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From the President



Charles G. Pattison, FAICP

With the elections behind us, the results suggest an entirely different landscape ahead. Despite these changes and the failure of Amendment 4, we do not believe that the public desires to see a return to the “anything goes” development approvals of the past.

In fact, effective growth management will be more important than ever if we are to address a primary theme that played out in Florida and the nation as a whole. That theme, that too much public debt will be passed along to future generations, will only become more significant if new development is allowed to bypass its responsibility of paying the true costs of its impacts. We have all seen what happens when inadequate impact fees and other cost sharing arrangements fall short. The unmet tab for expanding schools, roadways, water and sewer connections, libraries, parks, police and emergency services can only fall onto the already burdened taxpayer. With little likelihood of any increased tax revenues, the only result can be a further decline in public infrastructure and community services. This is neither fair nor legally permissible under current law. We will support a re-examination of past efforts and a new commitment to seeing that new growth pays for its impacts.

If we desire to maintain our quality of life it will be vitally important to find the courage to keep moving forward with growth management programs at the local, state and regional levels. Improvements can and certainly need to be made, but that cannot mean the dismantlement of DCA or additional limitations on public participation in the development review and approval process.

What it must mean is better decision making at all levels of government. The understandable public frustration with the employment situation and what some have characterized as unfriendly over-regulation of business and development interests has to be balanced with the fundamental need to protect Florida’s environmental resources and communities. These remain the cornerstone of our economy and future.

Cover image: A black bear on the Smoak Ranch in Highlands County. Protected by a conservation easement, the ranch supports a diversity of wildlife and is a key connection between Fisheating Creek and the Kissimmee River Valley.



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Focus on Plum Creek

This issue of *Foresight* and the article *Florida's Evolving Large-Scale Ecological Greenway System* on page 6 of this issue, were underwritten with the generous support of the Plum Creek Foundation. Plum Creek is the largest and most geographically diverse private landowner in the nation, with timberlands in more than a dozen states, including Florida. As part of its commitment to conservation, it manages its timberlands following sustainable forestry practices.

Over the years it has worked with The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, and other organizations to complete conservation transactions resulting in the preservation of more than 720,000 acres across the United States. Additionally, approximately 2.5 million acres of Plum Creek lands are involved in

Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and conservation agreements that provide for the long-term management and protection of wildlife across the country.

Plum Creek has been involved in the conservation of 62,675 acres of land in Florida, including the Bayard Point Conservation Area, Nine-Mile Swamp Wetlands Protection, and Phifer Flatwoods. In 2007, Plum Creek received the Florida Audubon Society's Sustainable Forestry Award.

We thank the Plum Creek Foundation for its support for our work. We also thank Plum Creek for their significant contributions to protecting natural lands across the state and nation.



Highlands Hammock State Park, near Sebring, protects mature forests, providing habitat for diverse wildlife and ecological connectivity along the Lake Wales Ridge. Trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding, elevated boardwalks and camping sites make Highlands Hammock an important place for community recreation.

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Contributors In Focus: Doug Alderson and Carlton Ward Jr.

1000 Friends of Florida thanks both Doug Alderson and Carlton Ward Jr. for their many contributions to this issue of *Foresight*. An employee of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails, Doug partnered with 1000 Friends Community Planner Dan Pennington to prepare an article on the evolution of efforts to protect greenways and wildlife corridors in Florida, an excerpt of which is featured on page six of this newsletter. A fine photographer, Doug also contributed a number of the photographs used in this issue of *Foresight*, and his work was also featured in the Summer 2010 issue of the newsletter. To find out more about Doug and his work, please visit www.dougalderson.net.

Carlton Ward Jr. also contributed a number of photographs for use in this newsletter, and his photography was featured in 1000 Friends' 2007 special report, *Working to Sustain Florida's Rural and Natural Lands: A Call to Action*. An eighth-generation Floridian descended from a pioneer ranching family in Hardee County, Carlton's photography can be viewed at www.carltonward.com. Working with a team of advisors, Carlton developed the Florida Wildlife Corridor vision, which is described in more detail in the Florida Greenways article on page 6. The goal is to connect a swath of natural lands from the Everglades to Georgia providing necessary habitat corridors for wildlife, protecting watersheds and sustaining agriculture. To find out more, please visit www.FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org.

