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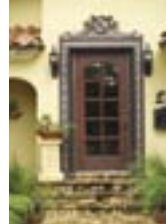
Charles G. Pattison, AICP

Another year is passing and, if anything, growth management is more in the forefront than ever. We have been quite busy on many fronts. We are pleased to be working with Governor Crist, DCA Secretary Tom Pelham, DEP Secretary Mike Sole, and DOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos on a number of new initiatives outlined in this newsletter. Our reports, *Florida 2060*, and *Working to Sustain Florida's Rural and Natural Lands: A Call to Action*, point dramatically to the need for new approaches and tools to control growth. Add in Florida Hometown Democracy, a growing awareness of global warming impacts, and the temporary slow down in the housing market, and it is readily apparent that change is coming, one way or another. Our work to find a sustainable future—before it's too late—grows in importance every day.

Because Florida is among the top four emitters of greenhouse gases in the nation, climate change is at the top of our list. With the potential impacts to our economy, environment and quality of life, it is clear that we cannot wait for action by the federal government on this critical issue. More than half of these emissions come from utility companies, and almost 40 percent of the remainder is from car and truck tailpipes. Smart growth strategies, including energy conservation, are clearly some of the cheapest, easiest and most effective ways to turn things around. Given the recent dire United Nations environmental program's peer reviewed report in which more than 1,400 international scientists participated, it is no wonder that Governor Crist has issued several executive orders that reflect the critical need to take action now.

I hope you will also share our appreciation and congratulations to this year's award winners, including a special award given to our own Joanne Davis. This shows yet again that individuals can and do make differences which benefit us all. It is our privilege to recognize such fine and dedicated Floridians.

Door detail of a historic home in Lake Worth.



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Mobile Home Park Conversion Moratoria Are Spreading

A growing number of Florida communities are enacting moratoria on mobile home park land use changes. They recognize that the race to rezone mobile home parks for redevelopment into high end housing or commercial properties is displacing their most vulnerable residents, such as extremely low income elderly and persons with disabilities, without alternate housing.

1000 Friends of Florida is working with communities, including Miami-Dade County, Martin County, and the Town of Davie, to craft recommendations to better implement Florida's housing element law, which requires that each jurisdiction have adequate sites for mobile homes. Affordable Housing Director, Jaimie Ross explains, "We are working at the state policy level and with local community groups to preserve mobile home park lands for the people who live there."



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Photographer In Focus: Joanne Davis

Joanne Davis is a native Floridian, born in West Palm Beach. Growing up, she was influenced by her father's love of nature and the outdoors, and during her teen years she watched as development took its toll on the piney places and beaches of her hometown. She began taking photographs in her twenties and by her thirties had amassed a collection of people and places, many now gone. Capturing nature on film was and is her passion, with a mindful eye for the drama unfolding everyday in South Florida.

Joanne's love for nature and fighting spirit extend from photography to community activism, to defending and protecting the special places remaining in South Florida and the Treasure Coast, while emphasizing the need for a balance that refreshes the human soul. Her important work with 1000 Friends of Florida continues to help keep our communities whole, from the built environment to the natural environment that supports us all.



A Call to Action: Protecting Florida's Rural Lands

“Losing 7 million acres of rural lands to urban development over the next 50 years is unconscionable,” says Nathaniel Reed, 1000 Friends of Florida Chairman Emeritus. In October, Reed released the report, *Working to Sustain Florida's Rural and Natural Lands: A Call to Action*, as a follow-up to the chilling *Florida 2060* report, which projected the doubling of urbanized land in the State of Florida by 2060, based on current development patterns. (Both reports are available at www.1000friendsofflorida/planning/ruralreport.asp)

To help chart a different course for Florida's future, Reed met with some of the state's leading conservationists, developers, planners and agricultural leaders. The report's major recommendations are included in the sidebar.

1000 Friends intends to work with Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, state department heads including Community Affairs Secretary Tom Pelham, Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole, and Transportation Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, and other leaders to help implement the recommendations. Reed's study also will be presented to the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida and other statewide bodies

to be incorporated into their recommendations.

1000 Friends also will be providing recommendations on strategies to improve the effectiveness of the Rural Lands Stewardship Program to Secretary Pelham, who has said that he plans to develop a cohesive rural policy for Florida. “1000 Friends intends to participate fully in that process too,” according to 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison.

