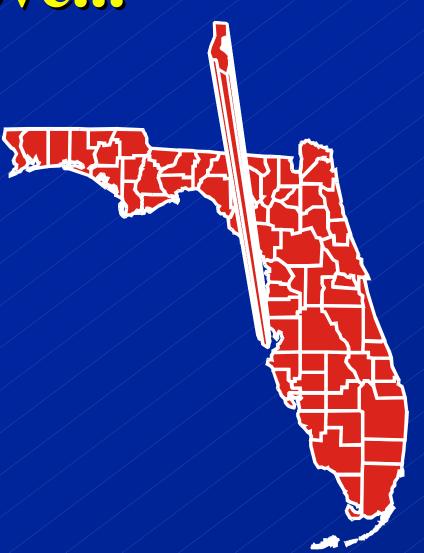
How to Improve...

The Pinellas County Economy...



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Today we will....

- Briefly review the Pinellas economy.
- Review the influence of reaching physical build-out.
- Discuss Target Industries and Business Incentives.

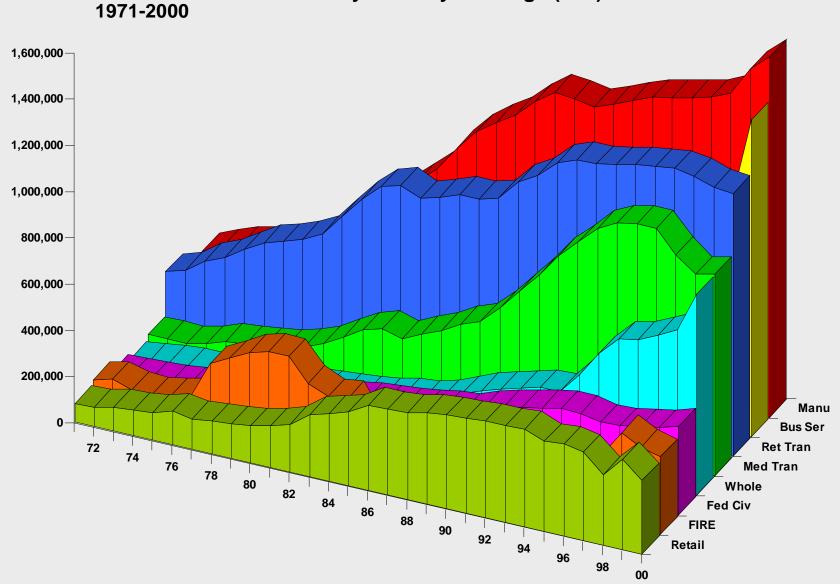
How a local economy works.

- Money flows into an area by the primary industries.
- The size of an economy is determined by the amount of money flowing in.
- The quality of an economy will approach but cannot exceed the wages paid by the primary industries.

Primary Industry Earnings 2000 - 1971

Pinellas

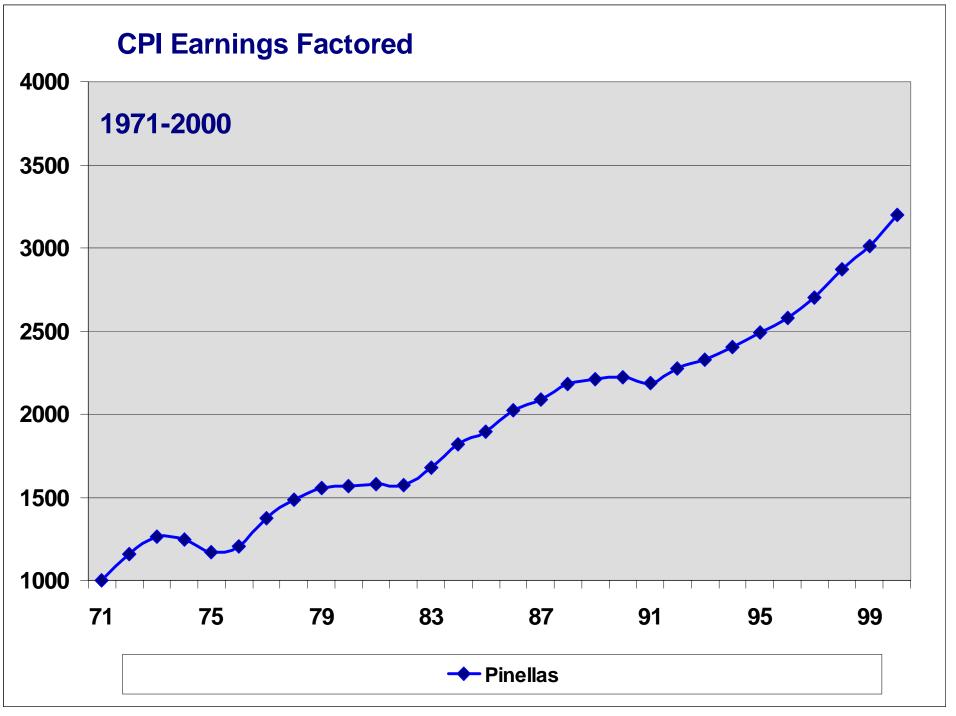
Primary Industry Earnings (000)



