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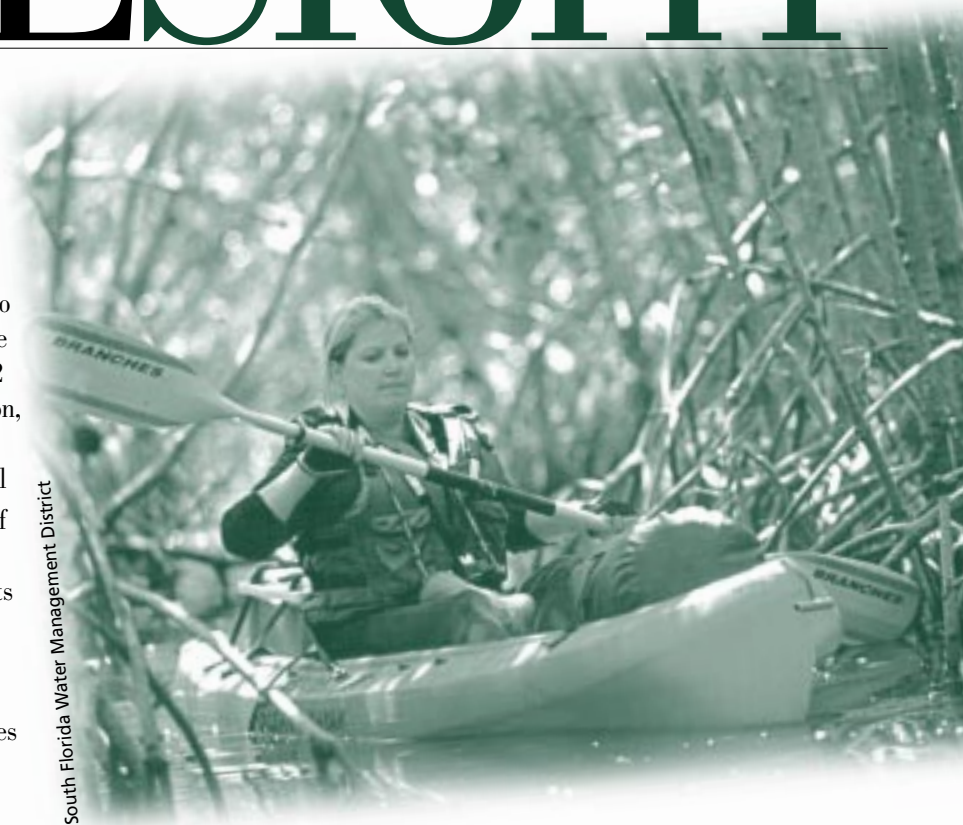
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hile growth management did not first appear to be a pivotal issue in Florida's 2002 legislative session, several bills emerged that will

affect the way this state deals with the ramifications of its increasing population. Some of these bills were fairly benign, but others will have far-reaching impacts on the future of Florida.

"Some dangerous precedents were set this session. We had a few victories, accompanied by some setbacks," said 1000 Friends' Executive Director, Charles Pattison. "We hope that this is not a harbinger of how business will be conducted during the 2003 session."

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ALSO:

Nathaniel Reed (shown with Attorney General Bob Butterworth) is honored by 1000 Friends, the Governor and Cabinet, and the National Audubon Society (stories on pages 4 and 12).



Environmental Trust Fund

For the second year in a row, the Legislature raided Preservation 2000 funds intended for land conservation. Last year, when they took \$75 million, legislators vowed to reimburse the fund this year. Instead, this year \$100 million was taken from the Florida Forever debt

reserve. But thanks to a last-minute budget veto by Governor Bush, these funds were saved. When this program was established in 1989 as Preservation 2000, voters were promised that the revenue from this bonding program would only be used to protect environmentally sensitive lands. To date, this highly popular \$3 billion program has saved more than 1 million acres of land.

Everglades Restoration

Funding to restore the Everglades was authorized this session, but with a higher price tag than many had anticipated. House Bill 813, signed into law by Governor Bush, allows the bonding of \$100

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The Florida Legislature completed its work for 2002 with an unexpected record of solid achievement. But it left also a record unfortunately marred by budgetary expediency that has ominous future implications.

Recall the dire, pre-session predictions of inevitable legislative meltdown. Facing the revenue shortfall implications of the post 9/11 economic slowdown and the always divisive ruckus of reapportionment, the Legislature, commentators warned, was in for a long, hot summer in Tallahassee.



