

## November 7 - Land Use

### Form-Based Codes

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Bill Spikowski**, FAICP, is a veteran advisor to local governments, preparing community plans, redevelopment plans, and codes for cities and counties that aren't willing to settle for today's sprawling development patterns. Bill has become an expert in using form-based codes to translate bold visions of the future into an integral part of local regulations. He is a frequent lecturer and instructor on innovative planning and coding techniques and was an officer and founding board member of the Form-Based Codes Institute. Prior to forming his consulting firm in 1992, Bill served as growth management director for Lee County, Florida. He has also served on the Fort Myers Planning Board and was a co-founder of the Calusa Land Trust & Nature Preserve.

**Joseph Kohl**, CNU-A has been practicing professionally with Dover, Kohl & Partners, based in Coral Gables, Florida, since 1987. His clients have taken him across the United States and around the world to create master plans and development regulations for existing neighborhoods and new communities. He has co-authored form-based codes for several Florida municipalities and for Hercules CA, Miami-Dade County FL, Lemont IL, and Jeddah Saudi Arabia. He is a board member of the Form-Based Codes Institute and served the organization as treasurer for several years. Joe has degrees in architecture and urbanism from Virginia Tech and the University of Miami.

**Susan Trevarthen** ESQ., FAICP chairs the Municipal Land Use and Zoning practice and is a Member of the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. in Fort Lauderdale. She handles land use, planning and zoning matters for governments, and is Town Attorney for a Broward coastal community. Her work includes reviewing and negotiating development agreements and approvals, drafting municipal codes and plans, advising municipal staffs, managers and attorneys, defending challenges to municipal regulations and decisions, handling public hearings, and counseling elected officials, as well as advocating for municipalities on legislative issues in her field. Her practice also includes constitutional law issues (such as takings, Harris Act, and First Amendment-protected land uses including signs), public school facilities, and hot topics in zoning law. Ms. Trevarthen has been board certified in City, County and Local Government Law by the Florida Bar since 2003, has been recognized as one of the top land use attorneys in the state in publications such as Florida Trend Magazine and SuperLawyers, and is AV rated. She has also held leadership positions in the Florida Bar's Section for Environmental and Land Use Law and Section for City, County and Local Government Law. Susan grew up in Boca Raton, Florida. She was graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a joint degree in law and planning (M.R.P. and J.D., 1991) and from Duke University (A.B., 1986), and is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners