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for 53 years

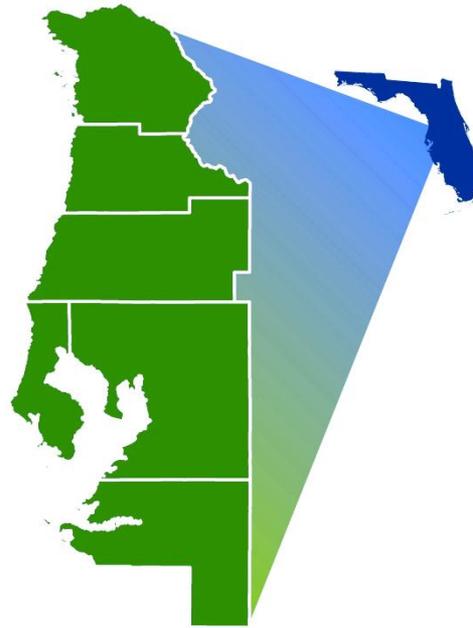
# 2015 Highlights



# 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**

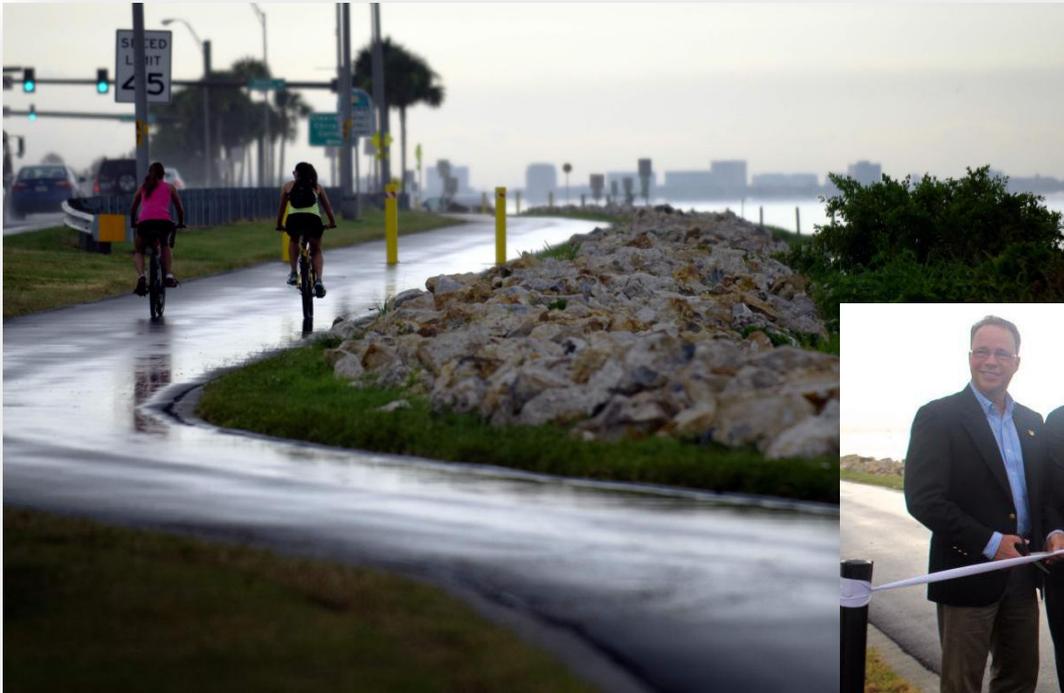


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# Courtney Campbell Causeway

- ❖ 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 28-30<sup>th</sup> @ 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  
200 6th Avenue South | St. Petersburg, FL  
September 28-30, 2015

