

22nd Annual

Future of the
Region Awards

HOSTED BY THE
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, March 28, 2014
Hilton Carillon Park
St. Petersburg, Florida



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





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To serve our citizens and member governments by providing a forum to foster communication, coordination and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally.

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Manny L. Pumariega, AICP

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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 22nd 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 2013 and entries were accepted through January 10, 2014. Over thirty applications were received covering the following categories:

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

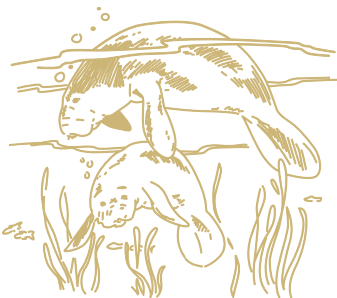


On February 5, 2014, the Independent Awards Jury, Michael Busha, Executive Director for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council; Ray Chiaramonte, Executive Director for the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization; and Holly Greening, Executive Director for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, reviewed each entry on the following criteria:

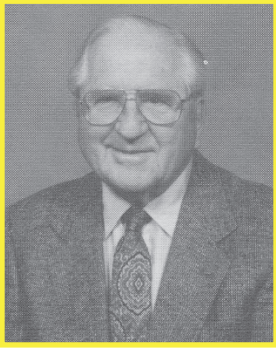
- ◆ Regional quality of life benefit
- ◆ Benefit to environment
- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Cost effectiveness
- ◆ Capacity for continuing impact
- ◆ Regional benefit

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 22 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

2010

The Dali
The Beck Group

2011

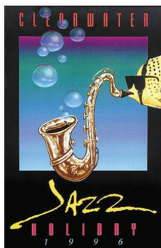
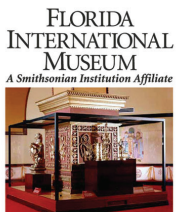
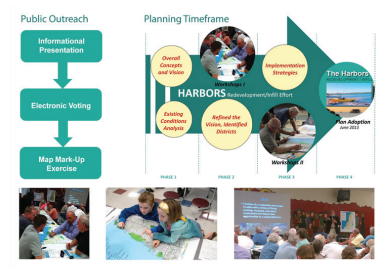
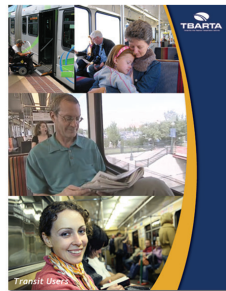
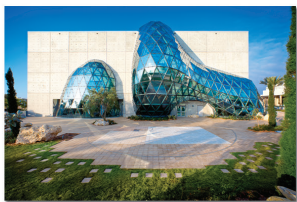
Clearwater Greenprint
City of Clearwater

2012

Tampa Gateway Rail Terminal, Port of Tampa
Tampa Port Authority

2013

**The Harbors -
West Market Redevelopment/Infill Plan**
Pasco County



A FIRST for the Future of the Region Awards!

The HARBORS- West Market Redevelopment/Infill Plan Receives top honors for 2013!

Winner of the Charles A. McIntosh Award of Distinction And The One Bay Award

In June 2013, Pasco County adopted “The Harbors” West Market Redevelopment/Infill Plan that lays down a comprehensive redevelopment framework for the western portion of the County. It proposed to create a compact, urban environment with multiple options for living, working, transportation, education, and recreation, well-aligned with the regional One Bay Vision of a sustainable community.

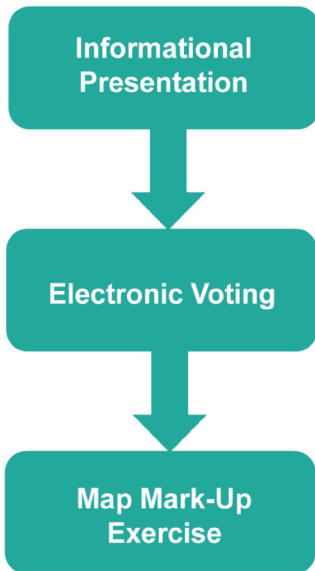
The Harbors Plan envisions a new future for the West Market Area. The Harbors is one of the oldest and most populated parts of the County, including the cities of New Port Richey and Port Richey. It covers a total land area of 84 square miles which includes the coastal and inland areas along U.S. 19 and Little Road corridors, between Pinellas and Hernando Counties. The need for redevelopment/infill plan for the West Market Area is identified under the County’s Comprehensive Plan in direct response to the recommendations of the 2008 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Advisory Panel to bring focus to the County’s planning initiatives.

The Harbors is characterized by more than 20 miles of coastline, numerous parks, and trails, and is home to more than 200,000 people, almost half of the County’s population. Today, the Harbors is faced with challenges such as an aging development pattern, inadequate infrastructure, and vacant and obsolete strip commercial development.

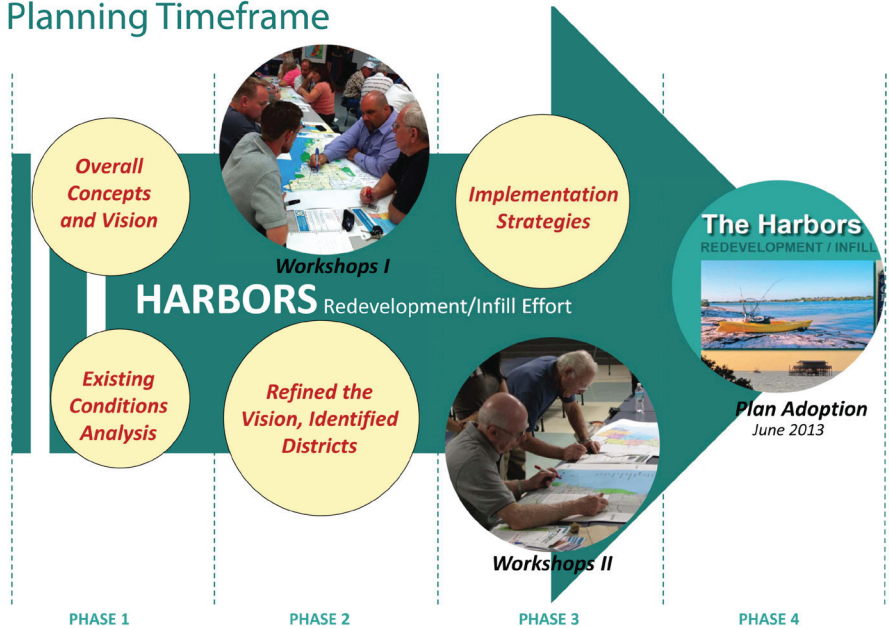
The Harbors Plan intends to reposition the West Market Area in such a manner that maximizes its full potential and provides its communities with multiple opportunities for living, working, education, transportation and recreation. Its goal is to transform the Harbors into a marine paradise for boaters, tourists, nature enthusiasts and the local community.

The Plan was the outcome of a rigorous two-year planning process that involved community workshops including more than 300 participants, presentations to elected representatives, map exercises, visioning surveys, design discussions, and coordination with more than 30 public and private agencies, and other County departments and jurisdictions.

Public Outreach



Planning Timeframe



The Harbors planning process focused on community input under five key focus areas:

