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Florida House teams up with GAF Decking Systems for new deck

It's all hands on deck at the Florida House's new location, 4454 Beneva Road, Sarasota, as Sarasota County Extension staff, local business volunteers, and community partner GAF complete a new deck made from sustainable materials.

The deck is sponsored by GAF Decking Systems, a subsidiary of Building Materials Corporation of America. GAF is the largest roofing and ventilation manufacturer in North America, with sales of nearly \$3 billion annually. Its success is driven by a commitment to provide property owners with their best and safest choice in roofing and high-end decking systems. GAF Decking Systems was the first manufacturer of polypropylene-based composite decking products and continues to lead the industry with technical innovation in design, formulation and automation. A corporate supporter of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network, GAF has partnered with the Florida House to support the goal of achieving sustainability in all aspects of life and work.

The Florida House deck was installed with the help of many local businesses that are part of Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership program and the Home Builders Association. Nicholas Gladding, Board Chair of the Florida House Foundation of Sarasota Inc., expressed the community's appreciation for GAF's generous donation of deck materials, railing and LED lighting system: "GAF has taken a leadership role in providing homeowners a practical demonstration model for sustainable materials that link indoor and outdoor living spaces. Florida House visitors will gain hands-on experience with the products through actual use, while learning about the unique environmental, safety and maintenance features they might want to incorporate in their own homes."

The Florida House is undergoing a complete makeover, with work crews installing some of today's latest technologies designed to save energy and money. When completed, The Florida House will continue its mission of educating the community on the environmental, safety and economic benefits of building green and retrofitting existing structures with sustainable features.

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