

50th Anniversary Celebration



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TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 23, 2012
Historic Renaissance Vinoy Hotel
St. Petersburg, Florida



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council



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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Celebrating 50 years in regional planning!

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The Menu

Canapes

Roasted Red Pepper Goat Cheese Mousse Parmesan Crisp

Beef Tenderloin Artichoke Crostini

Hors d Oeuvres

Spinach & Feta Cheese Purse

Chicken Saltimbocca Skewer

Lobster Vegetable Spring Roll with Citrus Chili Sauce

Petite Crab Cake with Low Country Tarter Sauce

Cheese Table

Array of Soft, Semi Soft and Hard Cheese

Assorted Honeys and Conserves

Display of Artisan Breads

Cash Bar

The Program

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration and Networking
Sponsor and Member Government Exhibition
Cash Bar Opens

Welcome

Commissioner Larry Bustle, Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

4:00 p.m.

Introductions

Mr. Steve Seibert
Former Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs
Former Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Mr. Manny L. Pumariega, Executive Director
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Recognition of our Platinum Partners and Sponsors

Celebrating 50 years in regional planning!

Mr. Steve Seibert
4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Music and Hors d'oeuvres

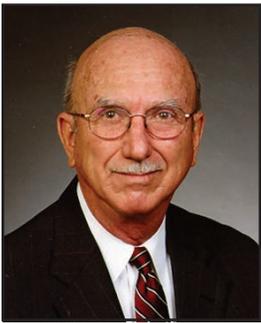
The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council welcomes you to our fiftieth anniversary celebration. Our golden anniversary celebration is made even more special by your presence here today and through your continued support of our endeavors over the years. And for that support, we are truly grateful.

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*A 50th Anniversary Message from the
Chair and the Executive Director*

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Commissioner Larry Bustle
Chair
Manatee County

On behalf of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, we wish to welcome you to our fiftieth anniversary celebration. Our golden anniversary celebration is made even more special by your presence here today and through your continued support of our endeavors over the years. And for that support, we are truly grateful.

If you compare our length of service to the region relative to the age of the universe, fifty years doesn't really seem all that long. But when you think about our organization spanning five decades of service during the economic boom of the Tampa Bay region and in which cut across two different millennia, our existence as an organization may be placed into a narrower, yet more significant, context.

When the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was formed fifty years ago, we had not yet truly begun our journey into space, but it was President Kennedy in 1962 who courageously issued the challenge to have a man on the moon by the end of the decade. By its very nature and in its well-defined scope, this challenged the American people and forced an entire nation to think boldly and strategically, and to stretch the limits of our imagination, our thought, and our thinking. We, both as a nation and as a people, rose to that challenge and embraced a vision of the future that was based on "thinking big" through problem solving, innovation, and creativity.

Just as our entire nation embraced the notion of space exploration some fifty years ago, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council also recognized that the future is upon us all to soon, and that the problems we think are reserved for the distant future become all too quickly our problems of today. The challenge in meeting the future head on is to think strategically today so that we may better position ourselves to daringly address the problems of tomorrow.



Manny L. Pumariaga
Executive Director

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council also recognizes that while the future of an entire region is at stake, we know that by working together based on a common vision, we can unite and resolve these common issues and concerns on a truly regional basis. It matters little whether the issue is economic development, housing, infrastructure, domestic security, hurricane preparedness, transportation, water resource preservation and management, clean water or clean energy. We have demonstrated that over the last fifty years, the region has been able to come together and solve these different types of complex and demanding problems using creative thinking and devising innovative and imaginative solutions. We at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council are truly grateful to have been a part of this process and to have made a small contribution to that effort of better managing our region's future.

However, we also recognize that we could not have accomplished this alone, by ourselves. In order to make this entire process work, and work really well, we know that we could only be successful if we had the support of our member governments who share our vision, the support of our citizens and member agencies, the support of our private sector partners who provide such valuable input and tireless service to our mission, and the support of our Governor and the legislature of this wonderful state who embrace a common vision for the continuing and future greatness of the Tampa Bay region.

