

16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Future of the*  
*Region Awards*

HOSTED BY THE  
*TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

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Tampa, Florida



HONORING NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN  
RESOURCE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT  
IN THE TAMPA BAY REGION







## *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.

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# *Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council*

## *... convening the region*

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning 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 43 jurisdictions in Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee and Hillsborough counties. The Regional Planning Councils are recognized as Florida's only multi-purpose 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 Planning 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 Sixteenth 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 2007 and entries were accepted through January 11, 2008. Forty-one applications were received covering the following categories:

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



On January 25, 2008, 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 Chiamonte, Assistant Executive Director for the Hillsborough County City-County Commission, reviewed each entry on the following criteria:

Regional quality of life benefit

Benefit to environment

Innovation

Cost effectiveness

Capacity for continuing impact

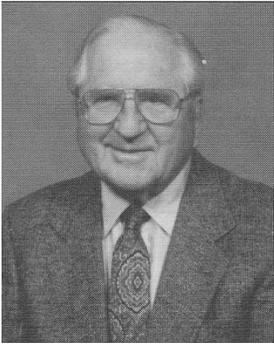
Regional benefit

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!*



# *Honoring 15 Years of Notable Achievement*



*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.

Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., joined the Council in 1985 at a time in life when many people retire to enjoy the easy life. 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 Area Agency on Aging. The most prestigious award of the Annual Future of the Region Awards competition is named in his memory.



*1992*

**Westchase: A Planned Residential Community**  
Newland Gulf Coast and 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 and 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**

*2000*  
**Pinellas Star Center**

*2001*  
**Finance Park: A Conservation Lifestyle Education Project**  
Pinellas County Utilities

*2002*  
**North Greenwood Transformation**  
City of Clearwater and Bank of America

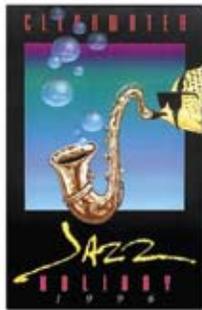
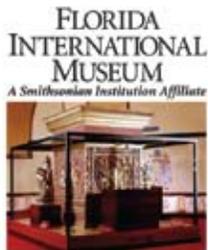
*2003*  
**Rebuilding Community: Tampa Heights**  
The Planning Commission

*2004*  
**Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts Conservatory at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center**  
Harvard Jolly

*2005*  
**Pinellas By Design**  
Pinellas County Government and Pinellas Planning Council

*2006*  
**Mayor's Mentors & More**  
City of St. Petersburg

*2007*  
**Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment Video**  
Florida Department of Transportation, Carter & Burgess, Inc. and Tampa Digital Studios



2007 Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.

## *Award of Distinction*

### Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment Video

West Central Florida

(Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota Counties)



## The Florida Department of Transportation recently completed a study of regional transit needs in the Tampa Bay area

called the Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment (SRTNA). The project was initiated to objectively and comprehensively identify key regional travel patterns and transit operations and infrastructure opportunities in the West Central Florida region for the next 50 years, and to assist prioritization of transit funding with local needs.

After many months of technical work and communication with local agencies and decision makers, the Department has identified what regional transit elements would be needed to create a balanced transportation system in the region and now proposes the "Interstate of Transit."

To communicate to such a large community while maximizing public involvement dollars, minimizing staff time, and managing key messages of the study, the Florida Department of Transportation developed a video as an outreach tool for use at presentations, workshops, and meetings of business,

neighborhood, and civic associations.

The video illustrates the views of different types of people and their need for mobility options. Elected officials, local business leaders, and the FDOT management discuss the community goals, objectives, and desires. The video emphasizes the importance of a strong, multi-modal transportation system and its effects on the economic vitality of the Tampa Bay region.

The video includes an announcement of the new Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and its purpose. The video premiered at the Regional Transportation Forum held on August 21, 2007, prior to the inaugural meeting of TBARTA. It is available to the public by request and on the SRTNA website <http://fdot-srtna.c.b.com>.

Project participants included: The Florida Department of Transportation Districts Seven and One, Carter & Burgess, Inc. and Tampa Digital Studios.

*"Although highways will remain the backbone of our system, we must look for other ways to get people to their destinations. I lived in the Tampa Bay area for most of my life and I believe this plan will improve the quality of life there."*

- Governor Charlie Crist

# Herman W. Goldner

## *Award for Regional Leadership*



“Gentlemen it is time to plan together,” St. Petersburg Mayor Herman W. 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 W. 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 W. 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.

