

19th Annual
Future of the
Region Awards

HOSTED BY THE
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Wyndham Tampa Westshore Hotel
Tampa, Florida



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





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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 Eighteenth 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 2010 and entries were accepted through January 14, 2011. Forty-four applications were received covering the following categories:

- Community Service
- Cultural/Sports/Recreation
- Development/Infrastructure
- Natural Resources/Environment
- Going Green!
- Public Education



On February 5, 2010, 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, Executive Director for the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization, reviewed each entry on the following criteria:

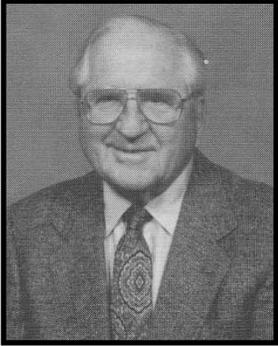
- Regional quality of life benefit
- Benefit to environment
- Innovation
- Cost effectiveness
- Capacity for continuing impact
- Regional benefit

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

2008

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

2008

USF Research Park of Tampa Bay
USF CONNECT

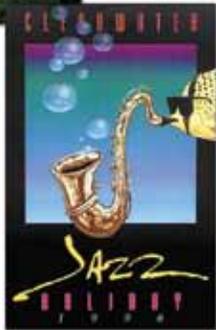
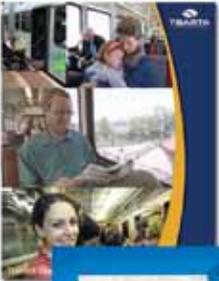
2009

New All Children's Hospital Campus - St. Petersburg, FL
All Children's Hospital

TBARTA Regional Transportation Master Plan
TBARTA

2010

The Dali
The Beck Group



2010 Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.

Award of Distinction



The Dalí

Plans for the new \$36M Dalí Museum, with its extraordinary and one-of-a-kind features, were brought to life by the talents and expertise of The Beck Group. With its decades of experience and a proven track record of creating art which constructing buildings, Beck completed the remarkable new Dalí Museum on schedule and within budget.

The famous museum has a new home on St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront. The new 66,400 SF facility is as flamboyant as the Spanish artist himself. Designed by Yann Weymouth with HOK, the hurricane resistant building will protect and exhibit the museum's priceless collection, which is the largest outside of Spain, from Category 5 storms, double its exhibition space and provide ample storage space.

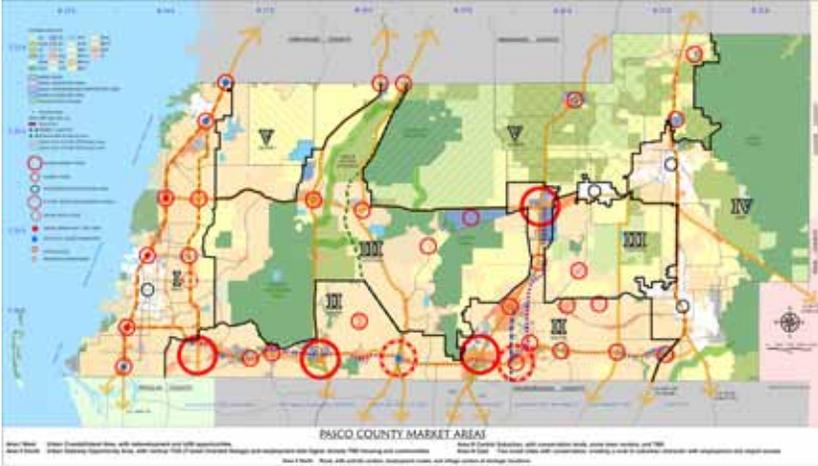
The glass free-form installation has become the building's trademark. It is comprised of 1,062 triangular-shaped glass panels that make up what are called "Igloo" and "Enigma", which are more than 75 feet tall and melt over the building like a Dalí clock. No two glass panels within the glass enclosed structures are identical and this provides a truly unique view of St. Petersburg's picturesque waterfront.

