

Convening the Region
for 53 years

Annual Report
2015



Mission Statement

To serve our citizens and member governments by providing a forum to foster communication, coordination, and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally.

- ❖ Citrus 
- ❖ Hernando 
- ❖ Hillsborough
- ❖ Manatee
- ❖ Pasco
- ❖ Pinellas



- Six Counties
- 5,000 Sq. Miles
- 3.4M people



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Florida's Only

The Regional Planning Council is recognized as Florida's only multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region.....Florida Statutes 186.502(4)1



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Meet the Officers



**Commissioner
Victor Crist**
Chair
Hillsborough Co.



**Mayor
Woody Brown**
Vice Chair
City of Largo



**Councilman
Patrick Roff**
Sec./Treasurer
City of Bradenton



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Victor Crist Chair

Commissioner Victor Crist has served on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since 2010. He is a member of the Executive/Budget Committee and is Vice Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee and the Legislative Committee.



Commissioner Crist was first elected to the Hillsborough County Commission in 2010 and re-elected in 2012. Prior to serving on the County Commission, he represented parts of Hillsborough County and Pasco County in the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 until 2000 where he received the Republican Leadership, Outstanding Productivity and Performance Award. He was then elected to the Florida Senate in 2000, where he served until 2010.



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Woody Brown Vice Chair



Mayor Woody Brown, representing the City of Largo, has served on the Council for the past 7 years. He is Vice Chair of the Council's Executive/Budget Committee, Vice Chair of the Agency on Bay Management and is Chair of the Clearinghouse Review Committee.

Mayor Brown established Main Street Chiropractic in downtown Largo in spring of 2002 and is active in the Pinellas County Chiropractic Society and has served on the Board of Directors since 2003. He is a member of the Florida Chiropractic Association and the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association. Mayor Brown is past Chair of the City of Largo Recreation Parks & Arts Advisory Board, a member of the Clearwater Jazz Festival Board and is a member of the University of Central Florida Alumni Association.



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Patrick Roff
Secretary/Treasurer



Councilman Patrick Roff has served on the TBRPC since 2008 and represents the City of Bradenton. He is a member of the Executive/Budget Committee and the Legislative Committee.

A resident of Bradenton for over 20 years, Councilman Roff represents Ward 3. He served as Vice Chair of the Sarasota Manatee MPO in 2015 and will serve as the 2016 Chair.

He also serves on Keep Manatee Beautiful and the Manasota League of Cities. He is Co-Chair of Realize Bradenton, and the City liaison on the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway Committee.



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2015 Council Members

Mayor David Archie, Tarpon Springs

Mayor Scott Black, Dade City

Council Member Bob Boss, Temple Terrace

Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee Co.

Commissioner Betsy Benac, Alt. Manatee Co.

Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, Tampa

Mr. Jacob Cremer, Hillsborough Co.

Commissioner Jonathan Davis, Palmetto

Commissioner Carlos Diaz, Safety Harbor

Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas Co.

Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, Plant City

Mr. Robert "Pete" Edwards, Hillsborough Co.

Commissioner Rick Falkenstein

Council Member Michael Fridovich, Gulfport

Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, Clearwater

Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough Co.

Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus Co.

Commissioner Bruce Livingston, Dunedin

Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas Co.

Councilor Bob Matthews, Seminole

Mayor Bob Minning, Treasure Island

Mr. John Neal, Manatee Co.

Commissioner Gail Neidinger, South Pasadena

Mr. Andy Nunez, Pinellas Co.

Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, New Port Richey

Councilwoman Darden Rice, St. Petersburg

Commissioner Diane Rowden, Hernando Co.

Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco Co.

Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough Co.

Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas Co.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey

Councilman Ed Taylor, Pinellas Park

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas Co.

Mr. Ming Gao, Ex-Officio, FDOT

Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-Officio, DEP

Mr. David Dunbar, Ex-Officio, SWFWMD



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Council Committees

- ❖ **Executive/Budget Committee** is comprised of Council Officers and County Commissioners and is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and budget amendments.
- ❖ **Agency on Bay Management** serves as a coordinating and overview agency with the Council to improve the comprehensive management of Tampa Bay leading to refinement and implementation of the bay management plan.
- ❖ **Clearinghouse Review Committee/Regional Collaboration Committee** has the responsibility of overseeing staff reports, comments, and recommendations for DRIs, IC&Rs, and other review items. The Committee also provides review and input on economic development, emergency management, and transportation issues.
- ❖ **Legislative Committee** researches and develops recommended legislative issues for the Council's consideration.
- ❖ **ONE BAY/Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)** consists of Planning Directors and planner from jurisdictions and agencies throughout the region and convenes to provide technical assistants on regional planning issues.
- ❖ **Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board** is comprised of elected officials and gubernatorial appointees from each of Florida's 11 regional planning councils.