The need for action was expressed by Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson. “The environmental and agricultural communities are in agreement on this issue—the need for proactive and creative solutions to retain open green space in Florida,” said Bronson. “Without rural land, the environmental health and beauty of Florida will degrade, we will be unable to grow crops to feed our people, and the state's economy will be deprived of one of its largest economic engines.”

“Our hope,” Reed explained, “is that this project launches an informed debate and results in concrete strategies on how to best protect Florida's rural, natural and agricultural lands from the ravages of development. We must work now to leave a better legacy for our children and grandchildren.”

Major Recommendations of *Working to Sustain Florida's Rural and Natural Lands: A Call to Action*

Visioning and Public Policy

- Establish an alternative landscape vision for Florida.
- Base this statewide vision on holistic, regional visioning.
- Create a comprehensive state rural lands policy.

Economic Strategies

- Embrace the market by identifying multiple layers of value for rural lands and developing strategies for compensation for protecting those values.
- Provide additional density only to accomplish public benefits.
- Support agriculture.
- Promote compatible rural economic development.
- Redirect state infrastructure expenditures toward rebuilding Florida's cities.

Planning Strategies

- Improve existing land protection strategies.
- Refine Florida's Rural Land Stewardship Program.
- Make additional refinements to Florida's growth management process.
- Expand and improve public land acquisition.

Citizen Involvement

- Engage and educate the public.

TOWARD A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK

A Transportation/ Land Use Dialogue

Friday, December 14,
The New College
of Florida, Sarasota

1000 Friends of Florida invites you to participate with Florida Department of Community Affairs Secretary Tom Pelham and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos in this day-long seminar.

Secretaries Pelham and Kopelousos and other distinguished speakers will be discussing transportation and land use linkages, climate change, habitat

protection, rural land conservation, the role of regionalism, and other hot topics affecting our state and region.

Please plan to join us for a lively dialogue. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and covers lunch and other refreshments. For more information, or to register on line, visit www.1000friendsofflorida.org.

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available

Conservation calendar



*n*ine celebrated conservation photographers are making it harder to overlook the natural beauty and culture of "real Florida." Richard Bickel, Connie Bransilver, Clyde Butcher, John Moran, Jeff Ripple, James Shadle, James Valentine, Carlton Ward, Jr., and Eric Zamora use the power of their photography to inform us about some of the exceptional places, species, and ecosystems to be seen around our state. Their twelve extraordinary images bring the importance of conservation into focus in a format that can be appreciated daily.

The calendar is available at www.upf.com for only \$15 a copy. Proceeds support the work of the Legacy Institute for Nature and Culture.

Florida Community Land Trust Institute Blog Launched

Visit the Florida Community Land Trust Institute blog at <http://www.floridacltinstitute.blogspot.com/> for the latest on community land trusts around Florida. A community land trust provides an ongoing mechanism to promote homeownership in a market where the alternative is to rent or move away. The Florida Community Land Trust Institute is a collaboration between 1000 Friends of Florida and the Florida Housing Coalition.

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Guy Marwick Recognized For Leadership In Protecting A Florida Treasure

Guy Marwick received 1000 Friends of Florida's Community Steward Award for "his decades of dedicated activism to protect Silver Springs and the springsheds of Marion County," in the words of 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. Pattison presented the award to Marwick at the Springs Festival Preview and Dinner at Silver Springs Attraction on the evening of September 21.

"If every county had just one Guy Marwick we could save the entire state," said Shirley Little and Terry Hopkins, his fellow Marion County residents who nominated Marwick for the award.

His decades of dedication to the Silver River Museum and Environmental Education Center began with leading the fund raising effort for its construction. When the center opened in 1991, he became its first director, a position he held until retiring in 2004.

For the last five years Marwick has served on the Silver Springs Basin Working Group, a public/private partnership devoted to protecting the waters flowing to the legendary springs. He played a key role in the public acquisition of the 350-acre Seldon property, across the road from Silver Springs Park. Former DEP Secretary Colleen Castille credited Marwick as "one of the prime motivators" behind the state's purchase of the Avatar property, vested for as many as 12,000 homes.