The new Dalí has many sustainable practice features. The building is oriented to exclude South and West solar radiation. The design also takes advantage of natural daylight conserving energy. The rooftop solar panels supply hot water for museum humidity control and plumbing fixtures are low-flow to conserve water.

A majority of the museum's 200,000 annual visitors come to the area expressly to see the Dalí. The Dalí accounts for an annual \$60M to the Pinellas County economy. The museum has increased its economic impact by \$5M in the last two years, watched its volume of international visitors grow, and is the primary reason 15 percent of overnight visitors come to the area. The new space is more than double the size from the original location and expects its annual visitor count to double.



New Smart Pasco Market Area Plan and Transit Oriented Development Amendments



The Market Area concept was recommended by the Urban Land Institute Study as a way to bring focus to Pasco County planning initiatives. This amendment incorporates the One Bay Vision by creating five Market Areas and establishes a specific vision, mission and implementation policies for each Market Area. This provides planning and regulation tools to meet the specific needs of different areas of the County to achieve sustainability. The Market Areas promote the conservation of natural and water resources while emphasizing compact design within the Market Area nodes to preserve open space.

The West (Market Area I) and South (Market Area II) are the most urban and densely populated areas in Pasco County. The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) amendment focuses on the West and South Market Areas, identified as part of a Transit Emphasis Corridor, (located east to west along SR. 54/56 Corridor and south to north along the US 19 Corridor). The Transit Emphasis Corridor connects activity centers within Pasco County and the Tampa Bay Region.

Pasco County will experience development pressure due to the limited availability of green field sites in surrounding counties. Concentrating development in the South Market area gives Pasco County the opportunity to have the highest impact where the One Bay Vision can be implemented. The South Market is the “Gateway Market Area” - a portion of the county with concentrated growth earmarked for economic development and focused on multi-modal transportation.

Future development in both Transit Emphasis Corridors will follow Transit Oriented Design principles and guidelines. The Design Principles will create a sustainable environment which includes enhanced mixed use neighborhoods allowing for better connectivity, public realm improvements and site development standards.

Pasco County’s TOD amendment draws heavily from the transit oriented development guiding principles developed by the TBARTA Land Use Working Group. These guiding principles provide a common language among jurisdictions that will make it easier to work towards common goals, especially where transit projects cross jurisdictional boundaries, enhance the region’s ability to effectively compete for federal funding, and deliver a transit system.

About One Bay...

The One Bay Regional Vision has drawn upon thousands of citizens to create a shared regional vision to plan where future population and employment growth should occur based upon responsible land use, mobility, economic and environmental sustainability. (Visit www.myonebay.org for more details on the One Bay Regional Vision).

One Bay Regional Vision Recommendations:

- Support environmentally sustainable growth, protection of water resources, and energy conservation.
- Create jobs through sustainable economic development practices and fostering quality communities.

- Support increased diversity in housing options for families and individuals.
- Encourage compact and mixed-use development.
- Promote transit and transit-oriented development.
- Encourage preservation of open space and agricultural land.

One Bay Executive Committee

Southwest Florida Water Management District
Tampa Bay Estuary Program
Tampa Bay Partnership
Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
The Urban Land Institute

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



2009
Jan Kaminis Platt



2008
Dr. Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida



2007
Joe Smith
Chair
Tampa Bay Partnership’s
Transportation Initiative



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

2010 Herman W. Goldner

Award for Regional Leadership



Commissioner Karen Seel

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As we celebrate our 48th year in regional planning and our 19th Annual Future of the Region Awards Program, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is pleased to announce the winner of the 2010 Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership, Commissioner Karen Seels.

Since 1999, Commissioner Seels has established herself as a leader with a strong collaborative style. Born and raised in Clearwater, Florida, Karen was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and has been reelected for three additional terms. Prior to serving on the Pinellas BOCC she served as a Commissioner for the City of Clearwater.