Challenging Legislative Session Looms Ahead

The 2011 legislative session promises to be one of the most challenging and volatile in the history of growth management in Florida. Florida's land planning agency, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), underwent "sunset review" in 2009-2010 and was not reauthorized, leaving it in a state of "legislative limbo" for the upcoming session. In addition, Florida has a new governor and cabinet and many new legislators, all of whom must be brought up to speed on the role of growth management for Florida's future.

Additionally, incoming Governor Rick Scott and Speaker of the House Dean Cannon have been critical of both DCA and growth management. We are also hearing rumors that development interests are quietly crafting rewrites of the state comprehensive plan and growth management laws in hopes of securing passage with promises of "jobs and economic development."

Despite the failure of Amendment 4 which would have required voter approval of all changes to local comprehensive plans, we recognize the widespread dissatisfaction with the on-the-ground results of Florida's growth management process. We stand committed to fight harder than ever for meaningful reform of Florida's growth management process.

1000 Friends is developing an education and outreach program to share with Florida's new leadership the need for quality growth management and an adequately-funded state land planning agency. We need your support as well. Please visit www.1000friendsofflorida.org and sign up to receive 1000 Friends' email alerts. We will keep you posted on pending legislation, key legislators, and other timely topics. You can make a difference!



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Eagle landing in pine

The headwaters of Fisheating Creek meander through Blue Head Ranch, one of 5 ranches receiving new support from the USDA to help protect the important watershed. The forested margins also connect the Lake Wale Ridge with Babcock Ranch for wildlife.



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SB 360 Found Unconstitutional

On August 26, Chief Circuit Judge Charles Francis found Senate Bill 360 to be unconstitutional, ordering it expunged. He found it to be an unfunded mandate that would cost 246 local governments \$15,000 each to implement, for a total of \$3.7 million.

Among other things, the law removed a requirement that developers pay for new roads, and removed state oversight of large developments in eight counties and 411 cities that were designated as "dense urban areas." 1000 Friends had opposed the 2009 legislation on the grounds that it had the potential to open up thousands of acres of land to inappropriately dense development at the expense of existing communities.

Senator Bennett, who sponsored the bill, indicated that he intends to introduce corrective legislation during the 2011 session. 1000 Friends will monitor this pending legislation closely, and also the recently filed appeal (yet to be heard) that keeps SB 360 on the books for now.



A hiker walks through the wet corridor of a titi strand

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Florida's Evolving Large-Scale Ecological Greenways System

By Doug Alderson & Dan Pennington

The female adult bear paused while ambling through the Osceola National Forest. She raised her head and sniffed. A male bear was in the area, one whose scent she didn't recognize. He had wandered in from the Ocala National Forest to the south. Their eventual mating would help affirm the reconnection between two of Florida's major black bear populations, forming the basis for a proposed ecological greenway connecting two large conservation areas.

For decades, a largely held belief was that the establishment of "islands" of national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands was enough to ensure the survival of North America's bountiful wildlife. But far ranging animals such as Florida panthers and black bears don't necessarily check their movements at park or refuge boundaries, a fact that is also true for many animal and plant species with smaller more compact ranges. Thus, in the 1930s and 1940s, the idea of connecting large conservation areas with wildlife movement corridors first emerged.

....Instead of having a species' range reduced to isolated habitat islands, conservation lands would once again be part of connected ecological systems, especially after restoration plans were implemented on lands degraded by past human activities such as fire suppression and degraded ground and surface water hydrology.

A mature male black bear finds excellent habitat on the Smoak Ranch in Highlands County.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLTON WARD, JR.

Thus begins an article drafted by Doug Alderson of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails, and Dan Pennington, Community Planner with 1000 Friends of Florida. This article describes the evolution of Florida's system of ecological greenways and calls for new leadership for the 21st century.

The article starts with statewide planning efforts in the early 1990s, including the work of 1000 Friends of Florida, which laid the foundation for this state's emerald necklace of interconnected natural lands today. It explores the creation of some of the state's most significant greenways, including creating the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway stretching from the Gulf of Mexico near Inglis to the St. Johns River near Palatka, efforts to connect Osceola National Forest, Ocala National Forest and surrounding protected lands to provide expanded habitat for the Florida black bear population, protecting longleaf pine/wiregrass ecosystems in the Florida Panhandle by linking Eglin Air Force Base and other nearby



This conceptual map of the Florida Wildlife Corridor was painted by artist Mike Reagan (www.mapsbymikereagan.com), based on a design developed by Tom Hoctor, Richard Hilsenbeck and Carlton Ward Jr. For more information on the Florida Wildlife Corridor please visit www.FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org.