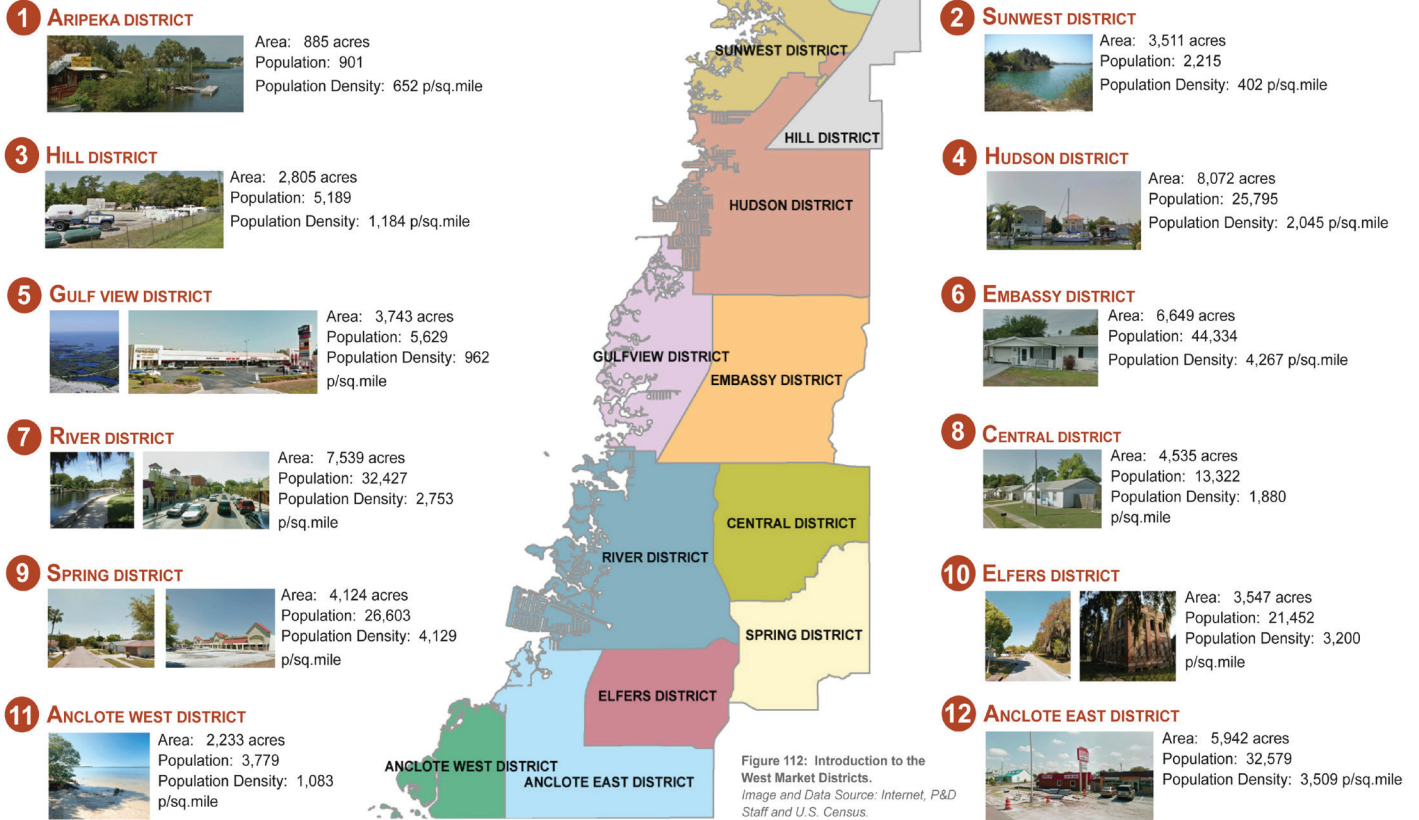
- Economic Development
- Community Infrastructure and Planning
- Environment
- Open Space and Tourism
- Transportation
- Urban Land Design

The implementation strategies were prioritized with the help of the community workshops and individual interviews. The final implementation plan describes actions and assigns responsibilities to public and private partnerships to implement the Plan's vision.

The Harbors is a dynamic document and serves as a model for communities in the region. The Plan ties into other planning efforts such as the One Bay Vision, Economic Development Plan, Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan, tourism and community development efforts such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The County's urban service areas and mobility fees are some of the specific tools that will help build on the market area concept and help realize the vision for the Harbors.

Through the efforts outlined in the Harbors Plan, Pasco County will provide its residents with increased employment opportunities, quality affordable housing, enhanced waterfront access, parks and trails, new opportunities for eco-tourism, and multimodal connectivity for an improved quality of life.

WEST MARKET DISTRICTS



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).

- 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 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.

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

West Market Districts - Vision

North County Line

The **WEST MARKET AREA** is divided into 12 districts. The Boundaries of the districts are defined based on historical context, neighborhood characteristics, roadways, natural features, and opportunities.

AREA 1

Sunwest District

Vision: Promote ecotourism and resort living.

Hudson District

Vision: Create a historic district, enhance Hudson Beach and promote ecotourism.

Aripeka District

Vision: Preserve historic character and natural resources

Hill District

Vision: A healthy mix of industrial, residential and commercial uses

S.R. 52

AREA 2

Gulf View District

Vision: Connect existing parks and neighborhoods, retrofit strip malls, provide waterfront and recreational activities

Embassy District

Vision: Provide parks and open spaces and connected street network.