BY LESTER ABBERGER

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“ *In examination of the actualities of politics, faults are more readily perceived than merits* ”

—Lord James Bryce,

The American Commonwealth

see. Special sessions to address budget issues in December 2001 had merely postponed agonizing choices, some suggested, and brutal, profoundly partisan politics would result surely in reapportionment plans unable to withstand judicial scrutiny. The stage was set for a tragedy of epic intrigue and complexity.

Yet, what unfolded surprised even the Legislature's most cynical critics. A \$50.4 billion budget was adopted that maintains funding for essential healthcare, transportation, education, and land acquisition programs. The budget also included critical funding for the Everglades, enabling the state to access massive federal support to restore this irreplaceable resource.

The plan for reapportionment of the Florida House and the Florida Senate was completed on time, adopted, and has been approved by the Florida Supreme Court. The plan for Congressional reapportionment awaits review by the federal courts. The politically charged and quite substantive policy issues surrounding the comprehensive revision of the state's education code and the responsibilities of the state's new chief financial officer—complex, controver-

sial issues that had stymied legislatures since voters approved them in 1998—were resolved effectively.

Moreover, and perhaps most important, the Legislature adopted for consideration by Florida voters a proposed constitutional amendment addressing the ever-elusive challenge of tax reform. The amendment offers a meaningful mechanism for careful review and possible reform of Florida's archaic tax revenue structure. The Legislature deserves much more credit than it will ever receive for tackling this explosive issue in an election year, or, for that matter, tackling it at all.

Alas, the legacy of the 2002 Legislature to future legislators and to Floridians includes the very real possibility of enormous future budget shortfalls. Funding current programs

with what budget writers call 'nonrecurring revenues' further postpones the difficult reconciliation of growing needs with an unstable, shrinking revenue base. The diversion of \$100 million of Florida Forever reserve funds to general revenue is but one, albeit egregious and especially disturbing, example of what one legislator described as "paying off your Visa card with your MasterCard". This is simply not sustainable year in and year out. This is a cycle of economic and social decline.

In Number 57 of the *Federalist Papers* James Madison writes that "duty, gratitude, interest, and ambition itself are the cords by which representatives will be bound to fidelity and sympathy with the great mass of the people." It comes to this. Voters are the ultimate arbiters of legislative performance. The report cards are issued on election day in November.

For the second year in a row, the Florida Legislature has taken funds away from the largest and most successful public land acquisition program in the nation. In 1989, when the Legislature passed the Preservation 2000 environmental land acquisition program, it promised the voters of this state that these funds would

not be used for other purposes. It does not really matter what other programs those dollars will be used for. The sad truth is that this promise has been broken.

Preservation 2000

A Broken Promise

significantly complemented the 1985 Growth Management Act.

So did the 1992 Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, which provided much needed revenue for state and local housing programs. With the support of the development and real estate interests, funds for these programs came from documentary stamp taxes. No one could argue against the logic of growth paying for itself through real estate transaction fees. Nor should they argue against the logic of good land use planning with the dollars to buy the special places, or providing affordable housing for citizens whose labor is needed to keep our state's economy strong.

Unfortunately, these funds are tempting targets for a legislature either unable or unwilling to produce the needed funds for education, health care, and other essential budget items. Two tight budget years and support for significant corporate tax reductions have placed these funds in the spotlight. Clearly, these funds are at risk, and, judging from the Legislature's recent track record, will continue to be. Even Governor Bush's timely budget veto carries no guarantee for the next session.

The Legislature, it seems, cannot resist tapping these dollars. Should we sit back and trust that dialogue alone can keep this from recurring? Sadly, it seems that answer is no. I believe, therefore, that it is time for growth management and environmental advocates to begin the difficult task of preparing a constitutional ballot initiative to prevent such travesties in the future. It may not be the best or most efficient approach to this issue, but then look at the examples before us. If an initiative for the bullet train can pass, surely a concerted effort to protect the best of Florida is worthy of similar efforts.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Charles G. Pattison

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ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

“It is inspirational to see the caliber of people, organizations, and local governments that are working hard to build better communities across Florida,” said Charles Pattison, Executive Director of 1000 Friends. Pattison spoke at the annual award ceremony on March 20, at the R. A. Gray Building in Tallahassee, when 1000 Friends presented its 2002 Growth Management Awards. This year’s recipients are just a few of the many leaders who help manage the impacts of this state’s rapid growth in a wise and responsible manner.

2002 Growth Management Leaders Recognized



Photos: Larry Colthorpe

Nathaniel Reed received 1000 Friends’ Bill Sadowski Award. He is shown here with 1000 Friends’ Vice President Tim Jackson, Jean Sadowski, 1000 Friends’ President Allen Watts and Executive Director Charles Pattison, and Attorney General Bob Butterworth.

Nathaniel P. Reed of Hobe Sound received the Bill Sadowski Award, given to a public servant at the state or regional level whose work exemplifies the high level of commitment to growth management and the philosophy of negotiation for which the late DCA Secretary was known.

Calling Reed “an avid conservationist, sportsman, and defender of Florida’s special places,” 1000 Friends President Allen Watts said, “We are proud to recognize him for his many decades of dedicated service at the state and national levels.”

A former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Reed has chaired influential state and regional boards and agencies and led prominent national non-profits. His special passions have included the protection and restoration of the Everglades and better management of the consequences of Florida’s population growth.

Besides being instrumental in establishing 1000 Friends of Florida, Reed has provided sound leadership and counsel to this organization since its inception in 1986. He continues to serve as Chairman Emeritus.

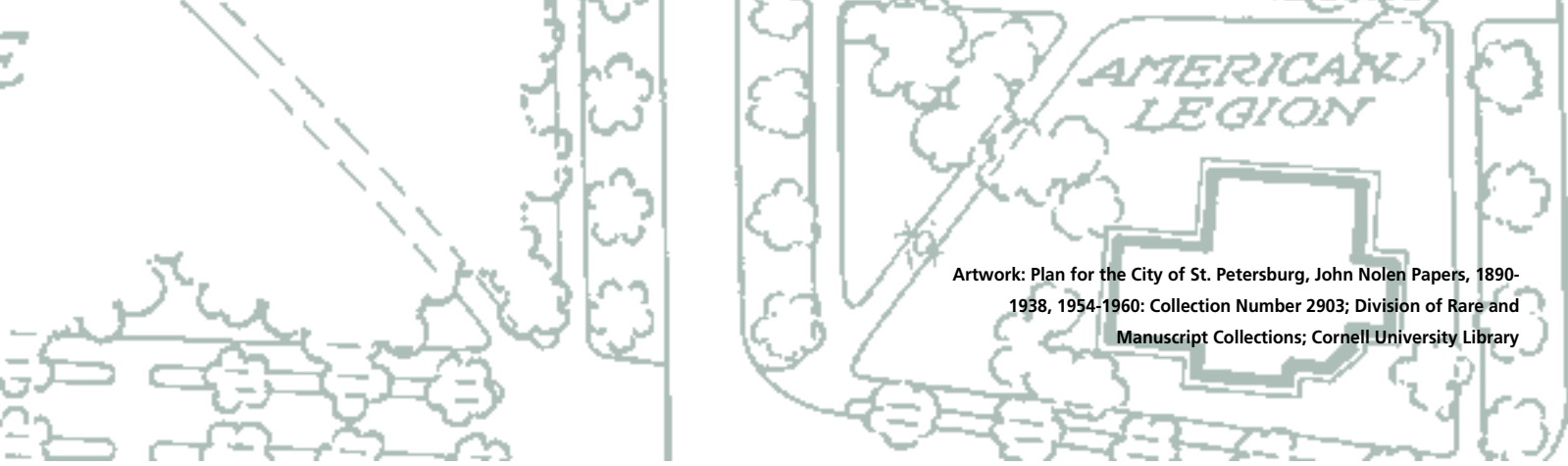
Jean Sadowski helped present the award named for her late husband on behalf of 1000 Friends. Attorney General Bob Butterworth also presented a resolution from the Governor and Cabinet recognizing Reed’s many contributions.



On behalf of the City of St. Petersburg, Mayor Rick Baker received the Successful Community Award from Allen Watts.

The City of St. Petersburg received 1000 Friends’ Successful Community Award for its strong history of visionary leadership resulting in the successful revitalization of its downtown area. This award recognizes a community that shows extraordinary effort to create a special place to live.