## *Congratulations to the past recipients of The Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership*



**2006**  
**W. Don Whyte**  
President  
Newland Communities Southeast



**2005**  
**David J. Fischer**  
President/CEO  
Community Foundation of Tampa Bay



**2004**  
**Louis Miller**  
Executive Director  
Hillsborough County Aviation Authority



**2003**  
Commissioner Ronnie Duncan



**2002**  
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Stewart

# Herman W. Goldner

## *Award for Regional Leadership*

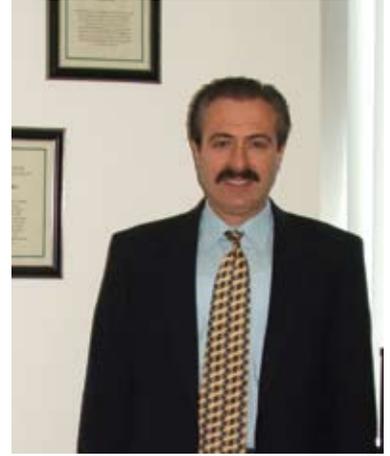
### The Nominees...



**Senator Mike Fasano**  
District 11  
The Florida Senate



**Representative Bill Galvano**  
District 68  
Florida House of Representatives



**Gabriel D. Papadopoulos**  
Program Manager  
Pasco County Board of  
County Commissioners  
Elderly Nutrition Division



**Joe Smith**  
Chair  
Tampa Bay Partnership's  
Transportation Initiative



**Richard A. Wainio**  
Port Director & CEO  
Tampa Port Authority

## 2007 Herman W. Goldner

# *Award for Regional Leadership*



## *Joe Smith*

Chair, Tampa Bay Partnership's Transportation Initiative

*"He has demonstrated his dedication to his community, region, state and nation by being willing to take on the 'impossible jobs' that need to be done; and through sheer determination, tenacity and his incredible ability to form alliances, has been successful in achieving benefits for our community, region and state."*

-Rhea F. Law, CEO and Chair of the Board  
Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.

Over the past 25 years Joe Smith has been involved with several unprecedented initiatives in the Tampa Bay region and beyond - from shepherding the largest privately funded Comprehensive Plan amendment covering more than 150 square miles in southern Hillsborough County along the I-75 Corridor in the mid-1980s to bringing the New York Yankees Legends Field Complex to Tampa as Director of New Development. He then served as special consultant to George Steinbrenner.

Throughout his quarter century in our region, in addition to serving on more than fifteen appointed bodies, including the Hillsborough County Charter Review Board for two terms, he has been tasked with many undertakings that many people thought would be impossible.

In the last 24 months Joe Smith has traveled the state attending more than 250 meetings, meeting with thousands of people and dedicating himself to working full-time toward the creation of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), a regional undertaking that will unite eight counties and dramatically change the lives of Tampa Bay residents.

According to a recent Tampa Tribune editorial, "Without Joe's tireless diplomacy and optimism, it is unlikely the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation

Authority would have been formed."

Although Joe formally works with Walbridge Aldinger, he's been "on loan" full-time to serve as Chair of the Tampa Bay Partnership's Transportation Initiative to unite local leaders and guide the project through legislation.

His dedication to TBARTA is an unswerving passion that refuses to be shaken. When asked why he does it, his response isn't economic or business driven. What motivates him is that the successful formation of this multi-faceted organization brings our region one step closer to building a multi-modal transportation system. Joe believes everyone should be able to work, live and play across the region, not just within the area they are confined to because of transportation inefficiencies.

The Tampa Tribune article went on to comment that Joe was always accessible, working the telephone and e-mail and defending the best elements of various bills that sought to bring this effort to fruition; but, more importantly, he helped weed out the weaknesses and compromised on the differences to better the bill for everybody. Joe understood the impact this project would have on the quality of life for the people in the entire Tampa Bay region and was skilled at expressing how each facet would benefit residents.

# *The Awards Program*

The significance of innovative planning has never been more important than it is today. The Future of the Region Awards Program provides honor and recognition for notable achievement in the public and private sector for resource planning and management in the Tampa Bay region. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's mission in recognizing excellence is to encourage future vision and cooperation within the regional community.

## *16th Annual Future of the Region*

Dedicated to the Memory of Dick Fletcher  
1942-2008

Friday, March 28, 2008  
11:45 a.m.