Pinellas Growth Rankings x/318

Growth In Size

Inflation (CPI) Adjusted Earnings



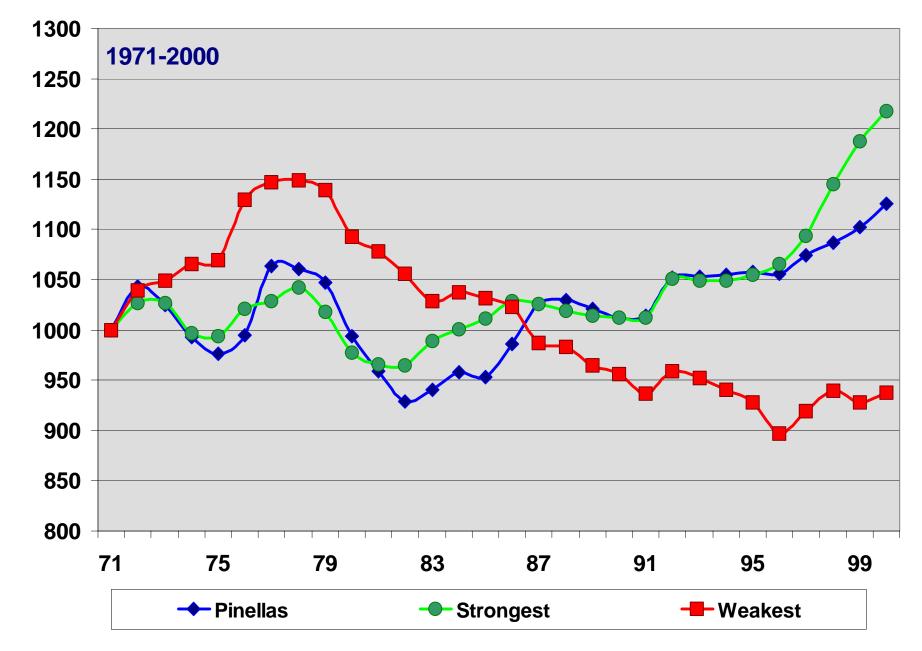
CPI Earnings Factored 1971-2000 Strongest **→** Pinellas **Weakest**

Growth In Quality

CPI Factored Earnings Per Worker

CPI Factored AEPW 1971-2000 **→** Pinellas

CPI Factored AEPW



How To Improve a Local Economy

Create more primary industry jobs which pay a wage higher than the area average.

Physical Build-Out

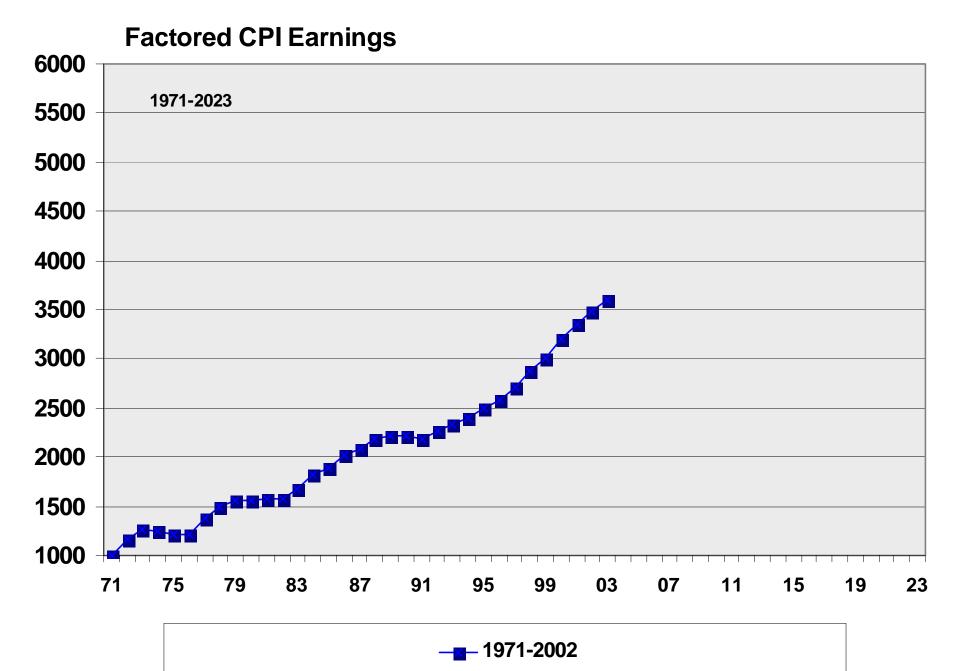
Economic Development is ultimately a real estate transaction.

