



Robert J. Mulhere, FAICP

Senior Vice President, Planning

Education

M.A. Public Administration, Florida Gulf Coast University

B.A. Political Science, St. Michael's College

Registrations

American Institute of Certified Planners, Fellow (#010931)

Professional Awards

Alumni of Distinction, FGCU 2006

1997 'Marco Island Citizen of the Year' - Naples Daily News

FAPA 'Award of Merit' 2000

FAPA 'Award of Excellence' 1997

FAPA 'Award of Excellence' 2001

Distinguished Leadership Service

Award from YMCA of the USA 1997

Distinguished Fundraising Service

Award from the YMCA of the USA

1998

Presenter at numerous APA, FAPA, ULI Chambers of Commerce Events

Mr. Mulhere's area of expertise is in public policy development and strategies, particularly in the areas of: growth management, entitlement, and zoning; affordable housing; economic development and diversification; natural resource protection, urban design, neighborhood planning including infill development and redevelopment, cluster and compact mixed-use development; rural lands and agricultural issues; transfer of development rights; innovative incentive driven and performance based regulatory programs; entitlement, site planning and development consultation; ordinance writing; and, conflict resolution, expert testimony, and public facilitation.

In the past, Mr. Mulhere served as consultant for the Immokalee CRA to prepare a new Master Plan for the rural agricultural community of Immokalee, as well as a new set of land development regulations for both Immokalee and the Gateway Bayshore CRA (in urban Collier County). Additionally, Mr. Mulhere was engaged as a team member and subconsultant on the Collier County Watershed Management Plan and the Collier County Master Mobility Plan, two significant planning initiatives. Mr. Mulhere has worked on numerous award-winning plans, including the development of the Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Area (RLSA) and Rural Fringe Area programs.

For more than three decades Mr. Mulhere has served as the lead Planning Consultant on hundreds of public and private sector projects throughout Southwest Florida, including most recently, the entitlement of 5 new mixed-use Villages in eastern Collier County.

Professional Affiliations

- Member American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) (1994 – Present)
- Member American Planning Association (APA) (1989 – Present)
- Chair, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- Appointed to Collier County Development Services Advisory Council (2002 – present, Chair 2005)
- Chairperson, Promised Land Section of the Florida Chapter APA (2001 – 2002)
- Member, United Way of Collier County Board of Directors (2002 – 2008, President 2007)
- Past Member Economic Development Council (EDC) of Collier County Board of Directors (2007, Chair 2010–11)
- Member Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2007 – 2012)
- Member Leadership Collier Foundation Board of Directors (2007 – 2012)
- Marco Island Charter Middle School Board (2001 – 2005, Chair 2001, 2002)
- Past Member, Marco Island YMCA Board of Directors, (President 1996, 1999)

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Experience

Mini Triangle Mixed-Use Planned Unit Development | Collier County, FL

This small (5.5 acre) infill redevelopment project on a “catalyst” site in urban Collier County is a unique project as it provides for a dense and intense mixture of uses in the County’s CRA and is intended to spur further investment and redevelopment in the area. Approved uses include multi-family, ALF, hotel, retail, office and personal service type uses, within up to three 15-story buildings. Mr. Mulhere serves as Principal-in-Charge.

Bonita Grande Mixed-Use Planned Development | Bonita Springs, FL

Mr. Mulhere was the Principal-in-Charge for the rezoning of approximately 68 acres in the eastern portion of the City of Bonita Springs from a commercially planned development allowing big-box retail to a mixed-use residential and commercial development.

Collier County Solid Waste | Collier County, FL

Mr. Mulhere prepared two reports to assess the feasibility of utilizing County-owned properties as a potential access road to the Collier County Resources Recovery Business Park and identified potential processes to permit the alternative accessway, as well as key factors associated with future land uses.

Bayshore Gateway CRA LDRs | Collier County, FL

On behalf of the CRA, and working with CRA staff and advisory board, Mr. Mulhere led a team of planning experts to comprehensively review and rewrite the Bayshore Gateway Overlay land development regulations. The principal focus was to minimize regulatory impediments to redevelopment in the area, and to incorporate flexible standards and new design concepts that recognized the unique nature of the area and redevelopment of relatively small commercial and mixed-use parcels along Bayshore Drive.

Collier County Master Mobility Plan (MMP) | Collier County, FL

Mr. Mulhere was engaged as a planning consultant for all three phases of this project initiated by Collier County to comprehensively plan for the county’s mobility, land use and infrastructure needs at an assumed “build-out” population. Policies, regulations, and incentives could then be developed that would reduce overall Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMTs) and Vehicle Hours Traveled (VHTs), while considering potential environmental impacts.

Immokalee Area Master Plan | Collier County, FL

On behalf of the Immokalee CRA, and working closely with CRA and Collier County staff, Mr. Mulhere led a team of consultants to comprehensively review and revamp the Immokalee Area Master Plan (IAMP). This plan was then used to create a substantially revised set of land development regulations for Immokalee reflecting its unique culture and rural character, especially when juxtaposed against the coastal Collier County urban area.