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Tampa, Florida

### *Our Judges*

Charles D. Blume, Executive Director  
Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Ramond A. Chiamonte, Assistant Executive Director  
Hillsborough City/County Planning Commission

Christopher Steinocher, Vice President of Marketing & Strategic Direction  
Tampa Bay Partnership

### *Menu*

Chicken Picatta with Lemon-Caper Butter Sauce  
Hearts of Romaine with Parmesan  
Chef's Specialty Fresh Dessert  
Warm Rolls and Whipped Butter  
Coffee and Tea



## *The Program*

### *Mistress of Ceremonies*

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd  
Past Chair and Gubernatorial Appointee

### *Welcome and Introductions*

Vice Mayor Deborah Kynes  
Chair  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

### *Tribute to Dick Fletcher ~ 1942-2008*

### *Invocation*

Commissioner Scott Black  
Immediate Past Chair  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

### *Luncheon*

### *Presentation*

16th Annual Future of the Region Awards  
Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd  
Past Chair and Gubernatorial Appointee

### *Presentation*

The Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction  
The Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership  
Commissioner Bill Dodson, Vice-Chair  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

### *Closing Remarks*

Commissioner Jack Mariano  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

### *Adjourn*

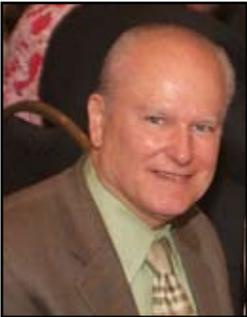
# *The Independent Awards Jury*



## **Charles D. Blume**

Mr. Blume currently serves as Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. He has held this position for twenty-four 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.



## **Ramond A. Chiaramonte**

Mr. Chiaramonte's professional experience in planning spans over thirty 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, Mr. Chiaramonte worked on the Future of Hillsborough Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Hillsborough County, the first plan was completed under the Florida's 1985 Growth Management Act. Mr. Chiaramonte also worked on the subsequent updates and visioning efforts. He has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1987.

Mr. Chiaramonte earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Behavioral Science from the University of South Florida with special studies in planning and public administration.



## **Christopher Steinocher**

Mr. Steinocher is Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Direction for the Tampa Bay Partnership, the economic development marketing organization for the seven-county Tampa Bay region. He is currently responsible for the strategic planning and creative implementation of the group's marketing and public relations 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](http://www.TampaBay.org).

Mr. Steinocher is a graduate of Emory University. He volunteers his spare time as president of the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Film Commission, an economic development group organized to promote and recruit film and TV production in Pinellas County.



# Community Service

## First Place

### Environmental Lands Division Volunteer Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division

Already totaling 65,000 person-hours, the Division's volunteer program is the fastest growing section of volunteerism in County Government. A model for other agencies, it provides benefits for natural resource protection through education, research, land management, and government administration. Amid stringent budget reductions, this program is also a cost effective avenue for conservation.



## Second Place

### Bring Back the Bayou ~ Southwest Florida Water Management District/Kayak Nature Adventures

Kayak Nature Adventures, along with 800 volunteers, collected approximately 10,000 pounds of trash in Clam Bayou Nature Preserve. This project educated the public about the damage that household waste does to an estuary and how to preserve the area.



## Honorable Mention

### City of Clearwater CAN Awards ~ Clearwater Development & Neighborhood Services Department

The health of our region begins with maintaining healthy neighborhoods. The Clearwater Awards for Neighbors program reinvents the traditional system of neighborhood grants and reorients neighbors toward building a stronger Clearwater. By rewarding neighborhoods for their community building efforts, Clearwater has reconnected neighbors and built a true sense of community responsibility.



## The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence

Community Care Package for the Troops in Iraq ~ PSTA

Pasco County Elderly Nutrition Program ~ Pasco County

Pinellas County EMS-Early Warning Biosurveillance System ~ Sunstar Emergency Medical Services

St. Pete Beach Recreational Community Family Center ~ City of St. Pete Beach



*The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council expresses sincere gratitude to our Platinum Sponsor, The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, for awarding a \$2500.00 grant to the First Place winner in the Community Service Category.*



# Cultural / Sports / Recreation

## First Place

### **Pinellas County Clean Marina Program ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management**

The Clean Marina Program offers education through published materials, workshops, and activities, making it easier for boaters to protect our waterways and marine life from pollution. Marinas receive assistance to protect the environment and meet standards that will provide them with a "Clean Marina" designation.