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Manny Pumariega Retires

The September 2015 meeting was the last official meeting for long-time Executive Director, Manny Pumariega. Mr. Pumariega, a resident of Tampa, graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He earned a Master in Business Administration from the University of Tampa, is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the Florida and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association. His tenure with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council began 35 years ago as the Finance Director. In 1986, he was promoted to Deputy Director; and in 1998 was appointed as the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. In conjunction with his responsibilities as Executive Director, he was appointed to the State Emergency Response Commission by Governor Bush, served as the Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Advisory Committee and is a member of various regional organizations. Mr. Pumariega earned the distinction of the American Institute of Certified Planners (A.I.C.P.).

He received many accolades from the members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for his leadership role within the region. Under his leadership the TBRPC has accomplished a litany of successful projects and programs such as One Bay, The Economic Valuation of Tampa Bay, and the Statewide Evacuation Plan which was a first in the nation. A celebration in honor of his service was held at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.



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Tribute to Manny

Columbia Restaurant, Ybor City



Left: Manny Pumariega and Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Past Chair and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Center: The Pumariega Family

Right: Former TBRPC Chairs

Steve Seibert, Victor Crist, Scott Black, Manny Pumariega, Barbara Todd, Jack Mariano, Bill Dodson, and Bob Minning



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TBRPC Hires New Executive Director Sean T. Sullivan



In May of this year the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council embarked upon a national search for a new Executive Director to replace Manny Pumariega, a 35 year veteran with the Council, who retired in September. The Council partnered with the Pinellas County Human Resources department to conduct the independent search. The six month process included narrowing down the field of candidates to 33 highly qualified individuals, nine of which were interviewed by the Search Committee, followed by three finalists who were re-interviewed by the committee as well as two other stakeholder panels. The process culminated in a unanimous vote by the Council at the November meeting to select Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, currently a resident of Boston, Massachusetts and an accomplished expert in transportation.

Commissioner Victor Crist, Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council led the selection process. *“This is the most important decision this Board may have to make,”* stated Crist. *“We need a fresh perspective in our leadership and new ideas for innovation as we continue to build upon the great legacy of this organization. Sean is a collaborator and just the person to take the TBRPC and our region to the next level.”*



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Mr. Sullivan's experience includes oversight of capital transit projects including extension of the Green Line in Boston and participation with planning of a Transit Oriented District in Greater Boston. His duties included working with multiple transit agencies, Federal and State Agencies, Regional Planning Councils/Commissions and numerous Local Governments to provide guidance pertaining to economic development, acquisition or disposition of property, capital construction projects, grant development, energy efficiency, and protecting the Federal interest of capital assets.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey represents Pasco County on the TBRPC and she also served on the search committee. Commissioner Starkey conveyed, *"I am delighted to welcome Sean Sullivan to the Tampa Bay region. His background in transportation, economic development and planning will be an asset to the community."* Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County Commissioner and member of the search committee concurred that *"Mr. Sullivan is just what this organization needs. I am very excited about the expertise and experience he will bring to the Council and I look forward to working with him on moving our region forward on the important issues facing our local governments and our citizens."* Mr. Sullivan will begin his position with the TBRPC on January 11, 2016.



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Convening the Region

❖ Best Practices Presentations:

- ❖ Vehicles for Hire
- ❖ Medical Tourism
- ❖ Wellness Programs for Municipalities and Counties
- ❖ Increasing efficiency in Local Government Field Operations
- ❖ American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AMskills)
- ❖ Tampa Bay Express

