



'VCARD DEVELOPMENTS'

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'Trying Times' Boost The Importance of VCARD – by VCARD Chairman **R. Sans Lassiter**

It looks as if the summer is **heating up** – not only in temperature but also various concerns being faced by the development community and local governments. In celebrating **VCARD's 25th anniversary** as a chartered association, it seems that this year's issues make this the most difficult of times for members of our profession as well as municipal officials.

As an example, look at the major topics that will be analyzed at the **August 6 'summer seminar'** being sponsored by VCARD and the Volusia League of Cities: **water supply** restrictions; stringent new **statewide pollution standards** on nutrient runoff into Florida waterways; intensified scrutiny by state government in the local government **comprehensive planning process**; and of course **Amendment 4**. Details about this program are included on page 11; and a formal announcement will be distributed soon. It will benefit everyone to attend this program and become educated about these topics that are impacting your business and government.

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And while we are doing our best to keep the development community and local governments informed about these issues, VCARD leaders also must use these *'trying times'* to focus on the best ways to keep our association strong and vibrant for another 25 years. **"Sustainability" applies to VCARD** as much as it does to the progressive nature of our future communities.

VCARD and FCARD are embarking on a **marketing campaign** to promote the benefits of our association to prospective members throughout North and Central Florida. I credit Immediate Past Chair **Joel Ivey** for coordinating this promotional *'roundup'* tour. And I thank the large team of volunteers who already have signed on to make it happen. We invite everyone to join us, helping to promote the visibility of your firm as well as our association. *Call VCARD for details.*

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VCARD's **24th annual Icebreaker** reception is **September 28** in The Clubhouse at LPGA International – 5 to 8 p.m. This event has been a VCARD tradition for almost a quarter-century – and it is the perfect opportunity for VCARD / FCARD members and local government representatives to unite during these *'trying times'* in friendship and support. *Please mark this date* on your calendar. Invitations will be mailed soon. And I urge members to **please help contribute sponsorships** to this event so it can be even more successful than the past 23 years. **... continued ...**

... **VCARD Chair R. Sans Lassiter column ... continued from page 1 ...**

There probably is not one person reading this newsletter who has not been impacted in some way by these current 'trying times.'

... But yet we also are very blessed to live in such a beautiful location -- and fortunate to have local government representatives who are willing to engage the private sector in helping to plan for our future communities. **VCARD always has been a respected medium** for coordinating this public / private interaction.

Especially during these 'trying times' ... remember the important roles of VCARD: **collaboration** with local governments and **education** about issues that affect us all.

And especially now ... please continue supporting our association and its events! Thank you. *Sans*

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... **FLORIDA'S LEGISLATURE ...**

A **2010 Legislative Report** has been posted on the web site of the Florida **Department of Community Affairs** (DCA): www.dca.state.fl.us The report summarizes bills that were approved during the recent legislative session relating to growth management, economic development and the environment. Special legislation of interest address:

- Statewide nutrient pollution standards (see news item below) and required **septic tank inspections** (SB 550)
- **Rural enterprise zones** to facilitate business growth in certain qualifying rural areas (HB 963)
- **Two-year permit extensions** and other incentives for economic development (SB 1752)
- A **Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission**, including **Flagler County** (SB 2470)
- Prohibition against incorporating certain **mandatory residential fire sprinkler requirements** of the International Residential Code into the Florida Building Code (SB 846)

... In addition, 2010 legislative summaries have been prepared by Volusia County Planner **Tom Brooks** (in the June newsletter of the FPZA Surfcoast Chapter); the Florida Association of Counties: <http://www.fl-counties.com/NewsandNotes> and Florida League of Cities: <http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/LegislativeBulletin.aspx>

The Florida **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** (DCA) has revised the procedures for local governments to **submit comprehensive plan amendments** (effective May 12, 2010). Generally, the revisions update the allowable **exemptions to the 'twice-per-calendar-year' submittal limitation**; update state government's various prohibitions affecting adoption of comp plan amendments; clarify **amendment submittal requirements**; require land use map amendments to be submitted in color format; and clarify submittal of the de minimis impact report of the annual capital improvement update amendment. Greater details about the revisions can be accessed through www.dca.state.fl.us

... **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS ...**

Strict new **numeric nutrient standards** for Florida lakes and fresh water bodies are scheduled for implementation in October (although enactment of the criteria has been delayed until August, 2012 for coastal waters, estuaries, downstream protection values and South Florida canals). This will affect nearly all domestic and industrial wastewater dischargers and many existing stormwater discharges.