## Second Place

### **St. Pete Beach Recreational Community Family Center ~ City of St. Pete Beach**

This site includes the City's first Aquatic Center and now has the most extensive community activities and buildings in the city dedicated to parks and recreation. The vision of the Citizens, Board Members, City Commission and Staff was to create an outdoor recreational complex for the community and improve access for people with physical disabilities. The City of St Pete Beach Recreational Family Center opened in July 2007. This park and recreational site is 5.7 acres of waterfront property located on the intra-coastal waterway and is the home of multiple outdoor and indoor recreation activities.



## Honorable Mention

### **Comprehensive Canal Dredging and Preventative Measures Study ~ Hillsborough County Public Works Department Engineering Division, Specialized Services Group**

The Comprehensive Canal Dredging and Preventative Measures (CCDPM) Study is a road map by which Hillsborough County government and the other property owners on the 26 miles of canals within the County can go about addressing the various engineering, environmental and recreational issues present within those communities to benefit Tampa Bay as a whole.



## *The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence*

**Arcs in Motion ~ PSTA**

**City of New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Complex ~ City of New Port Richey**

**Loretta Ingraham Recreation Complex Improvements ~ Harvard Jolly**

**Stirling Skate Park ~ City of Dunedin**

**"Tampa Bay Your Way!" Multicultural Visitor Guide ~ Hillsborough County Economic Development Department**



# Development

## *First Place*

**University Area Community and North 22nd Street Master Plans ~  
University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc./USF Area Community  
Civic Association, Inc./Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners**

The University Area Community Plan outlines a comprehensive vision for revitalization of Tampa's most poverty stricken area. Systematically executed by strategic public/private partnerships, the Plan successfully addresses economic investment; housing; transportation; and community, educational, and enrichment facilities changing an economically and socially vulnerable "Suitcase City" into a stable, sustainable community.



## *Second Place*

**Sandpearl Resort ~ JMC Communities, Inc.**

JMC Communities' Sandpearl Resort represents the first luxury resort development on Clearwater Beach in over 25 years. The opening of Sandpearl marked a major milestone in the revitalization of Clearwater Beach, as well as strides made in environmentally friendly resort construction and incorporation of Florida's rich history.





# Environment

## *First Place*

### **Developing a Model of Urban Ecology ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division**

Through notable achievements in land management, restoration ecology, and environmental education, Pinellas County's Environmental Lands Division has established itself as a model of urban ecology. These accomplishments, including programs for volunteers, field research, land acquisition, and law enforcement, are praised widely across the country and even taught in university courses.



## *Second Place*

### **Lake Seminole Habitat Restoration ~ Boy Scout Troops 371, 404, 340 & 417 of the West Coast Council/Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management and Parks Department/Lake Seminole**

During 2007 eight boy scouts completed their Eagle Scout Service projects by improving our environment and community resources at Lake Seminole in Pinellas County. The projects consisted of environmental restoration (invasive plant removal/installation of native plants) and community improvements including park bench and gazebo construction/installation at the habitat restoration areas.



## *Honorable Mention*

### **Artificial Reef Program ~ Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough Co.**

The Artificial Reef Program has been administered by the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County since October 1986. The goal of this program is to increase habitat diversity by providing hard-bottom substrates and communities which might not otherwise be available and also provide additional fishing opportunities in the Tampa Bay area.



## *Honorable Mention*

### **Shell Key Preserve: A Model for Adaptive Environmental Management ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division**

Shell Key Preserve supports diverse ecosystems and is a popular recreational destination. Greater protection recently was secured for the Preserve in a new management plan. Based on seven years of sound science and active management, the widely praised plan serves as a model for other managed areas in the region.



## *The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence*

**City of Dunedin's Green Local Government Program ~ City of Dunedin**

**Hammock Park Natural Systems Restoration Phase 2 ~ City of Dunedin**

**Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project Phase 1 ~ Pinellas County Dept. of Environmental Management**

**James E. Grey Preserve ~ City of New Port Richey**

**McKay Bay - Eastshore Commerce Park Parcel Stormwater Retrofit Project ~ SFWMD**

**McKay Creek Greenway Habitat Restoration ~ Pinellas County - Culture, Education & Leisure Extension**

**Partnerships for Progress - Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium ~ Tampa Bay Estuary Program**

**Pinellas County Sponsorship of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/FDEP Storm Water, Erosion & Sedimentation Control Inspection Program ~ Pinellas County Dept. of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division**

**Port Manatee Seagrass Mitigation a Port Manatee on Tampa Bay ~ Port Manatee**

**St. Pete Beach Recreational Community Family Center ~ City of St. Pete Beach**



# Infrastructure

## *First Place*

### **Manatee County Reuse System (MARS) ~ Manatee Agricultural Reuse System**

Through its Manatee Agricultural Reuse System Manatee County, Florida, is providing a reliable source of reclaimed water and operating one of the largest reclaimed water grids in Florida. The award-winning project encompasses three pumping stations, more than 51 miles of force mains and a 3-million-gallon above ground storage facility.