Marwick also made the Water Management District aware of a 52-inch drainage pipe serving area parking lots which ultimately drained into the headwaters of Silver Springs, and he helped develop the county's springs protection ordinance. Now he has turned his attention to the land development regulations.

"From education, to land acquisition, to monitoring, to planning, Guy has been in the forefront of efforts to protect Silver Springs," noted Pattison.

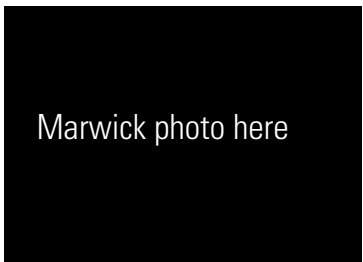


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Ancient Live Oaks ring Kanapaha Prairie near Gainesville.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOANNE DAVIS

City of Lake Helen Receives Award for Visionary Planning

At a community "Ice Cream Social" held on the evening of September 25, 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison presented the Better Community Award to the City of Lake Helen. "Lake Helen has done what many other communities only contemplate," said Pattison. "It has engaged its citizens, established a compelling vision, and then incorporated that vision into its local plan."

A series of community visioning sessions in 2001 indicated strong public support for maintaining Lake Helen's unique, small-town, historic character. A subsequent population build out study shocked citizens and community leaders alike when it revealed that the comprehensive plan allowed the distinctive

community to grow dramatically in population.

Under the leadership of Mayor Mark Shuttleworth, Lake Helen then embarked on a four-year planning process to update the plan. In 2005 the city amended the plan, directing development first to infill areas, and incorporating smart growth principles for development outside the central core. The new plan slightly more than doubles the current population of almost 3,000 residents, which is considerably less than the 12,000 residents contemplated in the previous plan.

Mayor Shuttleworth attributes their success to two factors, the citizen's strong desire to preserve Lake Helen's



Lake Helen: Representatives of the City of Lake Helen accept 1000 Friends' 2007 Better Community Award.

small town atmosphere and quality of life, and City Administrator/Planner Don Findell, who has guided the city's planning and municipal infrastructure development program over the last eight years.

The community was nominated for the award by Sam Tollefson of Casadaga. "I was delighted to learn that Lake Helen has the insight, vision and courage to implement a growth plan that, if sustained, will enrich the lives of the people that live here for generations to come."

DELAND-DELTONA BEACH BEACON PHOTO BY MARSHA MCLAUGHLIN

Florida Keys Activist Dennis Henize Honored



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Dennis Henize (center) holds his Community Steward Award which was presented by 1000 Friends of Florida and Richard Grosso of the Everglades Law Center.

Florida Keys "Last Stand" activists gathered on September 23 to share a pot luck supper, celebrate the 20th anniversary of their advocacy group and recognize Dennis Henize's leadership. Dennis received 1000 Friends of Florida's Community Steward Award for his three decades of community activism to protect the sensitive resources of the Florida Keys.

Everglades Law Center Director Richard Grosso, who nominated Henize for the award, said that "Dennis's intelligence, level head, integrity, work ethic commitment and good humor have been among the most important assets the Keys' environmental community has had over the last 30 years."

Dennis has devoted considerable personal time to planning issues facing the Keys for many years. He helped "Save our Shores" successfully advocate for height limits and other restrictions on development, played an active citizen role in developing the 1986 Monroe County Comprehensive Plan, and worked to promote adoption and implementation of the "Florida Keys Carrying Capacity Study."

Focusing his efforts on Cudjoe Key, Dennis helped organize residents to oppose the expansion of the local landfill, which led eventually to the closing of landfills throughout the Keys. He helped organize a Cudjoe Key citizens association, organized opposition to an Air Force proposal

led opposition to construction of a 980-foot communications tower, and played a leading role in getting the county's tower ordinance changed to offer better community protection.

"Dennis has been instrumental in helping to shape better planning and halt egregiously harmful projects in the Lower Keys," said 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. "He has helped bring about meaningful, positive change to the way growth and development issues are handled in the Keys."

Tallahassee Democrat Recognized For Focus On Wakulla Springshed

The *Tallahassee Democrat* received 1000 Friends of Florida's Al Burt Journalism Award for "stimulating community dialogue and leadership," through its 2006 "Saving Wakulla Springs" series. 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison presented the award at the October 2 meeting of the Wakulla Spring Basin Working Group in Tallahassee.