The first example of her leadership came through her role on the Pinellas County MPO. At the time, U.S. 19 was viewed as a dangerous but necessary transportation corridor. The MPO Long-Range Plan included major improvements but until those were accomplished the roadway was considered not very functional. Karen decided something should be done with the corridor to remedy these issues. A Task Force was formed and under her collaborative leadership they were able to report back to the MPO with a series of sixty recommendations that were achievable and without extensive funding. She gained the support of the community as well as the transportation expert. This was done by her use of well publicized public hearings and extensive subcommittee meetings of the Task Force. The recommendations that were developed have now been applied in many other corridors around the State of Florida.

From this model of collaborative leadership she proceeded into other ventures with the same success. Commissioner Seels headed a task force development of leaders to produce the document, Pinellas by Design, which would become well accepted, and received the prestigious Charles A. McIntosh Award in 2005.

With her increasing expertise in transportation, the Commissioner was able to move into more technical area and provide policy leadership. She Chaired the MPO's Intelligent Transportation System Committee and has been recognized both statewide and nationally for her support of this emerging approach to transportation. The concept is to maximize the existing transportation system with the use of intelligent initiatives.

Recently, Commissioner Seels chaired a committee of MPO members, BOCC members and Pinellas Planning Council members to craft a unified board and program approach to transportation and land-use that will serve as a model for the State. She also leads a task force of community leaders in evaluating what Pinellas County's approach should be with respect to funding rail and transit.

In her official capacity, Commissioner Seels served as the 2010 Chair of the Pinellas BOCC and the Tourist Development Council. She currently serves on the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council and the Health and Behavioral Leadership Network as Chair. She also serves on the Tampa Bay Partnership Board and TBARTA.

Karen has been instrumental in looking to our future and bringing our cities and counties together throughout the region.

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.

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19th Annual Future of the Region

Friday, March 18, 2011
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Our Judges

Charles D. Blume, Executive Director
Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Ramond A. Chiamonte, Executive Director
Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Elisa N. DeGregorio, Senior Vice President, Operations & Strategic Direction
Tampa Bay Partnership

Menu

Garlic and Cumin Roasted Loin of Pork with Pineapple Mojo
Saffron Rice
Black Beans with Tomato and Cilantro
Sweet Plantains
Red Velvet Cake with White and Dark Chocolate Sauce
Warm Rolls and Whipped Butter
Coffee and Tea



The Program

Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Mayor Bill Dodson
Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd
Past Chair and Gubernatorial Appointee

Invocation

Commissioner Jack Mariano
Past Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Luncheon

Presentation

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Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd
Past Chair and Gubernatorial Appointee

Presentation

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

Closing Remarks

Mayor Bob Minning
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-five 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 brings many years of public and private planning experience to his former role as Assistant Executive Director of the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission. In April of 2008, he was named Interim Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the long range transportation planning agency for Hillsborough County and the jurisdictions of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace. The Planning Commission/MPO is Florida's only state mandated long range planning agency serving the four local governments in Hillsborough County, Florida. His professional experience in planning spans three comprehensive plans and many updates, and includes public and private sector work.



Elisa N. DeGregorio

Elisa N. DeGregorio is Senior Vice President of Operations & Strategic Direction with the Tampa Bay Partnership. She is responsible for working with community leaders and investors towards the development of the next three year strategic plan. She will be working to ensure cohesion and collaboration across the programs to fulfill the goals of the new plan.. She is responsible for communicating the organization's initiatives and elevating the Partnership's leadership position in the region and nationally.

Ms. DeGregorio joined the Tampa Bay Partnership in March 2000 and during her tenure she has been responsible for expanding civic leadership activities to increase and improve community engagement and coordinate public-private partnerships and coalitions. In 2006 she began and continues to manage the regional visioning efforts of the Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Research & Education Foundation that includes the ONE BAY initiatives of Livable Communities, Healthy Communities and Lifelong Learning.



Community Service

First Place

Tampa General Hospital, Jennifer Leigh Muma Neonatal Intensive Care Unit ~ Harvard Jolly Architects

The Jennifer Leigh Muma Neonatal Intensive Care Unit more than doubles the size of Tampa General Hospital's existing facility. As the only academic neonatal center in the region, it combines state-of-the-art technology to care for sick and premature babies with a more comforting environment for each baby and their family.



