



*13th Annual
Future of the Region Awards
Commemorative Program*

Monday, March 14, 2005
Tampa Westshore Marriott
Tampa, Florida



*Honoring Notable Achievements
in Resource Planning and Management
in the Tampa Bay Region*

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The Tampa Bay Regional Council brings together local governments and gubernatorial appointees in the Tampa Bay Region to coordinate planning for the community's future, while providing a venue for analyzing, resolving, and sharing solutions among the 46 jurisdictions in Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee and Hillsborough counties. The Regional Planning Council is recognized as Florida's only multipurpose regional entity in a position to plan 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 the region. Participation in the Council is an investment in the Region's future.

Future of the Region Awards

The Tampa Bay Regional Council exemplifies the significance of innovative planning by hosting an annual awards competition. The Future of the Region Awards Program provides honor and recognition for notable achievement in resource planning and management in the Tampa Bay area. The Council's mission in recognizing excellence is to encourage future vision and cooperation within the community.

This event, the Thirteenth Annual Future of the Region Awards, is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by the Council and those who submitted applications. The Call for Entries was announced in October, 2004. Entries were accepted through January 7, 2005. Applications were received covering the following categories:

- Community Service
- Cultural/Sports/Recreation
- Development
- Environmental
- Infrastructure
- Public Education

On January 26, 2005, the Independent Awards Jury, Charles D. Blume, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Christopher Steinocher, Marketing Director of the Tampa Bay Partnership; and Ray Chiaramonte, Assistant Executive Director for the Hillsborough County City-County Commission, reviewed each entry based on the following criteria:

- Regional quality of life benefit
- Benefit to environment
- Innovation
- Cost effectiveness
- Capacity for continuing impact
- Regional benefit

After many hours of deliberation the judges acknowledged those projects representing notable achievement in resource planning and management in the Tampa Bay region.

The Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction was selected from the entire group of applications. The judges unanimously agreed that this project touched each of the categories, provided excellence in the region, and exhibited distinction in regional "visioning."

Congratulations to all who entered.

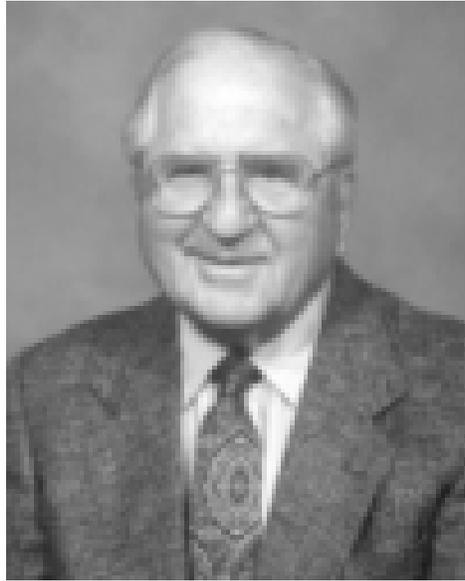
The Independent Awards Jury

Charles D. Blume currently serves as Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. He has held this position for more than sixteen years. Prior to his service at the regional planning council, he was the Gadsden County planning and zoning director for seven years.

Mr. Blume holds a Master of Science in Public Administration from Florida State University. He resides in Chattahoochee, Florida, with his wife Susan and son Jason.

Ray Chiaramonte's professional experience in planning spans 30 years and three comprehensive plans and includes positions in both the public and private sectors. As the Assistant Executive Director of the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, Ray worked on the Future of Hillsborough Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Hillsborough County, the first plan done under Florida's 1985 Growth Management Act. Ray also worked on the subsequent updates and visioning efforts. Ray has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1987.

Christopher Steinocher is Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Direction for the Tampa Bay Partnership, the economic development organization for the seven-county Tampa Bay region. He is currently responsible for the strategic planning and creative implementation of the group's business development efforts including research, brand advertising, direct mail, trade shows, and electronic and print publishing of collateral materials including the organization's web site - www.TampaBay.org.



1918-2002

*Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.
Award of Distinction*

Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., joined the Council in 1985 at a time in life when many people retire to enjoy the easy life. Mr. McIntosh made a different decision when he decided to give back to the community that has meant so much to him during his lifetime.

