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1000 Friends of Florida President to Speak at First Coast APA Winter Legislative Luncheon

The First Coast APA Winter Legislative Luncheon will be held on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2008 beginning at 12 Noon at the University Center, University of North Florida. The featured speaker for the event will be Charles Pattison, AICP and President of 1000 Friends of Florida. He will be addressing the 2008 Legislative Priorities of the organization including changes in growth management law, Florida Hometown Democracy, and the 1000 Friends of Florida reports on natural/rural lands and Florida 2060.

As president of 1000 Friends of Florida, Mr. Pattison is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the organization and works with the state's executive and legislative branches on land use and long range planning issues. He received his Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina in 1976. He has twenty-eight years experience at private, local, state and regional levels. Prior to joining 1000 Friends of Florida, he served as the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Director for the Division of Resource Planning and Management from 1989 to 1992, as a Field Representative with The Nature Conservancy in Virginia and as Executive Director for the Monroe County Land Authority in the Florida Keys from 1985-87. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

1.0 credit hour for Certification Maintenance for AICP planners should be available for attending this event.

For further information, please go to www.FirstCoastAPA.org. If you wish to arrange a Press Pass in order to attend, please contact Wiatt Bowers, First Coast APA Program Officer at WFBowers@pbsj.com or Dawn C. Sonneborn, First Coast APA Communications Officers at dawns@genesigroup.com.

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