In the early 1990s, the City began partnering with the business community to promote redevelopment activities. Two decades later, the results of this partnership are tangible. Waterfront parks, museums, upscale and rental housing, new offices and shops, restored and new hotels, medical facilities, major league baseball, and the St. Petersburg campus of the University of South Florida all contribute to the downtown’s vitality. More than \$1 billion has been invested in various projects, and an estimated 8 million people visit downtown each year to enjoy its amenities. The City of



Artwork: Plan for the City of St. Petersburg, John Nolen Papers, 1890-1938, 1954-1960: Collection Number 2903; Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections; Cornell University Library

St. Petersburg has succeeded in maintaining its walkability and charm, with numerous historic landmarks restored in the process.

Through such efforts as Vision 2020, the City continues to bring residents, business leaders and government officials together to build upon this successful renaissance.



Citizens for Tree Preservation, Inc. and The Petitioners' Committee

were recognized with a Community Steward Award for their inspirational activism in securing passage of a stronger tree protection ordinance for Jacksonville-Duval County. Concerned about the lack of effective measures to protect trees in their rapidly urbanizing community, in February of 2000 the two groups launched a grassroots campaign to place the issue of tree protection on the November ballot.

They established an outstanding, highly visible outreach campaign,

Watts (left) presented members of Jacksonville/Duval County's Citizens for Tree Preservation and the Petitioners Committee with the Community Steward Award.

holding petition signings in prominent locations, educating citizens on the issues through innumerable community presentations and an information web site, and securing extensive positive media coverage.

Well beyond the needed 21,000 signatures, they succeeded in collecting more than 30,000 signatures. In the process, they secured the support of many citizen advisory committees, neighborhood and civic associations, and other organizations.

The measure passed overwhelmingly. It carried all 268 precincts, with over 75 percent of the voters supporting the initiative. As a result, the community's charter now has minimum standards, protecting trees three feet or larger in diameter.

The Honorable Doug Coward, Chairman of the St. Lucie County Commission, received a Community Steward Award for promoting smarter growth and protecting the environment in St. Lucie County.

After joining the Commission in 1998, Coward quickly established himself as a leader in the rapidly growing Treasure Coast area. He has worked diligently to promote public participation and bring together members of the development community, conservation groups, and other interest groups to forge a common, sustainable vision for the future of St. Lucie County.

Coward has sponsored smart growth symposia and a charrette to create a greenway and trail master plan. He has brought meaningful changes in the County's Comprehensive Plan, encouraging infill and redevelopment efforts instead of sprawl. He has been an outspoken



St. Lucie County Commissioner Doug Coward received 1000 Friends' Community Steward/Public Servant Award. Commissioner Paula Lewis accepted the award on his behalf.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY continued

advocate for transportation choices and the County's new fixed-route transit system. Coward has also worked to set aside thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive lands. To promote new town centers, he has worked closely with city leaders to establish a Community Redevelopment Agency in Port St. Lucie and redevelop the Orange Blossom Mall in Fort Pierce. Coward also helped initiate the Martin/St. Lucie County Regional Land Use Study.



Al Burt presented the *Tallahassee Democrat's* Bruce Ritchie with 1000 Friends' journalism award.

Bruce Ritchie, a staff reporter with the *Tallahassee Democrat*, received the Al Burt Journalism Award for his insightful coverage of growth, development and environmental issues facing the Tallahassee region and the rest of Florida. Noted journalist Al Burt presented the award, which recognizes a member of the media who does an outstanding job of keeping the issues affecting Florida's future in the public eye.

Since joining the *Democrat* staff in 1998, Ritchie has kept readers in the Big Bend area well-informed about issues of local, regional, and state importance. He has diligently covered the actions of the Florida Legislature regarding growth management measures across the state, reported on local decisions with growth management implications, and completed an exhaustive series on the "water wars" being waged among Florida, Alabama, and Georgia over the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River system. His thorough and knowledgeable reporting has kept key state and local leaders up-to-date on important government actions that will affect the citizens of this state for years to come.

earlier this year, and as a part-time advisor through the end of the 2002 Legislative Session. Pattison called Arline's departure to establish a private practice after many years of public service "a tremendous loss for 1000 Friends. But we know he will continue to represent the best interests of the people of Florida in his new capacity."

While at 1000 Friends, Arline advised citizens and groups around the state on implementing the local comprehensive plan process. He networked with private attorneys and planners to provide professional representation to many individuals and groups. He also worked with the Board's legal advocacy committee to monitor and participate in administrative, judicial, and appellate proceedings involving growth management.