Ridge Road

AREA 3

River District

Vision: Create waterfront activity center, entrance gateways to the Cities and, preserve and enhance historic features.

Central District

Vision: Provide parks and open spaces, connected street networks and encourage mixed use infill development.

Spring District

Vision: Provide connected street network, co-locate neighborhood parks with natural features.

S.R. 54

AREA 4

Anclote West District

Vision: Preserve coastal resources, enhance connectivity to the coast.

Anclote East District

Vision: Create gateway features, provide adequate infrastructure and quality affordable housing and prevent crime.

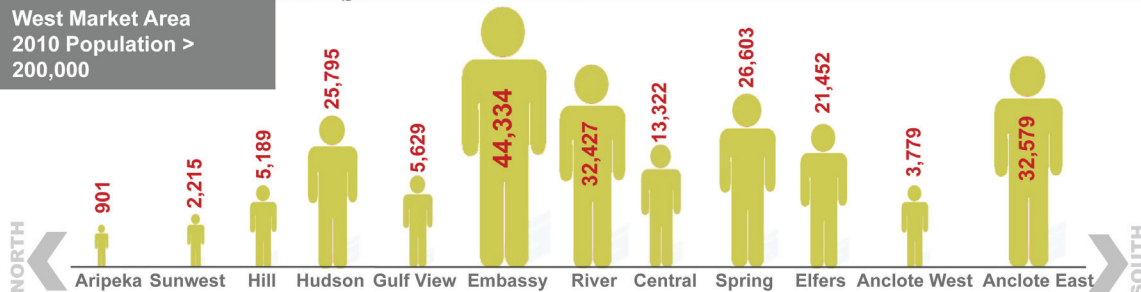
Elfers District

Vision: Preserve and enhance historic features and landscape, enhance street and sidewalk connectivity

South County Line

Population

West Market Area
2010 Population >
200,000



2013 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 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*



2012
Rhea Law



2011
Lee Arnold, Jr.



2010
Commissioner Karen Seels
Pinellas County, Florida



2009
Jan Kaminis Platt



2008
Dr. Judy Genshaft
President
University of South Florida



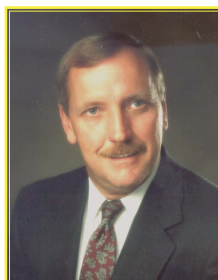
2007
Joe Smith
Chair
Tampa Bay Partnership's
Transportation Initiative



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

2013 Herman W. Goldner

Award for Regional Leadership

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Ann Hildebrand

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The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is honored to announce the 2013 Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership; Ann Hildebrand.

Former Pasco County Commissioner Ann Hildebrand exemplifies the spirit of regional cooperation by her contribution to the regional community as demonstrated by her notable achievements that have advanced regionalism in the Tampa Bay Region.

During her 28 years of service on the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners, Ms. Hildebrand went above and beyond her Commission duties to voluntarily serve on regional boards, committees, and councils focused on cross jurisdictional matters such as water and transportation issues. She served as Co-Chairman and as a member of the Tampa Bay Water Steering Council during the pivotal time of the Tampa Bay Region's transition from the West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority to Tampa Bay Water. Her spirit of cooperation contributed to the ending of the "water wars" that had plagued the Region for decades that were ultimately set aside with the formation of Tampa Bay Water 15 years ago. Remaining involved in the equitable distribution of water supplies within the Region, Ms. Hildebrand subsequently served on the Board of Tampa Bay Water, serving twice as its Chair.

Ann Hildebrand's contribution to regionalism expanded to include her devotion to transportation planning and infrastructure matters when she began her service with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Governing Board in 2007. While serving on TBARTA's Governing Board, she was Vice-Chairman in 2007 and as a Board Member in 2009 contributed to TBARTA's first Master Plan, a vision for the Region's transportation infrastructure for decades to come. She supported the construction of the Suncoast Parkway linking the Region's northern Counties to Hillsborough County. Ms. Hildebrand remained involved in transportation planning and infrastructure matters up to her retirement in 2012, specifically the U.S. 19 Redevelopment Plan. The U.S. 19 Redevelopment Plan is a long term planning priority of Pasco County that will better connect the communities along U.S. 19 while allowing for better traffic flow from the Pinellas County line through Pasco County continuing north to the Hernando County line.

Other notable achievements and contributions to regionalism made by former Commissioner Hildebrand include, but are not limited to, membership on the Boards of the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services; the United Way; founding member of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic;; the Pasco-Hernando Community College Foundation; YMCA of the Suncoast; the Red Cross; Paint Your Heart Out; helped to establish the PACE Center for Girls; provided service to the All Children's Hospital Guild; Leadership Tampa Bay 2000; and Juvenile Justice District 5.

Collectively, Ann Hildebrand's contribution and dedication to Pasco County and the greater Tampa Bay Region for the past 28 years uniquely qualifies her as a recipient of The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership.

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*We cordially invite you to participate in next year's...
23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards*

Call for Entries - October 2014
Deadline for Entries - Early January 2015

23rd Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon - March 2015
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.

The Awards Program

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Friday, March 28, 2014
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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St. Petersburg, Florida

Our Judges

Michael Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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

Holly Greening, Executive Director
Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Menu

Fresh Vegetable Crudités with Roasted Pepper Hummus

St. Croix Chicken Salad
Baby Greens, Tropical Fruit, Avocado, Grape Tomatoes with Ginger Vinaigrette

Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

Fallen Chocolate Soufflé
Espresso and Raspberry Syrup, Fresh Mint, with Vanilla Whipped Cream

Ice Tea and Columbian Coffee



The Program

Invocation

Commissioner Jack Mariano
Past Chair, Pasco County

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Andy Núñez
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Chair
Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County

Presentation

22nd Annual Future of the Region Awards
Mistress of Ceremonies
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd
Past Chair, Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County

Presentation

The Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award of Distinction
The One Bay Award
The Herman W. Goldner Award for Regional Leadership

Closing Remarks

Mr. Andy Núñez
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Chair
Gubernatorial Appointee, Pinellas County

Adjourn

The Independent Awards Jury



Michael J. Busha, AICP

Michael has lived in Stuart Florida for 36 years and is a graduate of Florida Institute of Technology. He has spent 31 years with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council--the last 18 as its Executive Director. In August 2010, he was elected to the Martin County School Board. Michael has spoken from coast to coast on the topics of downtown redevelopment, town planning and urban design, the land use/transportation connection, and job creation and economic development. He has been involved in 105 different public planning charrettes for Council over the last 25 years, establishing successful redevelopment game plans for cities like Stuart, Fort Pierce, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Bartow, Flagler Beach, and West Palm Beach. He is the primary author of Council's 1987 and 1995 long-range, strategic regional policy plans and is responsible for overseeing the contents of the Seven50 long-range strategic regional plan. Michael also serves as President of the Treasure Coast Enterprise Fund, Inc., a small business loan fund operating on the Treasure Coast.



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.



Holly S. Greening

Holly Greening earned a MS from Florida State University following extensive estuarine food web studies. Her professional career has focused on managing watershed and estuarine projects. As Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Holly is responsible for maintaining the strong partnerships forged through TBEP, continuing the bay's science-based restoration and recovery strategies. Holly has served on the Estuarine Research Federation Governing Board, the National Academy of Sciences Ocean Studies Board, four National Research Council Committees, as Co-Chair of the 2011 Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation Conference, and as Chair of the Association of National Estuary Programs. She is currently serving on the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council, and as Associate Editor for the scientific journal *Estuaries and Coasts*.



Community Service

First Place

Concerts for a Cause at FishHawk Ranch and Waterset Newland Communities

As a master plan developer and passionate advocate for the Tampa Bay area, Newland Communities wanted to play a role in helping the area's 700,000 people affected by hunger. To do this, it created free concerts in exchange for suggested nonperishable food donations – resulting in nearly 12,000 meals for Tampa's hungry population.



Second Place

The Beth Dillinger Foundation

The Beth Dillinger Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that provides support and education to youth in need. An organization of volunteers dedicated to providing clothing, meals, and other daily necessities for maintaining health and personal hygiene. PACE Center for Girls, Inc. –Pinellas is a proud (and lucky) recipient of support from the Beth Dillinger Foundation in several wonderful ways.

