20th Annual

Future of

Region Awards

HOSTED BY THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Friday, March 23, 2012



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



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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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 Twentieth 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 2011 and entries were accepted through January 13, 2012. Over thirty applications were received covering the following categories:

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







On February 6, 2012, the Independent Awards Jury, Charles D. Blume, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Christopher Steinocher, Marketing Director of the Tampa Bay Partnership; and Ray Chiaramonte, 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 20 Years of Notable Achievement



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

Charles A. McIntosh, Jr., joined the Council in 1985 at a time in life when many people retire to enjoy the easy life. For more than 15 years Mr. McIntosh served the citizens of Dade City, Florida, as Mayor and he still found time to serve as the Chairman of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. He also served two terms as Chairman of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The most prestigious award of the Annual Future of the Region Awards competition is named in his memory.

1992

Westchase: A Planned Residential Community

Newland Gulf Coast and Hillsborough County

1993

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

1994

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

1995

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

1996

Public Sector: Long Term Dredge Spoil Disposal Plan Manatee County Port Authority

Private Sector: Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation The Clearwater Jazz Holiday

1997

Public Sector: Penny For Pinellas Information Campaign Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Private Sector: Morton Plant Mease Health Care Community Health Initiative

1998

Inventing Tampa Bay Water: A Model of Regional Cooperation

1999

Hillsborough River Greenways Task Force

2000 Pinellas Star Center

2001

Finance Park: A Conservation Lifestyle Education Project Pinellas County Utilities

2002

North Greenwood Transformation City of Clearwater and Bank of America

2003

Rebuilding Community: Tampa Heights

The Planning Commission

2004

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

Harvard Jolly

2005

Pinellas By Design Pinellas County Government and Pinellas Planning Council

2006

Mayor's Mentors & More

City of St. Petersburg

2007

Strategic Regional Transit Needs Assessment Video

Florida Department of Transportation, Carter & Burgess, Inc. and Tampa Digital Studios

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



2011 Charles A. McIntosh, Jr.

Award of Distinction

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greenprint

A FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPETITIVE, VIBRANT, GREEN FUTURE

Clearwater Greenprint, A Framework for a Competitive, Vibrant, Green Future is a vision plan that looks beyond municipal functions to indentify a series of strategies that can be implemented by the city, its residents, local businesses and industries. These strategies have the potential to reduce energy consumption, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions while reducing energy and other costs, supporting a variety of housing choices for renters and owners of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds, expanding transportation choices, and improving health and quality of life for city residents.

The project was funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, and builds upon other steps the city has taken to reduce costs, become more energy efficient, promote quality growth that will help ensure the long-term health and productivity of the local economy. While the strategies were developed for implementation at a City level, the overall sustainability plan provides a model for other cities in the area to follow when developing their own plans.

This one and a half-year project culminated in a plan that includes 44 strategies to improve the city's sustainability in eight focus areas. The Clearwater Greenprint strategy focus areas are:

- Education and Awareness
- Green Energy and Buildings
- Transportation
- Land Use and Urban Form
- Water Resources

- Waste Management
- Food Production
- Green Business and Jobs

If Clearwater grows in a way that is consistent with the Clearwater Greenprint, it will save in costs for transportation, water, sewer and other utilities that do not have to be built. The city will also see reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, less water and energy use, increased productivity, protection of critical lands, and importantly, preservation of the character of Clearwater's existing neighborhoods.





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2011 One Bay Award



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Mobility Fees-Pasco County

On July 12, 2011, Pasco County became one of the first counties in Florida to adopt mobility fees as a replacement to transportation impact fees. The Pasco County mobility fee assesses for the capital costs of roads, transit and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and utilizes variable levels of service, trip lengths, and other transportation revenue sources to create an innovative tiered rate structure that encourages economic development, transit oriented and traditional neighborhood/town center development, and development in Pasco's designated urban market areas along the US 19 and S.R. 54/56 corridors.

For example, Pasco's mobility fee for office, industrial and transit-oriented development along US 19 and S.R. 54/56 corridors is \$0, and the transportation impact of these encouraged uses is addressed through the application of other revenue sources, including sales tax, gas tax and a new tax increment financing district.

The mobility fee program is based on and implements the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which incorporates the majority of the TBARTA Master Plan within Pasco County. The Pasco mobility fee program gives Pasco municipalities the option to participate in the program and benefit from the revenue sources and reduced fees for town centers. Recognizing the importance of the State's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) to the region's economy, a portion of the mobility fee is earmarked for transportation facilities that benefit the SIS in Pasco County. The mobility fee ordinance requires consultation with FDOT prior to budgeting the SIS portion of the fee.

The initial mobility fee adopted by Pasco does not assess for regional transit facilities, primarily due to the current uncertainty surrounding the specific modes and funding for regional transit. However, the mobility fee will be updated at least every three years, and during each update Pasco will evaluate whether the capital costs of regional transit should be included in the updated fee. In addition, with FDOT's concurrence, the SIS portion of the mobility fee can be used for regional transit facilities that benefit the Strategic Intermodal 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

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Herman W. Goldner

Award for Regional Leadership

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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.



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



2010 Commissioner Karen Seels Pinellas County, Florida



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

2011 Herman W. Goldner

Award for Regional Leadership

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Lee Arnold, Jr.

The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of regional cooperation, dedication to his/her community and notable achievement in encouraging future vision. The award is named for former St. Petersburg Mayor and founder of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Herman W. Goldner.

As we celebrate our 50th year in regional planning and our 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards Program, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is pleased to announce the winner of the 2011 Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership, Lee Arnold...Pioneer, business icon, real estate magnate, academic, venture capitalist, philanthropist, civic leader and family man.

Born in Clearwater, Lee Arnold's lifelong commitment to the Tampa Bay region encompasses business, community, social, philanthropic, and educational achievements.

As CEO of Colliers International Tampa Bay, Central Florida, and Southwest Florida and as a private developer of office parks, industrial facilities, retail centers, and housing, Lee's influence on Tampa Bay's infrastructure and way of life is felt by residents daily. As a founding Board Member of Momentum Bank (Florida's largest capitalized financial institution in history) his efforts are helping Florida's budding entrepreneurs and successful enterprises grow. Through his venture capitalist initiatives, he's helped technology companies create hundreds of jobs across our local communities.

A graduate of USF, and 10-year trustee board member, Lee has helped advance the University's academic interest, facilities, fiscal responsibility, campus environment, and provided strategic direction to accelerate USF's growth.

Lee chaired the Merger Committee which formed the Pinellas County Economic Development Council (PEDC). He raised more than \$2 million in the 1980's which became the seed resources for the founding of Tampa Bay Partnership where Lee was a past chair. Under Lee's leadership and spirit of regional cooperation, the name was changed from PEDC to Tampa Bay Partnership Pinellas (TBPP). In its infancy, Lee even provided office space to the fledgling Partnership. As the organization grew and prospered, he helped facilitate the merger of TBPP into Tampa Bay Partnership where Lee continues to be an executive board member. Believing we are stronger together than apart, it was his continued devotion to civoic collaboration which helped engage community leaders to address challenges facing the region collectively.

As a resident member of The Florida Council of 100, Lee chaired tasks forces aimed at helping to address Statewide challenges and advance the region's economic opportunities, including authoring the guiding report on addressing Florida's potable challenges, a critical issue facing Florida's future.

Lee's civic commitments span decades, including: Past President of Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Clearwater Rotary, Past Presidnet of Tampa Bay Commercial Brokers Association, member of the Governor's Task Force on Hurricane Recovery, and a member of Governor Bush's Insurance Reform Committee. He has been a member of the local Young President's Organization, World President's Organization, and continues to have extensive relationships in Rotary International.

Lee's contributions to these organizations have affected the vitality of countless Floridian's and visitors seeking to experience our regional economy and society. His philanthropic endeavors have helped dozens of regional and local charities including the American /Heart Association's Heart Ball where he is an Executive Committee Member of the 2012 Heart Ball.

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The Awards Program

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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.