... At the same time, planners with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) are closer to adoption of a new **statewide stormwater management rule** that will be compatible with the new nutrient standards. This rule will not be adopted before July, 2011. Both the nutrient standards and the separate stormwater rule have been pending for more than a year.

... The *numeric nutrient runoff standards* particularly have been controversial. Geared to greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous discharged into water bodies, the limits could have a substantial **impact on agricultural activities** as well as **public utilities** (water, wastewater and stormwater management facilities) and certain phases of development. ... **continued on page 3 ...**

... Nutrient Runoff Standards ... continued from page 2 ...

... **Florida is the first state that EPA officials are forcing** to follow a 1998 federal directive to set specific limits on the allowable nutrient runoff to waterways. (But Florida's program could become an EPA model for other states to follow.)

... The EPA mandate on Florida stems from a negotiated agreement between EPA and several environmental groups. The groups had sued EPA because the agency hadn't already forced Florida officials to implement the nutrient runoff limits. The increased standards are geared to improve waterway quality and prevent unnatural growth such as algae blooms. Details on the standards can be accessed through <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/rules/florida/>

... The issue has stirred much debate throughout the hearing process. Local government, agriculture and development representatives argue that the EPA's restrictive numeric limits are not based on scientific evidence; fail to consider nutrient runoff from natural causes; and will greatly increase costs.

... VCARD Member **Cathy Vogel** (The Catalina Group) is a specialist in the study of water resource issues. She has kept VCARD updated on this major topic that also will be the focus of her presentation at the Aug. 6 educational seminar on development issues (see page 11 news item).

... F.Y.I. ...

Responding to concerns from housing-market associations, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has delayed enforcement of the **Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)** that became effective on April 22, 2010. The extension allows renovation firms and workers more time (until December 31, 2010) to become trained and certified to comply with the rule's provisions.

... WATER SUPPLY PLANNING ...

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has released its annual progress report on **WATER SUPPLY PLANNING INITIATIVES** of Florida's water management districts.

... This year's status report projects Florida will need about **2 billion gallons more water a day** by 2025. The report notes that the water districts continue to focus on the construction of alternative water supply projects to meet this anticipated need.

... During the past four years, the districts have helped fund **327 alternative water supply projects** with a total construction cost of about **\$3.8 billion** – the districts and state government contributing about \$552 million of this cost..

... The past year's funding has been reduced from the three previous years, resulting in some of the projects being cancelled. Still, the completed or ongoing projects already have resulted in an **additional 267 million gallons per day** and are expected to eventually provide 761 million gallons per day – the most common projects being reclaimed water and brackish water demineralization.

... **In Central Florida**, two of the water district's proposed **water supply projects have been put on hold** – largely due to objections from citizen groups and local governments, including several in Volusia. These projects would extract and treat water from the **St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers** for potable use and irrigation. The objections prompted officials with the St. Johns River Water District to conduct a more comprehensive study of the impacts that such projects would have on the rivers' water quality and natural habitat. That study is scheduled for completion by July, 2011.

... Call VCARD to order the *2010 Annual Report on Regional Water Supply Planning*.

Plans are moving forward to build a **DESALINATION potable water plant** in Flagler County despite several local governments recently dropping their funding support for the largescale project.

... With financing and staff assistance from the St. Johns River Water Management District, The cities of **Palm Coast** and **Leesburg** remain the main funding participants, although smaller amounts of financing are being provided by **DeLand** and **St. Johns County**. In recent months, the cities of Bunnell, Flagler Beach, Mount Dora as well as Flagler and Marion counties have dropped out of the project as well as the Dunes Community Development District in Flagler. Their leaders mainly have cited financial issues from the depressed economy along with slower population growth projections that would require the additional water provider.

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... *Flager Desalination Water Treatment Facility ... continued from page 3 ...*

... The desalination plant consortium known as **Coquina Coast** currently is studying environmental issues and alternative locations for a facility smaller than originally anticipated but capable of being expanded when the other (or additional) governments come back into the program.