Build-Out

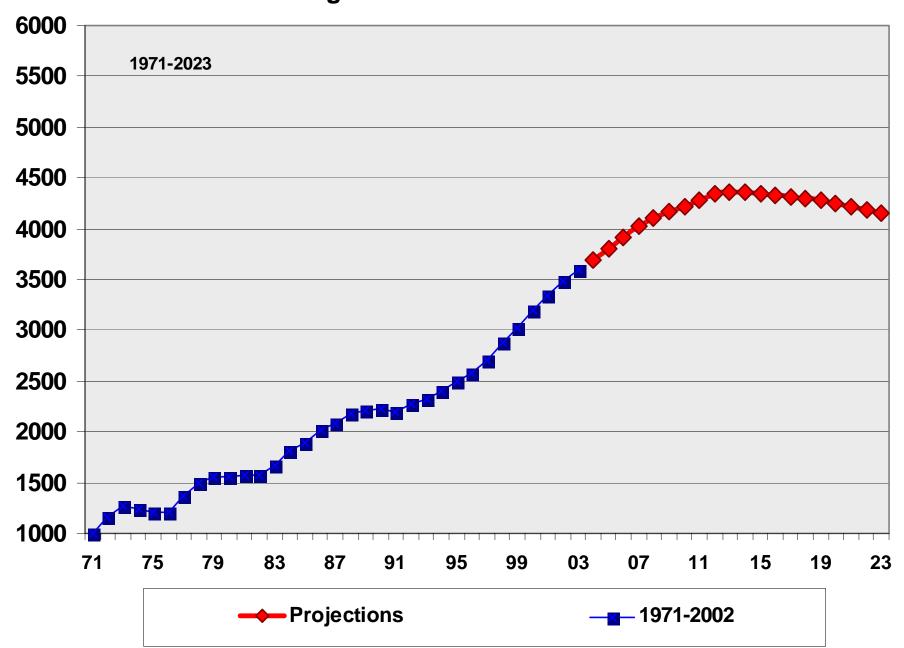
- By 2006, the county will, for practical purposes, run out of "Greenfield" industrial land.
- Existing companies cannot expand and new companies cannot locate.
- Existing facilities, over time, will become unusable, and more companies will leave the area.
- The economy will stop growing and will begin to decline.

