

15th Annual

Future of the
Region Awards

HOSTED BY THE
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 30, 2007

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Tampa, Florida



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



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council



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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 multipurpose regional entity in a position to plan and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in the region. Participation in the Council is an investment in the Region's future.

Future of the Region Awards

The Tampa Bay Regional 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 Fifteenth 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 2006. Entries were accepted through January 12, 2007. Thirty applications were received covering the following categories:

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

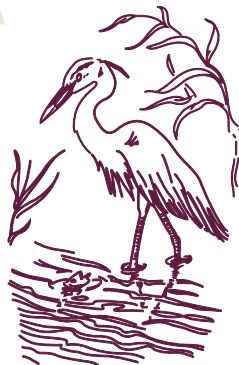
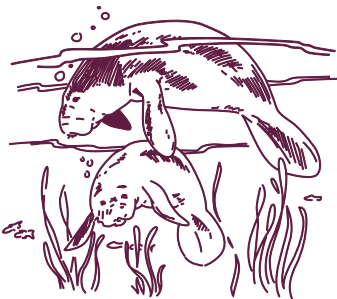


On February 13, 2007, the Awards Jury, Charles D. Blume, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Christopher Steinocher, Marketing Director of the Tampa Bay Partnership; and Ray Chiamonte, Assistant Executive Director for the Hillsborough County City-County Commission, reviewed 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/Hillsborough County

1994

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

1995

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

1996

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

1997

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

1998

Inventing Tampa Bay Water: A Model of Regional Cooperation

1999

Hillsborough River Greenways Task Force

2000
Pinellas Star Center

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

2002
North Greenwood Transformation, Clearwater, FL
City of Clearwater and Bank of America

2003
Rebuilding Community: Tampa Heights
The Planning Commission

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

2005
Pinellas By Design
Pinellas County Government
Pinellas Planning Council

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



2006 Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.

Award of Distinction

MAYOR'S MENTORS & MORE



“Mentoring provides a unique opportunity to change lives – a child’s and your own. I encourage everyone to mentor. In this complex world, it is a simple way to make a difference.”

- Mayor Rick Baker

In the first five years of his term, Mayor Rick Baker of the City of St. Petersburg has continually encouraged corporate support of schools. Eighty corporations are now partnered with forty seven city schools providing children with mentors. This program has also raised 625 scholarships for St. Petersburg students and made sure that each student had a mentor in partnership with the local education foundation. *Mayor’s Mentors & More* also includes housing programs for teachers and joint use agreements for playgrounds shared with schools.

As part of his commitment to education, Mayor Baker has encouraged city personnel to mentor in city schools. Mayor Baker established an administrative policy which allows any city employee to have paid leave of up to an hour with 15 minutes of travel before and after to mentor in the schools each week. The Mayor has also issued a “Cabinet Challenge” to his cabinet members holding monthly contests aimed at increasing city employees mentoring in city schools. Currently more than 160 city employees volunteer as mentors.



Mayor Baker has stepped outside of the traditional role of city government to advocate for quality education and has encouraged the community to work and contribute resources to support schools within the city. The education program became one of the five cornerstones of his administration. The *Mayor's Mentor & More* initiative have accomplished the following:

- Raised a total of \$9,485 million for college scholarships for 625 low income sixth grade students.
- Raised almost \$90,000 to provide 112 students with SAVE scholarships for tuition and supplies to the city's vocational technical center.
- Established ten "Partnership to Advance School Success" (PASS) corporate partnerships resulting in an additional \$1,996 million in those schools as well as critical and strategic planning.
- Provided state of the art playgrounds to seven schools.
- Created the model "A+ Housing Program" as an incentive to recruit and retain

teachers, whereby teachers may qualify for up to \$18,000 in interest free assistance in the form of a forgivable loan to build a home in St. Petersburg.

Incorporated "character building" in all city youth programs.