Second Place

Morton Plant North Bay Hospital Expansion ~ Harvard Jolly Architects

To serve the growing West Pasco community, the hospital embarked on a major expansion which doubled the size of the campus. The Starkey Medical Tower includes an ICU, cardiac unit, and community education facilities. The Medical Arts Building features physician offices, sleep disorders unit, laboratory services and outpatient rehabilitation services.



Honorable Mention

Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO) Columbus Campus, Tampa ~ Mason Blau & Associates, Inc.

The DACCO Columbus Campus was a 63,100 GSF Master Plan development consolidating multiple treatment programs and services for adults and children. The project includes a 3-story, 60,300 GSF main building and a 2,800 GSF 1-story duplex Family Treatment Facility on the site. Future facility expansions of 26,500 GSF are planned. DACCO previously had 2 existing buildings on the site which had to remain open during the phased construction effort. They also purchased the adjacent property (previously a junkyard) to expand their mission Working for a Drug-Free Community.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

Community Redevelopment Area Community Policing ~ City of Pinellas Park
Memorandum of Understanding for the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis ~ Pinellas County MPO
Pasco Elderly Nutrition ~ Pasco County Elderly Nutrition



Cultural / Sports / Recreation

First Place

Clearwater Public Art & Design Program: Sculpture 360 Art In the Cleveland Street District (Downtown) ~ City of Clearwater

“Sculpture360: Art in the Cleveland Street District” is an annual temporary exhibition of outdoor public artwork intended to bring high-quality, iconic, and vibrant work to downtown Clearwater. Since 2008, the program, supported by the Clearwater Downtown Development Board, has transformed “the District” into an outdoor museum, bringing art into the daily lives of Clearwater’s citizens and visitors.



Second Place

Greek Arts Initiative ~ City of Tarpon Springs

The *Greek Arts Initiative* integrated Greek arts into Tarpon Springs’ Cultural Treasures presentations: music and dance performances and classes, food workshops, and the Gulf Maritime Festival. They had a profound impact on the presentation and preservation of Greek culture—increasing accessibility, tourism, cultural knowledge, and opportunities to learn Greek arts.



Honorable Mention

New G. T. Bray Recreation Center/Administration Building ~ Manatee County

G.T. Bray Park Recreation Center, is a new “green” facility at the heart of Manatee County’s public parks system. This facility is one of Manatee County’s first LEED-Certified buildings. Featuring a Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, a Multi-Purpose room for fitness classes, a WiFi Café, a Teen Room with a Neos Wall.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

Downtown Clearwater Boat Slips Project ~ City of Clearwater

“Gimme Shelter” - An Artistic Functional Bus Shelter at the Kohl’s Shopping Center ~ PSTA

Largo Community Center ~ City of Largo

Veterans Memorial Park at Courier Field ~ City of Plant City



Development / Infrastructure

First Place

Hillsborough County Rapid Transit Investment Plan ~ HART

HART's Rapid Transit Investment Plan expands its services to meet the transportation needs of the county today and into the future. The plan demonstrates that Hillsborough County would be able to accommodate robust population and employment growth with lower levels of congestion and fewer negative impacts to the region's natural beauty and quality of life.



Second Place

Memorandum of Understanding for the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis ~ Pinellas County

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation and the Florida Department of Transportation have entered into a partnership pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding to collaboratively plan for a rail transit system to connect the major activities centers in Pinellas County including downtown St. Petersburg, downtown Clearwater and the Gateway Area with a connection to the planned Hillsborough rail system and the high speed rail station in downtown Tampa.



Honorable Mention

HART Flex ~ HART

HART Flex is an on-demand, door-to-door van-based service open to all passengers. HART Flex has the advantages of a traditional fixed bus route with the passenger convenience of travel times and destination choice. Because of the success of these HART Flex in these two areas, HART will implement more Flex services in Fiscal Year 2011.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

Community Development Area Grants ~ City of Dade City

Downtown Clearwater Boat Slips Project ~ City of Clearwater

Enhanced Accessibility at PSTA Bus Stops ~ PSTA

Memorandum of Understanding for the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis ~ Pinellas County

Mosaic Florida Operations Center ~ Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Railroad Square Phase I and Phase II City of New Port Richey - Intersection of Grand Blvd & Nebraska Ave. ~ City of New Port Richey



Going Green!