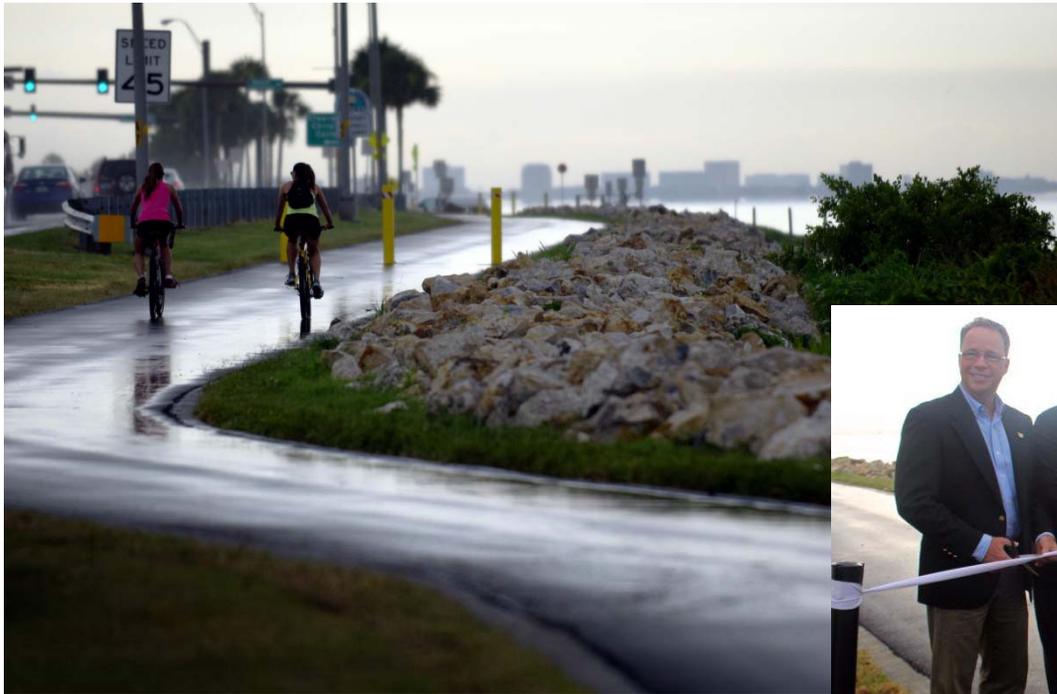


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Courtney Campbell Causeway

- ❖ Celebrated Grand Opening of Courtney Campbell Trail (Pinellas portion)



Energy Summit Tampa Bay

- ❖ May 28-29, 2015 – Presented information on technology, trends, and policy issues that affect the energy future of the Tampa Bay region
- ❖ Speakers' presentation slides are available at <http://www.esummit-tb.org/>



Agency on Bay Management

- ❖ Celebrated 40,000 acres of seagrass!!!
- ❖ Honored Jan Platt and Rick Garrity as "Champions of the Bay"
- ❖ Began Tampa Bay CCMP update
- ❖ Discussed Potential Environmental Impacts of:
 - Friendship Trail Bridge and St. Petersburg Municipal Pier Demolition
 - Proposed USACE Dredging Activities
 - DRAFT Imperiled Species Management Plan
 - Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Strategy
 - Fort Desoto Phase 2 Recirculation Project
 - Blue Carbon/Ocean Acidification in Tampa Bay



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Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium

- ❖ September 28-30th @ USF St. Petersburg
- ❖ ~ 200 Participants
- ❖ 25 Student Scholarships/11 Student Presentations



BASIS6
Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium



NAVIGATING CHANGING TIDES

Addressing New Challenges with Effective Science and Management



USF St. Petersburg University Student Center
700 6th Avenue South | St. Petersburg, FL
September 28-30, 2015

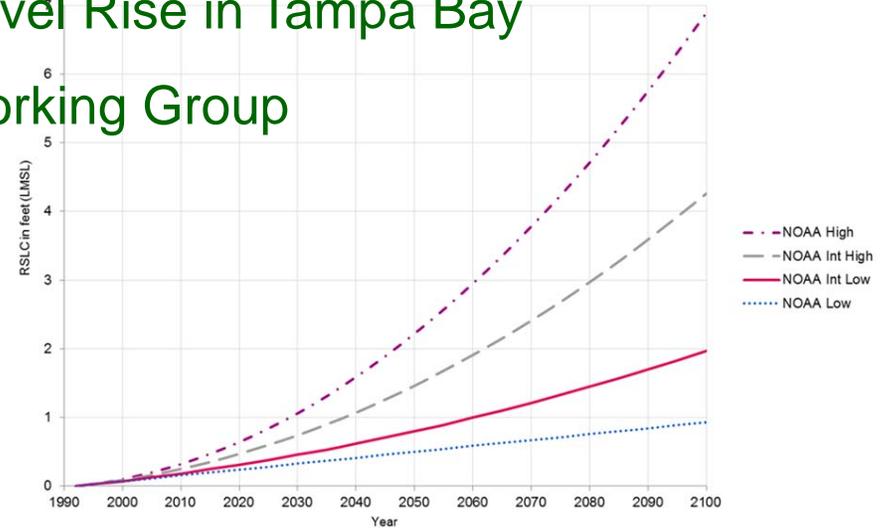


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ONEBAY: Coastal Resiliency

- ❖ Recommended Projection of Sea Level Rise in Tampa Bay
- ❖ ONEBAY: Resilient Communities Working Group
 - DHS Infrastructure Resilience Seminar and Tabletop Exercise
 - USF Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience Workshop
 - SPC/ISGP Sea Level Rise: What's Our Next Move?

