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## President's Message



**ASCE SunCoast  
Branch President  
Amjid Hussain**

### Dear Members and Friends of ASCE

Please accept our greetings for the upcoming holiday season. Your SunCoast Branch collected food items and cash donations at the November meeting which were provided to the Gocio Elementary School. In December, we will be sponsoring Christmas gifts for one of the clients from Manasota Association for Retarded Citizens.

Our annual winter social is in the planning phase now. For last few years, we celebrated with a sunset cruise aboard Le-Barge. We are planning the same event for this year and will send you more information the first week of January.

We have started to include introductions of exciting civil engineering projects in the newsletter, this month features the City of Bradenton's Riverwalk Park. In coming months, we will also include articles related to engineering and leadership. Some of you have shown interest in advertising, therefore, we are offering your business adver-

tisement in the Newsletter. Please check for the details on page 7 of the newsletter.

As a reminder, it's that time of year again! Please renew your membership before the end of December and do not forget to check the box for branch dues. The branch dues are received by the local branch and go towards our outreach programs and Branch activities. We are planning to conduct a membership drive and are looking for volunteers to serve on the membership committee. Our VP Gary Downing will coordinate the effort. Please contact Gary or any other Board member if you would like to serve on the committee.

Please visit our newly launched website (<http://acesuncoast.weebly.com>) and sign up for our December 15th luncheon. Scott Brady from Hanson Professional Services will be our guest speaker and his presentation is related to airport stormwater management. A link for our survey is also provided for you to fill out for our guidance. You can also register to win a \$50 gift card. The survey will close on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support of the ASCE SunCoast Branch.

Amjid Hussain, P.E., M.ASCE

## December Luncheon Meeting Details ASCE SunCoast Branch

The ASCE SunCoast Branch December meeting will be held December 15, 2011 from 12—1 pm with registration starting at 11:30 am .

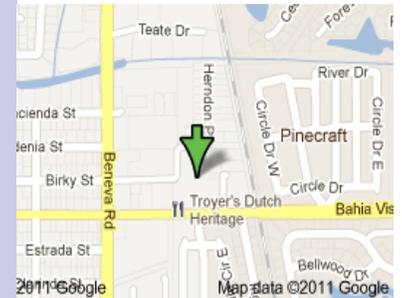
**When:** December 15, 2011 CHECK-IN 11:30 AM,  
MEETING STARTS 12 PM

**Where:** DUTCH HERITAGE,  
3713 BAHIA VISTA STREET, SARASOTA, FL

**Speaker:** Scott Brady, Hanson Professional Services

**Topic:** Aviation Stormwater Management

**Please RSVP:** <http://ascsuncoast.weebly.com/monthly-meetings.html>



**3713 Bahia Vista Street,  
Sarasota, FL, 34232**

## UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

JANUARY 18, 2012

SPEAKER: CHRISTINE ROBINSON

SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONER

JOINT MEETING WITH FES AT TROYER'S DUTCH HERITAGE.

**THE JANUARY MEETING IS ON A WEDNESDAY.**

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

SPEAKER: MIKE BRITT

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN

SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



## ASCE SunCoast Gives Back

As part of our ASCE Gives Back project this holiday season, the SunCoast Branch is adopting Manasota Association of Retarded Citizens as our community outreach partner. Our gift will supply Christmas dinner as well as new linens for the residents.



# Building Our Community

## Bradenton Riverwalk

By Jim McLellan

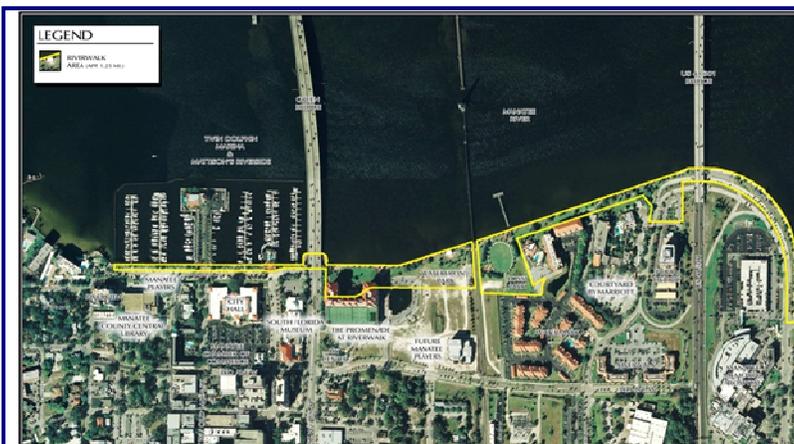
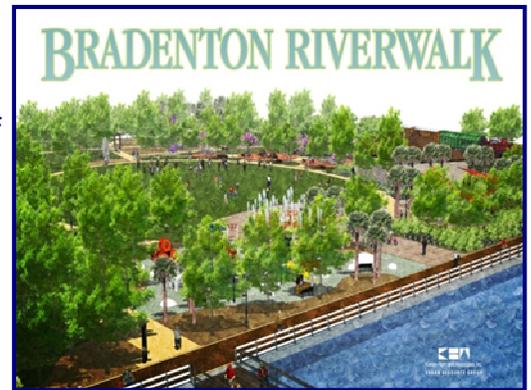
Engineering Section Manager, Public Works and Utilities, City of Bradenton

Years of vision and planning became reality on September 19, 2011, when the Bradenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) formally broke ground on the long anticipated Bradenton Riverwalk project. This \$6.2 million project will transform Bradenton's riverfront into a 1.5 mile-long signature attraction for residents, tourists and new businesses. The Riverwalk is located along the Manatee River from just west of the Green Bridge at 9<sup>th</sup> St. W. past the Desoto Bridge to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. East adjacent to the Manatee Memorial Hospital (see aerial photo below of project area).