For more than 15 years Mr. McIntosh served the citizens of Dade City, Florida, as Mayor and he still found time to serve as the Chairman of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. He also served two terms as Chairman of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Area Agency on Aging.

THE CHARLES A. McINTOSH, JR. AWARD OF DISTINCTION, which recognizes outstanding achievement in the community, salutes a true statesman who dedicated a major portion of his life to improving the quality of life in the Tampa Bay region.

*Congratulations to the Previous Winners of the Future of the Region
Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction!*

1992

Westchase: A Planned Residential
Community
Newland Gulf Coast/Hillsborough County

1993

Osborne Woods: The Anchor Project for the
East Tampa Initiative
City of Tampa

1994

St. Anthony's Boulevard Master Plan,
Phase I
*St. Anthony's Hospital/Harvard Jolly Clees
Toppe, Architects*

1995

Florida International Museum and
Treasures of the Czars
Harvard Jolly Clees Toppe, Architects

1996

Public Sector: Long Term
Dredge Spoil Disposal Plan
Manatee County Port Authority
Private Sector: Clearwater Jazz
Holiday Foundation
The Clearwater Jazz Holiday

1997

Public Sector: Penny For Pinellas
Information Campaign
*Pinellas County
Board of County Commissioners*
Private Sector: Morton Plant Mease Health
Care
Community Health Initiative

1998

Inventing Tampa Bay Water: A Model of
Regional Cooperation

1999

Hillsborough River Greenways Task Force
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2000

Pinellas Star Center

2001

Finance Park: A Conservation Lifestyle Education
Project
Pinellas County Utilities

2002

North Greenwood Transformation, Clearwater, FL
City of Clearwater and Bank of America

2003

Rebuilding Community: Tampa Heights
The Planning Commission

2004

Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts Conservatory at
the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
Harvard Jolly



2004 Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction

Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts Conservatory at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center *Harvard Jolly*

The Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts Conservatory is a 45,000 square foot, four-story addition on the north side of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center site; it is the first expansion in the history of The Center. The Conservatory shares an open-air courtyard with the Carol Morsani Hall's north lobby, facilitating easy communication between the public areas of the school and Morsani Hall. It offers instruction ranging from children's to master classes for college students and professionals. Three floors are devoted to the Education and Humanities Department's programs serving more than 100,000 children and adults annually, as well as administrative and support spaces. The fourth floor will accommodate The Center's administrative functions.



The first floor of the conservatory connects directly to the main building and provides access to the existing rehearsal hall, theatres and dressing rooms. The major space on the first floor is the fully equipped two-story tall TECO Energy Foundation Theatre off the central lobby. The TECO Theatre is supported by a connecting technical theatre workshop, dressing rooms, and costume shop. This integrated suite creates a perfect environment for teaching all elements of the performing arts. An important element of the first floor is a library and a secure archives, as well as a conference room.

The second floor includes a Sound and Lighting Laboratory that overlooks the TECO Theatre. Full height sliding glass doors allow interactive teaching between the two spaces. An adjacent isolation booth wall facilitates audio/visual production and post-production instruction. A grid of catwalks provides a safe, yet real-life, training environment for theatrical lighting. An adjacent multipurpose room provides rehearsal space for the Tampa Bay Youth Orchestra as well as training spaces for all disciplines. The education and humanities departments offices are located here to maximize interaction among the staff, faculty artists/instructors and students.



The third floor houses a suite of large and small classrooms, two dance studios, and a multimedia classroom with adjacent control room and office. Support spaces include dance dressing rooms, instructor dressing rooms and storage. There is a significant amount of space devoted to ballet and dance studios, which require sophisticated flooring and acoustics to provide the dancers with the proper resilience and to prevent the transmission of impact noise to the spaces below. The third floor also includes a uniquely sophisticated multimedia room to teach audio record sciences, digital photography and film making.

The fourth floor allows the consolidation of The Center's administrative functions and also frees up spaces within the existing building for the expansion of performance related departments.

As a compact four-story addition to an existing facility, the Patel Conservatory required minimal land area, thus minimizing its impact on the environment. The conservatory was also able to make use of existing city parking garages; therefore no additional parking was required.

The Patel Conservatory provides The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center vast possibilities to set new standards for arts training and to develop a nationally recognized resource in the Tampa Bay region. The Conservatory focuses on the training and exploration of the performing arts for arts professionals, as well as community members seeking a better understanding and appreciation of the arts.





*The Herman Goldner Award
for Regional Leadership*

“Gentlemen it is time to plan together,” St. Petersburg Mayor Herman Goldner told a group of Tampa officials on a hot September day in 1961. It was his pronouncement, delivered at a meeting in St. Petersburg, that led to the formation of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of regional cooperation, dedication to his/her community and notable achievement in encouraging future vision.

The award is named for Mr. Herman Goldner, former Mayor of St. Petersburg and founding father of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Mr. Goldner became Mayor in 1961 with a landslide victory; he served an additional three terms as St. Petersburg’s leader.

Mr. Goldner graduated from Case Western Reserve University Law School, Harvard University Graduate School of Business and Miami University of Ohio. Mr. Goldner practiced law from 1945 until his retirement in 1991. In 1939, he married Winifred Munyan three weeks after their first date. The Goldners were married for 52 years and had two sons, Brian and Michael. Mr. Brian Goldner passed away in 1982, followed by Mrs. Goldner in 1991.

Today, Herman resides with his son, Michael, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he enjoys reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

*Congratulations to the Previous Winners of the Future of the Region
Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership!*

Robert "Bob" Stewart
2002



County Commissioner Bob Stewart has been active in Tampa Bay, Pinellas County, and St. Petersburg area civic and political affairs for the past 36 years. He was first elected to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners in 1994. In November 2000, he was re-elected countywide as County Commissioner for a second four-year term.

Prior to his election as a County Commissioner, Stewart served as a member of the St. Petersburg City Council from 1985 until 1994. For two years he was Vice Mayor of the City and in 1993 was elected as the first Chair of the Council. He has served as former Chair of both the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Area Agency on Aging.

Former President and CEO of the St. Petersburg Family YMCA, Stewart spent 10 years as vice president of marketing for Landmark Union Trust Bank, now Bank of America. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Development and College Relations at Eckerd College, as well as news work for WFTV-TV, Channel 9, in Orlando and the Orlando Sentinel-Star.

Ronnie E. Duncan
2003



Ronnie E. Duncan, a resident of Tarpon Springs, was appointed to the Governing Board in March 1999 and served as treasurer from April 1999 until his election as Chair of the Southwest Florida Water Management District at the Board's April 2001 meeting. He was re-elected in April 2002 to a second term as the Board's Chair.

Duncan is president of The Duncan Companies, a commercial real estate consulting and development enterprise. He was previously a managing partner in Sevell and Duncan Realty Services of Boca Raton and a regional partner with the Edward J. DeBartolo Corporation. He is a licensed real estate broker.

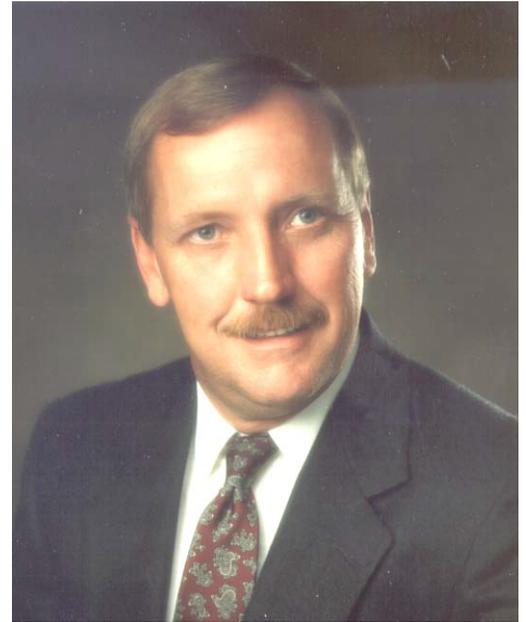
Duncan has served on the Pinellas County/Florida Department of Transportation U.S. Highway 19 and the Pinellas County Economic Development task forces. For NAIOP, he served as chair for the Federal Issues Task Force, the Growth Management Task Force, and the State Local Public Affairs Committee (National). He also served as national vice president of Public Affairs, as NAIOP of Florida vice president of Public Affairs, and as Florida president/vice-president of NAIOP. Mr. Duncan was recently elected to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

2004 Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership

Louis E. Miller

Louis E. Miller has served as Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority located in Tampa, Florida since July of 1996. As Executive Director he is the Chief Executive Officer for Tampa International Airport, and three general aviation airports – Peter O. Knight, Plant City, and Vandenberg Airports.