As 1000 Friends' Legal Director, he championed over two dozen major administrative and appellate cases with statewide significance. He supported the rights of citizens to sue to enforce comprehensive plans, expanded the legal requirements for agencies to consider secondary impacts of development on the environment, and fought against regressive private property rights initiatives.

Terrell K. Arline, Esq. was presented with the Special Friend Award for his dedicated legal advocacy on behalf of 1000 Friends and the people of Florida. Arline served as 1000 Friends' Legal Director from 1996 until



Public interest attorney Terrell Arline was presented the Special Friend Award by 1000 Friends' Vice Chairman Tim Jackson.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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In honor of her 14 years of service to 1000 Friends, departing board member Lenore McCullagh received a crystal vase, presented by Tim Jackson.

Dr. Lenore McCullagh of Orange Park also was given special recognition for her outstanding leadership on environmental issues facing this state and for her many years of service to 1000 Friends of Florida. McCullagh served on the Board of 1000 Friends from 1987 until 2001. In addition, over the years she has served on numerous state, regional and local boards, including the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Whitney Laboratory of the University of Florida, Jacksonville Zoological Gardens, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Defenders of the Environment, Florida Audubon Society, and ELMS II. Thanking her for her guidance to 1000 Friends, Watts said, "Lenore could always be counted on to provide wise counsel on difficult environmental issues facing our organization and this state."

Each spring, 1000 Friends recognizes some of this state's finest leaders in managing growth. The nomination form is available online at www.1000friendsofflorida.org under "Awards." The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Growth Management Awards is November 15.

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SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES

The results of the Biodiversity Project's recent poll are in, and the news is encouraging! According to a nationwide survey, more Americans are now familiar with the term 'biodiversity'. Support for species and habitat protection is also strong and growing.

The polling firm Belden Russonello & Stewart completed the survey on behalf of the Biodiversity Project. Interviews were conducted in early January 2002 with 1,500 adults. The poll has a sampling error of plus or minus 2.5 percent.

Survey Shows Growing Awareness, Strong Support for Biodiversity

Biodiversity: Not Just for Scientists Anymore

While 'biodiversity' is still not a household word, the poll shows that awareness of the concept is up substantially from a few years ago. Thirty percent of the public now say they have heard the term "biological diversity," compared with just 19 percent in 1996. More significant, 47 percent say that saving

biodiversity is "very important" to them personally, a figure that increases to 55 percent after respondents are informed about it.

Strong Rationales for Biodiversity

Much of the poll focused on testing messages for and against biodiversity protection. The most compelling reasons for protecting biodiversity (those ranked "extremely important") were:

- A personal responsibility to leave the earth in good shape for future generations (58%)
- Nature is God's creation and humans should respect God's work (56%)
- An appreciation for the beauty of nature (53%)
- A desire to protect nature for you and your family to enjoy a healthy life (51%).

The best informational arguments for biodiversity conservation were those that emphasized:

- Benefits (ecosystem services) nature provides to people (e.g., "forests clean our drinking water")
- Known health benefits, such as medicines derived from plants and animals
- Importance of habitat conservation (e.g., "save one habitat, and you save hundreds of species")
- Quality of life benefits (e.g., "forests improve our lives by giving us quiet spaces and beautiful landscapes")

To request the complete poll findings and analysis, contact Erin Oliver at coliver@biodiverse.org or call (608) 250-9876.

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million a year for the next eight years to pay for Everglades restoration costs, including associated land acquisition. While 1000 Friends fully supports using bonds to defray the cost of restoration, the source of the debt service proved to be one of the session's most contentious issues.

Early in the session, the Governor's Office proposed using State Housing Trust Fund dollars to cover a portion of the cost of Everglades

restoration. 1000 Friends and other members of the Sadowski Act Coalition successfully headed off this proposal. If not, this affordable housing fund, which receives only 4.8 percent of documentary tax reserves, would have been shouldering more than 18 percent of the Everglades restoration cost.

That success was tainted, however, when a last-minute amendment to House Bill 813 succeeded in reducing the ability of private citizens and non-profits to legally challenge proposed developments. (See "Citizen Standing" below for further discussion of this setback.)