Two Possible Futures

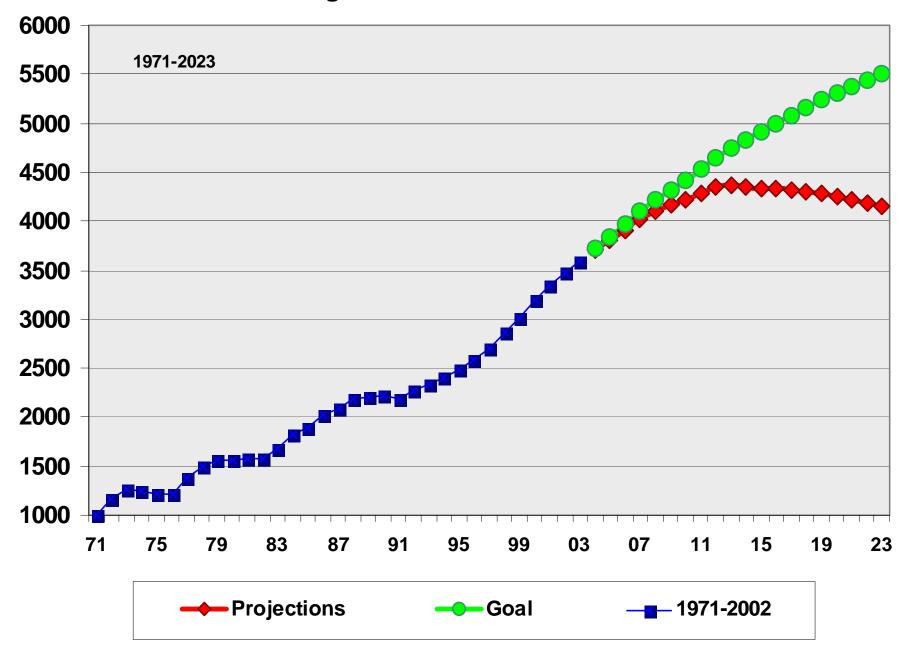
Projections and Goal 2003-2023



Factored CPI Earnings



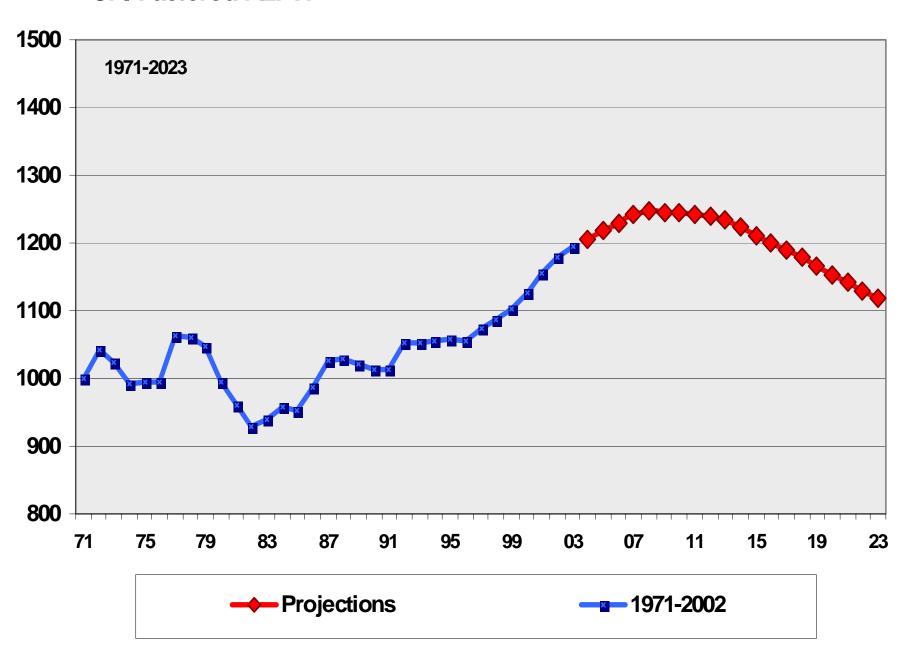
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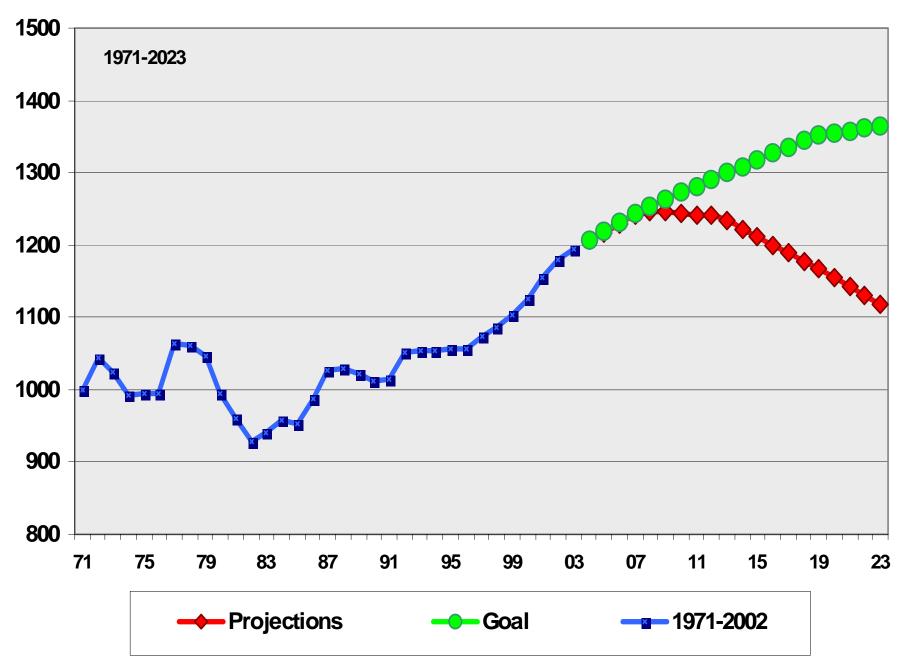
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The county needs to do is recruit new and cause the expansion of existing contributory employers.