Honorable Mention

Hacienda Hotel Community Clean-up Project City of New Port Richey

Over 450 volunteers took part in two community clean-up days to restore the Historic Hacienda Hotel. Residents and tradesman worked together to paint, repair windows, remove carpet and general cleaning of the 1927 structure. City Council was thrilled and impressed by the public's involvement to renovate the building which is the crown jewel of downtown.



Cultural / Sports / Recreation

First Place

Highland Recreation Complex City of Largo

The Highland Recreation Complex adds a truly unique cultural, sports, recreational venue to the region's offerings. It is the only public recreation center that features so many outdoor AND indoor opportunities for play by people of all ages. Indoors, it offers a 3-story playground, indoor walking track, a state of the art computerized exercise/play room, in addition to all the traditional recreation amenities. Outdoors, it boasts a full circuit fitness zone, trails, multiple playgrounds, a stocked fishing/boating lake, tennis courts, baseball field and open play field. It is the place to play!



Second Place

Starkey Ranch District Park Pasco County BOCC, District School Board of Pasco County, Wheelock Communities

In December of 2013, Pasco County, the District School Board of Pasco County, and Wheelock Communities approved an innovative public-public-private partnership (P4) to design, construct, operate and maintain for joint use the first combined Park, Elementary/Middle School, Library and Theatre complex in the State of Florida.



Honorable Mention

Capitol Theatre City of Clearwater

The City of Clearwater fulfilled its vision to reinvigorate one of Tampa Bay's landmarks- the Capitol Theatre (est. 1921). Celebrating the renovation completion in December, 2013, it is one of the State's oldest theatres and represents a significant investment in redevelopment and the cultural vitality of the Tampa Bay area.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

- **City of Dunedin Little Free Libraries - City of Dunedin**
- **Symphony on the Sand Coquina Beach Park - Manatee County**
- **Safety Harbor Museum & Cultural Center - City of Safety Harbor**



Development / Infrastructure

First Place

Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant City of Oldsmar

Oldsmar's Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant (ROWTP) made the City an independent water producer, providing water for 100% of its population, and reducing the regional freshwater demand by 460 million gallons per year. It is Florida's first LEED certified ROWTP and second in the nation.



Second Place

Palmetto's 5th Street-Practical LID City of Palmetto, Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc

The City of Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency desired to revitalize the 5th Street West right-of way and enhance City owned property. The blending of multiple LID techniques contributed significant opportunities to enhance the City's "Sense of Place" while creating a safer environment and providing an attractive location for future growth.



Second Place

Tri-County Connection Pasco County MPO, Pinellas County MPO

Pasco and Pinellas MPOs have collaborated on a Tri-County Trail Connection Study. This regional study will provide the missing link for a multi-use trail connection extending from Pinellas County to Pasco County, linking the Pinellas trail to the Starkey and Suncoast trails. The trail connection will fulfill the needs identified in the local and regional multi-use trail plans as well as state-wide Coast to Coast initiative.



Honorable Mention

Collins Street Corridor Study City of Plant City, Hillsborough MPO, Atkins

The Collins Street Corridor Study promotes a desired vision that creates a unique identity for the southern gateway into Plant City. This effort provides guidance on streetscape components, such as bicycle and pedestrian amenities, street lighting, signage, crosswalks; along with evaluating opportunities to reconfigure the roadway cross-section to enhance livability.

Honorable Mention

PSTA's North County Connector Routes PSTA

In December 2012, PSTA introduced a new type of flexible bus service called the North County Connector Routes. Connectors are designed to improve mobility for people who don't live or work right on a bus line, and are often used as a feeder to connect people with regular, fixed-route service. In this case, they also do as their name implies: "Connect" to services and locations in nearby Pasco and Hillsborough Counties.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

- Manatee County Area Transit Bus Infrastructure and Passenger Amenity Project - Manatee County
- Manatee County Area Transit Downtown Transit Station, Bradenton - Manatee County
- Downtown Residential Overlay District Sign Program - City of New Port Richey



Going Green!