Citizen Standing

1000 Friends has played a leading role in efforts to maintain the rights of citizens to challenge development decisions. As noted, in a significant setback, provisions tacked on to the Everglades Restoration bill will limit the ability of citizens to protect air, water, and natural resources under Florida's Environmental Protection Act of 1971. Now only "affected citizens" and environmental groups registered in Florida with more than 25 members in the county in question may challenge proposed developments under that act.

Throughout the session, 1000 Friends fought hard against these provisions. In an effort to divide the environmental community, in the final hours of the regular session, Senator Jim King of Jacksonville added this language to the Ever-

glades Restoration bill. While some environmental groups called for pulling funding for the Everglades, with very mixed feelings 1000 Friends continued to support House Bill 813. We believe that funding for the Everglades restoration is essential, and pledge to monitor the ramifications of these limitations on citizen standing.

Fending off yet another challenge to the rights of citizens, 1000 Friends played an instrumental role in holding off harmful legislation regarding the Administrative Procedures Act. House Bill 257 and Senate Bill 280, which would have overly complicated litigation and imposed attorneys' fees on citizens engaged in administrative proceedings, were withdrawn in the final weeks of the session. Unfortunately, this legislation might resurface again in 2003.

Transportation

Several transportation bills passed that impact the ability of communities to manage growth. House Bill 261, signed into law by Governor Bush, allows turnpike projects to disregard the financial feasibility of projects, and specifically allows funds to be drawn from "profitable" toll roads to pay for them. Another provision allows bids for turnpike projects to be advertised before environmental permits are obtained. The turnpike authority also will be able to build hotels, meeting rooms and other "business service opportunities." In an unrelated provision, this bill also exempts all airports from the Development of Regional Impact process. Pattison noted 1000 Friends' deep concerns that this bill, if not properly implemented, will promote state-induced sprawl in rural parts

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of Florida. We have agreed to work with the Turnpike Authority to conduct outreach meetings to discuss these issues.

This bill also allows the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) to get a waiver to build roads without oversight from the Division of Bond Finance. The OOCEA can now override existing requirements to obtain prior approvals from city and county governments through which projects must pass. In order to protect the Wekiva River Protection Area, and parts of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern, the Lake County Commission last year rescinded a prior agreement that would have allowed this.

House Bill 715, also signed into law by the Governor, allows Florida Interstate Highway System improvements to be counted for concurrency purposes if placed within the five year work plan. This bill also allows the Florida Department of Transportation to delegate permit authority, allows local governments to increase sign heights, and requires cities to pay sign owners to take down billboards.

Affordable Housing

In spite of several attempts to raid the Housing Trust Fund, the House and Senate finally agreed to fully fund affordable housing. The budget includes over \$249 million for housing, including a record \$163.5 million for SHIP, and \$75.5 million for Florida housing programs including SAIL. 1000 Friends played a key role in holding off efforts to raid the Housing Trust Fund to help pay for Everglades restoration, and to cap Sadowski Act Trust Fund allocations to affordable housing based on the Consumer Price Index.

Growth Management

Local governments must now also consider available classroom space and water supplies before approving new development, thanks to Senate Bill 1906, the only direct growth management bill to pass this session. The bill streamlines development orders and provides for an optional special master process to resolve disputes. It also waives certain concurrency requirements for urban infill and redevelopment areas, creates a Local Government Comprehensive Planning Certification Program to succeed the Sustainable Communities Demonstration Program, and makes other minor adjustments to growth management. 1000 Friends, Florida Home Builders Association, Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties and the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association refined and agreed to support this piece of legislation from last year.

“SB 1906 is an example of what can occur when a consensus-based process is used to refine growth management legislation,” said Pattison. “While more modest than many of us would have hoped, the process to draft this bill reestablishes the concept of participation by affected parties.”

Things to Come

Attacks on dedicated trust funds for affordable housing and the environment, damaging last-minute amendments to otherwise popular bills, a weakening of the rights of citizens, and incentives to promote urban sprawl are just a few of the legacies of the 2002 session. Said Pattison, “With support from our members, concerned citizens across the state, and our growth management and environmental partners, we must make sure that more responsible action is taken during the 2003 session to proactively address the many growth-related issues we all face.”



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FRIENDS UPDATE

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Friends welcomes four new board members, Stephen D. Cutright, Karen T. Marcus, James C. Nicholas, and Susan Summerall Wiles. We also welcome our two interns, Angela Barton and Dawn Jordoun, who have been assisting on various projects.