... A consultant's study determined that a site on Roberts Road north of SR100 is the most preferable place to build the facility – but this has not yet been formally decided.



Officials with the St. Johns River Water Management District hope to begin rulemaking later this year on new **WATER CONSERVATION** rules for local governments and developments within the district's 18 counties.

... The agency's governing board already has conducted several workshops to discuss concepts for enhancing water conservation through **changes in the consumptive use and environmental permitting rules**. New standards being discussed include:

- **Maximizing the use of stormwater** for irrigation from stormwater management systems
- Revised consumptive use permit rules, adding **conservation measures for high water users**
- Requiring water utilities to show proof of their quantifiable and targeted water conservation actions
- Requiring local governments to adopt **water conservation ordinances** that implement the district's landscape irrigation restrictions
- **Irrigation system design constraints** – such as maximizing the amount of landscape that may be irrigated from an in-ground irrigation system
- Using water conservation as a condition for **environmental resource permits** (ERP) – such as Florida-friendly landscaping plans
- Concurrent submittal and review of ERP and CUP applications for projects that contain, and propose to irrigate, landscape, golf course or recreation areas. The goal is to promote stormwater as an alternative water supply source to meet irrigation needs in the ERP application process.

... For more details, visit www.floridawater.com/waterconservation and click on the workshop link.

... *TRANSPORTATION ...*

An **Amtrak / FEC Corridor Coalition** is laying the groundwork for the planning, infrastructure and facilities that will be needed should federal funding be approved to restore Amtrak **passenger rail service** along FEC tracks between Jacksonville and Stuart (with connector service to Miami). The coalition includes representatives from local governments along the route, state and regional planning agencies, and involved business persons and citizens.

... **Downtown Daytona Beach** has been identified as one of the stops along the east coast route. Planners and city officials have tentatively identified a site on **Magnolia Avenue**, west of US1, as the most preferable location for the future Daytona Beach station.

... More information about the coalition's plans, progress and future meetings can be accessed at www.tcrpc.org (the web site for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council).

Volusia County leaders could be debating the merits of a potential referendum asking voters if they endorse enacting a new **sales tax increase** to help **fund future transit projects** – particularly the VOTRAN bus service and upcoming commuter rail between Volusia and Osceola counties. Such a tax increase could be as low as a quarter-cent and the proceeds could help the county's future 'matching' eligibility for federal funding of transit projects.

... Volusia charges the maximum allowed 12 cents per gallon local option gas tax. But these proceeds (which have decreased in recent years) primarily fund road projects. The additional tax also would help fund future transit projects in the county's longrange transportation plan that currently is being updated.

... A resolution supporting the referendum has been endorsed by Volusia's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). But ultimately the County Council must decide whether to place the issue before voters – and such a ballot question wouldn't be presented until next year or later.

Volusia's Metropolitan Planning Organization's new name is the **Volusia Transportation Planning Organization** (VTPO) – *effective July 1, 2010*. “The designation of TPO is more consistent with the mission of this organization and is in keeping with a number of similar organizations representing other planning areas throughout the state,” said **Karl Welzenbach**, VTPO executive director. The agency's board recently approved the name change.

On August 5, Volusia County Council members will review the draft update of a **five-year work program for improvements to roads** under county jurisdiction. During the past month, county staff has been conducting public workshops within Volusia's four geographic zones. An overview of the road program can be accessed through “traffic engineering” on the county's web site: www.volusia.org ... With funding largely derived from gasoline taxes and road impact fees, revenues for the updated program are down considerably from previous years. At a recent workshop on Zone 1 (Northeast Volusia), County Engineer Gerald Brinton advised that annual road impact fee collections have decreased to about \$3 million as compared to more than \$12 million annually several years ago. The lower revenues subsequently are leading to more projects being delayed.

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Similar to last year, **TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES** likely will show double-digit decreases for most municipalities within Volusia and Flagler counties, based on preliminary figures recently released by the counties' property appraisers' offices. Those early figures are being reviewed for adjustments and then will be used by local governments in preparing budgets for the upcoming year.