## *Second Place*

### **Tampa Bay SunGuide System ~ Florida Department of Transportation, District 7**

The Tampa Bay SunGuide System is comprised of the comprehensive and systematic deployment of innovative and cost efficient Intelligent Transportation System initiatives to promote saving lives, time, and money for and among the myriad of transportation and emergency preparedness service users and providers throughout the Tampa Bay region.



## *Honorable Mention*

### **Treasure Island C.W. Bill Young Bascule Bridge ~ City of Treasure Island**

The City of Treasure Island replaced its 65-year old causeway bascule bridge in 2007 with a new, higher and wider \$44-million state-of-the-art signature bridge, on time and less than 2% over the original contract price. The original Treasure Island bascule bridge, opened in 1939, was 15 years beyond its original design life and had a sufficiency rating of 3.3 (out of a possible 100) when demolished.



## *The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence*

**Park Blvd. Drainage Improvements Phase 1 ~ City of Pinellas Park**  
**PSTA's New Scherer Drive Administration & Operating Facility ~ PSTA**



# Public Education

## First Place

### **“SouthShore: What a Difference a Bay Makes” Ecotourism Guide ~ Hillsborough County Economic Development Department, Tourism Development Program**

Hillsborough County’s SouthShore, featuring the communities of Apollo Beach, Riverview, Ruskin and Sun City Center, is committed to the preservation of its natural environment. “What a Difference a Bay Makes” was created to educate visitors about the various natural highlights - bird sanctuaries, nature preserves, and county/state parks. It also promotes the diverse businesses that provide services to Tampa Bay residents and visitors to experience the area’s many ecological assets.



## Second Place

### **Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week ~ Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District’s Hillsborough River Watershed Awareness Week coordinated a variety of events to benefit the Hillsborough River watershed through special events, a workshop, youth education and a cleanup. The week occurred October 20–27, 2007, and included events that engaged participants in fun, nature-based activities.



## Honorable Mention

### **Connecting People and Place Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center ~ Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management - Environmental Lands Division**

“Stories of our past, visions of our future”: a widely acclaimed message for a new exhibit that illustrates 7000 years of natural and cultural history in west central Florida. Science meets art to envelop visitors in a rich tapestry of sights and sounds, creating a compelling, interactive educational experience for all ages.



## *The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence*

- Catastrophe Readiness and Response: Proactive Roles for Public Libraries ~ Pasco County Library System**
- Rollin’ - PSTA’s Trip Planner ~ PSTA**
- Virtual Library Kiosk ~ Safety Harbor Public Library**



# *Hazardous Materials Emergency Management*

In April 2006 the Tampa Bay Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) began a series of workshops to assist facilities with disaster planning guidance in the safeguarding of hazardous materials. In May 2007 the facilities disaster planning efforts were expanded to include workshops to address hazards and risk assessment. The goal of these workshops is to help ensure that companies have plans to protect their hazardous materials from spill or release during a disaster - either natural or man-made.

The Future of the Region Award winners for 2008 participated in one of these workshops which demonstrated a commitment to the safety and security of our community and the environment. To be considered for the award recipients completed an application and questionnaire. The comprehensive questionnaires were reviewed by the Tampa Bay LEPC Facility Disaster Planning Team and the top three facilities chosen.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Local Emergency Planning Committee is proud to recognize the efforts made by facilities to safeguard and protect the community and its environment from the effects of hazardous materials release.

## *First Place*

**Raytheon Company**



## *Second Place*

**Yara North America, Inc.**



## *Honorable Mention*

**Lakewood Ranch Medical Center**





*Husband. Father. Grandfather. Meteorologist. Environmentalist. Educator. Community Leader. TBRPC Councilmember. Emergency Management Partner. Tampa Bay's Weatherman. Friend.*

*When you prepare for this year's hurricane season,  
Remember Fletch.*

*"The emergency management community as well as the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is going to miss Dick and his many contributions. More than that, the region is going to miss his caring, not only about weather and emergency management, but preserving our overall quality of life. His lasting legacy will be the effort we all continue to make toward improving emergency management and citizen awareness regardless of where we happen to live."*

*-Manny Pumariega, Executive Director*

Dick Fletcher, Former Councilmember  
Years of Service: 1987-1993

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The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the organizations that have generously co-sponsored the 16th Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon.