In closing, then, we welcome you to our fiftieth anniversary celebration. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is deeply grateful for your support in the past and for your continued support in the future.

Commissioner Larry Bustle
Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Manny L. Pumariega, AICP
Executive Director
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council



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The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council expresses sincere gratitude to our long-time Board Member, Councilor Bob Matthews representing the City of Seminole and owner of Seminole Garden Florist and Party Store for his wonderful TBRPC Balloon creation! Balloon bouquets are also courtesy of Seminole Garden Florist and Party Store. www.seminolegardenflorist.com, 877/388-1026.

The Skyway Bridge and nature photos courtesy of the Pinellas County Communications Department.

50th Anniversary Celebratory Event

Our Emcee

Steven M. Seibert

Steven M. Seibert's diverse professional career is founded upon innovative leadership, strategic foresight and a knack for helping to resolve difficult disputes. The St. Petersburg Times described Seibert as "a consensus builder with an eye to the future" and as one of Florida's "significant thinkers."

Seibert is a 1977 graduate of The George Washington University, where he was chosen for Phi Beta Kappa, and is a 1980 graduate of the law school at the University of Florida. For the succeeding decade, he practiced environmental and land use law in both the public and private sectors.

Seibert was elected to the Pinellas County (FL) Commission in 1992 and served as its Chairperson twice. He also served as Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in 1998. He chaired or sat on several other regional and statewide committees, usually dealing with water, transportation, land use or environmental issues.

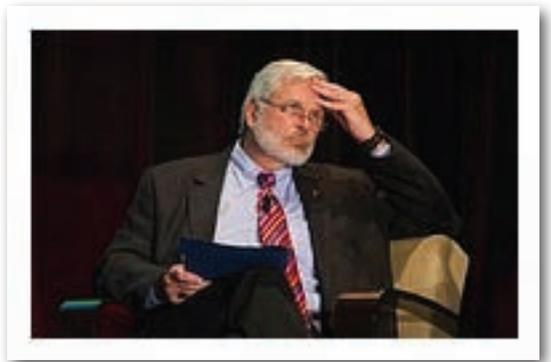
After re-election without opposition in 1996, Steve was tapped by Governor Jeb Bush to lead Florida's Department of Community Affairs and served in that capacity from 1999-2003. Governor Bush called Seibert "an outstanding public servant" and noted "his ability to bring people together to achieve meaningful reforms will be his lasting legacy."

Seibert is a member of the Board of Directors of The Mosaic Company (MOS), the world's leading producer of concentrated phosphate and potash crop nutrients. He was a charter Board member (created in 2004) and serves as Chairman of the Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee, as a member of the Corporate Governance Committee and Nominating Committee, and served in the past on the company's Compensation Committee.

Seibert has operated his own law firm, served as the initial Executive Director of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, and as a Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Visioning for the non-partisan "think tank," the Collins Center for Public Policy.

Steve Seibert has been a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator for 20 years and has gained a statewide reputation for helping to resolve contentious public and private sector disputes. He was awarded the statewide "Excellence in Mediation Award" and was significantly involved in helping to broker the end of the Tampa Bay "water wars." Seibert holds an "AV Pre-eminent" legal rating and has been named one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by Florida Trend magazine.

Seibert is Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Humanities Council, a Board member of The Village Square, is a graduate of Leadership Florida (Class XIII), has earned membership in the Association of Professional Futurists, and has been a member of the Florida Bar for over 30 years.



50 years 50th Anniversary Committee



Front Row, Left to Right: Robert "Bob" Kersteen, Barbara Sheen Todd, Julia E. Greene, Wengay Newton, Wren Krahl, Betti Johnson.

Back Row, Left to Right: Manny L. Pumariega, Avera Wynne, Andy Nunez, Victor Crist

Not Pictured: Larry Bustle



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“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 the late 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.