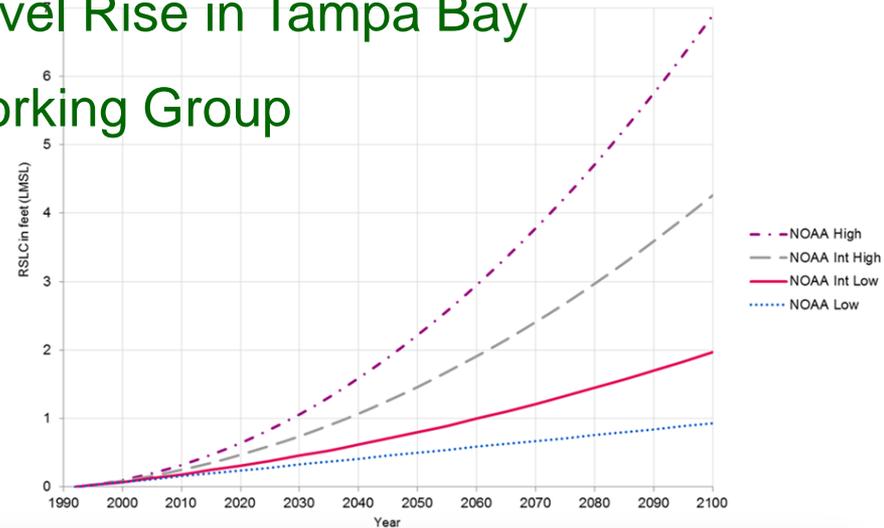


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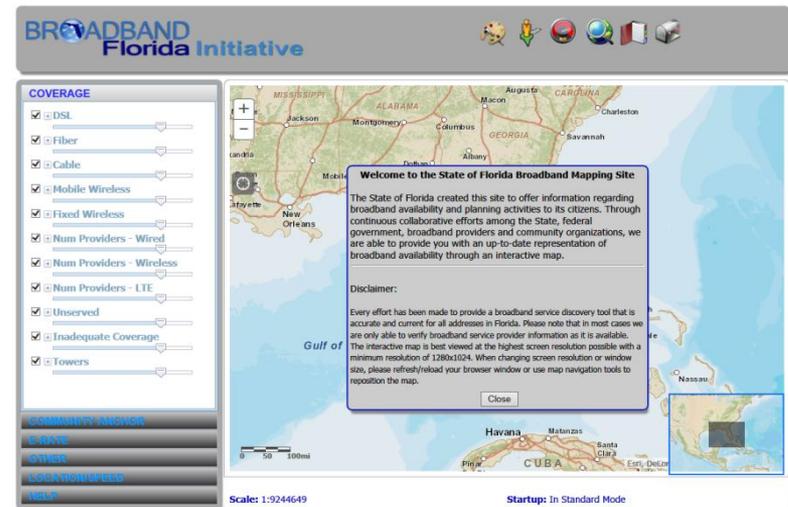
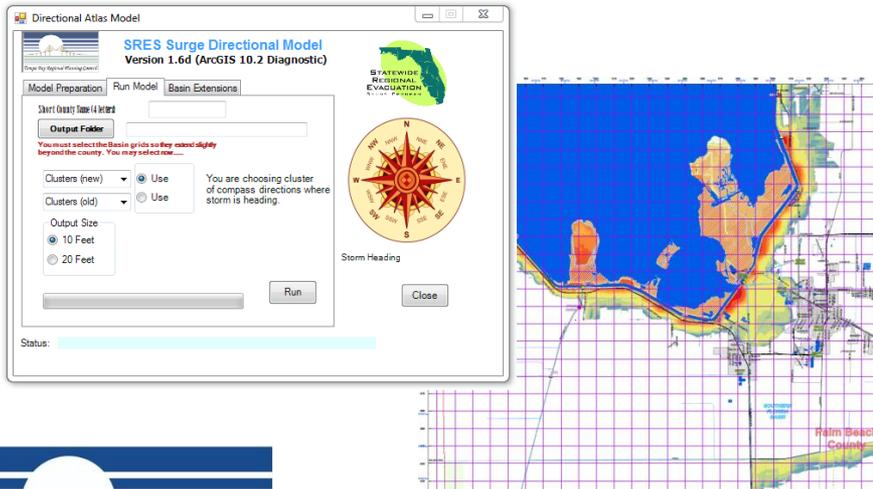
# ONEBAY: Coastal Resiliency

- ❖ 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?



# 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

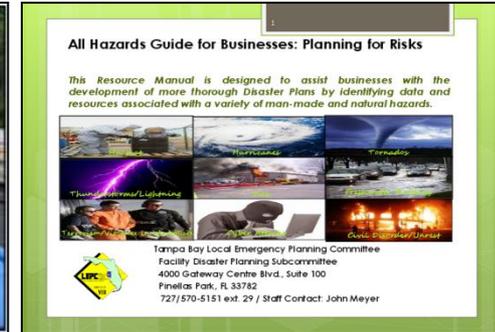
- ❖ **Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES) 2015 Evacuation Transportation Update**
- ❖ **SRES Directional Storm Tide Atlases**
- ❖ **Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Five-Year Update**
- ❖ **Produced more than 350,000 copies of the official Disaster Planning Guide for 8 counties 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 1<sup>st</sup> Responders; Hazmat Symposium; Clandestine Lab Certification; Hazmat IQ; Hazmat Technicians Certification; Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment; Hazmedic; Hazmat Incident Commander; and Hazmat Assistant Safety Officer.

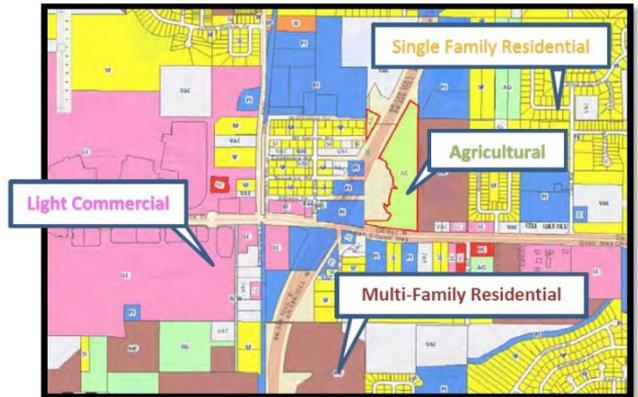
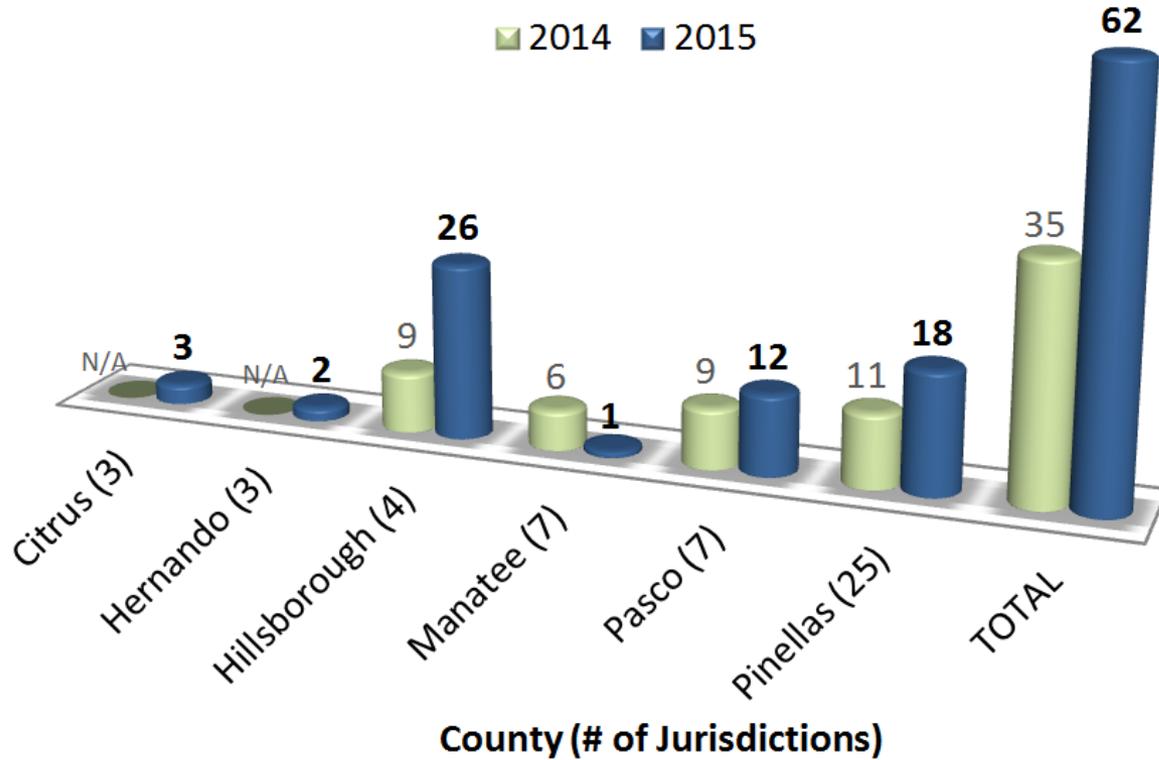