... **Volusia Property Appraiser Morgan Gilreath** provided an excellent update of this appraisal process and projected trends for residential and commercial real estate at the recent forum sponsored by VCARD, the Daytona Beach Association of REALTORS® and the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce. His presentation was complemented by **Tim Becker**, CCIM, executive director of the Bergstrom Institute for Real Estate Studies at the University of Florida. Mr. Becker's institute conducts quarterly surveys of real estate market trends throughout Florida. He presented highlights of the most recent survey, as well as data particular to Volusia. Mr. Becker's presentation is available through VCARD and Mr. Gilreath's presentation can be accessed through www.volusia.org/property ... Thanks to VCARD Executive Council Member **Phil Maroney** (Root Real Estate) for moderating this program; and Treasurer **Ron Nowviskie** (Root Real Estate) for coordinating the event.

Port Orange and **Flagler County** are the most recent governments moving forward with **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT** programs, a trend that has been increasing in recent years.

... Port Orange officials have designated the **Riverwalk Redevelopment District** as a brownfield area, thus facilitating funding for any necessary environmental remediation, rehabilitation and economic development within the area. Generally, the property extends between Ridgewood Avenue (US1) and the Halifax River from Dunlawton Avenue north to the city limits.

... **Flagler's** new comprehensive brownfield program designates a large number of geographic areas throughout the county as “*economic enhancement districts*.” The program incorporates about 185 parcels into various brownfield districts. The larger districts are in the south end of Flagler: south of SR100 between Old Kings Road and US1 – and much of them within the cities of Bunnell and Palm Coast that are cooperative partners in the initiative. But several smaller districts also are scattered throughout other parts of the county.

... In recent years, more municipalities (particularly in East Volusia) have been gaining brownfield designations for tracts within their urban areas and identifying them for redevelopment. Several months ago, **Edgewater and Holly Hill** also designated large areas within their original boundaries as brownfield (redevelopment) districts. **South Daytona, Daytona Beach** and **New Smyrna Beach** also have significant brownfield redevelopment programs underway.

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... Brownfields are select properties whose previous use “may or may not” have caused environmental contamination. Because of their previous use, they usually are associated with redevelopment or enterprise zones. The brownfield status provides local governments and private developers with funding and other incentives to clean up the properties (if need be) and redevelop them for economic benefits to the community.

... *‘Finding The Green In Brownfields’* was an educational program sponsored by VCARD and the Volusia League of Cities a year ago. Presenters at this forum gave excellent overviews of the public and private benefits to be gained from brownfields development. An official with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) also provided guidance on moving through approval of the brownfields designation and subsequent redevelopments. The power points from those presentations are accessible through VCARD’s web site: www.responsibledevelopment.com



An ongoing **International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) Corridor Study** will identify the best transportation alternatives to facilitate sustainable development and desirable culture, quality of life and environment along Daytona Beach’s main artery. Generally, the study area extends along International Speedway Boulevard from the I-4 / I-95 interchange area east to the ocean.

... The study, being coordinated by VCARD Member Firm **Ghyabi & Associates**, coincides with the work of an ISB Coalition of civic and business leaders, government officials and representatives from the various institutions and entities along the boulevard: Daytona International Speedway and Airport, Volusia Mall, Halifax Medical Center, colleges, downtown, Ocean Center and coastal entertainment / beach activities. This coalition has been meeting regularly for the past two years to discuss ways to better connect these ISB features, maintain quality neighborhoods along the route, and facilitate sustainable growth and economic development.

... As part of the ISB Transportation Study, a Stakeholder Task Force has been created to provide technical guidance and serve as a community liaison in identifying transportation alternatives. The Task Force includes government planners, representatives from the ISB community and private consultants, including VCARD Chair **Sans Lassiter** (Lassiter Transportation Group). This Task Force especially is addressing facilities management, transportation modes, traffic engineering, land use, economic development, environmental and cultural issues, drainage and stormwater management.



Developers of future marinas within **Daytona Beach** will save significant amounts on application fees for their projects’ boat slips, mainly due to an extensive review of the city’s recently adopted **BOAT SLIP ALLOCATION** ordinance by Attorney **Rob Merrell** (Cobb Cole) and a committee of VCARD members. Their input and recommended changes to city officials eventually led to the fees being decreased by almost \$100,000 on a 100-slip marina.

... This ordinance sets the guidelines for Daytona Beach to distribute (to future waterfront developments) the set number of boat slips that the city has been allocated by county government through the county’s manatee protection program.

