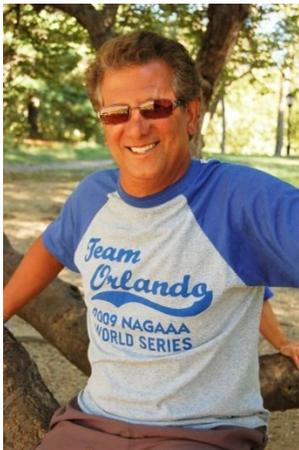




Jerry has lived in Deltona since 1983 and has been employed with the City for the last eleven years. As an economic director he has deals with businesses for recruitment, retention, and expansion. As a person with a passion for nature, he started research on Ecological Tourism in 2011, exploring how the City could rebrand itself while protecting fragile natural areas...under the banner: *“You only protect what you value.”*

World class multi-purpose trails (per Office of Greenways & Trails’ Trail Town) , the Lakeshore EcoVillage (per Office of Greenways & Trails’ Trailhead), multiple EcoParks with 9 miles of nature trails, Thornby Nature Park awarded Audubon’s “Birdability” designation (a nature trail designed for wheelchair bound nature lovers, awarded the Surf Coast Chapter of the Florida Planning & Development Association’s award for ‘Outstanding Innovation & Design”, and the City’s Butler Chain of Lakes Blueways Trail (25+ miles of internal kayaking/canoe trails, landing, portages, and pass-through culverts) have made the City of Deltona a name recognized in nature preservation, nature viewing, and wildlife tourism.



Lee Lopez has utilized his 30 years of experience in the video industry to highlight Deltona’s growing presence as an eco-tourism destination. His work insures Deltona’s natural beauty garners recognition locally, regionally and nationally. Lopez enjoys the Florida outdoors and travels the state playing recreational softball.



Patty has lived in south Florida since 1984 and her love of the environment and beauty of the Everglades persuaded her to become an active board member in many local, regional and state organizations over the years, including the Friends of Fakahatchee, the Florida National Parks Association, the Collier MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Florida Bicycle Association, the East Coast Greenway Association (advisory board), the Collier County Historic and Archeological Preservation Board, the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.

A former financial advisor for Raymond James & Associates in the Keys, Patty retired to the Everglades in 1994 with her husband Steve. They began their long-distance bicycle touring in 2000, cycling across the U.S twice and through many countries in Europe. Patty's commitment to safe alternative transportation and her appreciation for the Everglades encouraged her to help establish the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway which hosts monthly bike tours through the Everglades.

In 2019 Patty, along with other community members, was instrumental in Everglades City applying and receiving the designation as a Florida State Trail Town. Currently, she is active in raising funds to renovate the historic Bank of Everglades Building which will serve as the Everglades Area Welcome Center and the Trail Town Headquarters for Everglades City.



In pursuit of her career path and desire to live in a sub-tropical climate, Dayna moved to South Florida in 1986. Her love of the environment and appreciation for the traditional town layout and authentic small-town character inspired her and her husband Andrew to build a home in Everglades City in 2001.

As a Landscape Architect and Land Planner, Dayna has been an advocate for walkable communities and smart growth development principles for many years. She has designed numerous parks & recreational facilities and streetscape projects that incorporate bike & pedestrian facilities. After forming her own firm in 2008, she was able to focus on sustainable design, green development techniques and promote safe and enjoyable alternative transportation modes. She is a recreational cyclist and enjoys on and off-road biking in the Everglades area, as well as fishing and exploring the Ten Thousand Islands and points south.

Dayna has served on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the Collier County MPO since 2009 and as Chair of the BPAC from 2012 - 2017. She was actively involved in the Everglades City application and presentation for the Florida State Trail Town designation in 2019. To help build on the foundation of the Trail Town designation, Dayna and other community members formed the Everglades City Bike/Ped Advisory Committee in 2019 and developed the Everglades City Bike/Ped Master Plan.



Kathleen was born and raised in Hollywood, Florida. She and her husband first came to Everglades City in 1993 and soon knew it would be their eventual forever home.

After a 30-year career in consumer product development (Natural Products, Vitamins, OTC Drug) and product placement and merchandising. Kathleen and her husband retired and moved to the area full-time in 2018.

Kathleen serves as a member of the Collier Tourism Development Council (TDC), and is the owner and publisher of the Mullet Rapper (Everglades Area newspaper), and the publisher of www.VisitEvergladesCity.com / www.VisitChokoloskee.com. She is the current president of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, an active member of the Everglades Lions Club, and volunteer at the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Everglades City. She is a member of the Everglades City Bike-Ped Committee and was an active participant in the effort to have the area designated as an official Trail Town by the Office of Greenways & Trails.