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1966	Commissioner Richard P. Briggs, Manatee County	1990	Commissioner Patricia M. Glass, Manatee County
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1973 & 1984	Councilwoman Sandra L. Rahn, City of Bradenton	1995	Councilman Rudolph, “Rudy” Fernandez, City of Tampa
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1980	Commissioner Louis Driggers, Manatee County	2001	Mayor Pat Whitesel, City of Palmetto
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1982	Commissioner Jan K. Platt, Hillsborough County	2003	Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County
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		2010	Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
		2011	Vice Mayor William “Bill” Dodson, City of Plant City
		2012	Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County

History of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

“...it is sometimes hard to look 50 years ahead. Those old enough to look 50 years back can testify that tempus fugit far more rapidly than is realized and there is nothing unrealistic in starting now to get ready for needs of the 21st century. By that time, there will undoubtedly be several million people clustered around Tampa Bay. How well and comfortably they can live depend upon how wisely we can act now. Many of us won't be around to enjoy the fruits of this foresight but our children and grandchildren will be. Besides, by 1970 or 1975 when most of us still will be here, unless we move immediately to anticipate our regional problems, we are going to find an already shapeless megalopolis far less pleasant for living than it should be.”

St Petersburg Times, February, 11, 1962

Beginning the first regional planning effort in the state of Florida...

St Petersburg Mayor Herman Goldner made a bold statement to his peers throughout the Tampa Bay area, declaring that, “It is time for us to plan together on a regional basis.” On September 12, 1961 he challenged a group of elected officials from Tampa, Clearwater, Sarasota and St Petersburg to begin an ongoing dialogue together. Through these deliberative efforts and discussions, the first Regional Planning Council was formed and was aptly named the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

This effort in regional thinking and action was recognized throughout Florida and became a model for other regions to follow. Regional planning councils started forming in other major metropolitan areas of the state. What started as a luncheon was actually a clarion call to action to better plan for our future development in an organized, coherent, and regional fashion.

Mayor Goldner was quick to realize that the overarching economic interests of the region are similar and that we as partners in thinking regionally should truly seek regional solutions to these mutual challenges. A tentative approval of a charter and by-laws was granted on November 7, 1961. Present at this charter approval were Tampa Mayor Julian Lane, Bradenton Mayor A Sterling Hall, Sarasota Mayor M. E Marable, and Mayor Goldner.

A formal acceptance of the compact by St. Petersburg, Tampa, Clearwater and Sarasota came one month later, on December 5, 1961. Mayor Goldner was elected the first Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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on February 16, 1962. The Board also approved plans for future activities and heard reports that the newly-elected Florida governor, C. Farris Bryant, heartily endorsed the efforts of the Council.

An invitation for counties to join the Council was issued in May, 1962. The first county in the region to join was Pinellas in July, 1962, followed by Hillsborough and Sarasota. Manatee County joined on January 1, 1963, followed by the City of Bradenton.

The first full-time employee of the Council was Don King who was appointed as Executive Secretary on June 1, 1963. In November of 1969, Norman H. Thompson was appointed as the Executive Director and was instructed to begin the recruitment of a full-time professional planning staff to carry out the initial planning program. The number of participating governments increased with the addition of Pasco County, and four cities - Venice, Dade City, Pinellas Park and Largo.

The decades of the '60s and '70s were characterized by increased interest by the federal government in regional planning efforts throughout the country. Local Planning Grants along with Water and Air Quality Grants provided the financial resources for taking major steps forward in planning for the region at the local government levels. In 1970 the Council also wrote the first Mass Transit Regional Plan. Proving to be an effective instrument of change in the shaping of decisions affecting region-wide development and, more importantly, in bringing local, state and federal governments together to resolve numerous complex development problems, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was recognized as one of the state's leading planning councils in carrying out comprehensive regional planning and promoting intergovernmental cooperation and problem-solving. The Development of Regional Impacts (DRI) Process began in 1974. Even today, due to the coordinated review of the DRI process, communities such as Carrollwood, Trinity, Tampa Palms, and Westchase continue to thrive.

Early on, the TBRPC recognized the need for a comprehensive regional approach to water supply and water quality issues as well as the need for the development of a rapid transit system by 1980. In both these instances, the Council members and local elected officials pledged themselves to building effective institutional mechanisms to resolve these pressing issues and concerns.