First Place

The Infinitus Renewable Energy Park (IREP) SEQ-East SR 60 (Brandon Blvd) & South Dover Road, unincorporated Hillsborough County ~ Imperium energy, LLC

The Infinitus Renewable Energy Park (IREP) is an approved large scale Renewable Energy facility being developed on a 3,000 acre former phosphate mining site in southeast Hillsborough County, Florida. IREP will create jobs in the Tampa Region and raise public awareness on sustainable energy technologies.



Second Place

Pasco County Master Reuse System ~ Pasco County

Pasco County's Master Reuse System conserves over 7 billion gallons of potable water every year. The County is currently working with the Southwest Florida Water Management District on projects that will eventually lead to regionalization of the Master Reuse System.



Honorable Mention

Habitat for Humanity Shady Grove Town Homes ~ Dunedin, FL

Shady Grove is a community of nineteen town homes developed by Habitat for Humanity. The LEED certified residences are walkable to downtown Dunedin and reflect the City's coastal vernacular architectural style. Built in partnership with the future homeowners and community volunteers, the homes are sold at cost with zero interest mortgages.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

City of Seminole, Public Works Administration/EOC & Operations Bldgs. ~ City of Seminole

E3 Forums, Downtown Tampa at the St. Pete Times Forum and Straz Center

Largo Community Center ~ City of Largo

PSTA Smart Bus ~ PSTA

Reclaimed Water Storage Facility ~ City of Tarpon Springs

Recycling/Green Fiber Program ~ City of Dade City



Natural Resource / Environment

First Place

Reclaimed Water Storage Facility Expansion ~ City of Tarpon Springs

The City partnered with SWFWMD to construct a 2 million gallon expansion of its reclaimed water storage system utilizing innovative techniques to maximize capacity. It collects rainwater to augment supply and has a control system considered a “first” in Florida that permits dual tank use and capture of reject water for re-treatment.



20th Annual *Future of the Region Awards*



*We cordially invite you to participate in next year's...
20th Annual Future of the Region Awards*

**Call for Entries - October 2011
Deadline for Entries - Early January 2012**

20th Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon - March 2012
Venue to be announced

For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information, wren@tbrpc.org, 727-570-5151 ext. 22. Visit the website to view the Annual Future of the Region Commemorative Programs, www.tbrpc.org.



Public Education

First Place

Tampa Bay Watch Estuary EDventures Initiative, Tierra Verde, FL ~ Tampa Bay Watch

Tampa Bay Watch’s Estuary EDventures is a combination of classroom curriculum, field-based activities, and service-learning projects with an objective to educate our youth on the importance of the watershed and estuarine habitats while empowering them to act as stewards of the Tampa Bay estuary



Second Place

Pinellas County Transit Summit ~ PSTA

Land use and transit work hand-in-hand to enhance the quality of life and create livable communities. PSTA joined with other community leaders to host a Summit to discuss public transportation as an engine of economic development to educate local politicians and others on this important dynamic and to talk about future possibilities for Pinellas County.



Honorable Mention

Transportation eTownHall: On-Line and On-Call ~ Pinellas County

Pinellas County Communications, the Pinellas County Transit Alternatives Analysis Team (FDOT, MPO, PSTA, and TBARTA), and Jacobs produced the region’s first Transportation eTownHall: On-Line and On-Call. Using innovative technology, this unique venue allowed residents to ask pertinent questions and give valuable input regarding the future of transportation in Pinellas County.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

“Bringing Opportunities Home” ~ Pasco County

Fivay High School, Hudson, FL ~ Harvard Jolly Architects

Temple Terrace Fire Department Open House & Temple Terrace Reads ~ City of Temple Terrace

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