

Delivering Sustainable Economic and Development Solutions

Bowie is president and owner of two corporations, Bowie Urban Planners and Sarasota Green Marketplace. She serves as CFO, COO and CEO of both corporations, directing full and part time staff.

Bowie thrives on challenges and the following selected testimonials illustrate that her professionalism, enthusiasm and focus have served her well. Bowie has managed contracts in her work for a variety of government agencies, including such projects as the City of Venice Vision Plan and the Englewood Connector Acquisition Analysis. Bowie has a six year history of managing Sarasota Green Connection, an economic development model that is green and replicable. There are over 175 businesses in the network, Bowie has hosted a monthly eco-forum since October 2002; there are 15,000 visits monthly to www.sarasotagreenconnection.com and she writes a web newsletter monthly read by 2000 people.

In March 2007, Bowie opened Sarasota Green Marketplace, a green building retail store that has been listed by Green Spec as the 23rd green building retail store in the nation.

The following are local, regional, and national testimonials about Bowie's sustainable planning and economic development efforts.

LOCAL

"Mary Anne was promoting sustainable industry and lifestyle long before it was in vogue, in fact we did not even know what to call it then. Her pioneering spirit established a trail that made it much easier for those who followed."

*Jon Thaxton,
Sarasota County Commissioner*

Representing the Sarasota County Commission on the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Sarasota Bay National Estuaries Program Policy Committee, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Environment, Energy and Land use Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties

Mary Anne's expertise in the field of planning in the City of Sarasota has been important in assisting us through redevelopment. I agree with our former mayor, Lou Ann Palmer, who praises Mary Anne for always coming up with practical solutions, not with criticism. I have watched her in public meetings – clearly articulating the issues and the solutions on everything from conflicting zoning and comprehensive plan requirements to the important of saving one of our last remaining urban forests. Mary Anne is a willing and able local leader.

*Ian Black, CCIM
Ian Black Real Estate
Past President of Sarasota Downtown Partnership*

I am an Investment Advisor in Sarasota, Florida. I knew Mary Anne through her reputation as "The" green urban planner in Sarasota. She was looking for a competent socially responsible advisor when she asked me to meet with her. I had always been inspired by what Mary Anne was working on and involved in, but I myself was not very proactive in the green arena. Mary Anne introduced me to Co-op America and to SRI and from there I chose to create my entire business around socially responsible investments. In fact, I now serve on the Ameritrade Advisory Board selected specifically because of my socially responsible investing that Mary Anne guided me to....My business is only one member of her (then)130+ business network (Sarasota Green Connection) that she has created as a resource for green and socially responsible individuals and organizations. Her efforts in connecting all of us in



Capabilities

Sarasota have a resounding ripple effect on the planet.

Shelley Financial Group, Inc.

Cherie G. DiNoia

Shelby Financial Group, Inc

Mary Anne Bowie is flexible, open and has broad vision. She is ethical,committed to fairness and environmental protection and goes the extra mile to make sure these concepts are considered in each situation....She always looks for a win-win solution. For example, when working for the State of Florida Dept of Transportation and Dept of Natural Resources along Alligator Alley, she was ready to testify on forty issues and stood firm that the most important issue was the environmental issue. Ultimately, through an interagency agreement, the state acquired thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive lands for preservation by having the lands damaged from lack of access be acquired at a lower cost....Ms. Bowie has set the standard for Planners in the eminent domain field in Florida.

Jon F. Tileston

Tileston, Simon & Holloway, P.A.

Tampa, Florida

REGIONAL

Mary Anne is a tireless volunteer advocate of green communities within her community of Sarasota City and County and all of Southwest Florida....

Wayne E. Daltry, FAICP

Director of Smart Growth

Board of County Commissioners, Lee County

...She spoke about Marketing Sustainable Planning solutions and I began to see that her perception of sustainable planning solutions encompassed economic development, design, social justice and environmental sensitivity. She has created a bridge of sustainability that crosses from smart growth to

economic development and she comfortably operates in the world of green products and services. She is committed to mainstreaming green to create a future that works for all.

Her commitment is apparent based upon her 10 years of passionate visionary speaking about the details of implementing sustainability and her second corporation, Sarasota Green Connection. Today the Sarasota Green Connection has published 20,000 copies of its first annual Sarasota Green Pages, is licensed by Co-op America and has opened a showroom. Her dream is to take the "mainstreaming of green" to other communities so that the Sarasota Green Connection model can be replicated. In the wake of Katrina, she is working to create a partnership that will deliver green affordable homes using the latest technologies for construction and interiors.

Marie L York

Associate Director for Northern Campuses

Center for Urban and Environmental Studies

Florida Atlantic University

NATIONAL

If you have ever worked with Mary Anne you have experienced a level of energy, persistence and dedication to professional planning that is very seldom seen in any professional. Although Mary Anne wears many urban planning hats, runs two businesses (both dedicated to sustainable planning) is a member of several professional planning bodies and community service groups, she still finds time to learn on projects, books and articles. Her energy is boundless, but focused on creating a sustainable planet – one project at a time.

*Roger D. Blevins, AICP
 National Military Facilities Principal
 HDR One Company / Many Solutions*



Mary Anne Bowie, FAICP at home with her American Bulldog, Sedona

In 1995, Mary Anne turned her firm in the direction of seeking sustainable planning solutions; this was at a time when the word *sustainable* was in its infancy. For the past decade she has been a leader in the sustainable community. In 2002, in recognition of her work, the American Society of Consulting Planners awarded her firm the “Smart Growth and Sustainable Planning” award. Her passion for a sustainable planning ethic in community revitalization through mainstreaming “green” is shown in her work with Sarasota Green Connection Inc., including initiating the Sarasota Green Marketplace and spearheading the Sarasota Green World Café events....Mary Anne is the embodiment of the ultimate sustainability drummer...she has persuaded many that by truly integrating sustainability into our community plans, we can have a better tomorrow!

*Connie B. Cooper, FAICP
 APA Past President
 President, Cooper Consulting Company, Inc.
 Dallas, Texas*

Think “Smart Growth”; Think “Sustainability”; Think “Green Communities”....Having already established a solid reputation as an expert witness in hundreds of eminent domain cases in Florida and having testified before Congress on Livable Communities, Mary Anne is now becoming recognized as a national leader in implementing the crucial concept of green sustainability. Not only has she been president of her own planning consulting firm since 1988, but also she is a true entrepreneur in launching a successful “green sustainable” economic development approach in Sarasota, Florida. Watch for this to be copied nationwide.

*Philip H. Clark, FAICP
 Reston, Virginia*