The project, designed by Kimley-Horn & Associates and being constructed by NDC, incorporates many of the desires expressed by the local community. Numerous public charettes were held to solicit input from a broad spectrum of the residents, businesses and government officials. In addition, coordinating with Realize Bradenton, a local organization committed to promoting the art, culture and heritage of downtown Bradenton, an on-line survey was completed by over 1,400 individuals. All these master planning efforts were completed with the intent of creating a facility in which the community as a whole can have a sense of ownership.

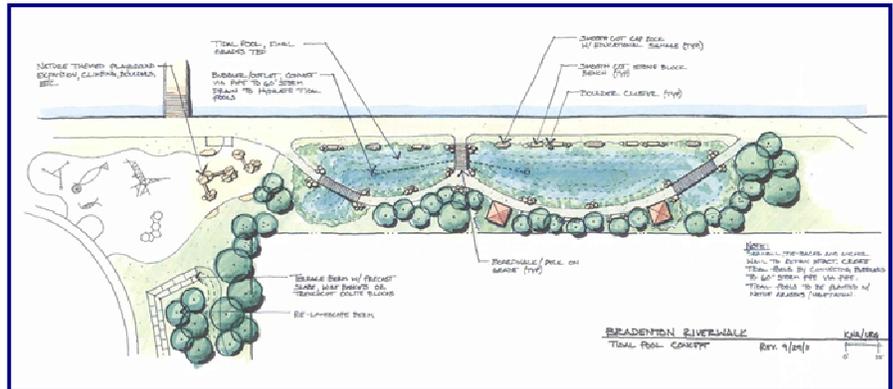
The new park has been designed to enhance everyone's experience interacting with the natural systems along the river. This includes the following major components:

- A Great Lawn for yoga and wellness activities
- A new Day Dock providing new access to the park for the boating community
- A shaded Botanical Walk & Butterfly Garden with outdoor living rooms
- Reconstruction of the existing fishing pier
- An updated Amphitheater with natural shading
- The Rossi Park Family Fun Zone with an interactive splash park and plaza, a new restroom and bathhouse, a new concession stand, an enhanced playground, shaded seating areas and a renovated fishing pier
- A Tidal Discovery Marsh to educate visitors on



the important role the natural systems play in pollution and erosion control

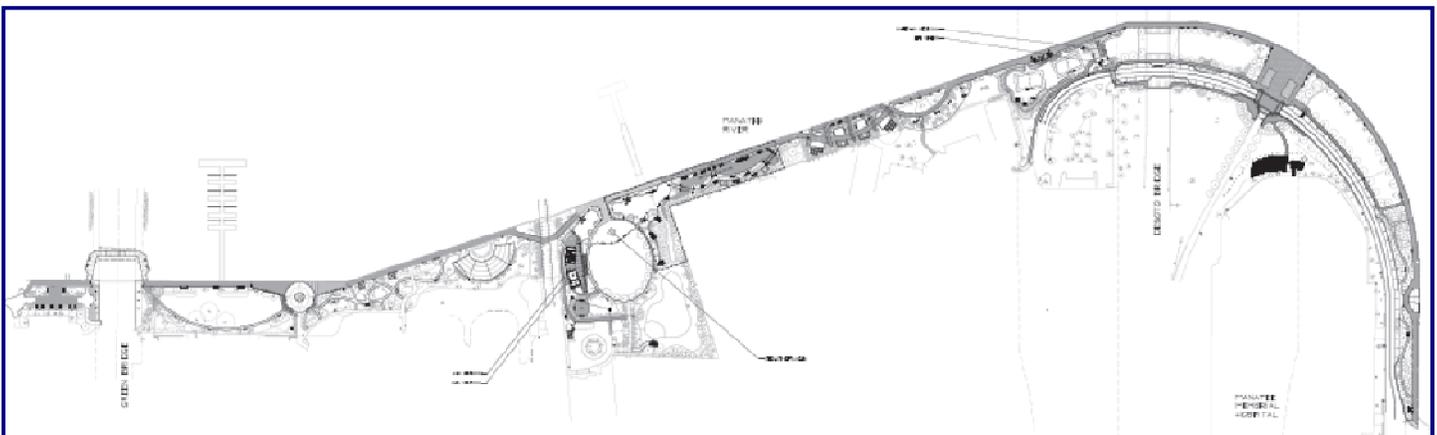
- Shaded seating at numerous locations
- Sand volleyball courts
- A new urban themed skateboard park designed by award-winning Team Pain
- A multi-use plaza for festivals and events, including rowing regattas in the Manatee River
- A new canoe/kayak launch dock
- Updating of park lamps to more energy efficient LED lighting