... *As part of this county program, all East Volusia waterfront communities have been allocated a set number of slips* and they must develop guidelines similar to Daytona’s for distributing those slips to future waterfront developments – particularly marinas and condominiums.

... The **county program charges fees of \$1,000 per slip** that is to raise funds for manatee protection – such as enforcement and educational programs on safe boating procedures. Earlier versions of Daytona Beach’s boat slip ordinance proposed charging an additional \$1,000 per boat slip for administering and overseeing the program.

... **Rob and the VCARD Committee urged city planners** to justify the need for the additional fee rate, prompting Daytona officials to hire a consultant to determine an equitable rate for administering the program. Consultants determined that justifiable rate to be about \$24 per boat slip – and that amount was incorporated into the final ordinance. ... **continued on page 7 ...**

... Daytona Beach Boat Slip Allocation Ordinance ... continued from page 6 ...

... Other East Volusia cities are working on similar ordinances – including one under review in **Edgewater** – but Daytona’s has drawn the most interest because of the number of marinas and associated slips that potentially could be developed along the city’s waterfront. The county’s manatee program entitles Daytona Beach to distribute up to **2,559 future boat slips to future developments** – and that doesn’t include 1,623 additional slips that are reserved for public use or “by right” to shoreline property owners. Call VCARD for a copy of the Daytona Beach ordinance.



After several months of gaining input from citizens and interest groups (including VCARD), **Daytona Beach** consultants soon will present alternative plans to the City Commission for revitalizing core beachside tourist areas surrounding the Ocean (convention) Center and Main Street – referred to as the **E- ZONE** (*E being for entertainment*). Commissioners will identify plans they like the most and consultants will come back with a final proposal that will be used in development of a **master redevelopment plan** that officials hope to have adopted by the end of this year.

... In the past, city officials have discussed development of a new hotel, shops and restaurants within the district. The master plan could expand on these ideas as well as other possible uses and activities within the district, extending been Ora and Harvey streets, and the ocean and Halifax River.



Provisions for **GREEN ROOFS** and **COMMUNITY GARDENS** are included in the third phase of **PORT ORANGE’S green initiatives program**. City officials have been gradually implementing this comprehensive green program for the past year, identifying various construction and development features that help preserve energy and natural resources in future communities and structures.

... Similar to green ordinances of other cities, Port Orange is offering incentives for incorporating green features – such as streamlined permitting and rebates on the purchase of **rain barrels**.

... Port Orange’s Phase III provides for **green roofs that are partially or completely covered with vegetation**. Aside from setup and maintenance standards, the ordinance enables non-residential and mixed-use developments to credit the green roof area as part of the required open space.

... **Community gardens** are places where neighbors can jointly cultivate produce and ornamental plants for personal or group use. Port Orange’s program allows these gardens as permitted uses in all residential zoning districts, most commercial districts as well as government / public use areas. The gardens can account for up to 50 percent of the required common open space for a residential development.; and the new program also provides standards for their construction and operations.

... Call VCARD for a copy of the green standards that have been adopted by Port Orange or other local governments in Volusia and Flagler counties.

Port Orange officials have updated the city’s **standard construction details**, forwarding them to VCARD for distribution to interested members. Call VCARD if you would like a copy.

A VCARD Committee chaired by Attorney **Bob Riggio** has been working with **Port Orange** engineering staff as they draft a new **POLLUTION CONTROL** ordinance to comply with federal requirements for **eliminating the runoff of “non-stormwater” pollutants** into the city’s storm sewer systems. Such pollutants include a wide variety of substances ranging from construction site residue, automotive fluids and yard wastes -- to pesticides and herbicides.

...This “illicit discharge” ordinance also requires adoption of **best management practices** to be used by any operation or facility which may cause such pollution -- in order to separate the pollution from regular stormwater runoff.

... As part of the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**, local governments must develop these non-stormwater pollution control programs once they reach a certain population. Some cities delegate oversight to the Department of Environmental Protection.

... This ordinance eventually could impact construction, development and agricultural activities; and VCARD members who work in Port Orange are encouraged to review the proposed standards that are available through VCARD.

... IN SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA ...