# Development Coordination

## 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



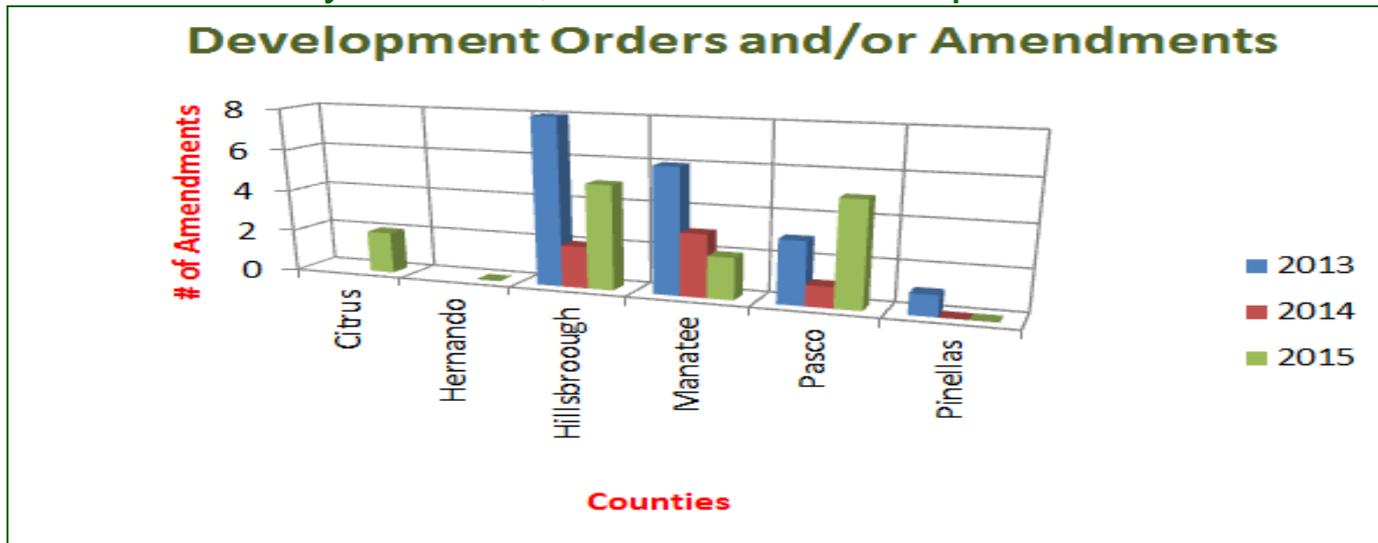
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# Development Coordination

