





Conclusion

The citizens of Punta Gorda have spoken clearly. The 2005 Citizens Master Plan is not another scream into the void; it is the most comprehensive summary of the natural, physical, spiritual, and human goals of a community hurt by the devastation of a natural disaster.

Please do not be put off by the elegance and excellence of its drawings.

The dichotomy wherein the workable plans are mediocre in their presentation, while

the beautifully done plans are impossible to implement, is not present here. This Master Plan is both; the Punta Gorda 2005 Citizens Master Plan is a testimony of the superb urban traditions established by its City Founders at the end of the nineteenth century.

We certainly hope that this book is influential beyond the region, and that its working method becomes a paradigm for the rest of America.