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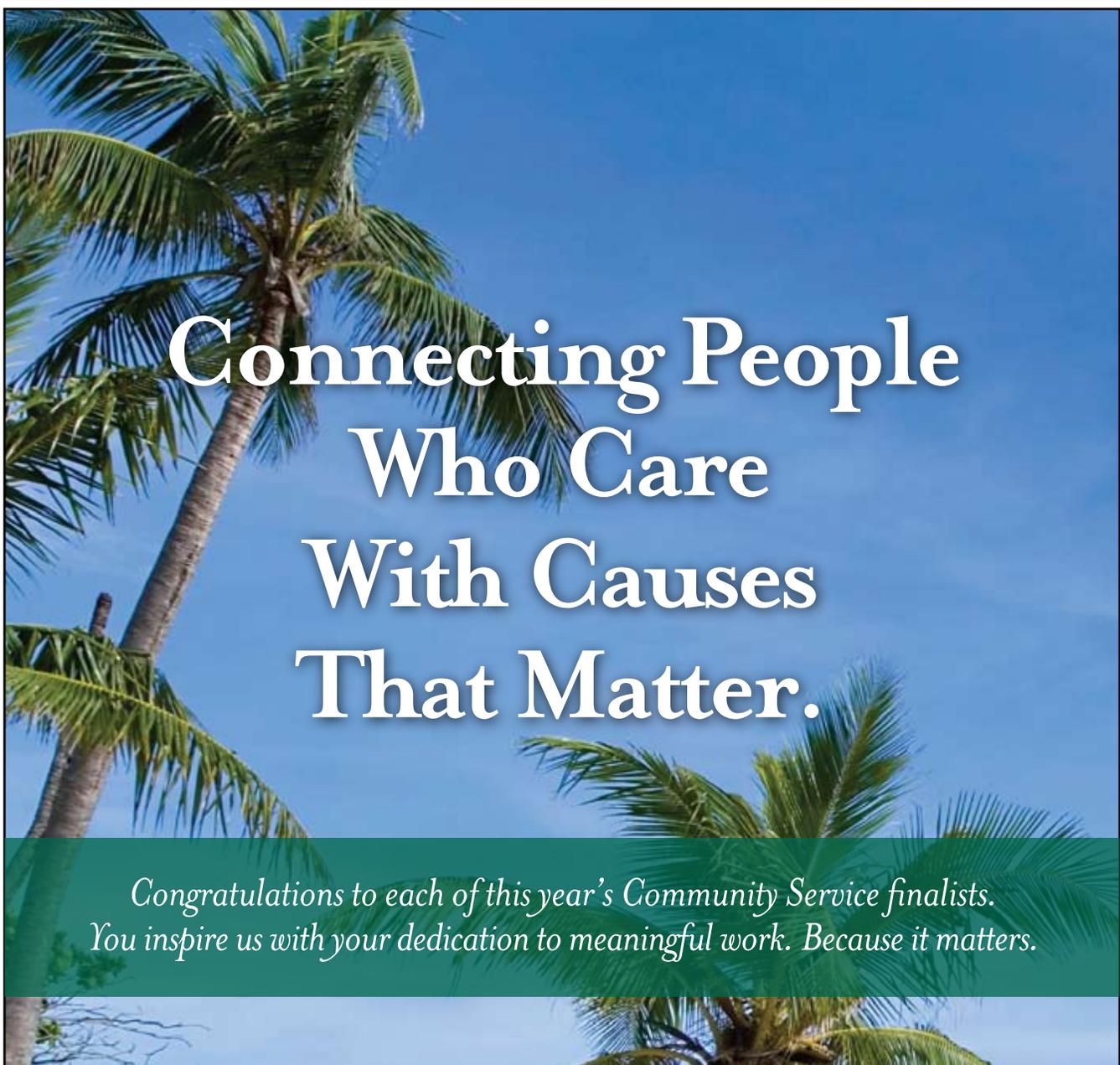
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*Congratulations to each of this year's Community Service finalists.  
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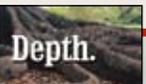
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