The series highlighted contributing factors to Wakulla Spring's decline, including a history of poor land-use decisions, as well as steps being taken to protect the springs. The *Democrat* also sponsored a community forum and ran

a series of editorials calling for improved springshed protection.

Florida springs expert Jim Stevenson explained, "The *Tallahassee Democrat's* coverage of the ecological decline of Wakulla Spring has raised public awareness and enhanced support for the protection of this extraordinary Florida spring."

Since the series was published, Wakulla County has adopted a county-wide Comprehensive Plan policy requiring "nitrogen reducing" septic tanks, and Leon County is considering a similar requirement for its portion of the



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1000 Friends President Charles Pattison presents the Al Burt Award to Bruce Ritchie, representing the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

see has agreed to spend \$160 million to improve its wastewater operations, and Tallahassee and Leon County will change planning policies to allow sewer lines to

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Author Bill Belleville Receives Award for *Losing It All to Sprawl*

Noted author Bill Belleville has received 1000 Friends' Al Burt Journalism Award. In his 2006 book, *Losing It All to Sprawl: How Progress Ate My Cracker Landscape*, Belleville movingly recounts how he lost his 1920s Seminole County Cracker farmhouse and rural community to rampant sprawl. "Bill's book brings the issues of growth and development to a deeply personal level," said 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. "He shows how man and nature managed to coexist for more than 10,000 years . . . until the bulldozers came and a new mall and homes were built nearby."

The award was presented at the October 4 meeting of the Friends of the

Wekiva River in Longwood. President Peggy Thomas recounted for those gathered that "Bill has been on the board since the early nineties, and has been very pro-active in helping the larger community understand the many values of the river system—from testifying at public hearings to writing books and producing films illustrating the need for conservation. The river's not just a theoretical experience for Bill—he really has a passion for it all."

Bill Belleville is a respected Florida nature writer, whose work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Audubon*, *Sierra*, and numerous other publications. His other books include the well-received



Charles Pattison, President of 1000 Friends, presents the Al Burt award to author Bill Belleville.

River of Lakes: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River (2000). Bill won an Emmy for producing and scripting the documentary *Wekiva: Legacy or Loss?*, and his latest film, *In Marjorie's Wake*, premieres this fall on national public television.

Losing It All to Sprawl was named one of the "Best Books of 2006" by the *LibraryJournal*. To order a copy, call 1-800-226-3822.

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be extended to critical areas to help prevent groundwater contamination. Additionally, development in northern Wakulla County and southern Leon County is receiving increased scrutiny from residents, local governments and state agencies.

The "Saving Wakulla Springs" series also was recognized by the American Planning Association and the Society of Environmental Journalists. The series received the Best of Gannett Public Service Award and is a finalist for the Knight Foundation for Public Service Online Journalism Award.



Snook Island restoration project in the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to the Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course.

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1000 Friends of Florida 2008 Better Community Awards Nomination Form

Deadline: January 31, 2008

Each year, 1000 Friends of Florida honors successful efforts to save special places, fight sprawl, and build better communities in our rapidly growing state. 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, preference is given to those that have been substantially implemented, generating tangible results.
- The approach can be replicated in other communities across Florida.

Categories (SELECT ONE)

- 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.

Nominee

Name of individual, organization, agency, or project being nominated

Contact name and title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Nominator

Name of individual, organization or agency submitting the nomination

Contact name and title, if different _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Questions (please respond to these questions on a separate sheet, with no more than a half page response for each)

- How has this 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 model for other Florida communities?

Submission

Please submit two (2) unbound sets 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.
- Newspaper coverage or other information about the nominee.
- Other support material, as appropriate

Submit the completed nomination packet by January 31, 2008 to:

Better Community Awards
1000 Friends of Florida
926 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

If you have questions, please contact Vivian Young at 850.222.6277, ext. 109 or at vyoung@1000fof.org.



1000 Friends Opposes Florida Hometown Democracy

After much deliberation, the Board of Directors of 1000 Friends of Florida announced its opposition to the proposed constitutional ballot amendment known as Florida Hometown Democracy (FHD). Proposed to remedy the widespread dissatisfaction with the way this state is dealing with growth and development, the FHD amendment would require voter approval of every amendment to every local comprehensive plan. Pending the required number of signatures, the amendment will be on the ballot in November 2008.