GOAL <u>Pinellas</u>	New <u>Jobs</u>	New Job <u>Wage</u>
2004	2,449	45,745
2005	2,519	47,530
2006	2,592	49,380
2007	2,667	51,299
2008	2,658	53,051
2009	2,645	54,918
2010	2,718	57,188
2011	2,794	59,551

Existing Industry Recruitment Start-Up

Why Target Industries?

Limited time and financial resources for marketing.

Focus as much as possible on clients most likely to purchase your product and have the greatest benefit to you.

What do you have to sell?

A geographic location which possesses certain features which enables a business to be profitable.

Weaknesses

- Long term shortage of improved, approved real estate.
- Time and costs relative to permitting facilities.

Strengths

- Air Transportation
- Higher Education
- Workforce
- Relatively Low Wages
- No State, Local Income Tax
- Commuting Time

Choosing Target Sectors

Process - 1,500 6 digit Sub-Sector Groups

- Geographically restricted
- Inherently contributory
- Must meet the wage milestone
- Growing nationally, state, region.
- Can utilize the assets and cope with the liabilities of the area.
- High worker/sf ratio.

Industry Clusters

- Drug and Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing
- Industrial Machinery
- Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing
- Medical Equipment Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade
- Publishing
- Internet Services
- Finance and Insurance
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services.
- Management of Companies

Just about anyone in this room could have come up with this list.

1,500 6 digit business types have been reduced to 79

325412 Pharmaceutical Preparation Manufacturing

	Wages	<u>Jobs</u>
USA	74,708	219,252
Pinellas	50,417	1,179

334511 Search, Detection, Navigation, Guidance and Aeronautical Devices Manufacturing

	Wages Jobs
USA	69,570 148,388
Pinellas	58,133 2,625

423430 Computer and Computer Periperal Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers

	Wages Jobs
USA	88,525 293,172
Pinellas	58,831 3,524

551114 Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices

	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
USA	66,088	1,614,188
Pinellas	58,423	8,332
Hillsborough	53,473	2,681

The target list is comprised of business sectors which are the most sought after by other communities. The problem is...

There are not enough of them to go around.

Business Incentives

Types of Business Incentives

- Tax Abatement.
- Loan Interest Loans.
- Grants or Cash Gifts.
- Discounts on land or buildings.
- Regulatory Relief.

Five Most Frequent Incentives

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds	80.7%
Abatement of Real Property Taxes	73.3%
Low Interest Loan for Land or Building	73.7%
Low Interest Loan for Equipment	72.2%
Low Interest Loan for Onsite Infrastructure	64.9%

Five Most Important Incentives

- 1. Discount Community Industrial Park Property
- 2. Grants for Employee Training
- 3. Abatement of Personal Property Tax on Equip
- 4. Abatement of Real Property Taxes
- 5. Grants Purchase or Lease of Land & Building

Recommendations

- Maintain a comprehensive, well financed economic development program.
- Maintain a strong relationship with USF.
- Make every effort to maintain or shorten commuting time to employment centers. (Transportation and housing)
- Expedite and shorten the time for permitting. (90 days)
- Increase utilization of Pinellas Airport.

Recommendations

- Create, if you do not have one, a lowinterest loan pool for small, contributory companies.
- Create programs to assist in preventing the deterioration of existing industrial facilities.
- Create a pallet of incentives for "best" companies.

Incentives Criteria

- What percentage of the payroll of the company is contributory in nature?
- What percentage of the area average wage will the business pay?
- How many workers per square foot of building?
- How many workers per acre of land?
- Capital investment per acre?
- What is the anticipated real and personal property tax throw-off per acre?

In your workbook, three scenarios.

Thank You For Inviting Me.