Stephen Cutright of Tallahassee has been elected to serve as Treasurer of 1000 Friends. A partner since 1993 with the accounting firm of Carroll and Company, CPAs, Cutright is a Certified Public Accountant with twenty-one years of experience, including four with the national firm of Coopers and Lybrand. He has extensive experience conducting audits, reviews and compilations on non-profit and for-profit organizations in the construction, real estate and service industries. He is a member

of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants, the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and is the Past President and Director of the Tallahassee Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

New Friends

Karen T. Marcus of West Palm Beach was first elected to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners in 1984 and has served as its chair. Previously, she worked in the County's Environmental Control Office. Commissioner Marcus has been President of the Florida Regional Councils Association, and is currently President of the Florida Association of Counties. Since being appointed to the Governor's Public Schools Construction Study Commission in 1987, she has worked diligently to implement school concurrency in Palm Beach County. She was instrumental in garnering public support for 1991 and 1999 bond issues to purchase and protect environmentally sensitive land and agricultural property. Marcus was honored by The Nature Conservancy in 1992 with its Public Service Award and again in 1999 with its Grassroots Leadership Award.

James Nicholas of Gainesville is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning and Affiliate Professor of Law at the University of Florida. A recognized international adviser on economic development and growth management, Nicholas has been on the faculty since 1985 and served as Co-Director of Growth Management Studies from 1985 to 1992. Previously, he was a faculty member at the Florida Atlantic University, Department of Economics, also serving as Associate Director and Acting Director of the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems. He is a member of the American Economic Association, American Planning Association, Urban Land Institute Executive Council, Southern Economics Association, and the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association.

Susan Summerall Wiles of Ponte Vedre Beach heads Wiles Consulting, Inc. Previously, she was Vice President of Public Affairs and Co-Managing Director of the Florida Office for APCO Worldwide. As Chief of Staff to Jacksonville's Mayor



(from top)
Stephen Cutright, Karen Marcus,
James Nicholas, and
Susan Summerall Wiles



New Friends

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Delaney, she played an instrumental role in the development of the Preservation Project, an ambitious land conservation plan designed to protect important resources and guard against runaway sprawl. She also was involved in the City's *Better Jacksonville Plan* campaign. Other professional experiences include working for Congresswoman Tillie Fowler and as Staff Assistant both to U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp and to the President under President Ronald Reagan.

(in order from top)
Angela Barton and
Dawn Jourdon

Beginning this spring, interns *Angela Barton* and *Dawn Jourdon* have assisted with the development of a planning and best management practices manual to protect Florida's springs. Barton is working toward a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University. Jourdon, who has a dual degree in law and urban planning from the University of Kansas, is a doctoral candidate in Urban Planning at Florida State University. She also has been working on legal issues related to wetland mitigation.

National Audubon Society President John Flicker, 1000 Friends' Nathaniel Reed, Marian S. Heiskell and Audubon Chairman Donal C. O'Brien, Jr. gather at Audubon's third annual Environmental Leadership Award Dinner in Manhattan, where Reed was honored.



On May 8th, 1000 Friends' Chairman Emeritus Nathaniel P.

Reed received the National Audubon Society's Environmental Leadership Award, in Manhattan. Reed was honored as "a highly visible and articulate critic of the exploitation and thoughtless destruction of much of southern Florida by ill conceived Corps and state drainage projects" and "the state's first Environmental Counsel to the Governor." Also honored was Bernard Marcus, co-founder and director of The Home Depot.

Reed Receives National Award



Jaimie Ross

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Friends' Affordable Housing Director Jaimie Ross, was a featured speaker at the Smart Growth Speaker Series held at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., on May 1. Ross discussed the value in bringing environmentalists and affordable housing advocates together under the smart growth umbrella. For over a decade, the efforts of 1000 Friends of Florida and its coalition of allies have contributed to the state leading the nation with its statewide dedicated revenue for affordable housing.

Forging Alliances Between Environmental & Affordable Housing Interests

Ross explained what it took to bring these groups together, and how that coalition continues today as a very real force in shaping state policy and spending on housing and smart growth. She highlighted the recent defeat of the proposal to divert housing funds to the clean-up of the Everglades, and discussed the pivotal role that a smart growth organization can and should play to forge alliances between environmental and development interests. For a video of her speech, go to <http://www.smartgrowth.org/audio/default.asp>.

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