Mr. Miller is active in the community serving on the boards of the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau (TBCVB), Tampa Bay Partnership, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Policy Committee of the Committee of One Hundred and past President of the Westshore Alliance. Mr. Miller serves as an elected Board Member of Airports Council International, an international organization of airport operators.



Previously, he served as the elected 1994 Chairman of the North American Region of the Airports Council International. In January 2004, the Clearwater Chamber presented him with the 2003 *Tourism Person of the Year Award* and in May 2003, he was given the *Outstanding Public Administrator Award* by the Suncoast Chapter, American Society for Public Administration.

He started his professional career as an internal auditor for a Salt Lake City Corporation and subsequently became a partner in a public accounting firm. Following that he served for five years as Deputy Director of Airports in Salt Lake City and was responsible for Finance and Administration of the Airport Authority. He was promoted to Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Airport Authority where he served for 14 years as its CEO.

While in Salt Lake City, Mr. Miller was inducted into the Utah Travel Council's Tourism Hall of Fame, received the 1993 Freedom of Enterprise Award from the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants and was presented with the 1994 Service to the Industry Award from the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Louis E. Miller is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was educated at the University of Utah, and he is a graduate of the Stevens Henager Business College. He is a certified public accountant, and served for four years in the United States Army.

The Awards Program

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Caribbean Marinated Pork Loin served with a Bermuda Onion Compote
Roasted Red Potatoes
Florida Salad
Chef's Choice of Fresh Dessert
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea

The Program

Introductions

Manny L. Pumariega
Executive Director
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Welcome

Commissioner Jane von Hahmann, Manatee County
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Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Invocation

Reverend James T. Golden
Councilman, City of Bradenton
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Luncheon

Special Recognitions

Agency on Bay Management (ABM) 20th Anniversary
Mayor Mary Maloof, ABM Chair
City of Treasure Island

Twin Lakes Elementary, Tampa, Florida
Exhibit: Disappearing Wetlands

Presentation

13th Annual Future of the Region Awards
Master of Ceremonies, Al Ruechel
Anchor, Bay News 9

Presentation

The Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction
Mr. Robert 'Bob' Kersteen, Gubernatorial Appointee
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Presentation

The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership
Mr. Robert 'Bob' Kersteen
Vice-Chair

Closing Remarks

Ms. Jill Collins, Gubernatorial Appointee
Secretary/Treasurer
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Adjourn



Community Service

First Place

Community Foundation of Tampa Bay

The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay is a unifying force for building a better region through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership. The Foundation develops regional initiatives, administers endowments for over 75 area-wide non-profits and works with nearly 500 donors from Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties to further its original concept of improving the quality of life for Bay area residents.



Second Place

Haul Pass Campaign

PSTA recognized an opportunity for increased mobility and independence for youth. In an effort to expand ridership in that demographic, PSTA created a special summer Haul Pass. A special \$25 fare that allowed unlimited access to all PSTA routes within the county for the entire summer.



Honorable Mention

The Chocolate Nutcracker

The Chocolate Nutcracker is a holiday event, which crosses boundaries of age, accessibility and race. On December 10, 2004, Ruth Eckerd Hall presented the first of six performances. About 350 children and adults participated in the theater production, which explored African, Latin and American cultures through art, music and dance.



Honorable Mention

Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program within the City of Dunedin is a unique citywide effort. The purpose and objectives are to extend and enhance existing services, to increase direct services to the citizens and the community, and to build closer relationships with the City and its citizens.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- Remote Access Fire Rescue, City of Oldsmar
- Historic Mercy Hospital Project, City of St. Petersburg

Cultural/Sports/Recreation



First Place

Conversion of Plant City Stadium

The adaptive reuse of the formerly little used Plant City Stadium and its practice fields (following its initial purpose as a Major League Baseball spring training facility) into a multi-functional regional destination for softball and community event use, including international as well as domestic competition along with community oriented activities.



Second Place

Dunedin Middle School Recreational Partnership

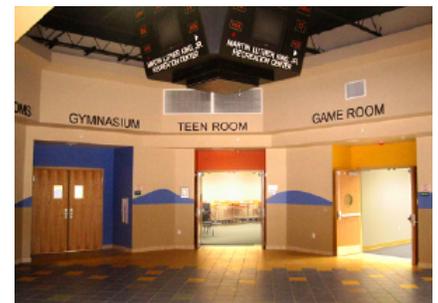
The Partnership was initiated to address the recreation needs of youth living in the south Dunedin area. Lack of publicly owned lands in the area resulted in a lack of recreation facilities within walking distance of many neighborhoods. When complete, the amenities will include two lighted sports fields, four lighted outdoor basketball courts, and an indoor class gymnasium.



Honorable Mention

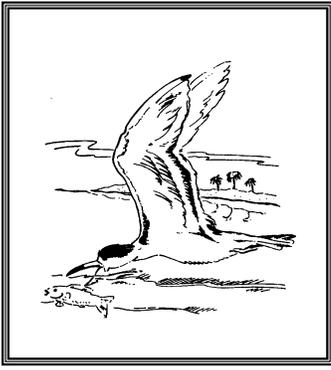
MLK Jr. Recreation Center

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center is a new 18,725 square foot facility that includes a gymnasium, a teen activity room, a children's game room, classrooms, a technology lab, a commercial-grade kitchen, staff offices and other related amenities. The Center was designed to serve people of all ages with a focus on children and young adults. Programs offered include basketball, volleyball, wrestling, a skate park, various tournaments, fitness classes and rental accommodations. With annual attendances in excess of 16,000, it is clear the MLK Recreation Center is a tremendous success.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- St. Andrews Links Golf, City of Dunedin
- Beauties of the Beach, PSTA



Development

First Place

City of New Port Richey Redevelopment Plan

Facing blighted condition and a limited tax base, the City of New Port Richey commissioned TBE Group, Inc. to complete the first citywide Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in the history of the state. Adopted in May 2001, the CRA could potentially generate up to \$72 million over the next 20 years as a tax increment finance district.



Second Place

Park Station

Park Station is a Victorian-style building reminiscent of grand railroad stations of eras past. The building is both a monument to the history of the area and a promise for the future. Park Station creates a focal point for Pinellas Park and establishes an anchor for redevelopment along Park Boulevard.



Honorable Mention

Parkshore Plaza

Parkshoe Plaza is a 29-story, 380,000 square foot mixed-use project. Overlooking the city's signature parks, Parkshore Plaza reflects the intimate charm of a Mediterranean-style pedestrian village and the sophisticated beauty of what is considered one of the most vibrant waterfronts in America today. This project will further enhance the growing reputation that St. Petersburg is a livable and desirable community.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- Wilderness Lake Preserve, Lindell Investments II, Inc.
- Women's Pavilion at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital, Harvard Jolly, Inc.

Environmental



First Place

Pinellas County Environmental Fund

The Pinellas County Environmental Fund (PCEF) is a unique partnership between Pinellas County and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Its mission is to conserve, restore, and enhance the natural resources of the Tampa Bay area for its citizens and visitors through education and innovative, sustainable conservation partnerships.



Second Place

Fred and Idah Schultz Preserve Restoration Project

Spearheaded by the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program of the SWFWMD, this multifaceted, interdisciplinary 120-acre ecosystem restoration project was completed in Hillsborough Bay. The project restored a mosaic of coastal habitats that had been destroyed through dredge and fill activities of the 1960's and 1970's. In addition, the project also provides polishing of stormwaters from the area's watershed.

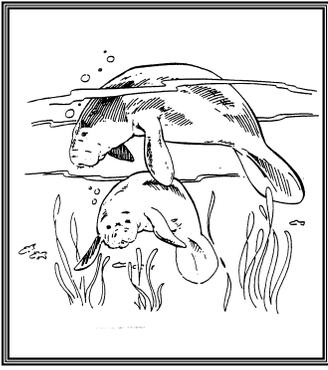


Honorable Mention

Upper Tampa Bay Trail Phase II

The Hillsborough Greenways Program project adds four miles of paved trail to the existing four-mile trail in northwest Hillsborough County. In addition to the 15-foot wide paved trail, design elements include a visitors center, maintenance facility, unique trail stops overlooking water features, a trail signage system, restoration of a portion of a man-made canal, a railroad trestle underpass, wooden arch suspension bridge, and an outdoor amphitheater.





