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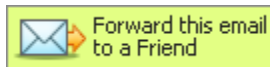
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## LPS SECURES TWO FUNDING GRANTS FOR NORTH OLGA!



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### AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION GRANT

We are pleased to announce that on October 1, 2009, Small Town and Rural Area Division (STaR) of the American Planning Association awarded a grant to **Land Planning Solutions** for the North Olga Community Plan project! The \$1,800 that was awarded will be used towards placing legal advertisements and the facility rental fees in order to continue to hold community outreach and Planning Panel meetings in accordance with Florida Sunshine Laws.

### LEE COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT

On October 27, 2009, after careful consideration and discussion, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners also elected to award the North Olga Community Planning Panel with a \$50,000 grant for the Community Plan. These funds will be used for professional planning and GIS consulting fees for the plan preparation, review and adoption.



The project is located in northeastern Lee County. The 11,000 +/- acre study area is bounded on the west by US 31 and to the east by the Caloosahatchee Regional Park. The Caloosahatchee River bounds the study area to the south and the northern boundary is the Charlotte County line. The project will allow the residents of North Olga to plan for the future of their communities in accordance with their own vision.

**Land Planning Solutions** has been working with the residents of North Olga since May of 2009 to guide the project, solicit public input, provide technical and professional planning expertise and prepare a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Lee Plan to incorporate suggested Goals, Objectives and Policies that specifically address a vision for North Olga. That amendment was filed with Lee County in September 2009 and is currently under formal review. For more information about the North Olga Community Plan project, please click here [North Olga Community Plan](#).

**Land Planning Solutions** and the North Olga Community Planning Panel wish to thank the STaR Awards Committee and the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for their generous consideration and award of these grants in support of the project. These monies will assist in funding the project along with community financial support & fundraising, and extensive pro bono work by **Land Planning Solutions** and GIS Solutions of Florida, LLC

**If you are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and are looking for grant opportunities to help fund your mission, please call **Land Planning Solutions** today 239-405-7983! We completed the Florida Institute of**

**Government Effective Grant Writing course and can help to secure grants for you just like we did for North Olga!**

## **ALEXIS CRESPO PROMOTED TO PROJECT MANAGER**

Please join us in congratulating **Alexis V. Crespo, AICP, LEED AP** with her recent promotion to Project Manager. Ms. Crespo, a Senior Planner with **Land Planning Solutions**, has taken on increased project responsibility. She has shown her leadership abilities in successfully moving difficult projects to the finish line.



*Alexis' "presentation skills are by far the best I have seen in this type of arena and she is very prepared. I also like the fact that her feathers don't get ruffled easily and she stays the course of action that she has planned on presenting." - Brian Geidner, client.*

Ms. Crespo is a certified land use planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional). She is an active member of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, serving as the 2008-2010 Calusa Chapter President. Additionally, Ms. Crespo serves as the Vice Chair for the Promised Land Section of the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter.

Your project will be in good hands under the care and guidance of Ms. Crespo. Please call her at 239-405-7100 or email her at [alexis@lpsfl.us](mailto:alexis@lpsfl.us) with your land planning needs.



## INDUSTRY-CHANGING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

**Land Planning Solutions, Inc.** is pleased to inform you of an exciting new website that has the potential to help save significant time and money finding and qualifying resources in the commercial real estate development process. Emerging in South Florida, JobSite123.com is poised to become the repository of choice for industry related companies across the U.S. to post and maintain their complete qualifications information.

And the best part - it is 100% free.

JobSite123.com's company profiling systems are remarkably comprehensive, far more comprehensive than any existing directory format, or even most company's own website. So they trademarked a new word for the - Qual-Port™ - which is short for Qualifications Portal. Their Qual-Port™ templates allow any company to post and maintain very detailed information, such as:

- \* Key Contacts
- \* Insurance Information
- \* Bonding Capacity
- \* Complete Project History
- \* Awards & Recognition
- \* Performance Ratings
- \* Industry Connections
- \* And MUCH more....

JobSite123.com recently released their first beta technology to serve the commercial construction sector, the largest sector of the commercial real estate development industry. Subsequent versions will be launched in 2010 - expanding the current platform to include land acquisition, due diligence, financing, architecture and design, permitting and approvals, property management, and sales and leasing.

Owned and operated by an impressive group of industry professionals, JobSite123.com is quickly garnering the support of some major players who are adopting use of the system, supporting the site with banner advertising and pushing a requirement to build and maintain a Quality Port™ on JobSite123.com as a prerequisite to doing business with their organizations. Think of it like a combination of LinkedIn (for companies only) and Google, designed to meet the unique demands of the commercial real estate development industry.

For more information and to check out Land Planning Solutions' Quality-Port™, visit [www.jobsite123.com/landplanningsolutions](http://www.jobsite123.com/landplanningsolutions).

## HOMETOWN DEMOCRACY

Requests continue for **Land Planning Solutions, Inc.** to give a presentation on the fundamentals of Hometown Democracy. The 30-minute presentation is structured to provide the audience with an overview of the origins of the initiative, what it is, where it would fit into the planning process, as well as Hometown Democracy truths & myths. The presentation also includes where additional information may be found for individuals to be able to make an informed decision come the November 2010 election.



Future presentations currently scheduled include:

### **2009**

- **November 12th:** Collier County Bar Association
- **December 17th:** Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

### **2010**

- **January 13th:** Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce

Past 2009 presentations include:

- Highlands County Homeowners' Association
- The Group for Better Government
- Heartland Realtors Association

- Lee County Bar Association, Land Use Division
- Rotary Club of Naples Bay
- Naples Gulfshore Rotary Club
- City of Cape Coral Planning & Zoning Commission
- Highlands County Republicans

**If your organization would like an update on the status of this movement, please call us at (239) 405 7983 to schedule a presentation. Reasonable costs.**

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