Osceola County Growing Smarter

APPLICANT: Osceola County Smart Growth Office
AUTHOR: Osceola County Smart Growth Office and AECOM
AWARD: Award of Merit
CATEGORY: Best Practice

The Osceola County Growing Smarter Plan elevated quality growth by stipulating that Conceptual Master Plans (CMPs) be prepared for each Mixed-Use District within the new Urban Growth Boundary. The CMPs take comprehensive planning to an elevated level, focusing on specificity over generality; creating land use plans of block-level detail; illustrating layout and interconnectedness of multimodal transportation networks; and providing specific development program targets and implementation recommendations.

Smart Charlotte 2050

APPLICANT: Charlotte County Growth Management Department
AUTHOR: Charlotte County Growth Management Department and AECOM
AWARD: Award of Merit
CATEGORY: Best Practice

Since early 2008, Charlotte County had been engaged in updating its comprehensive plan. The evolving Smart Charlotte 2050 Plan is a community-based comprehensive plan produced using a comprehensive process of stakeholder involvement that included an online tool which encouraged an open forum during the entire process. The result of the process was a framework for implementing the County's future land use goals, objectives, and policies by establishing smart growth principles and strategies.
St. Augustine Historic Area Strategic Plan

APPLICANT: University of Florida
AUTHOR: Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (RS&H)
AWARD: Award of Merit
CATEGORY: Neighborhood Planning

The St. Augustine Historic Area Strategic Plan creates a framework for creating a unique visitor experience in St. Augustine, the nation's oldest continuously occupied European settlement, in time to celebrate the city's 450th anniversary in 2015. The project is centered on an innovative approach to planning that blends St. Augustine's multiple layers of historic periods and themes, called the "Layers of History." The project offers techniques to achieve a comprehensive, world-class heritage tourism experience that will bring significant cultural, educational, and economic benefits to the region and state.

City of Punta Gorda Parks and Recreation Master Plan

APPLICANT: City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Division
AWARD: Award of Merit
CATEGORY: Grass Roots Initiative

The City of Punta Gorda Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides a 15 year vision of the City's parks and recreation aspirations, including a visually engaging set of design standards and plan palette appropriate for Punta Gorda. This highly visual/graphic document was conceived entirely "In-House" through the assistance of volunteer labor and pro-bono services of the local professional design community.

Town of Marineland Unified Development Code

APPLICANT: University of Florida
AUTHOR: University of Florida, Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic: J.B. Brickleyer, Allison Fishman, Andrew Hand, Kathryn Hurv, Kalanit Oded, and Patrick Wheeler
AWARD: Student Project Award

The University of Florida, Levin College of Law (Conservation Clinic) drafted a Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) for the Town of Marineland that addresses development issues logically as they are encountered in the development process. With the Town of Marineland's sustainability goal in mind, the Conservation Clinic drafted the ULDC by first conceptualizing a code that would be a progressive model in sustainability and then tailoring the code to meet the unique needs of Marineland.