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## Surfcoast Chapter Newsletter

**April/May 2015**

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It has been a busy few months. The chapter hosted its monthly luncheon program in March. The topic was Amendment 1 - The Implementation. It was well attended, lunch was delicious and the three featured speakers were very knowledgeable and passionate about the topic. The presentations are available on our website at [www.fpzsurfcoastchapter.org](http://www.fpzsurfcoastchapter.org).

Mark your calendars for the May Luncheon Program featuring *Sea Level Rising*. The program is scheduled for May 22nd. AICP law credit has been approved for this program. See event details on page 3. Upcoming events in the planning stages are a membership appreciation event and the opportunity to co-host an event with the Atlantic Coast FAPA Chapter - look for details very soon. If you have a suggestion for a program or event please don't hesitate to contact one of the Chapter Board Members.

The State Conference will be held June 10th through the 13th in Downtown Bradenton. This year's theme is *Growing Tourism and the Economy*. For more details see page 5. The program information can be found on the FPZA website. I hope to see you there!

In 2014 the Chapter began a membership drive. The result is increased memberships. As a result of the increased membership, I am happy to announce that the Surfcoast Chapter is now the largest chapter in the State of Florida!

## The President's Corner...

by

*Helen LaValley*

This is a great accomplishment for a chapter that reactivated 6 years ago and is only possible through the participation of our members and colleagues.

On behalf of the Chapter I want thank you for your continued support and participation.

*Helen LaValley*

Chapter President

# Save the Date

2015 FPZA Annual Conference  
Hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter  
June 10-13, 2015

The Hampton Inn & Suites  
Downtown Bradenton, Florida



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**REGIONAL FORUM  
DOWNTOWN, DELAND  
“REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN”**

The Association’s Regional Forum was held on January 9th, 2015, at the newly re-constructed Sanborn Activity Center in DeLand.

A group of 50 attendees gathered to hear a presentation entitled “Revitalizing Downtown”. The featured speakers were Dale Arrington, Assistant City Manager of DeLand, Wayne Carter, Executive Director of Mainstreet DeLand, Frank Hale, Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce President, and Gus Gianikas, Assistant Director of Planning and Development for the City of Mount Dora.

The speakers represented local efforts in successful downtown revitalizations. The topics discussed were:

- Supportive Ordinances
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Special Event Management
- Business Districts/Merchants Associations
- Public Outreach.

Copies of the presentations are available. For a copy contact Becky Mendez at [bmendez@volusia.org](mailto:bmendez@volusia.org) or visit: [www.fpzasurfcoast.org](http://www.fpzasurfcoast.org)



## May Luncheon Program

Please join the Surfcoast Chapter for their May Luncheon Program

# Sea Level Rise



**MAY 22, 2015**

11am– Registration

11:30am– Lunch

12:00pm– Speaker Discussion

**Beach Patrol Headquarters**

515 S. Atlantic Ave.

Daytona Beach, FL 32118

**Speaker:**

Thomas Ruppert, Florida Sea Grants, Coastal Planning Specialist and licensed attorney  
truppert@ufl.edu

**Sea levels are rising, and the projections are that future sea-level rise will far surpass past increases. This presentation will briefly discuss past sea-level changes, scientifically based future projections, impacts, and ways to adapt.**



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Florida's coastlines define Florida for many residents and visitors. Even as Florida's coastal areas offer great beauty and diverse natural habitats, they also present many potential hazards to human development and communities.

Local governments can address coastal hazards through their planning process, including land use planning, hazard mitigation planning, and emergency planning. The discussion will focus on local government legal and fiscal issues and the importance of vibrant public discussion about how to address sea-level rise.

**AMENDMENT I – LUNCHEON MEETING RECAP**  
**Wilbur Boathouse, March 27, 2015**  
**By: Tom Brooks, AICP**

The Amendment 1 Implementation program was a timely topic scheduled at the mid-point of the legislative session. The speakers included Clay Henderson, Patricia Northey, and Lisa Frazier.

Clay Henderson's presentation was informative and depressing at the same time. The voters approved Amendment 1 by a 3 to 1 margin however at the time of the luncheon program the Florida Legislature had appropriated zero dollars in the House and two million dollars in the Senate - with 25 million dollars appropriated for roads. Since his presentation, the House has appropriated \$10 million and the Senate \$37 million for land acquisition. The appropriated amount is well below the Governor's proposal of \$100 million. Conservation advocates were hoping for a \$170 million out of the projected \$757 million budget for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. While the updated budget proposals are an improvement, they do not come close to the governor's budget or the expectations of the conservation advocates.