Department of Defense Lands with the existing Blackwater State Forest and adjoining Conecuh National Forest in Alabama, and South Florida efforts to create ecological greenways to protect and expand Florida panther habitat.

It concludes with a call to support creation of the Florida Wildlife Corridor to connect natural lands and waters from the Everglades to Georgia. "We need the Florida Wildlife Corridor vision to push for regional or statewide incentive programs, including transfer of development credits, payment for ecosystem services, expanded funding for conservation easements and other solutions," explains Carlton Ward Jr., a principal architect of the concept. "The regulatory climate needs to evolve so that it will be in a landowner's financial best interest to engage in conservation programs within the proposed corridor."

This issue of *Foresight* and the above article (found in its entirety at www.1000friendsofflorida.org) were prepared with the generous support of the Plum Creek Foundation.

Energize Lake Worth!

1000 Friends of Florida is assisting with a series of workshops, dubbed Energize Lake Worth!, to educate Lake Worth community leaders and solicit input from residents and businesses on sustainability and climate change. The first workshop was held on October 23 and focused on an evaluation of the city's current energy use.

“People were a bit surprised to find out where the greatest energy use takes place and had some interesting ideas about how to reduce the city's carbon footprint.” says 1000 Friends Community Planner Joanne Davis, who is helping to coordinate the workshops. Future workshops will focus on strategies to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Pre-dawn fog hangs among the pines in central Florida.

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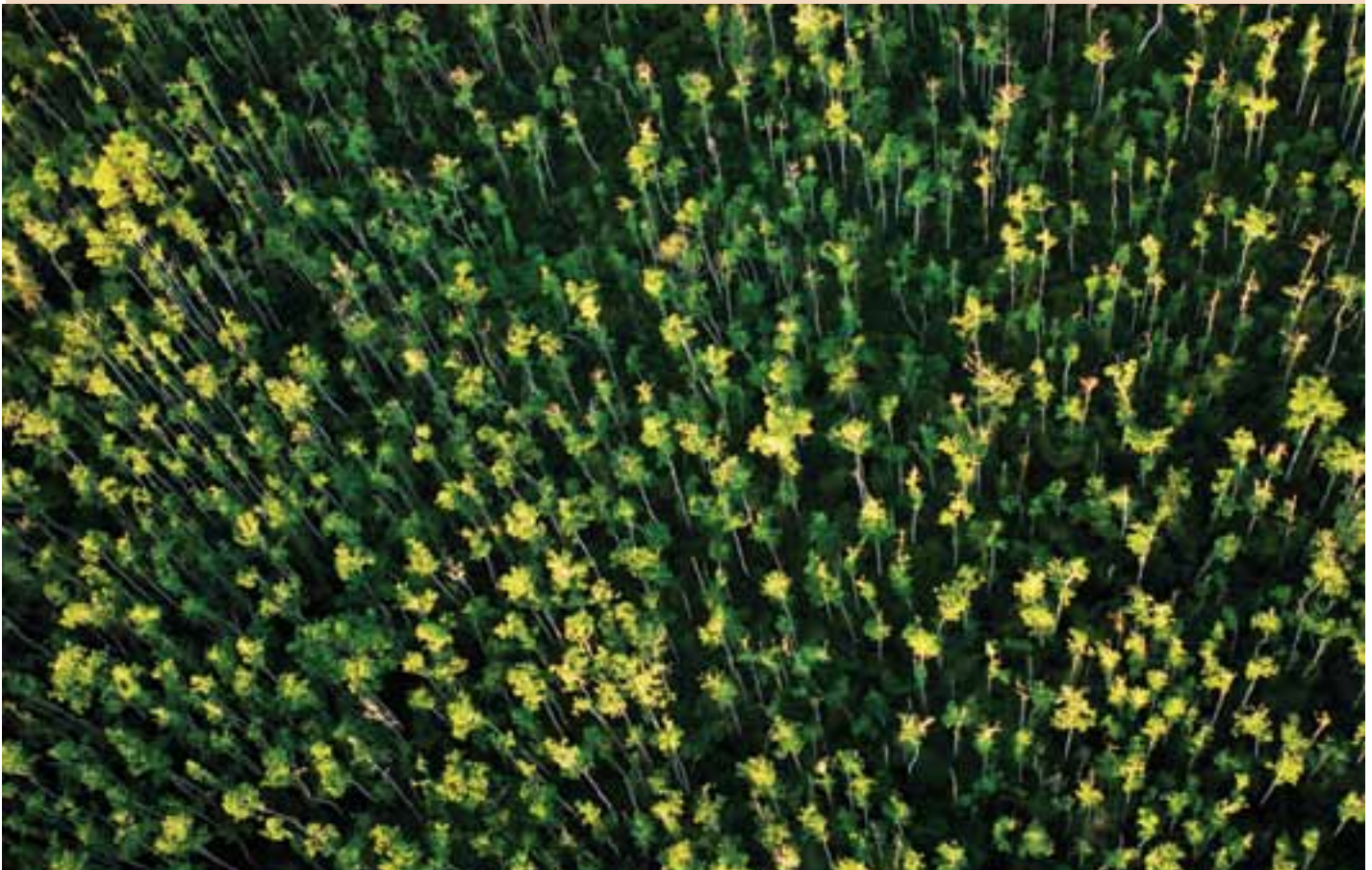


