



TEAM Punta Gorda began as a grass roots effort by citizens following the damages to the city wrought by Hurricane Charley in 2004. Their goal was to provide a strong public input to the rebuilding of the city. A major early result of TEAM's work was the Citizens' Master Plan prepared under the guidance of a preeminent urban designer and gifted to the city and county in 2005. This plan has had a significant impact on reconstruction efforts and continues to serve as a guiding vision for the continuing development of Punta Gorda.

TEAM hopes this brochure will be helpful to those who plan to invest in Punta Gorda's future.

PURPOSE OF THIS BROCHURE

This brochure is specifically intended for those interested in (1) building or remodeling commercial and multi-family residential structures or (2) those planning to start business in new or existing buildings.

TEAM Punta Gorda wants such entrepreneurs to be successful in their endeavors while also furthering the overall vision expressed in the 2005 Citizens' Master Plan. Many of the Plan's recommendations have been incorporated in the city's codes and regulations, however, the appearance of a building is always open to interpretation. TEAM has provided input on the final exterior design of a number of new structures in Punta Gorda and the results have brought positive recognition for these additions to the city landscape.

A new city with an identifiable appearance and character is emerging which can only have beneficial effects on the businesses involved and on the long term value of these residential and commercial properties. We believe that working with TEAM is a win-win opportunity for developers and entrepreneurs which can benefit both them and the city.