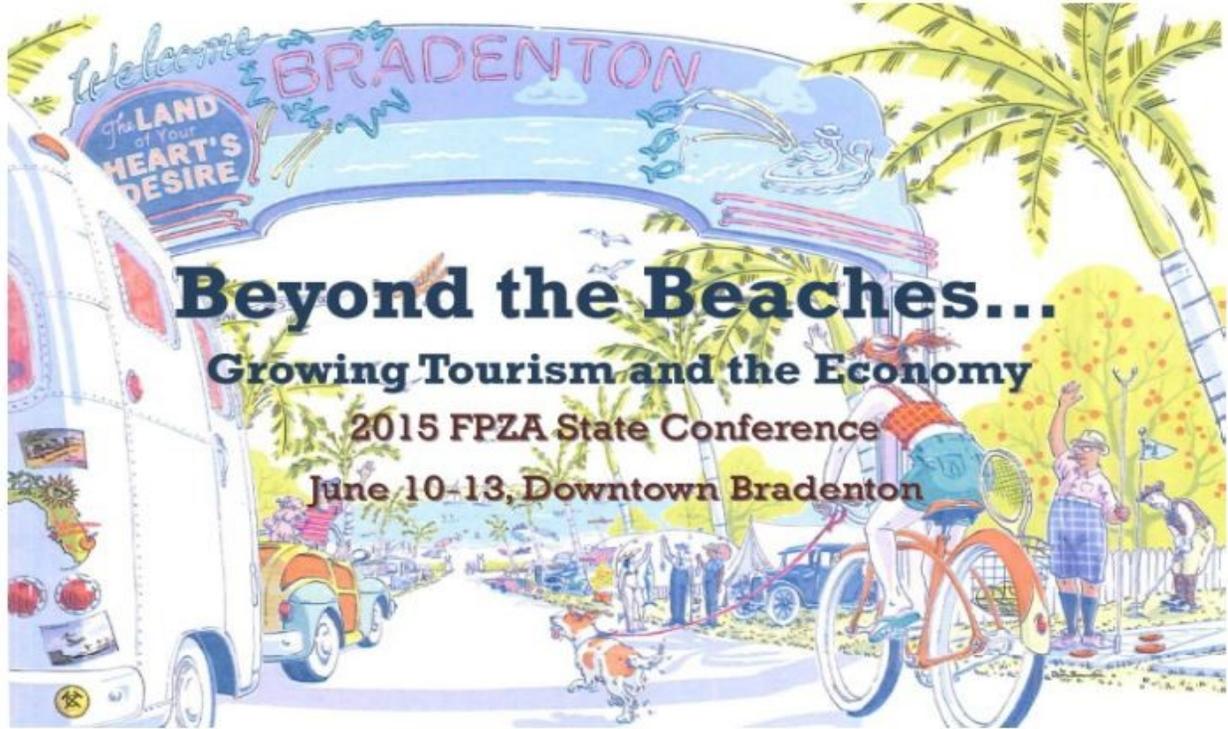
Adding insult to injury, Mr. Henderson stated the Senate has proposed to include state government environmental employee salaries (Park, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Game Commission and Division of Historic preservation and Cultural Affairs) in Amendment 1 funding. If approved, it would siphon off a minimum of \$187 million dollars from the Amendment 1 Trust Fund and be a revenue windfall for the State General Revenue fund. If the changes were approved it essentially results in Amendment 1 Trust Fund becoming similar to the lottery where education enhancement dollars became replacement of general revenue funds.



Ms. Pat Northey's presentation had a two prong focus. She first focused on the benefit of the fund assisting with the purchase of the missing parcels of the conservation corridor in Volusia County. Secondly she discussed water quality concerns and how Amendment 1 could address those concerns by:

- Eliminating septic tanks in watersheds/springsheds of priority water bodies;
- Improving stormwater conveyance and treatment systems to reduce nutrient pollution;
- Developing meaningful education and outreach programs to inform citizens about water quality
- Reducing nutrients from wastewater plant discharges to surface or ground water.

Ms. Lisa Frazier was the stormwater advocate on the panel. Her motivation to speak on this Amendment panel was the concern that stormwater issues were being ignored in favor of septic tanks. She stated that cleaning up septic tanks was important but that stormwater recharge issues were a major part of the problem combined with water quality throughout all the sensitive environmental areas. She proposed solutions that involved using a combination of Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) methodologies which can be used in new development and the retrofitting of existing development. These solutions are a relatively inexpensive method of repairing existing development issues. Ms. Frazier anticipated the result of using these methodologies or techniques will be stormwater systems that improves water quality, reduce flooding, improves groundwater water quality and recharge, reduces air pollution and mitigates (FDEP banned words) climate change and of course increases property values.



**2015 Florida Planning and Zoning Association  
Annual Conference  
June 10 – 13, 2015 ~ Downtown Bradenton, Florida**

**Early registration discounts available through May 15, 2015.**

For questions please contact the FPZA office at 407-895-2654 or [info@fpza.org](mailto:info@fpza.org).

For a \$125 room rate at the Hampton Inn & Suites Bradenton Downtown Historic District visit the FPZA website for more details. This discount expires on May 6, 2015.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please visit the FPZA website for sponsorship package information.



Your State Board Executive Committee hard at work on Saturday morning January 10th at the DeLand Regional Library. Refreshments were provided by Boston Coffeehouse.

**This spot is reserved for you!**

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## **Orlando Wetlands Park Tour in East Orange County, Florida** **By: John H. Stockham, ASLA, CFM**

On Friday, April 17, 2015, I was fortunate to attend a tour of the City of Orlando's wetlands park with the Florida Floodplain Managers Association conference attendees. About 35-40 of us listened to a presentation and then toured the park. The park consists of over 1,600 acres and treats reclaimed water by reducing the levels of phosphorus and nitrogen over a 20 to 40 day period throughout the three wetland basins that have been used since the mid 1980's.

The park has also become a refuge for water fowl, wetland birds, and alligators. It was purposefully designed with various types of plantings and features in mind. A 100-acre lake was excavated to create the berms that are used to travel among the wetlands. Overall, the park has accomplished the mission of water treatment and has created an amazing environment that is open to the public most of the year.

This site is a definite precedent for any community that would like to create wetlands to treat stormwater or reclaimed water. The gator agrees!



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 Scott Ashley

**Past President:**

Scott McGrath

Your officers are also well represented at the State FPZA Board level. John Thomson serves as the state FPZA Vice President for Financial Affairs. In addition, Helen LaValley, Scott McGrath, Tom Brooks and John Stockham serve as Directors on the State FPZA Board of Directors.

### Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP – Chapter Treasurer

The Chapter's closing balance, as of April 30, 2015, is \$10,411.77. Year-to-date revenue totals \$2,392.65 and year-to-date expenses total \$2,389.03 for a net profit of \$3.62.

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