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Expansive bay forest blankets large sections of the Smoak and Hendrie Ranches, which provide some of the best bear habitat in the state and serve as an important stepping stone within the Fisheating Creek to Ocala Ecological Greenway (a central component to the Florida Wildlife Corridor).

Climate Change Webinars Coming Soon

1000 Friends and the Future is Now Foundation are partnering to produce a series of webinars on planning strategies to address climate change. Among other topics, the webinars will cover implementation of HB 697. This 2008 legislation requires that by 2015 all local governments in Florida update their local comprehensive plans to include land use, transportation, housing, and land conservation strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Other webinars will focus on greenhouse gas reduction strategies for utilities and other timely issues.

The monthly webinars will be held over the course of 2011 and feature noted speakers from around the state. The project will culminate with a virtual conference, to be held at the end of 2011. A grant from the Florida Energy and Climate Commission is making this project possible. Stay tuned for more details over the coming months.



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Linkages between Affordable Housing and Transportation Addressed at Statewide Conference

Charles Pattison (right) was one of the speakers at the Florida Housing Coalition's 23rd annual statewide affordable housing conference. He addressed a series of land use issues related to affordable housing, including inclusionary housing ordinances, transit oriented design, transportation costs, sustainable development, and steps Florida can take to improve the interface between transportation, land use and affordable housing.

Other presenters included (from left) Jeff Lubbell, Executive Director of the Center for Housing Policy in Washington, DC, Florida affordable housing leader Rep. Gary Aubuchon, Florida Housing Coalition President and 1000 Friends of Florida Affordable Housing Director Jaimie Ross, Miami-Dade County Housing Director Shelley Jones Horn, and Eric Hill, Director of System Management & Operations with METROPLAN Orlando.

City of Coconut Creek Receives Better Community Award

Incorporated in 1967, Coconut Creek in Broward County has taken major steps in recent years to promote compact, mixed use development in this former traditional bedroom community. The City has adopted strict development standards for a new downtown, or “MainStreet,” to include mixed land uses, compact building design, housing opportunities for a range of housing types and walkable neighborhoods. The first phase of this new downtown, The Promenade, has been constructed. This pedestrian-oriented mixed use district features shops, restaurants, and is one of the first major LEED energy-efficient developments in the Southeast U.S.

On September 23, 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison presented the city with the Better Community Award. “Coconut Creek provides an outstanding model for other traditional Florida bedroom communities seeking to grow in a more sustainable manner,” explained Pattison. “It shows how to successfully integrate office and retail uses into a traditional residential community in an environmentally sensitive manner.”

The City has also adopted a Master Greenway Plan to provide alternative modes of transportation and provide better connectivity. Its Tree Canopy Replacement Program has as its goal to provide the city with over 40 percent canopy coverage, which will also increase carbon sequestration and intercept stormwater. A 2009 visioning process, Vision 2020, resulted in the city’s newly adopted Green Plan which establishes a framework for achieving environmental leadership in the region. To promote a range of housing options, Coconut Creek has adopted Florida’s first city-directed Affordable Housing Impact fee based on linking affordable housing to employment.

According to Sheila Rose, Director of Sustainable Development, “In Coconut Creek, our goal is to foster a green culture, infusing sustainability into everything we do.”



