

Promotion

## Passionate About Tampa Bay and Its People

*Lynn Townsend & Associates, LLC, Civil Engineers & Land Planners*

*Passionate.* It's a word Lynn Townsend Burnett, P.E. uses often. She's passionate about civil engineering. Passionate about mentoring young people. And passionate about making the Tampa Bay area a better place to live, work, walk and drive.

"We're committed to working with developers, government agencies, politicians and others to find innovative solutions to the region's many infrastructure challenges, today and over the next several decades," says Burnett, president of and director of civil engineering for Lynn Townsend & Associates, LLC, Civil Engineers & Land Planners. These include problems related to transportation, utilities, storm water, water quality and flood protection.

"We're equally committed to finding creative ways to pay for these solutions," she adds. Despite the economic downturn, there are still state and federal monies available for various types of infrastructure projects, Burnett says, with funding expected to grow under the new presidential administration.

Bradenton-based Lynn Townsend & Associates offers a wide range of engineering and planning services. Burnett and most of her staff are Tampa Bay or Florida natives with an in-depth understanding of the Tampa Bay region and its needs, she notes. The firm, which was founded in 2000, has worked on projects throughout the state, with a "laser focus" on Manatee, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Sarasota counties.

Two examples among many: The firm is working closely with the Manatee County Transportation Department to address traffic safety and long-range transportation needs.

In the area of water quality, it is working with the City of Bradenton Beach and other communities on Anna Maria Island on watershed initiatives that will improve the quality of stormwater discharges into Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay. The firm is currently assisting several local municipalities in securing grants for their future projects.



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### Serving the Community Is Top Priority

Burnett says she knew from the age of 12 that she wanted to become a civil engineer. "I grew up in the halls of a civil engineering firm watching my Dad work," recalls the Bradenton native.

Fast forward to 2009, and Burnett is an accomplished civil engineer with more than 20 years of progressively responsible experience in her profession. She has managed all types of public- and private-sector projects and served as vice president of a nationwide engineering company prior to starting Lynn Townsend & Associates.

"My number one goal in starting my own business was to serve the community," she says. It's a goal she has more than realized. In addition to their engineering and planning activities,

Burnett and her team donate time and money to an array of community organizations, with a special focus on those that serve young people and children. These organizations include 4H, Youth for Christ and Care Net, a crisis pregnancy center. (Burnett serves on Care Net's board of directors.) They have also spearheaded a variety of mentoring programs aimed at fostering leadership skills and strong moral values in the next generation.

Area churches have also benefited from the firm's generosity. "Over the last few years, we've helped more than a dozen area churches extend their outreaches," Burnett says, "whether by expanding their facilities to accommodate day-care programs or enlarging their sanctuaries to accommodate more seats. We call this investing in the community's spiritual infrastructure. And it's something else we're passionate about."



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