The Florida Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act was enacted in 1972. This new legislation required local governments to write local plan elements including capital improvements plans. The Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) process also began in 1972. In 1975, the Council adopted the *"Future of the Region"*, a comprehensive policy for the development of the Tampa Bay Region. This policy was the first of its kind in Florida, and one of the first in the nation. This enduring document has been used throughout the years as an effective tool in reviewing development and plan amendments.

Scott D. Wilson was appointed Executive Director following Norman Thompson in the mid-'seventies. The Council provided the staff support to local governments in many of their planning requirements through the use of federal grants. However, in the late 'seventies, these grants were withdrawn and a major challenge emerged to identify sustainable funding to continue to provide the Council's services. However, the Council stepped up to the challenge and the programs, while altered, continued.

In the early 1980s, William A. Ockunzzie became the



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Executive Director, succeeding Scott Wilson. This was a time of recognizing that the state had a productive and discernible role in the Council's regional efforts. As a result, the Council became very active in the legislative process and played a major role in the writing of the *Growth Management Act* in 1983. The notion of regional planning was very prevalent throughout the language of the Act. A new role was established by this legislation for state involvement in regional planning efforts. Fully one-third of the Council's members are now gubernatorial appointees. The addition of the gubernatorial appointees has added a new and fresh perspective in the regional community. In addition, there are agency representatives who serve to provide direct agency contact at the Council level.



One of the major events of the 1980s was the collision that took down the southbound Sunshine Skyway Bridge. With its direct involvement, the Council provided guidance and opportunity for discussions to occur in the replacement and repair of the bridge, thereby avoiding a major economic crisis for the region.

In 1985, the TBRPC developed and produced the first quantitative hurricane evacuation study. Hurricane Elena resulted in the largest peacetime evacuation in the state's history. The Council continues to be the leader in this state as well as the nation in emergency planning and response. The annual release of the *Hurricane Planning Guide* in early June is well received, and provides the general public with needed information regarding their locality's status regarding evacuation, locations of evacuation centers, and supplies needed in event of a hurricane. The Council continued this effort for hurricane planning by participating and leading efforts to develop building requirements to withstand the high winds of hurricanes

Bruce Belrose was appointed Executive Director following William Ockunzzi. The requirement for state, regional and local plans as specified by the *Growth Management Act* set in motion a major program for the Council in providing assistance to smaller local governments in the writing of their local growth management plans. The Council also developed the "fast track" process to be used by other regional planning councils in the development of each regional plan.

In 1986, Julia E. Greene was appointed Executive Director in 1986. By this time several new initiatives - the Agency on Bay Management, a sub-committee of the Council and the Area Agency on Aging – had begun. These programs provided a new direction of focus for the Council.

The *Area Agency on Aging* is the planning organization that provides services to senior citizens. A plan is developed every three years with annual updates in order to be responsive to changes in the service demands and requirements. The services were bid out to local agencies to assure local involvement. This program continued at the Council until 1999 when the AAA was spun off to form an independent, autonomous agency.

The *Agency on Bay Management* was formed as a result of a special legislative act to examine the opportunities for and the constraints against developing a unified, comprehensive management strategy for Tampa Bay. The report called for an advisory group to make recommendations to local governments, state agencies, and federal agencies and for strategies that could be implemented in the protection of environmental resources. The ABM developed a proposal to create the Surface Water Improvement and Management program (SWIM) which is

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administered by the Southwest Water Management District. The Council wrote and developed the legislation and spear headed the passage of the SWIM legislation.

The National Estuary Program is another program promoted by the ABM that was successfully funded and implemented. The ABM also developed an effort for a license plate designating the funds to the cleanup of Tampa Bay. The "Tarpon Tag" has generated over 1 million dollars for restoration of the Tampa Bay estuaries.

The *Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)* was formed to provide review and guidance to all groups with hazardous materials in the region. The LEPC conducted a study to determine the effect of a collision in Tampa Bay. Six months later there was a major collision of three ships in the mouth of Tampa Bay. The plan enabled all the agencies to rapidly respond to minimize the damage. The LEPC was hailed for its foresight in the planning of a response to such an event.