Environmental

The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- Palonis Park Oyster Restoration: Community Involvement for a Better Tampa Bay, Tampa Bay Watch, Inc.
- Construction of Bridges to Restore Circulation and Provide Ecological Enhancement in the Ft. DeSoto Park aquatic Habitat Management Area; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management
- Cotanchobee Fort Brook Park, Hardeman-Kempton & Associates, Inc.
- Headwaters at Duette Wetland Restoration, FDEP
- Kumar Waterfront Property, City of Oldsmar
- Clearwater NW Fire Station, TBE Group

Infrastructure



First Place

Partial Privatization of the Outdoor Advertising Program

TBE Group received a FDOT contract to inventory outdoor advertising signs, update database information, conduct site reviews for new and completed sign locations, report illegal signs, photograph signs, and verify sign removals.



Second Place

Hillsborough County Lighting Regulations

In 2004, Hillsborough County adopted new outdoor lighting regulations applicable to all non-residential, non-agricultural and multi-family uses. The objective of the regulations is to promote the conservation of energy while ensuring safe lighting for the public and restricting the creation of glare, obtrusive light, light pollution and light trespass.



Honorable Mention

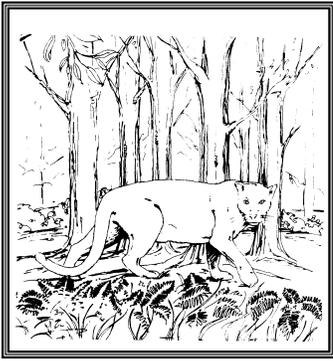
Extension of PSTA's Suncoast Beach Trolley

Responding to community needs, PSTA recently took two popular routes, the Suncoast Beach Trolley and the Route 80, and combined them into one. Now, residents and tourists can enjoy a scenic one-seat ride from Pass-a-Grill to downtown Clearwater on board a comfortable air-conditioned trolley.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- Introduction of PSTA Newly Redesigned Logo and Bus Paint Scheme, PSTA



Public Education

First Place

Clearwater Main Library

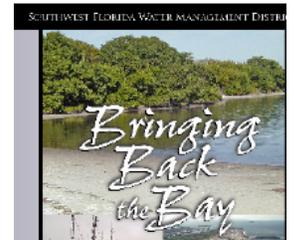
The Clearwater Main Library is uniquely sited on a bluff overlooking a public park, the intercoastal waterway and the Gulf of Mexico. Boasting the latest in technology, the new Clearwater Main Library is a vast departure from the old one, which formerly stood on this site. The library offers patrons the latest in library design including a café, computer lab, teen room, gallery space, expansive reading areas and a children's collection.



Second Place

Bringing Back the Bay Video

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) produced a thirty-minute video on the improved status of Tampa Bay. Tampa Bay improvements are a result of a cooperative effort among many agencies in the region. Bringing Back the Bay looks at the recovery and some of the challenges ahead.



Second Place

Town 'N Country Community Plan

Due to the dedicated work of community leaders, the future of Town 'N Country is being guided by a common vision for the healthy growth of the community. This vision, along with practical goals and strategies, is designed to shape future growth while improving the community's quality of life.



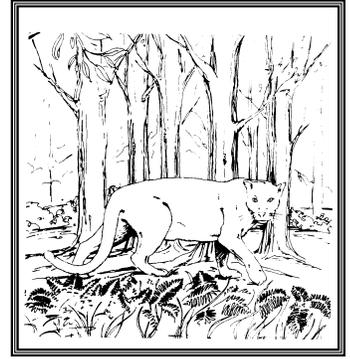
Honorable Mention

Brooker Creek Watershed Education Program

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) developed a pilot education program for the Brooker Creek Watershed. Based on public opinion surveys and focus group input, an education plan was developed and implemented. Project components can be used for other watershed education programs within the district.



Public Education



Honorable Mention

Manatee Viewing Center Web Cam

Purchase, install and connect a web cam, accessible to the general public via the internet, which will allow users to view manatees and other aquatic, avian and plant wildlife located in the designated manatee sanctuary at Tampa Electric Company's Manatee Viewing Center.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence...