Created the Top Apple awards giving principals and assistant principals of schools that made an A grade or improved their grade cash bonuses. In 2006 principals received \$2500 and assistant principals received \$1000 for a total of \$66,000 raised by private sources.

Received \$154,000 in grants over a four year period from the Pinellas Education Foundation to provide mentor training for the over 800 members of the St. Petersburg Community.

Mayor's Mentors & More was implemented to raise awareness of education in the St. Petersburg community and has been successful by advocating and recruiting participation in and for schools through mentor recruiting and the corporate partner program.

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 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



2002
Commissioner
Robert "Bob" Stewart



2003
Commissioner
Ronnie Duncan



2004
Louis Miller
Executive Director
Hillsborough County
Aviation Authority



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

2006 Herman W. Goldner

Award for Regional Leadership

W. Don Whyte

President, Newland Communities Southeast



W. Don Whyte exemplifies the wisdom of regionalism in both his community service and his professional philosophy and action. He currently serves as president of Newland Communities Southeast, overseeing residential community development throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk and Orange Counties and embracing a broad base of community activism that advances regionalism on a daily basis.

Well versed in matters of the environment and land acquisition, management and sustainable economic development, Mr. Whyte contributes his leadership skill to important regional and community organizations. He is presiding chair of the Urban Land Institute's Tampa Bay Council and previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Builders Association. In September 2005, Senator Tom Lee appointed Mr. Whyte to the statewide Century Commission studying regionalism and strategies for sustainability throughout Florida. He is also an active member of the Tampa Bay Partnership, serving as one of just 21 people selected for Vision 21, the latest regional effort by the organization.

Mr. Whyte's philosophy is to honor the land and region first, then match it to the economics in all of Newland's projects. To accomplish this, Whyte undertakes an envisioning process. He brings in land planners, biologists, wetland experts, botanists - and, yes, PR types - to create the vision of the community, how it compliments and fits within the greater community, and determines how to execute it.

Over the last 20 years Mr. Whyte has chosen, by design, to thoughtfully embrace policies and organizations that move regionalism forward. By committing his own company to principles of good planning and community, as well as strategically volunteering his time to community organizations that promote and encourage regionalism, he has steadfastly pursued and strengthened the culture of regionalism.

Mr. Whyte currently serves or has served on the following:

- Urban Land Institute, Tampa Bay District Chair
- Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida
- USF College of Education, Past Chair of the Development Committee
- Builders Association of Greater Tampa. Past President
- Several councils of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
(Government & Finance, Education, Sports)
- Membership Committee for the Tampa Committee of One Hundred

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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Our Judges

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Apalachee Regional Planning Council

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

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

Menu

Grilled Peppercorn New York Strip Steak
& Wild Mushroom Natural Jus
Baby Mixed Greens
Chef's Specialty Fresh Dessert
Warm Rolls and Whipped Butter
Coffee and Tea



The Program

Introductions and Welcome

Commissioner Scott Black
Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Invocation

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

Luncheon

Special Recognitions

Commissioner Deborah Kynes, Vice-Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Celebrating 15 Years of Notable Achievement

Presentation

15th 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 Deborah Kynes, Vice-Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Closing Remarks

Reverend James T. Golden
Secretary/Treasurer
Councilman, City of Bradenton
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-three 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.

Raymond A. Chiaramonte



Mr. Chiaramonte's professional experience in planning spans 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. Mr. Chiaramonte 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.

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

Community Center/A LEED Project - City of Dunedin

The new Dunedin Community Center, completed December 2006, comprises 42,624 sf of community service-space that fully complies with US Green Building Council LEED criteria for Green Building construction and operation. The building meets exceptional criteria for recycling processes, energy efficient construction, enhanced indoor air quality and environmentally responsible building maintenance.



Second Place

Morgan Heart Hospital at Morton Plant/Clearwater - Harvard Jolly, Inc.