In the Council's thirtieth year (1992), a mission statement was developed:

To serve the interests of the entire Tampa Bay region; of matters greater than local in breadth and effect, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council foster cooperation and growth in an ever changing community. Recognizing that our resources.. of human kind and nature .. are interdependent and dynamic; knowing that together; we must face this change.

Now in its 20th year, the annual *Future of the Region Awards* program was developed to recognize local agencies, developers, educators, individuals, civic groups, elected officials and environmental groups for outstanding contributions to the region. The three major awards are the Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Regional Distinction which recognizes outstanding achievement in the region, the Herman W. Goldner Award of Regional Leadership is given to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of regionalism, and The One Bay Award which recognizes projects and programs that best implement the guiding principals of the One Bay Regional Vision Plan. Additional awards are given in six different categories.

In 1998, Manny Pumariega succeeded Julia Greene as the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Once again, the Council began a new era of challenges and approaches to solving regional problems. In 2002, TBRPC made the decision to purchase land and build a permanent home for the Council. Construction on the new building began in 2003 and concluded in early 2004. The Council is now located in Pinellas Park. Under Mr. Pumariega's leadership the Council has continued to add value added services to member governments, the citizens of the region, and the State of Florida. In 1999 the Council implemented Regional Economic Modeling (REMI). This modeling program has provided valuable services to our local governments and other economic practitioners.

The Tampa Bay Soundings, a quarterly publication, was developed to inform those eager to learn more about the region's namesake waterway and the region's other natural resources. The journal provides factual, independent information on the Tampa Bay estuary, its watershed, and the region's environmental resources as well as practical knowledge to enable citizens to become better stewards of these resources in our natural environment.

The Council received an Economic Development District



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designation from the federal government's Economic Development Administration. This designation enables all governments within the region to get a better match for their dollars when applying for economic development funds from the federal government. In addition, a manufacturing supply chain study was completed in 2006 to research general trade patterns within the region and to determine the location of their competition. Finally, the Council and the Tampa Bay Partnership were awarded a grant to administer a targeted industry cluster study and a workforce skills gap study. Local recipients of EDS funding through the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) include Tampa Port Authority (REK Pier) and Hillsborough Community College public safety facilities.

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES) was developed in 2010. In an unprecedented strategy all eleven regional evacuation studies in the state of Florida are being updated at the same time in a consistent and coordinated manner. With funding from the legislature and the joint support of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) and the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA), the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is working with the Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) to develop the necessary methodologies and strategies to result in a consistent all-hazards approach. For the first time the State will be able to document a consistent and coordinated approach statewide for evacuations.



The Council continues its important emergency planning with the *Tampa Bay Catastrophic Plan: Project Phoenix*. More than 300 stakeholders joined in this effort in 2009. As part of the project, a 12-minute video was produced which illustrated the vulnerability of the region, and identified the potential impacts and challenges the region would face in the event of a Category V hurricane making landfall in Tampa Bay.

Also, through a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration the TBRPC is examining the complex issues that go along with post-disaster economic recovery. Council staff is developing a detailed inventory of where people in the Tampa Bay area live and work. By understanding how population and employment are distributed across the region and the different types of jobs that are concentrated in specific geographic areas, priority can be given to redevelopment projects that will yield the biggest return.

Looking into the future, The Florida Broadband Planning Project will develop a structured, comprehensive process for creating a regional broadband plan. This process will be scalable and transferable to other regions and communities. A planning toolkit and training materials will be developed to provide guidance in the process of developing broadband plans for other regions in Florida and beyond.