## 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

- ❖ 14<sup>th</sup> 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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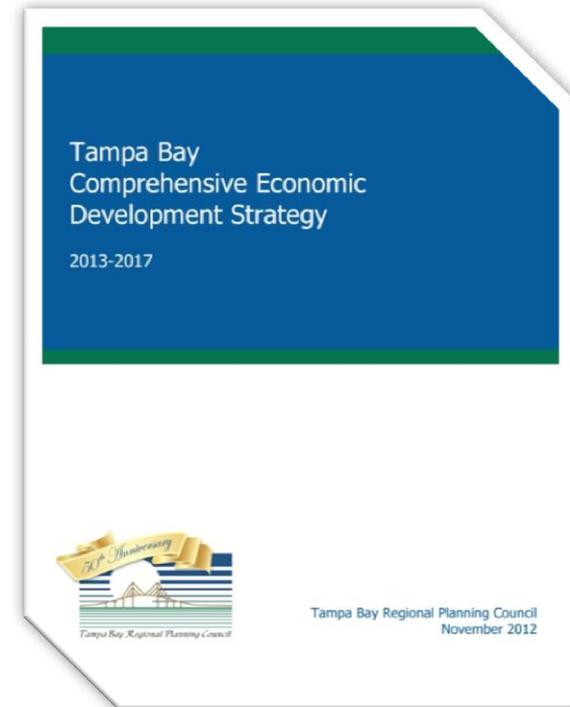
# The Tarpon Tag

- ❖ 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.

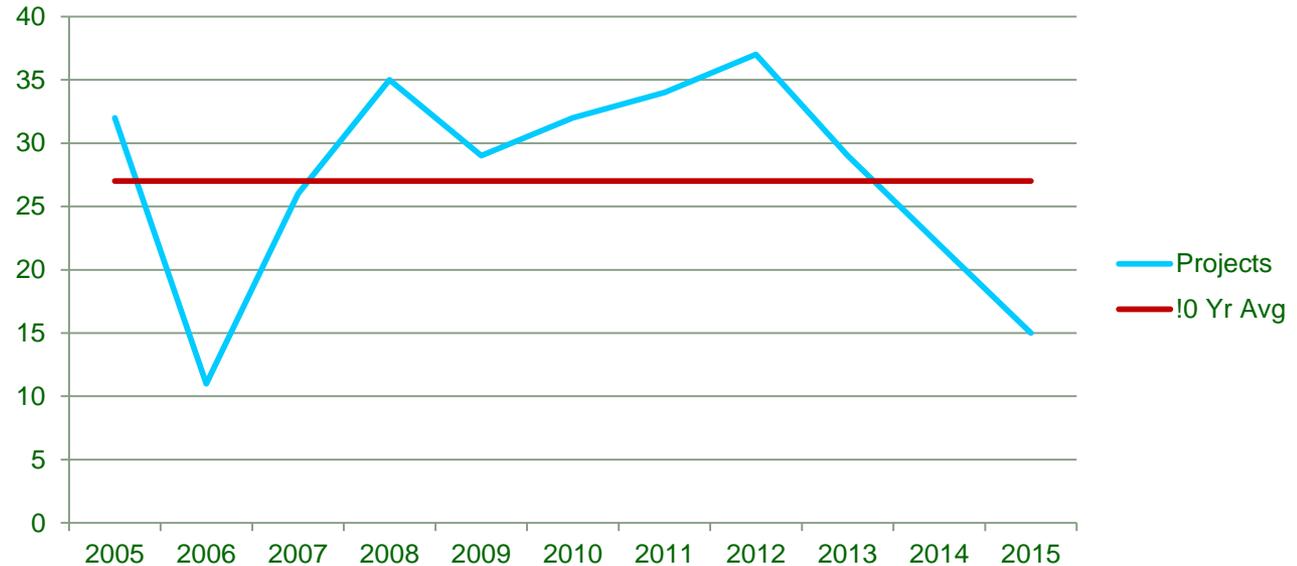


# Economic Analysis Program

15 Projects in 2015  
Average 27 per year  
Clients included:

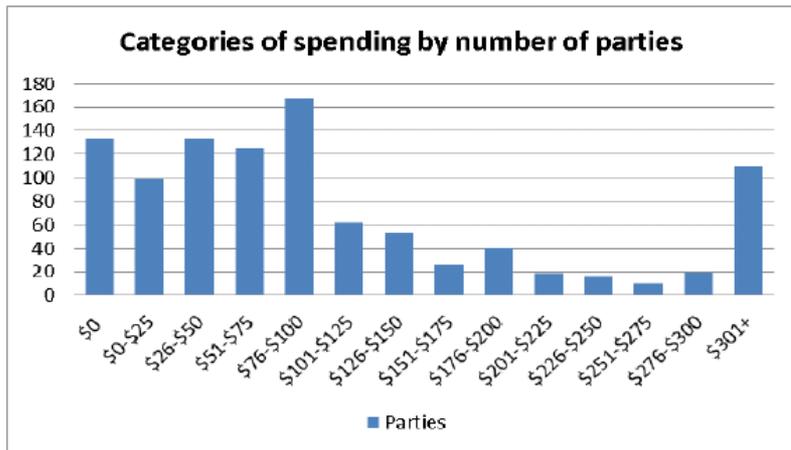
- ❖ Florida Tax Watch
- ❖ Hillsborough MPO
- ❖ Pasco EDC
- ❖ Pinellas EDC
- ❖ Hillsborough EDC
- ❖ Hernando Bus. Dev
- ❖ New Port Richey
- ❖ Florida Strawberry Festival

## Projects Per Year vs. 10 Yr Average



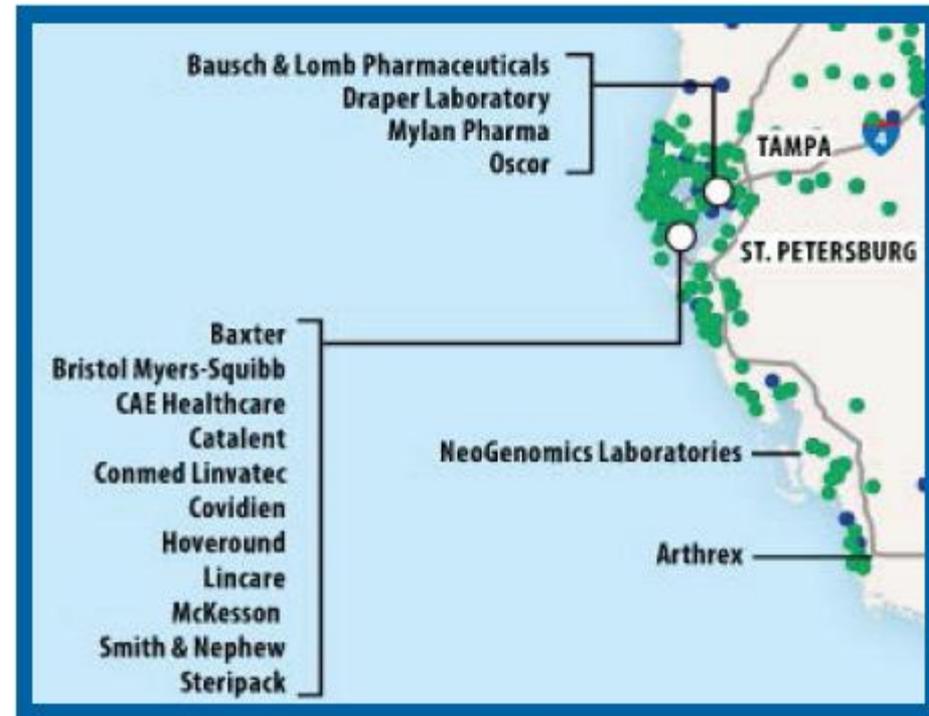
# Florida Strawberry Festival

- ❖ 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 medical manufacturers (1/3 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



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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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# 24<sup>th</sup> 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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# What's Cooking?

- ❖ 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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**Happy Holidays!**

