



## BRUCE STEPHENSON



A Floridian, Bruce Stephenson has worked as a public planner and consultant, and he is a professor of Environmental Studies at Rollins College. His research focuses on the intersection of sustainability and urban planning. He has written four books, over forty editorials, and published articles in a range of professional journals including the Journal of the American Planning Association, Journal of City Planning History, and Planning. His biography, John Nolen, Urban Planner and Landscape Architect, earned the 2016 JB Jackson Book Award. His forthcoming book, *Stepping into the Good Life: How Portland, Oregon Inspired Orlando to be Florida's Most Sustainable City*, analyzes why investing in livability—the factors predicated on “active transportation” that make for a “complete neighborhood”—is profitable for developers and a community.

### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Florida Southern College, 1977.

Masters City and Regional Planning, The Ohio State University 1979

PhD, Urban Studies and Environmental History, Emory University, 1988

### MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

### PUBLISHED WORKS

John Nolen: Landscape Architect and City Planner

New Ideals in the Planning of Villages, Towns, and Cities.

As a consultant, he contributed and appeared in the PBS film, *Imagining a New Florida*. He helped prepare the Park Central Park Master Plan and the Winter Springs Town Center Plan with Dover, Kohl & Partners. He leads the ecological restoration of the Genius Preserve, a 50-acre site in Winter Park, which received the 1000 Friends of Florida Community Betterment Award. The Principal Investigator for an EPA Sustainability Grant, he prepared, *Sustainable Enterprise: Activating SunRail in Winter Park*, a report that informed a series of projects (e.g Denning Drive, SunRail Bike Trail) to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Stephenson directed the Audubon Eco-District Project, which produced the plans for Orlando's first Eco-District. He serves on the Pearl District (Portland, OR) Planning & Transportation Committee, the Orlando Sustainability Task Force, and the Board of the Orlando Chapter of the Congress of the New Urbanism.

### PREVIOUS WORK

#### **Groveland Comprehensive Plan, Groveland, FL**

The Groveland Comprehensive Plan is a plan for the City of Groveland, a rural community confronted by encroaching suburban sprawl. The plan seeks to allow for and encourage growth that is sustainable and context-sensitive, retaining the rural charm and character of Groveland.

#### **Winter Springs Town Center Plan and Code, FL\***

Prior to the design of the Winter Springs Town Center, the City of Winter Springs was comprised mostly of independent planned unit developments (PUDs) with no coherent or defined center. The Winter Springs Town Center and its adjacent neighborhoods, designed for approximately 200 acres of strategically-located, mostly undeveloped land, now serves as the focal point for the entire city. Tuskawilla Road, designed as the main street, runs perpendicular to SR 434, a four-lane arterial thoroughfare. As a main street, Tuskawilla Road links the bustling Market Square to the more quiet Magnolia Square. Adjacent and connected to these core areas are mixed-use neighborhoods that include office, retail, and residential uses. The Cross Seminole Trail runs through the site and offers alternate pedestrian and bicycle paths into the heart of the Town Center and provides equestrian and hiking trails around the periphery. The trails feature views of pristine wetland preserve areas.

*\*Denotes work with previous firms*