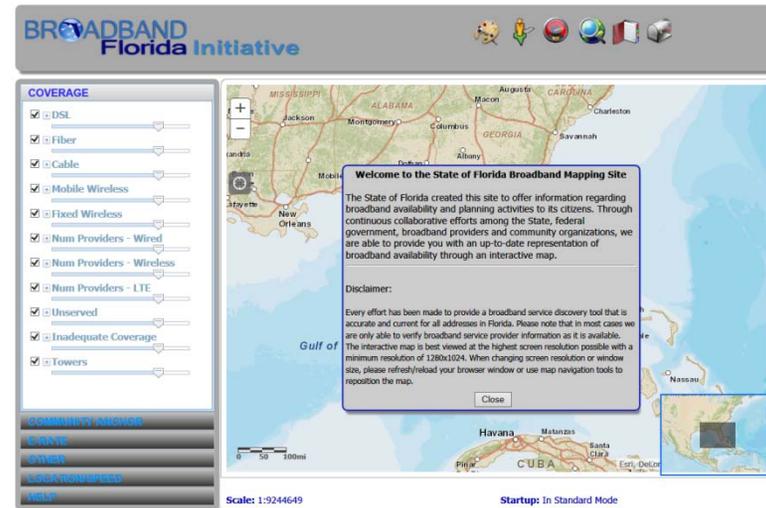
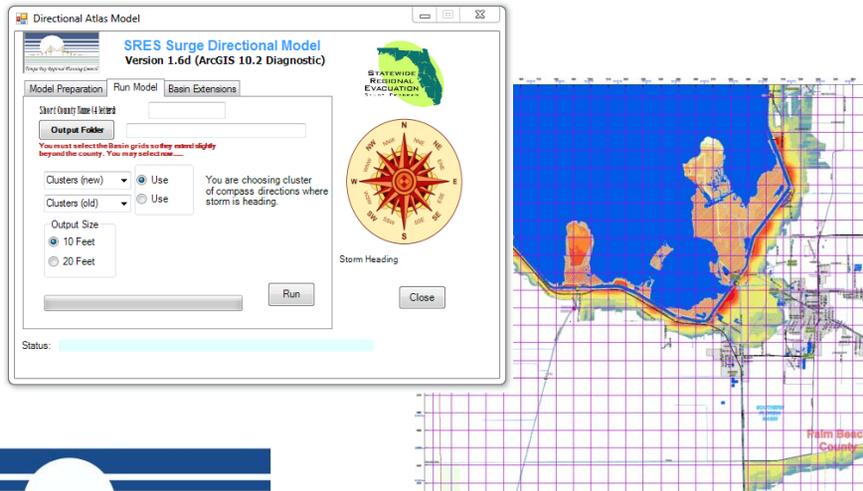


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Decision Support Geographic Information System

- ❖ Mapping and Analysis support for ONEBAY
- ❖ Sea Level Impact Analysis Tool - FHWA
- ❖ Statewide Directional Atlas Analysis Tool
- ❖ Developed State Broadband Web Map
- ❖ Lake Okeechobee Surge Analysis Redux
- ❖ Database enhancements: Emergency Management, Economic Development,



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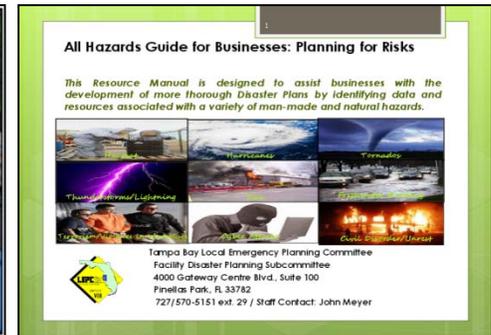
Emergency Preparedness

- ❖ **Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES) 2015 Evacuation Transportation Update**
- ❖ **SRES Directional Storm Tide Atlases**
- ❖ **Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Five-Year Update**
- ❖ **Produced more than 350,000 copies of the official Disaster Planning Guide for 8 counties in English and Spanish.**



Emergency Preparedness Local Emergency Planning Committee

- ❖ Held quarterly LEPC Meetings and attended quarterly SERC Meetings
- ❖ Conducted annual Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) How-to-Comply workshops
- ❖ In consultation with local County Emergency Management agencies, completed a Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey of hazardous materials being transported by truck at 10 locations within Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco & Pinellas Counties.
- ❖ Developed on-line *All Hazards Guide for Businesses* resource document to assist facilities in preparing for various types of disasters including potential hazardous materials incidents.
- ❖ HMEP Training funds were used to conduct or participate in the following events/courses: E-Plan for 1st Responders; Hazmat Symposium; Clandestine Lab Certification; Hazmat IQ; Hazmat Technicians Certification; Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment; Hazmedic; Hazmat Incident Commander; and Hazmat Assistant Safety Officer.