20th Annual Future of the Region

Friday, March 23, 2012 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Desserts and coffee with Sponsors and Exhibitors 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

> Historic Renaissance Vinoy Hotel St. Petersburg, Florida

Our Judges

Charles D. Blume, Exective Director Apalachee Regional Planning Council

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

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

Menu

Spinach Raviole with Smoked Chicken, Wild Mushrooms, Tomato-Fennel Cream with Ricotta Salata Romaine Salad with Hearts Palm Oranges, Chevre Cheese, Banana Bread Croutons with Mango Dressing

Rolls and Butter Water and Ice Tea

Dessert Reception with Sponsors and Exhibitors Assortment of Regionally Inspired Mini Desserts Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee

The Program

Welcome

Chuck Warrington Managing Director Clearwater Gas System

I ntroductions

Commissioner Larry Bustle Chair Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd Past Chair and Gubernatorial Appointee

Invocation

Mayor Bob Minning Vice Chair Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Euncheon

Presentation

20th 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 ~ Bright House Networks The Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership ~ Mosaic, Inc. One Bay Award ~ Progress Energy

Closing Remarks

Mr. Andy Núñez Secretary/Treasurer Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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Adjourn

Dessert Reception with Sponsors and Exhibitors

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-six 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

CareerEdge Funders Collaborative Manatee Sarasota

CareerEdge is a bi-county workforce funding collaborative that provides flexible training dollars to train employees in living wage jobs. This research-driven partnership –based model increases the competitiveness of the region by preparing employees to move up career ladders in high growth jobs of the future. CareerEdge has raised \$4 million since September 2010.

Second Place

"Give A Day For The Bay" Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Give a Day for the Bay is a volunteer program sponsored by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to directly involve citizens in restoring Tampa Bay. Half-day workdays are held on Saturdays, six times a year, at various parks and preserves throughout the Tampa Bay watershed. Removal of invasive plants is a primary focus of the workdays, along with native plant installation, to help restore important coastal and upland habitats throughout the bay watershed.

Honorable Mention

Connect Your Community: Closing the Digital Divide in Manatee County and the Tampa Bay Region ~ Bright House Networks

Bright House Networks is closing the digital divide by partnering with *Connect Your Community*, a program aimed at educating adults, improving digital literacy, and creating sustainable broadband adopters.

Honorable Mention

Pasco County Elderly Nutrition

In an effort to improve quality of life for elder, Pasco County Elderly Nutrition Program provides nutritional services. The Program employs environmentally friendly techniques while rendering its services and encourages the recipients of the services to participate in this endeavor. Staff use innovation and cost effectiveness by developing community partnerships.









- Automotive Technology ~ Hillsborough Community College workforce Development Center, Ybor City
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park on US 301 at the Bypass Canal, Hillsborough County

Cultural /Sports /Recreation

First Place

Pasco County Starkey Wilderness Park Trail Project (Phases I thru IV)

The Starkey Wilderness Park Trail Project (Phases I through IV) in Pasco County, is a key component of the regional network of trails that benefits the Tampa Bay area. The completion of this work effort has added 5.74 miles of new trails in West Pasco County and afforded local residents, visitors and tourists to New Port Richey and unincorporated Pasco County, safe and easy access to the Suncoast Trail and one of the environmental jewels in Pasco County, Jay B. Wilderness Park. The Starkey Wilderness Park Trail Project is the beginning of a regional trail network that will one day connect to the Pinellas Trail and the Hillsborough County section of the Suncoast Trail. The completion of these projects involved multiple stakeholders, and both public and private entities. From planning through the initial design of Phase I of the project and final construction of Phase IV, this project demonstrates the positive results that can be realized through maximization of opportunities, thinking outside the box, and public/private coordination.

Second Place

Ft. Hamer Park Rowing Practice and Training Boathouse Facility, Manatee County

Manatee County Built a collegiate rowing practice/training facility, complete w/8,000sf boathouse, pavilion w/restrooms, boat/trailer storage, indoor/outdoor teaching areas, floating docks and parking at Ft. Hamer Park. The Program was developed as a partnership with Nathan Benderson Park, in Sarasota, Florida and will affect regional tourism and economic development.

Honorable Mention

City of Dunedin Artistic Bicycle Rack Initiative

The City of Dunedin has implemented an Artistic Bicycle Rack Program City-wide, the first of its kind in Pinellas County, and one of only a two communities in the State. Five bike racks have been commissioned by private business owners & one public funded bike rack is in place at the City Library.

- North Greenwood Community Partnership, Clearwater, Fl
- PSTA Black History Month Poster, PSTA







Development / I nfrastructure

First Place

Mobility Fees ~ Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

In July, 2011 Pasco County adopted a mobility fee program that utilizes innovative strategies to help fund multiple modes of travel and encourage urban development, economic development, and transit oriented and traditional neighborhood development.