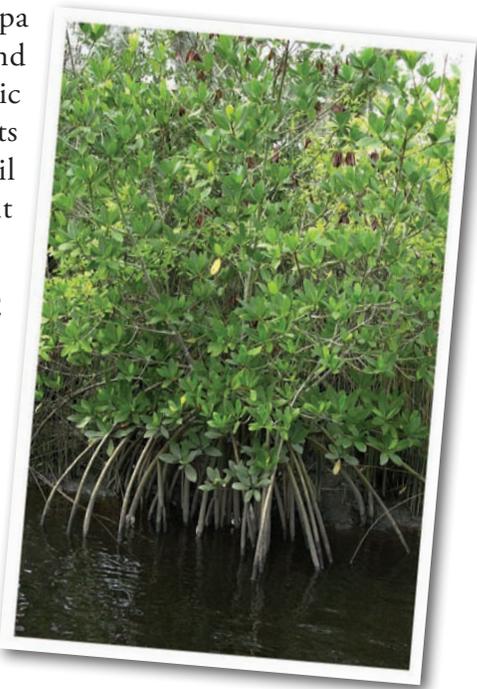
The Council along with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Research and Education Foundation, the Urban Land Institute Tampa Bay District and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority formed ONE BAY. The ONE BAY: Livable Communities initiative drew upon more than 10,000 citizens to create a shared regional vision to plan for where future population and employment growth shall go through responsible landuse, mobility, and environmental sustainability. (For further information please visit www.myonebay.com).

Get Ready Tampa Bay is a regional collaboration between the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, local

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governments, the Rocky Mountain Institute, Progress Energy Florida, Tampa Electric, Florida Power & Light, Lakeland Electric, business partners and other groups interested in preparing Tampa Bay for the roll-out of electric vehicles in the next few years. This collaboration illustrates the regional efforts among community partners in order to reduce dependence on foreign oil and better utilize cleaner forms of energy. For additional information visit www.GetReadyTampaBay.org.

In partnership with Florida's other regional planning council, the TBRPC is taking the lead to design a statewide energy resiliency strategy. The first step will be a preliminary survey and analysis of the impacts of the oil spill and the state's energy policies and usage. The second step will be a detailed analysis with scenario building. The third step is conducting statewide summits to convene the community stakeholders to discuss solutions. The fourth step will be collating and sharing the information gathered from these summits across the state. The final step will be developing strategies and implementation methods to make the state more resilient. The Council is also promoting energy efficient construction for homeowners and businesses alike.



Principally, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council serves as the convener of the region. As part of this effort, the Council has provided the staffing to host a number of groups in the state in holding conferences and workshops on topics of regional concern.

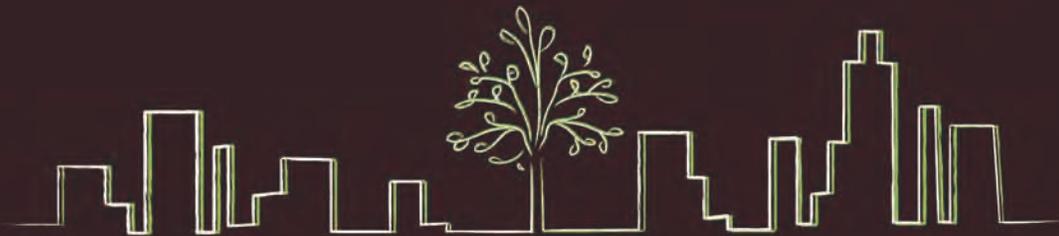
In June of 2012, the Council will host the 46th National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference which will bring in elected officials, regional and urban planner and various stakeholders from all across the Nation.

Two of the Council's Executive Directors, Julia E. Greene (1998) and Manny Pumariega (2007), have received the coveted Walter Scheiber Leadership Award. Conferred by the National Association of Regional Councils, this award is given annually to those Executive Directors from across the country who have provided outstanding leadership at the national, state and regional levels.

In conclusion, the region, the state and the nation are better poised to address regional planning issues in the twenty-first century because of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The Council has been an acknowledged leader in implementing cutting-edge strategies in educating the public on current and future issues, and providing direction and establishing a clear path for communities to address critical quality-of-life issues for their citizens.

