our environmental issues, Glass Half Full Florida was created. Glass Half Full Florida is an online community for local environmentalists to join forces and connect to local events, petitions, and communities relating to sea level rise.

Image: "Glass Half Full": The state of Florida, half-submerged in a glass of water

Artist Statement

During my research I was disappointed to see the generalized solutions for sea level rise that most organizations were proposing. For example, sealevelrise.org suggested that an individual solution to sea level rise was to either invest in flood insurance, or relocate. Their local and federal solutions also left a lot to be desired. Because of this, I came up with a completely different solution that would hopefully impact my audience, the way I originally intended, more successfully. I want my proposed project to inspire my audience to brainstorm some ideas of their own, and leave them hopeful for the future of our environment. I also believe this piece relates to Nancy Grimm's lecture, and her mention of community, where numerous people come together to repair our environment.

Through this focus on optimism, and the potential we have to overcome some of our environmental issues, I created Glass Half Full Florida. Glass Half Full Florida is an online community for local environmentalists to join forces. It is a website that provides hands on activities for concerned citizens that want to do their part in the fight against sea level rise. There is an events calendar to announce future meetings, protests, or voting opportunities. Our event calendar is for anyone interested in the opportunity to interact with, or give back to, their local community. I also provided a contact option to create a dialogue between me and the users. This way they can inform me of any smaller events they would like my website to showcase. Glass Half Full Florida also provides links to several online petitions, and the contact information for local Florida officials so users can express their concerns