A comprehensive **economic development strategy** has been approved by **EDGEWATER'S** City Council after a year of crafting by city staff and advisory board members. The plan includes both long-range goals and a five-year action plan. The strategy also is linked to the city's designation of a **brownfield redevelopment district** (see *brownfields news item on pages 5, 6*) and proposes methods to seek grants for economic development initiatives and infrastructure improvements.

... As part of the strategy, city officials also are moving forward with incentives such as **reduced annexation fees** -- and **reduced and deferred impact fees** for non-residential properties.

EDGEWATER's 35-foot residential height limit will be the focus of another **referendum in November**. Voters approved the citywide residential height cap in 2006. But City Council members have agreed to ask voters to revisit the topic and eliminate the height restrictions on residential construction west of US1. (If approved, heights west of US1 would be determined by provisions of the land development code instead of the city charter that requires voter approval to change.)

... Relaxing the height limits especially could facilitate future mixed-use and master planned communities that are being envisioned on the west side of Edgewater.

... The referendum will not cover non-residential development whose height limits currently are determined by the city's land code.

... IN WEST VOLUSIA ...

As part of creating a **longrange planning vision**, **DELAND** leaders are looking at land use, community planning and design policies for future development within the city's **unincorporated utility service area (USA)** – large land areas surrounding the city's limits that have been identified for future annexation and city services.

... The unincorporated USA includes about 46,000 acres, more than four times DeLand's current size.

... DeLand planners are scheduling public workshops and crafting interlocal agreements with county government on the growth and development patterns. Already they envision the creation of more compact, clustered and pedestrian-friendly communities that steer away from environmentally sensitive areas and focus more on green, sustainable development within the urbanized core.

Real Estate Agent **Lita Handy-Peters** (a longtime VCARD member) has been appointed by the **DeBary City Council** to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Van Conoley who resigned in March. The term extends through to the November election.

... IN FLAGLER COUNTY ...

Flagler County voters will be asked in the November election to approve an **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX** of .25 mills (25 cents per \$1,000 of appraised property value). If approved, County Commissioners will decide exactly how the tax proceeds will be allocated to help fund economic development projects and programs – such as capital improvements; marketing; local business expansion and retention; and financial incentives for the relocation of new businesses.

A new Citizens **MANATEE PROTECTION COMMITTEE** is studying additional measures that could be enforced in Flagler County waterways to protect the endangered marine mammals. Creation of the committee – made up of citizens from various interest groups – was directed by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, similar to the creation of these committees in other Florida counties where manatees are prevalent.

... The committees' studies normally lead to **boat speed limits** along waterways where manatees frequent, but also expand into other measures for protecting manatees such as restrictions on marinas and imposition of marine-related fees to raise funds for manatee protection educational programs (see *page 6 news item about Daytona Beach boat slip allocation ordinance*.)

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MSCW, Inc. has merged with **VHB** (Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc., headquartered in Watertown, MA) and is now doing business in the Florida marketplace as **VHB MillerSellen** with offices at 225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 300 (Landmark Center Two), Orlando, FL 32801 Phone: 407-839-4006 Web site: www.vhbmillersellen.com

... VHB MillerSellen specializes in the planning, design and engineering of transportation, land development and environmental services projects.

Dredging & Marine Consultants, LLC (DMC) welcomes **Joshua Revord** as the firm's new coastal and oceanographic engineer. Mr. Revord received his Master of Science degree in the profession from the University of Florida and undergraduate degree in ocean engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology.

... Based in Port Orange, DMC is an engineering and environmental firm specializing in dredging, shoreline protection, marine structures design, permitting and construction inspection.

... In South Florida, DMC currently is assessing more than 45 miles of canal under the Canal Conveyance Capacity Program with the South Florida Water Management District to address issues related to dredging, bank stabilization, modeling of canal culverts and other structures.

Matthew H. Lahti, P.E., LEED, AP, project manager at **Zev Cohen & Associates'** St. Augustine office, has achieved his professional engineer license. He is now a Florida licensed engineer as well as being accredited in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). LEED accredited professionals are trained in sustainable, green and low-impact development standards. Matt is a civil engineering graduate of Michigan Technological University and has been with ZCA since 2005.

... Headquartered in Ormond Beach since 1977, ZCA is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm specializing in civil engineering, transportation, planning, environmental services and landscape architecture. Other branch offices are in Edgewater and Amelia Island.