1000 Friends of Florida President Charles Pattison (left) presents representatives of the City of Coconut Creek with the Better Community Award. From left, Commissioner Marilyn Gerber, Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere, Commissioner Becky Tooley, Vice Mayor Lou Sarbone, Mayor Lisa Aronson, and Sheila N. Rose, Director of Department of Sustainable Development, accept the award on behalf of the city.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

Miami Mixed Use Development Receives Award

Villa Aurora, a \$28.8 million mixed use development in Miami’s Little Havana, received 1000 Friends of Florida’s 2010 Better Community Award at the September 24 meeting of the Dade Homeless Trust. This facility includes supportive housing for the formerly homeless, affordable housing, offices, and a public Hispanic Branch Library. Recognized for their roles in the project were Carrfour Supportive Housing, the Miami-Dade County Commission, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, and the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

“This project is exciting on so many levels,” explained 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. “It results from an exemplary public/private partnership and, with its innovative mix of uses, provides many much-needed services to the residents of Little Havana.” Villa Aurora is the first such development with public uses east of the Mississippi, and the only one with a mix of affordable housing, including supportive housing for the formerly homeless.

Villa Aurora includes a 12,000 square foot state-of-the-art Hispanic Branch Library on the first floor, with residential apartments above. The apartments are 100 percent leased and include 39 units set aside for formerly homeless families, 37 units that are affordable housing for working families and the elderly, and 76 apartments.

“Villa Aurora represents innovation at its best,” said Ronald Book, chair of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. “While it was an incredibly complex project to put together, it is a

Miami-Dade County's Area Plan Process Honored

Members of the Miami-Dade County Commission, Department of Planning and Zoning staff and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez were on hand at the October 5 County Commission meeting to accept 1000 Friends Community Steward Award for the county's Area Plan Process. Established in 1999, the process promotes mixed use development, transit and pedestrian mobility, and increased densities at strategic locations. Downtown Kendall reflects the on-the-ground results of the Area Plan Process, Pattison explained, "By using this process to promote higher densities, mixed uses, and transit-oriented development, Miami-Dade County is turning traditional sprawling suburbia into smart, sustainable communities."

The process is primarily focused on areas designated as Urban Centers in the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Since its inception, 18 area plans have been completed, eight zoning ordinances adopted, and two more area plans are slated for approval later this year. Implementation of these plans has resulted in site plan approvals for over 7,500 dwelling units with average densities of 35 units per acre, in a county where residential densities typical average 4-5 dwelling units per acre. Almost 1.3 million square feet of commercial uses have also been approved through a streamlined administrative review process.



The Department of Planning and Zoning has a dedicated planning section composed of architects, urban designers and planners to oversee the entire process—from establishing the community vision, preparing area plans, drafting the implementing ordinances, through to reviewing site plans. Staff works with a steering committee comprised of area residents, providing a forum for staff, residents, business owners, developers, and others to create a vision and see that vision through to implementation.

"The effectiveness of an area planning process is a direct result of the quality of the citizen involvement," said Subrata Basu, Assistant Director for Planning. "Our citizens understand common-sense planning and through this process, they have taken control of defining the future of their neighborhoods."

Miami Mixed Use Development Receives Award *(cont.)*

demonstration of how a diverse group of stakeholders can put a piece of land to its highest and best use; providing housing to homeless and low income families, and a new library for the community."

Villa Aurora also includes the new corporate headquarters for Carrfour Supportive Housing, the non-profit organization that spearheaded the project and provides permanent housing and support services to formerly homeless individuals and families. "Villa Aurora is a testament to our community's ability to come together on behalf of our shared commitment to ending homelessness in Miami-Dade County," said Carrfour President and CEO Stephanie Berman.

"For the Miami-Dade Public Library System, this partnership with Carrfour has allowed us to enhance and extend a valued and cherished public service to the community," explained Library Director Raymond Santiago.

Water Authority Receives Award for Intergovernmental Coordination

Created by interlocal agreement in 1982, the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is an independent special district focusing on non-mandated regional cooperation to provide a sustainable water supply for Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. At its October 6 meeting in Bradenton, the Authority received 1000 Friends' Community Steward Award for model intergovernmental coordination to address regional water issues.

Governmental Affairs consultant Diane Salz nominated the Authority, explaining that the parties have found that "cooperation is more productive and less costly than litigation." The project has "demonstrated how more expensive, but less environmentally intrusive alternative water supplies can be rendered affordable by long term planning and cooperative efforts to benefit from the economies of scale on a regional basis."

The Authority adopted an expansion plan in 2001, and enacted the Master Water Supply Contract for funding in 2005. In 2009, the Authority completed a new state-of-the art 6 billion gallon off-stream reservoir designed to withstand the wind and rain of a category 5 hurricane. They also completed a water treatment facility expansion with the capacity to treat up to 48 million gallons per day with interconnects to supply water to its member counties and restored more than 1000 acres of impaired water sloughs and associated upland buffers, placing them under conservation easement. The project also includes water conservation measures to lessen demand, and focuses on surface water use to protect groundwater and allow for the aquifer to rest.