"While we applaud the leaders of this sincere effort to improve growth management and development decisions in Florida, we have made our

decision," said 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. "We have carefully reviewed the amendment language, spoken with leaders of this movement, and weighed the pros and cons of FHD in reaching our position."

The Board of Directors identified a number of reasons for not supporting the amendment: Debates on controversial comprehensive plan amendments would favor deep-pocket large developers. Local governments would find it much more difficult to adopt amendments related to often controversial projects such as affordable housing, landfills, and other public facilities. FHD could limit efforts to pass plan amendments intended to

lessen sprawling development, and would result in a hodgepodge of uncoordinated, piecemeal decisions driven by popularity rather than necessity. Furthermore, the vague wording of the proposed amendment would raise a series of legal challenges, and the end result could even cause a "legislative backlash" that would render Florida Hometown Democracy and Florida's growth management process moot.

To learn why 1000 Friends of Florida is supporting the enhanced citizen rights as an alternative to FHD, see below. To find out more on 1000 Friends' position, visit www.1000friendsofflorida.org.

1000 Friends Supports Enhanced Citizen Rights

"Now, more than ever, Florida needs a visionary and workable planning process." According to 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison, the key to better growth management is an active and effective citizen involvement in the planning process.

1000 Friends will work with the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the 2008 Legislature, said Pattison, to adopt the legislation, which would be applicable to all plan amendments and related regulations and development orders. Its provisions include requiring developers to prepare a citizen participation plan, conduct citizen workshops to identify issues

of concern, and specify at the public hearing how those issues would be addressed. The local government would be required to compile a list of all neighborhood associations and notify impacted neighborhoods of proposed changes. Additionally, to allow citizens, commissioners, and others to fairly evaluate the plan amendment, the documents could not be changed during the seven days prior to the advertised public hearing.

Further, provisions would make it easier to require a "super majority" vote for plan amendments that directly impact on growth and development decisions. Provisions would shield private citizens and

organizations from any developer-initiated SLAPP suits, and would improve current citizen standing and legal review standards. The judicious conversion of rural land to urban density in the form of compact, walkable, mixed use communities in appropriate locations would be undertaken only in fair trade for significant public benefit in the form of permanent preservation of natural and agricultural lands, and only in appropriate locations.

For more information, visit www.1000friendsofflorida.org.



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Rural Land Stewardship Rulemaking Underway

As part of its continuing effort to protect rural and agricultural land in Florida, 1000 Friends has recently been focused on needed improvements to the Rural Land Stewardship Area (RLSA) program. This program, administered by the Department of Community Affairs in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, offers development rights to large land owners who agree to put rural, agricultural, and environmental sensitive lands under permanent protection. To date, however, no rules have been in place to guide

where development should be directed, or what scale and scope of rights should be conveyed.

The Department has invited stakeholder input on how to ensure that RLSA does not facilitate development that draws growth into the very areas to be protected. 1000 Friends has actively participated in this process, offering recommendations for statutory changes to further ensure that the conservation goals of the program are achieved. Finalized rules are anticipated in November.

Focusing on the Everglades

An integral part of the fragile Everglades ecosystem, the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) is under increased threat due to proposals for development, rock mining, and an inland port near Lake Okeechobee. In the belief that protecting the EAA is critical to the survival of the Everglades and the future of rural Palm Beach County, 1000 Friends is helping to develop a cohesive strategy to protect the environment, benefit farmers, and guide growth in and around the EAA. The plan includes creating a “quick response team” to address EAA proposals by private or public interests that require local, state, or federal approvals. Stay tuned for further details.

Renewing the State's Commitment to Florida Forever

Florida Forever, the State's current land-buying conservation program, has funded the purchase of over 500,000 acres of ecologically valuable land for the public. Now, the program is out of money and about to expire, yet much remains to be done. As a member of the steering committee for the Florida Forever Coalition, 1000 Friends is working to ensure that a successor program is established. 1000 Friends Legal Di-

rector Uma Outka explains that 1000 Friends is advocating for a renewed commitment to public acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in public workshops, and is active in the Coalition's efforts to draft a proposed bill. "In addition to preserving biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and water quality," says Uma, "land acquisition is a critical growth management tool that prevents development encroachment in these natural areas."