Since its early beginnings and throughout the years, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has been a recognized leader in anticipating and discerning our region's future needs. By thinking well beyond the normal five-year planning cycle, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council can be relied upon to be the first to recognize future challenges and to convene the region in coordinating and establishing solutions to these key, critical quality-of-life issues.

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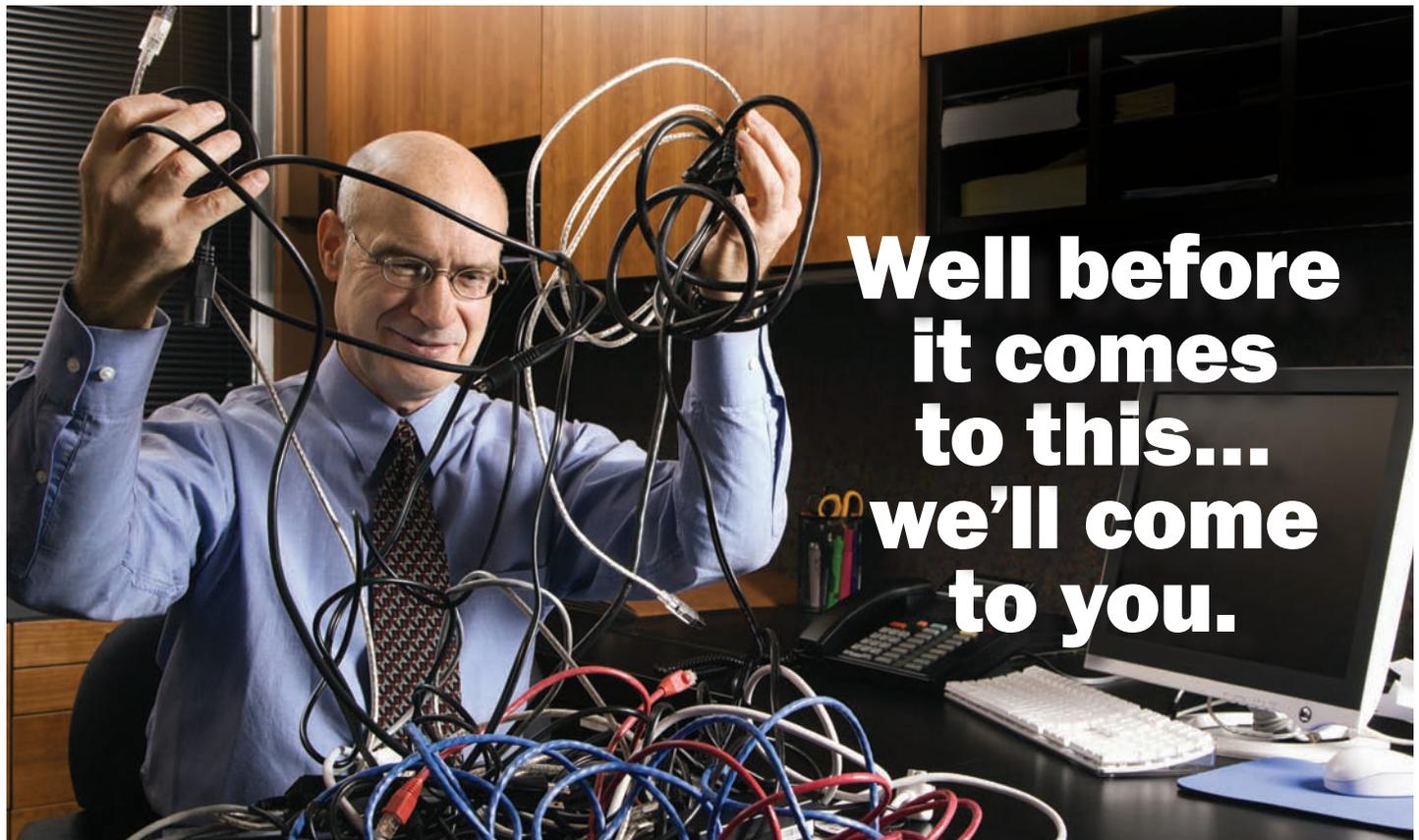
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