The new Morgan Heart Hospital at Morton Plant marries award-winning cardiovascular care with a state-of-the-art facility and digital technology. The new Heart Hospital includes four new computerized, voice-activated open heart surgery rooms, four cardiac catheterization labs, 21 critical cardiac patient rooms and dedicated waiting areas.



Honorable Mention

True Compassion Campaign - Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.

The Drug Free America Foundation's community service and public education campaign, True Compassion, is a multi-faceted media campaign involving three public service announcements that compels viewers to understand our community's drug problem from a drug prevention perspective. The media campaign focuses its prevention message on those people who do not use drugs. The public service announcements were produced by the Foundation in partnership with Tampa Digital Studios.

The True Compassion campaign is also enriched by the talents of Venice Maki, a national recording artist who is endorsing the true compassion campaign and the use of his song about chemical dependency - "Taking Time" - in the public service announcement, "High Driver." Mr. Maki is promoting the true compassion campaign at all of his concerts and on his web spaces.



The following entry received a Certificate of Excellence

9/11 Memorial Oldsmar Fire Rescue - City of Oldsmar





Cultural / Sports / Recreation

First Place

Mahaffey Theater Renovations - Downtown Enterprise Facilities, City of St. Petersburg

The Mahaffey Theater Renovation Project is a \$20 million project undertaken during 2005-2006 that included the addition of a colonnade and atrium to the exterior of the building availing panoramic views of the waterfront and downtown skyline.



Second Place

Online Guide to Pinellas County Blueways - Pinellas County Planning Dept.

The Online Guide to Pinellas County Blueways website was developed through a collaborative process involving county departments, municipalities, paddling groups and interested citizens. The Guide provides detailed information on launch points, amenities, wildlife, and safety tips. It is the first such guide in the Tampa Bay area, and is designed to promote appreciation of Pinellas County's coastal attributes and recreational diversity to residents, the region, and internationally - at the click of a button.



Honorable Mention

The Historical Richey Suncoast Theatre - City of New Port Richey

Founded in 1926 and having a legacy to film stars such as Thomas Meighan and Gloria Swanson, Richey Suncoast Theater has been lovingly restored to serve as a cultural hub and reminder of the City of New Port Richey's glory days, when fame and fortune decorated the town.



Honorable Mention

Tibbals Learning Center at Ringling Museum of Art - Harvard Jolly, Inc.

Opened in January, 2006, Tampa Bay's newest cultural and educational jewel has become home to the largest miniature circus in the world, showcasing more than 42,000 pieces in the model. The one-of-a-kind miniature, which has been exhibited at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, and at National Geographic in Washington, DC, is now housed at the Tibbals Learning Center, along with related historic collections from the Ringling Museum of the Circus. The circus display tells the story of the great American circus, immersing guests in the sights and sounds and magic of the greatest traveling show on Earth. The new 30,000 square foot Tibbals Learning Center has been designed around this extraordinary 3/4" to the foot scale model of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus of the 1930's and named The Howard Brothers Circus by its maker and donor, Mr. Howard Tibbals.



The following entry received a Certificate of Excellence

Plant City Tennis Center - City of Plant City



First Place

The Wimauma Village Plan - Hillsborough County/CBP/PGM

The Wimauma Village Plan provides guidance for growth while preserving rural character, promoting conservation of natural resources, and revitalizing an impoverished community. The Plan creates a new Future Land Use category that ensures clustered residential development and interconnected open space, while providing a vehicle for the redevelopment of downtown Wimauma.



Second Place

The WilsonMiller Office Building - WilsonMiller

WilsonMiller's \$3.5-million renovation of the 112-year-old former Ybor City Brewing Company building successfully transformed the second-oldest masonry cigar factory in Ybor City into a modern office headquarters, while maintaining the building's character and its place in Tampa's National Historic Landmark District. The building has been recognized as a major part of the ongoing economic and architectural preservation of the Ybor City community and Tampa region.