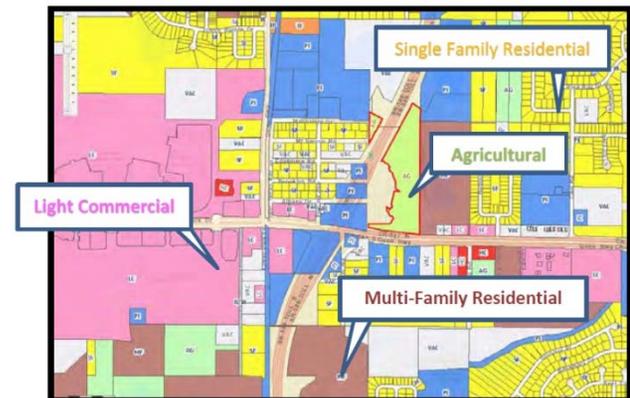
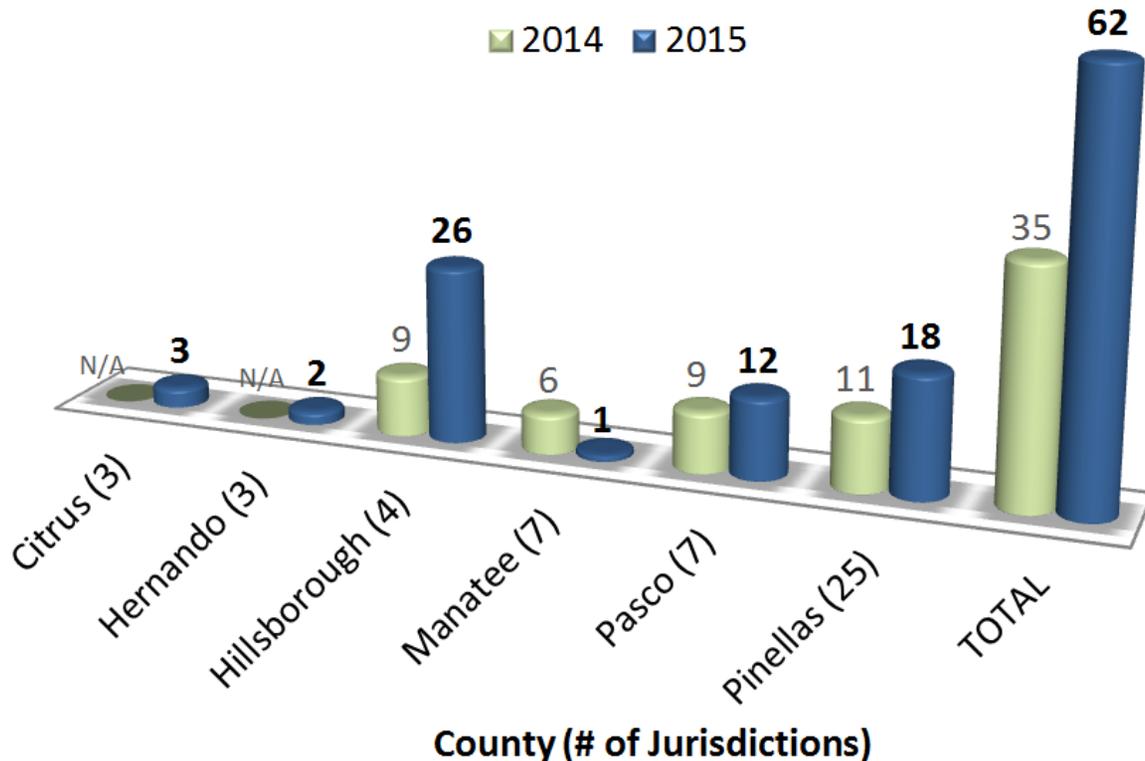


Development Coordination

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review

- ❖ **77% increase** from last year in number of text/large-scale map amendments reviewed

Comprehensive Plan Amendments Reviewed by TBRPC



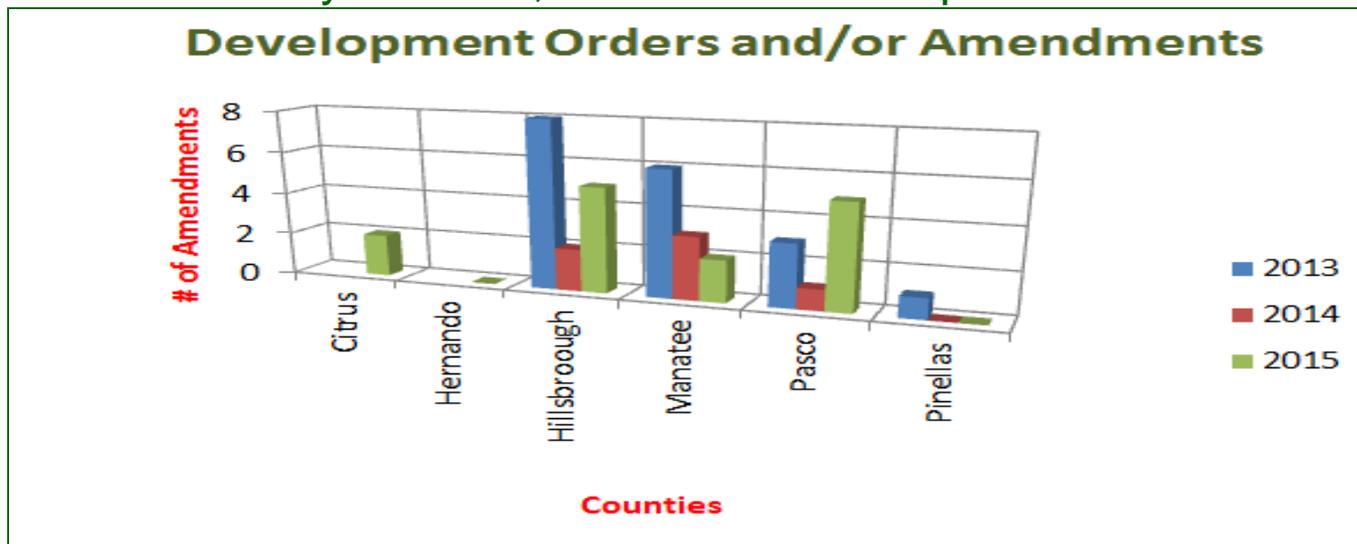
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Development Coordination

Developments of Regional Impact

DRI review activities trended slightly upward in 2015. The following constitutes a comparison of Development Orders and/or Amendments adopted annually by County since 2013. Robinson Gateway (in Manatee) was the only new Development of Regional Impact approved in the Tampa Bay area since 2013. It should be recognized that comparable data was not readily available for Citrus and/or Hernando County for 2013, 2014 and the first part of 2015



Development Coordination

Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (IC&R)

Provides a coordination mechanism for local governments of the region to comment on development activities and programs which affect their communities

Thus far in 2015, **31** applications have been processed under the IC&R program of which **11** were deemed “regionally significant.” Listings and summaries of all applications are routinely prepared for Councilmembers as part of Council meeting materials.



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Bay Soundings

- ❖ 14th year of publication
- ❖ Additional funding from TBEP & FDOT District 7
- ❖ 3 Editions – winter, spring/summer, fall
- ❖ 72,000 print copies/year
- ❖ 25,669 web pageviews
- ❖ 64% increase Facebook "Likes"



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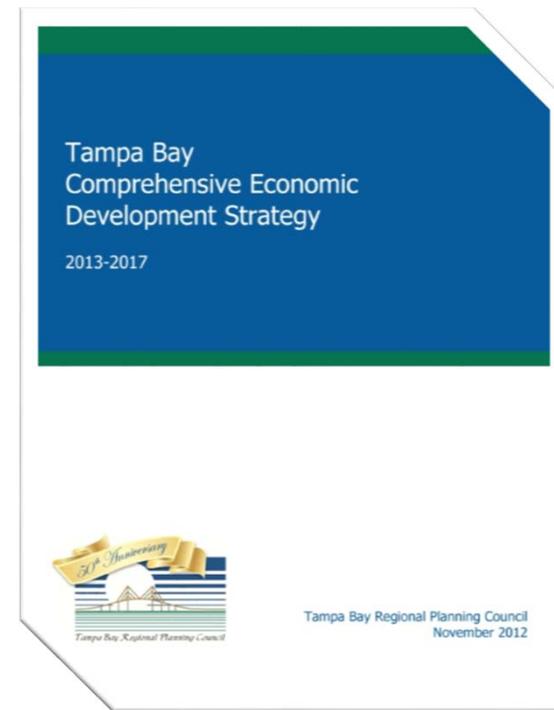
The Tarpon Tag

- ❖ 8,109 Plates Registered
- ❖ \$121,628 Raised for Tampa Bay in FY15
- ❖ \$1.785 Million Raised-to-Date



Economic Development District

- ❖ Conducting Medical Tourism Study
- ❖ Completed EDA grant to analyze medical manufacturing cluster (w/SWFRPC)
- ❖ CEDS – Began update process, reformed the Steering Committee.



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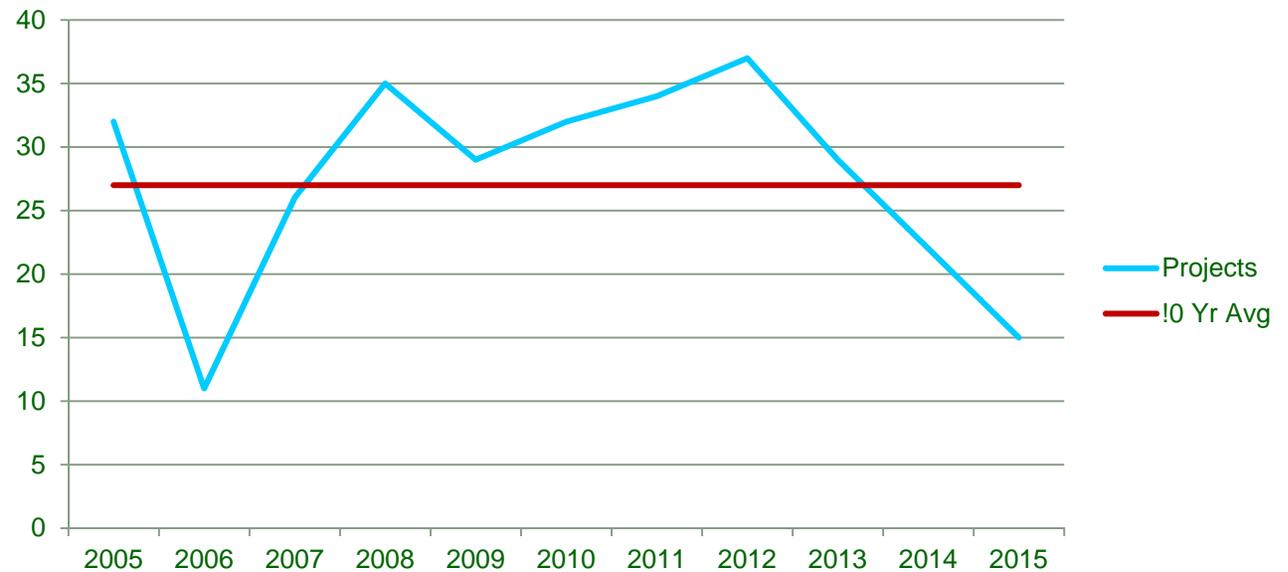