"The goal of the Authority is to develop a regional interconnected system to provide for a reliable and robust water supply for everyone throughout the four counties," said Jerry Hill, DeSoto County Commissioner and Authority Board of Directors Chairman.



Charlotte County Commissioner Dick Loftus, DeSoto County Commissioner Jerry Hill, Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Straub, and Manatee County Commissioner John Chappie receive the Community Steward Award from 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY



Long-leaf pines and wire grass run beyond the horizon in Ocala National Forest, an essential landscape in the Ocala to Osceola Corridor, the northern segment of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

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2011 Better Community Awards

Nomination Form

Deadline: January 31, 2011

Each year, 1000 Friends of Florida honors successful efforts to save special places, fight sprawl, and build better communities in Florida. We encourage you to nominate individuals, organizations, public-private partnerships, local governments, agencies, and/or projects that have enhanced the quality of life in your community.

Selection Criteria

- Accomplishments reflect innovation in their approach to promoting smarter growth.
- Accomplishments are major in scope, or reflect a long and sustained track record of positive incremental change.
- If related to a plan or project, the plan or project has been substantially implemented, generating tangible results.
- The approach can be replicated in other communities across Florida.

Categories

- Better Community Award** – for plans that have been implemented and projects that are completed that use the principles of smart growth to create livable, vital environments.
- Community Steward Award** – for individuals, organizations, local governments, agencies, and public/private partnerships that have brought about positive and lasting change in the way their community manages growth.
- Bill Sadowski Award** – for a public servant at the regional or state level whose work exemplifies the high level of commitment to growth management and the philosophy of negotiation for which the former DCA Secretary was known.
- Al Burt Award** – for a body of outstanding journalism that keeps the issues affecting Florida’s future in the public eye.

Awards will not necessarily be given each year in each of these categories.

Questions

Please provide no more than half a page response to each of the following:

- Provide a brief overview of the accomplishments meriting recognition.
- How has the nominee successfully utilized or incorporated the principles of smart growth?
- How has this brought about meaningful change to the planning process in the community, region or state?
- What are the tangible results of the nominee’s work?
- How can the nominee serve as a role model for other Florida communities?

Submission

Please provide one (1) unbound set of the following:

- The completed nomination form, including responses to the questions.
- Three (3) letters of support for the nominee.
- Pertinent planning documents related to this nomination.
- Other support materials, as appropriate.

You may mail the nomination materials to:

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Please contact Vivian Young at 850-222-6277, ext. 109, or vyoung@1000fof.org with any questions.

Nominee

Name of individual, organization, or project being nominated. (If more than one nominee, please include names and contact information on an additional sheet).

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In Memoriam

1000 Friends of Florida Board Member Michael C. Garretson passed away in St. Augustine on June 3. He had extensive planning and real estate experience in both the public and private sectors. He had served as Director of Planning for both Broward County and the City of Jacksonville, Director of the Division of Resource Planning and Management in the Department of Community Affairs, and most recently Deputy Superintendent of Schools for Broward County. His private sector work including serving as Director of Area Development for the Euro Disney project outside Paris. He had retired a few months prior to his passing. Garretson served on the board of 1000 Friends from 2003 until his passing. “Mike always brought practical considerations into our discussions, and was a valuable member of our Legal Advocacy Committee,” noted 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison.



Mary Kumpe, formerly of Sarasota, passed away in June. She served on the Board of Directors of 1000 Friends from 1988 until 2004. She first came to Florida as a college student in 1959 and soon made Florida her home. She was a respected community leader who over the years worked for the U.S. State Department, Mote Marine Labs, and later founded Kumpe, Roberts and Associates. In 1976 she ran unsuccessfully for the Florida House of Representatives, and later went on to serve on the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and numerous other statewide and local organizations. “With her extensive policy and public relations background, Mary always had a finger on Florida’s pulse and provided valuable leadership to 1000 Friends,” explained Pattison.



The wide Kissimmee River floodplain and Florida Trail hikers

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Three deer at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park

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1000 Friends needs your support so it can continue to serve as the citizen's voice for smarter growth in Florida. You may use the enclosed envelope to mail in your contribution, or visit **1000friendsofflorida.org** and join on-line. Please take this opportunity to help!

Nathaniel P. Reed
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Bradwell Bay wilderness pine woods, Apalachicola National Forest