Honorable Mention

MacDill Air Force Base General Plan - Engelhardt, Hammer & Associates

The MacDill General Plan establishes a strong sense of community and is an important guide for future growth. The project represents introduction, within the structured military environment, of neighborhood planning/new urbanism principles. This is an innovative planning approach that provides significant benefit for the MacDill community, Tampa and the Region.



Honorable Mention

Tangerine Plaza and Sweetbay Supermarket - City of St. Petersburg

The Tangerine Plaza project is a 46,000 sf neighborhood shopping center anchored by Sweetbay Supermarket that opened in November 2005. The project culminates a decades-long effort by the community to bring a grocery store to Midtown St. Petersburg.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence

PSTA's New Scherer Drive Administration & Operating Facilities - PSTA

MacDill Air Force Base Phase 5 Military Housing - Diaz Pearson & Associates





Environmental

First Place

Lancaster Tract Habitat Restoration Project - Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Lancaster Tract is an approximately 14-acre restoration project completed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Pinellas County in 2005. The project focused on providing critical low salinity nursery habitat and improving water quality entering Tampa Bay from a highly urbanized watershed.



First Place

Tampa Harbor Operations & Maintenance Project - Diaz Pearson & Associates

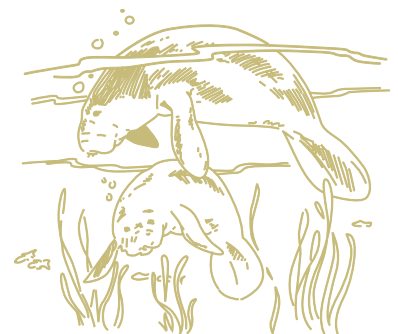
The Tampa Harbor Operation and Maintenance Project removed shoaled sand from the Tampa shipping channel. Rather than dumping the sand offshore, the beaches of Egmont Key and Ft. DeSoto Park were nourished in this "beneficial use of dredged material" project that benefited historical resources, shipping, the environment, and public recreation.



Second Place

Glen Oaks Stormwater Management Project - City of Clearwater

The Glen Oaks Stormwater Management Project is cleverly designed to provide recreational opportunities, look like a park, and yet provide significant flooding and water quality improvements to the watershed. The project will create 21 acres of ponds, 4.3 acres of vegetated wetland, two soccer fields, trails, observation gazebos and provide water quality treatment for 1,193 acres of a highly urbanized tributary drainage area.





Infrastructure

First Place

Fiscal Impact Estimates of Land Development (FIELD) Model - Hillsborough County Planning Commission

The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission created the Fiscal Impact Estimates of Land Development (FIELD) model. FIELD is an innovative, multi-jurisdictional model that assesses the financial feasibility of comprehensive land use plans and tests policy options for optimizing levels of service, revenues and land use patterns. FIELD's dynamic, visual style successfully communicates complex ideas and relationships to policymakers and citizens.



Second Place

Memorial Causeway Bridge - City of Clearwater

The Memorial Causeway Bridge has been described as a "ribbon in the air" stretching from beautiful downtown Clearwater to scenic Clearwater Beach. The innovative design is clean and uncluttered with gracefully curved lines. The new bridge eliminates congestion and delays to both motorists and boaters associated with the old bridge.



Second Place

Pinellas County Galvanized Pipe Replacement Program - Pinellas County Utilities

Pinellas County Utilities led a galvanized steel pipe replacement program to ensure high quality water for its customers, replacing 118 miles of pipe in just 18 months. Program manager CH2M HILL directed design engineers and construction contractors. This public/private team completed the work on schedule and \$4.6 million under budget.



Honorable Mention

Clean School Buses in Pinellas County - Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management

Pinellas County Schools is one of 37 school districts around the country to receive Clean School Bus USA grants to reduce both children's exposure to diesel exhaust and the amount of air pollution created by diesel school buses. Clean School Bus USA brings together partners from business, education, transportation and public health organizations to accomplish those goals.