Attorney **Douglas A. Daniels** has moved his office to Suite 645, 444 Seabreeze Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 Phone 386-255-8118 FAX: 386-255-8220

Bob Coleman has retired as **Florida Power & Light Co.'s** Manager of External Affairs for Volusia and Flagler counties -- after 39 years of service. His replacement is **Larry Volenec**, P.E.

Congratulations ...

✦ **VCARD's 'Fred Thellman' Member Of The Year** award winners were announced at the recent annual awards banquet: **Shailesh K. Patel** (Dredging & Marine Consultants); and **Maria A. Summerlin** (S&ME); and **Citizen Of The Year** award recipients: Volusia County Chair **Frank Bruno, Jr.** and **Frank Meeker**, ombudsman for the St. Johns River Water Management District and Palm Coast City Councilman.

... **Thanks to Melrose-Sovereign** for sponsoring the entertainment for VCARD's awards banquet.

✦ **Janet Kersey** (Daytona Convention & Visitors Bureau); **Donna Sue Sanders** (Daytona State College); and **Margaret Smith** (Volusia County School Superintendent). They are among the winners of the *Volusia / Flagler Business Report's 2010 Influential Women In Business*.

✦ The **Surfcoast Chapter** of the **Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA)**, winners of the **2010 Outstanding Chapter Award** from the statewide FPZA at the recent annual conference.

Note: Leaders of the Surfcoast Chapter, representing Volusia and Flagler counties, originally applied to win the **Most Improved Chapter** title. But the FPZA Awards Committee decided Surfcoast leaders were more deserving of the higher award.

... During the past two years, Surfcoast leaders have revitalized the chapter – publishing a monthly electronic newsletter and conducting well-attended monthly lunch meetings on planning-related topics. Information about FPZA membership and activities can be accessed through www.fpza.org

'Urban Carting: A Transportation Alternative for Auto-Oriented Communities and Neighborhoods,' was the theme of an educational session at the recent FPZA conference. The session was presented by VCARD Members **Tom Harowski** (TMH Consulting) and **Sans Lassiter** (Lassiter Transportation Group). The presentation was based on a study and implementation system design for using **golf carts as an alternative means of transportation** on South Daytona streets. The program already is being implemented and registrations are available through the South Daytona Police Department.

Don't Miss the [August 6th Summer Seminar](#) being sponsored by VCARD and the Volusia League of Cities. The **Perfect Storm for Development: Mega-Initiatives Affecting 'How Shall We Grow?'** with presentations that cover the potential impacts of these important issues:

- **Amendment 4 – Mike Abels**, Public Policy Instructor in the Department of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida, and also DeLand's former City Manager.
- Upcoming new **statewide pollution control regulations** on the runoff of nutrients into Florida's waterways – **Cathy Vogel**, President, The Catalina Group
- Enhancement of the **"needs assessment" rule** used by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in reviewing local governments' comprehensive plans – Past VCARD Chair **Joel Ivey**, President, Ivey Planning Group
- Restrictions on local governments' **consumptive use permits** (CUPs) for water supply planning – **Keith Riger**, DeLand City Engineer

... This educational program will be from **9 a.m. to noon** (*lunch afterward*) at the **DeBary Golf & Country Club**, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary. *Formal announcements will be distributed soon* but advance reservations may be forwarded to Lindsey Sanders (Lindsey@daytonachamber.com). Cost: \$25 for VCARD members and local government representatives; and \$45 for non-VCARD members or non-government representatives (*includes lunch*). Payments should be mailed to: VCARD, P.O. Box 2475, Daytona Beach, FL 32115.

Sponsorships are now being accepted for VCARD's 24th Annual **ICEBREAKER** reception ... from 5 – 8 p.m., **Tuesday, September 28** in The Clubhouse at LPGA International, 1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach. Call VCARD at 386-257-4169 for details.

... Other Upcoming VCARD Events ... Mark Your Calendar!

October 7 – VCARD's annual lunch workshop with the Volusia County Council, noon – 1 p.m., county administration center, DeLand

October 27 – VCARD's annual picnic on the Ford Family Farm, 4 – 7 p.m., the Ford Family property off SR472 in West Volusia

Have A Great Summer!