



SECTION 2 - CONSENSUS BUILDING

This Plan has been predicated upon an inclusive, interactive, open dialogue with the public, in partnership with the consultant, City Council, and City Staff. A grant from the National Endowment of the Arts brought professionals, lay people, and citizens from Fellsmere and Indian River County together for a three (3) day charettes. Over 400 notices were mailed to individual property and business owners, or interested citizens, and local government representatives inviting them to the forums.

Additionally, the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) sponsored the Sunday evening event with the featured keynote speaker, Jeff Speck, noted planner and author. This also served as a Regional Workshop for the Treasure Coast Region, bringing almost 60 participants. With American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certificate maintenance credits offered for the entire event, many planners from the region attended.

The focus of the Charette was “Redevelopment” and integrating the newly annexed 157.5 acre Fellsmere Joint Venture track into the fabric of the overall community and expanded Community Redevelopment Area. Additionally, the groups focused on CR 512 and Broadway. From those forums and other public meetings, the consultant identified and integrated issues, opportunities, visual preferences, and assets. Foremost, the vision and mission cast in 2005 remains timely and strong in 2009. The results of those ideas have been integrated into this Plan and opportunities for redevelopment throughout the new area.