In addition to providing recreational features, it was paramount for the City that the new park enhances the art and cultural exploration opportunities for visitors. To this end, the DDA and Realize Bradenton teamed to ensure that the park design includes numerous public art features and amenities that will provide a link to our successful and ever expanding and Village of the Arts. Public art features will be strategically located along the full length of the park, including interactive, educational, and natural art pieces. And to enhance cultural and heritage opportunities, the park will be outfitted with signage indicating the purpose and function of the natural systems along the park and to educate the public on how these systems are an integral part of the area's ecosystem.

NDC is constructing the project under a unique Construction Manager as Contractor contract with the DDA. Under this contract, NDC has committed to a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$6.2M and is undertaking an extensive Value Engineering (VE) effort to assure the GMP is achieved. Through the VE process, NDC has identified a wide variety of cost savings that have allowed the GMP to be achieved and the project scope to be expanded to include site improvements outside the original concept for the park.

The project is being funded through a combination of dedicated DDA funds, as well as a grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and, with luck, a grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The park construction is scheduled for completion in June of 2012, in time for it to play host to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bradenton Blues Festival.



# CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts due January 15, 2012

Conference save the date – July 19-21, 2012, Doubletree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando

## Call for Speakers- FL-ASCE – Annual Meeting 2012

The 2012 Annual Meeting for the Florida Section ASCE will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando July 19-21, 2012. The Annual Meeting is the largest event held by the Florida Section of ASCE and has an attendance of hundreds of engineers/managers from all over Florida. The technical sessions at the Annual Meeting have something of interest for everyone.

The call for speakers for the technical breakout sessions is divided into five areas:

- Engineering Management
- Geotechnical
- Water/Wastewater
- Transportation
- Structures

The technical sessions provide at least 1 Professional Development Hour (PDH). The minimum length of presentation required to provide the 1 hour PDH is 50 minutes. Based on the topics of interest, there may be sessions that provide 2 hours to 4 hours of PDHs. If you are interested in a longer presentation session, please state that in your abstract.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a speaker/presenter at the 2012 Florida Section ASCE Annual Meeting, please submit an abstract (maximum 250 words) on any of the topics listed above by January 15, 2012 to the FL-ASCE Executive Director, Judy Nichols at [judy@fla-asce.org](mailto:judy@fla-asce.org). One complimentary registration to the technical session on Friday, July 20, 2012, may be requested per presentation.

If you have any questions regarding the request please contact Judy at (561)215.4311 or [judy@fla-asce.org](mailto:judy@fla-asce.org).



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# 2011 ANNUAL BRANCH SURVEY

WE ARE CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL BRANCH SURVEY. WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK—PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND FILL OUT THE SURVEY AT

[HTTP://ASCESUNCOAST.WEEBLY.COM/SURVEY1.HTML](http://ascusuncoast.weebly.com/survey1.html)

AND FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION TO BE IN THE DRAWING FOR A \$50 GIFT CARD. THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE AT 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012



**The ASCE  
Renewal Race is On!**



We would like to end 2011 with a strong financial finish! If the Florida Section can get participation from all its members, the Section could earn \$1000 from the National Organization!!

**To make it easy, we've prepared a few tools to help you get started:**

1. Visit [www.asce.org/renewal](http://www.asce.org/renewal) and renew today.
2. Please contact Kim Clayback at [kclayback@jonesedmunds.com](mailto:kclayback@jonesedmunds.com) or Robin Matsumoto at [rmatsumoto@asce.org](mailto:rmatsumoto@asce.org) with any questions.

**Keep an eye on who's in the lead!** You'll find updated standings, access to all of our tools, and more detailed contest rules at [www.asce.org/finishline](http://www.asce.org/finishline)

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OUR WEBSITE HAS CHANGED!

Please visit

<http://www.ascsuncoast.weebly.com>

And give us your feedback

*Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Please contact anyone listed for answers!*

# WANT TO ADVERTISE WITH US??

Let your ASCE Suncoast Branch Newsletter work for you!

If you or your company is interested in advertising in your local ASCE SunCoast Branch Monthly Newsletter, please contact any of the Executive Board member staff listed above.

Cost (per 6 months):

Whole Page—\$500

Half Page—\$350

Quarter Page—\$250

Business Card—\$150

***Some of the benefits of advertising with us are your company logo will appear in the newsletter and on the website as an ASCE sponsor and you have the opportunity to contribute a featured article in the newsletter highlighting an innovative or interesting project from your company.***

**THE SUNCOAST BRANCH NEWSLETTER IS ONLY DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY. IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER OR FRIEND OF ASCE THAT DOES NOT RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER AND WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE CONTACT [asce.suncoast@gmail.com](mailto:asce.suncoast@gmail.com).**

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