Economic Analysis Program

15 Projects in 2015
Average 27 per year
Clients included:

- ❖ Florida Tax Watch
- ❖ Hillsborough MPO
- ❖ Pasco EDC
- ❖ Pinellas EDC
- ❖ Hillsborough EDC
- ❖ Hernando Bus. Dev
- ❖ New Port Richey
- ❖ Florida Strawberry Festival

Projects Per Year vs. 10 Yr Average

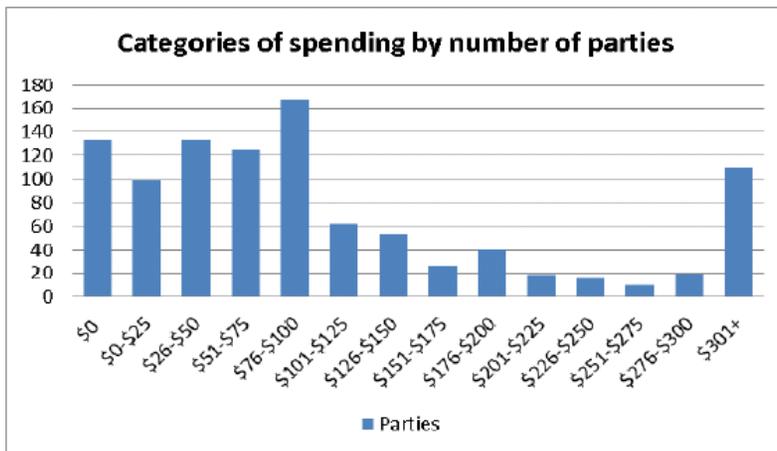


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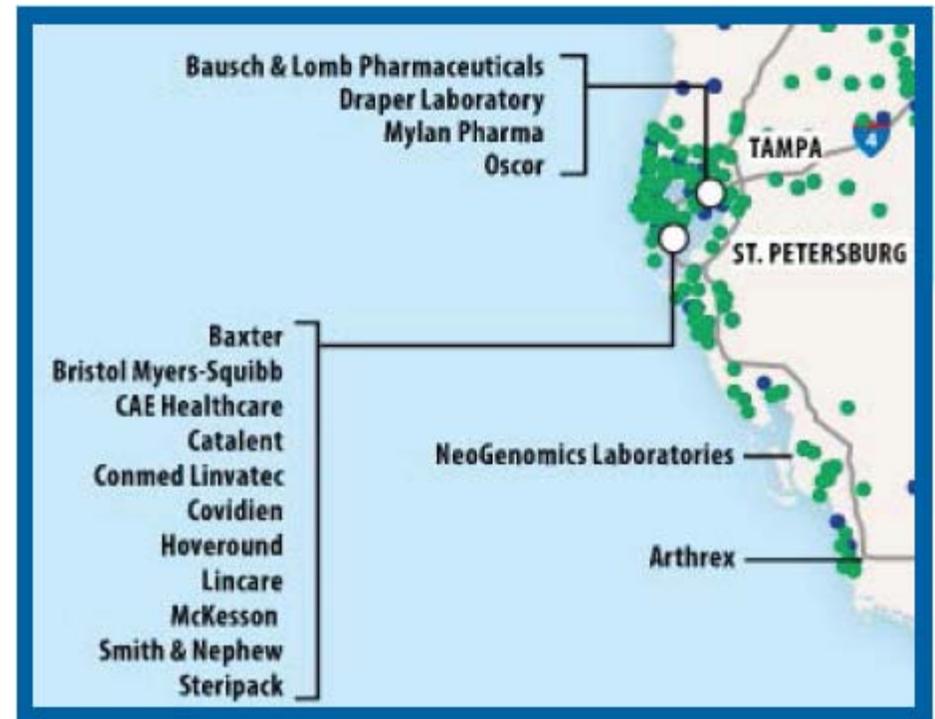
Florida Strawberry Festival

- ❖ Study conducted for the Festival
- ❖ Over a thousand completed customer surveys
- ❖ \$26 Million in spending
- ❖ \$22 Million non-local spending
- ❖ \$11 Million net gain to Hills GDP
- ❖ \$21 Million gain to Florida



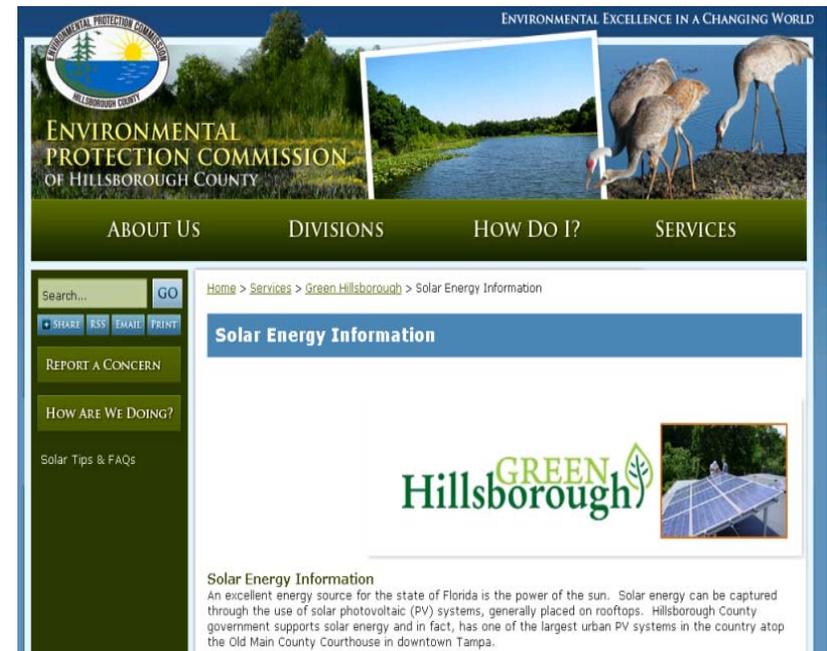
Advanced Manufacturing Study

- ❖ With Southwest Florida RPC, study medical manufacturing cluster in the West Central Florida megaregion
- ❖ 22% of Florida's manufacturers, and a third of employment
- ❖ \$2 Bil, GSP
- ❖ \$1 Bil, Income
- ❖ 6,800 direct Jobs, 14,400 indirect Jobs statewide



Solar Ready Florida

- ❖ Working with local governments on implementing solar best management practices (BMPs)
- ❖ Hillsborough County solar information web page
- ❖ City of Dunedin Solar Ready Guidelines brochure
- ❖ Solar Finance Workshop held at TBRPC in February 2015



SolarReadyFlorida

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Future of the Region Awards

❖ 23rd Annual *Future of the Region Awards*

❖ MacIntosh Award

❖ ***Water Works Park***

❖ Goldner Award

❖ **Julia E. Greene**

❖ **Judith Lisi**

❖ ONEBAY Award

❖ ***Imagine Hillsborough 2040***



Future of the Region Awards

- ❖ Veterans Memorial Park-Phase I Memorials
- ❖ Veterans Memorial Park-Phase I Memorials
- ❖ Mixed Use Trip Reduction Measures (MUTRM)
- ❖ Master Plan for the Protection & Restoration of Freshwater Wetlands in the Tampa Bay Watershed
- ❖ Research to Examine the Beneficial Use of Waste To Energy Bottom Ash In Road Construction Projects
- ❖ Imagine Hillsborough 2040



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24th Future of the Region Awards

April 2016



New Categories this Year!

Call for Entries Available in January 2016

- ❖ Built Environment
- ❖ Natural Environment
- ❖ Transportation & Mobility
- ❖ Economy & Energy
- ❖ Community Preparedness
- ❖ Overall: The ONEBAY McIntosh Award



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The Annual Budget

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Executive/Budget Committee provided for \$2,411,092 financing toward regional programs featured in the annual report. The \$2,411,092 in revenues was derived from federal (14.07%), state (1.76%) and local (86.17%) sources. Staff worked closely with the Executive/Budget Committee during the 2015 fiscal year.

The administrative staff is responsible for the overall operations of the Council's office facility. These responsibilities include but are not limited to: board operations, TBRPC tenants, inner office procedures and policies, records management, human resources for Council staff, the Annual Future of the Region Awards, and public information. Administration continues to emphasize staff development and encourages each staff member to attend continuing education workshops/conferences in their area of expertise.



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Looking Forward to 2016

- ❖ Finalize Medical Tourism Study
- ❖ Hernando School District Economic Impact Study
- ❖ CEDS Update
- ❖ I-75 Relief Task Force
- ❖ **ONEBAY** Coastal Resiliency Decision Support
- ❖ Springs Protection Planning
- ❖ Coast to Coast Connector Overlay



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