Martin County's "Cluster" Amendment Raises Concerns

Over the strong objections of 1000 Friends and others, the Martin County Commission recently approved a comprehensive plan amendment allowing uncoordinated, scattered clusters of two-acre lots within the county's agricultural areas. The so-called "cluster" amendment, also known as the Valliere amendment, has been submitted for state review.

"This ill-advised amendment will do irreparable harm to the 180,000 acres of rural land in Martin County," according to 1000 Friends' Charles Pattison. "This does nothing to help ensure the

continuation of agriculture and, in fact, creates pockets of development that will conflict with agricultural uses now and in the future."

1000 Friends has pointed out the many flaws in this amendment as well as several inconsistencies with the critically important comprehensive plan and urban boundary we have pledged to defend. We convened a well-received meeting with DCA and several citizen activists and expect a critical report from DCA, reflecting the "hard nosed" issues and deficiencies we raised.

Proposed Road Through Haney Creek Greenway Stopped

Thanks to the efforts of local citizens, a road will *not* be built through the Haney Creek Greenway in Martin County. Back in 2000, the Greenway was purchased for conservation with public funds through the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) in order to restore the Haney Creek watershed. This year, the City of Stuart sought FCT permission to build the "Green River Parkway" through the Greenway. Not only would the road jeopardize restoration (without solving traffic problems), approval of the road would have set a dangerous precedent for allowing development in conservation lands throughout the state. With support from 1000 Friends and the Everglades Law Center, the citizens presented their case to the FCT on November 1 and won a unanimous decision to reject the sale and preserve the Haney Creek Greenway.



Historic Episcopal Church by the Sea in Palm Beach

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOANNE DAVIS

Davis Receives Dwight Allison Fellows Award

“They do not see things as they are and say ‘why?’ but instead they dream things that never were and say ‘why not?’” This best explains the philosophy behind the award presented to 1000 Friends Community Planner Joanne Davis by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties at a luncheon on October 25. The Dwight Allison Fellows Award is given annually “to selfless individuals who typically go unrecognized but who make a vital contribution to our quality of life.” Joanne was one of five individuals honored at the event.

“I am deeply honored to have received the award, and thankful for the recognition,” said Joanne. “It has always been important to me to look out for the land, the plants and the

animals that don’t have their own voice, but which are so vital to the balance our communities need to be whole and healthy.”

Davis was recognized as a leading community activist who has addressed pressing local planning and environmental issues for more than 20 years.

Among her many accomplishments the presenters cited are her visionary leadership resulting in passage of local land referenda for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands and farmlands, her unceasing advocacy for the relocation of the Scripps Biomedical Research Institute to a more appropriate site, and her work with



1000 Friends Chairman Emeritus Nathaniel Reed, Community Joanne Davis and President Charles Pattison at the Dwight Allison Fellow Award Ceremony.

students at Jupiter High School’s Environmental Academy.

“We are so proud of Joanne and her tireless work on behalf of the residents of Palm Beach and Martin Counties,” said 1000 Friends President Charles Pattison. “She is an inspiration to us all.”

Pattison Appointed to Climate Change Panels

1000 Friends President Charles Pattison has been named to two state-level panels addressing climate change in Florida.

In August, Florida Governor Charlie Crist appointed Pattison to serve on the Florida Governor’s Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. Newly created under Executive Order 07-128, this 21-member team is charged with developing an energy and climate change action plan that includes long-

term strategies for reducing emissions. The group will make recommendations to the Florida Legislature in 2008 and beyond on how the state can become energy independent and reduce net carbon in the atmosphere.

“As Florida begins to tackle this major issue, I look forward to providing input on how we can use the principles of smart growth to address climate change,” said Pattison. “We commend Governor Crist for his lead-

ership on this critical matter.”

Pattison also was named to the Climate Change Advisory Group of the Florida Energy Commission, a nine-member panel jointly appointed by Florida’s Senate President and House Speaker. The commission is charged with recommending to the Florida Legislature the best ways to secure Florida’s energy future using the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency, affordability, and diversity.

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