- "Make the Smart Move Today" Television Campaign, PSTA
- Little Ripples Newsletter, SWFWMD
- Bayshore Elementary School Replacement, Harvard Jolly Architects and Manatee County School Board
- Right-of-Way Considerations for Engineers Training, TBE Group, Inc.

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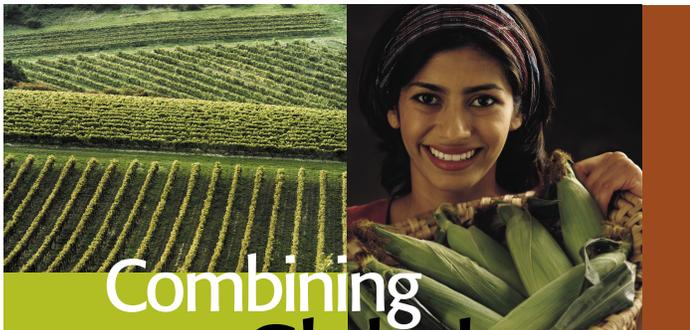
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Teleworking, also known as telecommuting, refers to working at home or another location on a full or part-time basis. Employers who attend the one-day conference will learn about the benefits of using telework in the work place and how to set up a successful program.

You will learn about the latest technology that makes telework a snap and hear, first hand, from Tampa Bay area employers who have successfully integrated telework into their worksites. With hurricane season just around the corner, you will also have the opportunity to hear how you can use telework as an emergency management, disaster preparedness/recovery tool.



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TELEWORK TAMPA BAY

No longer does "going to work" mean getting in the car, stressing out in stop and go traffic and driving for miles. Teleworking is changing the face of how we get to work. Teleworking can be implemented as a part time option with an employee working at home a few days a week. Depending on the nature of the work, teleworking can be accomplished with as little technology as a phone, paper and pen or may involve computers, networks and other technology. Teleworking is no longer the wave of the future...it is now.



What is in it for employers?

Improved productivity
Teleworkers typically work longer and more efficiently without office related distractions.

Reduced overhead

Facilities and real estate planners have discovered the powerful impact of teleworking in decreasing overhead costs.

Improved employee retention and recruitment

Teleworkers are less likely to look for other jobs and often list the teleworking option as one of the main reasons for remaining with their employer. Companies with teleworking programs can recruit skilled professionals from nationwide – an important asset in a tight labor market.

Reduced absenteeism

Studies show that employees who telework take two to four fewer sick days each year than other employees. Even on days when they have a sick child, a midday appointment or car trouble, they frequently find time to complete their work.

What is in it for employees?

Improved morale

Employees love teleworking. They appreciate being trusted by their employers and are usually more productive.

Greater flexibility

Teleworking provides employees with greater flexibility in balancing their work and personal needs. Employees can arrange their schedules to work during peak hours and to accommodate child-care duties, medical appointments or school.

Reduced commuting stress and expense

No traffic jams, commuting stress, or searching for parking on telework days. Teleworkers save two to three hours per day by not commuting. Teleworkers spend less on food, work attire, dry cleaning and other expenses traditionally associated with working at an office.

Improved quality of life

Teleworkers often use the time saved to work more, spend time with their families, cook, exercise and live a more fulfilling life.

How does the community benefit?

Reduced traffic congestion and pollution

Whenever fewer people commute, especially at peak rush hours, there is less traffic and air pollution. This helps create a cleaner environment and reduce road and highway maintenance expense.

Enhanced economic development

Teleworking can improve the region's overall economic health by lowering the wasted economic cost of traffic congestion and creating a more vital and livable community.

Let Telework Tampa Bay work for you!

Telework Tampa Bay offers assistance **at no charge** to the Tampa Bay area employers for implementing telework programs. Telework Tampa Bay is a program of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Bay Area Commuter Services.



Telework Tampa Bay offers a comprehensive package of technical assistance services, including:

- One-on-one consultation with national telework experts
- Presentations on teleworking designed for upper and middle management
- Design and implementation of telework programs
- Development of telework policies, procedures and agreements
- Marketing of telework to upper and middle management
- Sample materials, case studies, and implementation kits
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