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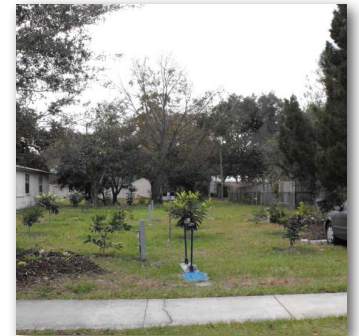
Dunedin Goes Platinum City of Dunedin

The Florida Green Building Coalition has recognized the City of Dunedin's outstanding environmental stewardship by designating it as a Certified Green Local Government at the platinum level. Dunedin received points or credit for activities, ordinances, and programs that improve the city's environmental performance in the areas of energy, water, air, land and waste.

Honorable Mention

Urban Agriculture Program City of New Port Richey

Many people want to grow their own vegetables or fruits, but may not have the space or know-how. City Council adopted regulations supporting private community gardens for any zoning district. The City's voluntary Environmental Committee oversees the process. This program creates a civic ecology connecting people to their neighbors and neighborhoods.



The following entries received a Certificate of Nomination

- **Property Management Department Building Operations Supervisor and Energy Management - Manatee County**
- **Hybrid Buses - PSTA**



Natural Resource / The Environment

First Place

Comprehensive Ecosystem Restoration of the Southern Shoreline of MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay Watch, MacDill Air Force Base

Tampa Bay Watch's comprehensive shoreline stabilization enhancement project of MacDill's shoreline has been accomplished through the installation of oyster domes, oyster shell bars and the planting of salt marsh. The project protects a shoreline that has been eroding at an accelerated rate and restores critical habitat back into Tampa Bay.

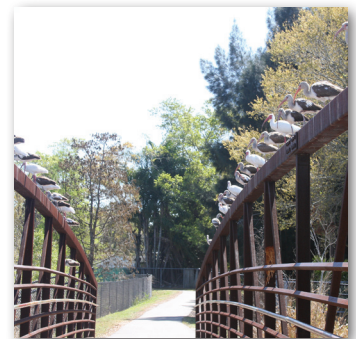


Second Place

Joe's Creek Greenway Park Phases I-V

Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources & Community Revitalization Departments

Born from citizen initiative in Lealman, 38 weedy, overrun acres used for storing pipes and debris was restored into a haven for public enjoyment as a greenway park. Extensive collaboration of government agencies, volunteers and environmental groups demonstrated how partnerships improve quality of life for Pinellas County citizens and visitors.



Honorable Mention

McKay Bay Restoration

Tampa Port Authority

The Tampa Port Authority (TPA), with assistance from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), embarked upon and completed a combination of wetland restoration projects within the McKay Bay Ecosystem in the Tampa Bay Estuary. The net impact of this work has resulted in the restoration of estuarine wetlands and adjacent shallow intertidal bay bottom within this historically impaired water body.





Public Education

First Place

Pinellas Park Medical District City of Pinellas Park

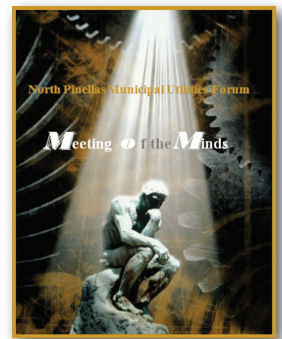
The Pinellas Park Medical District was established in 2012 as a collaborative effort of the City, St. Petersburg College, and The Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the over 100 medical related businesses. Mission: To promote and strengthen health care through medical business development, student enrollment and employment opportunities.



Second Place

Meeting of the Minds (MoM) City of Clearwater, Meeting of the Minds (MoM), North Pinellas Municipal Utilities Forum

City of Clearwater organized a group of municipal utility professionals in N. Pinellas County, fondly referred to as Meeting of the Minds. MoM meets monthly, sharing ideas on water utility related technologies, regulations, training, policies and experiences. Recent initiatives are public and student education and recruiting operators for succession and sustainability.



Honorable Mention

Boca Ciega High School Replacement, Gulfport, Florida Harvard Jolly Architecture, Ajax Building Corporation, Engineering Matrix, Inc.

Built in 1953, the original Boca Ciega High School was replaced with this 266,600 square foot community school that accommodates up to 2,550 students. The current school remained occupied and functional while the new school underwent phased construction on its 40-acre campus. The new high school achieved LEED Gold Certification.



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- Ethics & Social Science Building - Harvard Jolly Architecture
- PSTA Cares - Pinellas County Transit Authority



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