Second Place

"The Little Downtown that Could" Recipe for Success, City of Dunedin

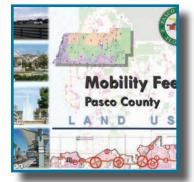
"The Little Downtown That Could...Recipe for Success" shares lessons learned from 23 years of planning and implementing Dunedin's downtown redevelopment program focusing on the updated Dunedin CRA Downtown Master Plan 2033 and Downtown/Waterfront Illustrative Corridor Plan recognizing the Tampa Bay Region's vitality hinges on the sum of its municipal parts.

Honorable Mention

Clearwater Gas System's Natural Gas Fueling Station

Clearwater Gas System debuts the area's first public natural gas filling station, which is one of the largest of its kind in the southeastern United States.

- Connect Your Community: Closing the Digital Divide in Manatee County and the Tampa Bay Region, Bright House Networks
- Central Avenue Trolley Service, PSTA
- City of Clearwater Performance Contracting
- 56th Street Corridor Improvements (from Hillsborough River to Temple Heights Road)
- Florida Suncoast Housing Partnership, Neighborhood Lending Partners, Inc.
- Historic Oldsmar Bank Renovation
- The Jolly Trolley New North Coastal Route: Route Extension to North County from Clearwater Beach to Tarpon Springs
- SR 699 (Gulf Blvd.) at John's Pass, Bascule Bridge Replacement, Cardno TBE







Natural Resources / Environment

First Place

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We cordially invite you to participate in next year's... 21st Annual Future of the Region Awards

Call for Entries - October 2012 Deadline for Entries - Early January 2013

21st Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon - March 2013 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.



Going Green!

First Place

Clearwater Gas System's Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station

Clearwater Gas System debuts the area's first public natural gas filling station, which is one of the largest of its kind in the southeastern United States.

Second Place

Electric Vehicle Charging Network Installation- City of Oldsmar

Supporting federal efforts to cultivate fuel alternatives, the City of Oldsmar became the first government entity to install public access electric vehicle charging stations in the Greater Tampa Bay area. Oldsmar's four charging stations are accessed via Tampa Road, a primary artery connecting Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

Honorable Mention

Historic Oldsmar Bank Renovation- City of Oldsmar

Oldsmar's Historic Bank Building renovation was designed to reduce the regional carbon footprint by diverting materials from the regional landfill, reducing demand on the region's utilities supply, and achieving Green certification. A public electric car charging station at the site furthers the objectives to create a healthy environment for all.







- Dump the Pump: Back of the Bus Advertisements- PSTA
- Electric Vehicle Charging Network Installation



Public Education

First Place

Recipes for the Road: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties

Since 2004, Recipes for the Road (a collection of non-alcoholic drink recipes) has been paid for by the Florida Department of Transportation and created by Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. In 2008, MADD came aboard to provide personal stories from the Tampa Bay area about how local families were impacted by impaired drivers. The ultimate message of Recipes for the Road is "Don't Drink and Drive."

Second Place

Fall Wildflower Festival-Brooker Creek Preserve

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve organized and held the Fall Wildflower Festival in October, a family-oriented, free, and educational event. The Festival celebrated the multitude of blooming wildflowers at the Preserve and included a Butterfly Encounter, live honeybee hive exhibit, presentations, and a wildflower scavenger hunt.

Honorable Mention

Redesign of PSTA Website- www.PSTA.net

PSTA's website has been redesigned twice since its 2001 launch to reflect continuous feedback from passengers and employees. In 2011, we decided it was time to brighten up our look, make the page available to non-English speaking customers, and ensure it is ADA compliant. The result is a clean, crisp design that is as functional as it is beautiful.

The following entries received a Certificate of Excellence

• PSTA's New Bus Stop Signs



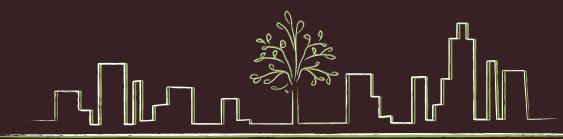




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For more information, please contact Lauren Matzke at the City of Clearwater: (727) 562-4547 or lauren.matzke@myclearwater.com.



Congratulations to the winners of the 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards



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