Public Education

First Place

Have A Plan-Know Your Plan - Hillsborough County

Have a Plan – Know Your Plan was a comprehensive crisis communications plan for Hillsborough County that took into account community outreach, branding, better planning at the Emergency Operations Center during a disaster and targeting audiences. These techniques proved successful as information flow this hurricane season was targeted, timely, complete and accurate.



Second Place

Brownfield Spotter Patch Program for Girl Scouts - Pinellas County Economic Development

In a collaborative effort between the Pinellas County Brownfield Program and the Girl Scouts of Suncoast Council the Brownfield Spotter Patch Program teaches girl scouts all about brownfields so they can identify potential brownfield properties in their communities. The patch program consists of educational activities that help girls discover, lead and take action, according to their age-level developmental characteristics. Activities at the youngest level include teaching and discussing both existing brownfields and alternative uses. Activities for the older girl scouts include learning how to use a web-based GIS tool and attending a brownfield designation public hearing.



Honorable Mention

Florida-Friendly Landscaping - Southwest Florida Water Management District

With a multi-faceted approach and proven results, the Southwest Florida Water Management District's promotion of Florida-friendly landscaping shows homeowners, builders, developers and landscape professionals how to conserve and protect water resources while creating beautiful landscapes. Efforts include media messaging, support of the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program, outreach and education materials.



The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence

Dunedin Celebrates Diversity Week - City of Dunedin

Share the Road Media Campaign, Tampa Bay Region - City of Clearwater

“Pick Up the Phone and You’re There, Call PSTA” - PSTA

PSTA’s Bikes on Buses Instructional Powerpoint - PSTA



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Special Recognition

The Bay Area Legislative Delegation

Presented by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

In honor of the 15th Anniversary of the Annual Future of the Region Awards, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council would like to extend a special recognition to the members of the Bay Area Legislative Delegation. The formation of the Bay Area Delegation exemplifies regionalism at its best.



A key strategic initiative of the Tampa Bay Partnership was the formalization of the Bay Area Legislative Delegation (BALD). On March 8, 2006, a milestone was reached when the delegation met in Tallahassee and adopted rules and procedures -- major steps in helping this region to begin to gain a bigger voice in state government. Together, the Bay Area Legislative Delegation represents 25% of the state legislature. Rep. Bill Galvano was appointed as the first Chair of BALD and Sen. Mike Fasano as Vice Chair. Former Sen. Jim Sebesta was recognized as the founding chair and leader of the group.

The purpose of creating and maintaining the Bay Area Legislative Delegation is to provide a forum for communication and interaction emphasizing state issues of regional significance among those elected officials of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives from the following counties in west\central Florida: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota.

The delegation allows member legislators to agenda proposed legislation, ideas, and other initiatives of regional significance, at meetings of the delegation. BALD also seeks agreement among its members on regional objectives of highest priority, and where practical, create and implement cooperative strategies and plans of action that support those objectives.

The Bay Area Legislative Delegation is comprised of elected officials from the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives whose districts are included in the seven county west\central region of Florida. The delegation serves as a facilitator for agreement on regional issues. As such, the development, prioritization and advocacy for achieving strategic regional goals are accomplished through consensus.

The delegation develops issues recognizing that strong communities in the global economy must have a regional focus and that quality of life and economic vitality in the cities, towns, suburbs and green spaces of west\central Florida are not best considered in isolation.

The Bay Area Legislative Delegation also focuses attention on pressing regional issues most difficult to solve by local jurisdictions or county legislative delegations acting alone. Issues include, but are not limited to, environmental protection; comprehensive planning for water, land development, transportation and other infrastructure investments; education and other enhancements to workforce development; the affordability, availability and efficiency of health care and other state provided services; workforce housing and livable communities; and economic development initiatives that improve the region's competitiveness and provide opportunities to expand and strengthen the business and industrial base of west central Florida.



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