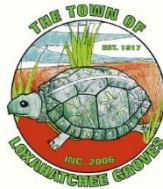


TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

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MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TO: TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
FROM: VALERIE OAKES, CMC, TOWN CLERK
CC: FRANCINE L. RAMAGLIA, CPA, AICP, ICMA-CM, TOWN MANAGER
DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
SUBJECT: LIST OF STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

At the direction of the Town Council, Town staff has compiled and consolidated a list of consultants specializing in strategic planning, executive coaching, leadership development, and organizational effectiveness. The individuals and firms listed below were suggested by various sources and stakeholders, then reviewed and organized by staff for consideration by the Council.

Summary of Consultants Provided (Alphabetical Order):

1. **Howard W. Brown, Jr.** – *Principal Consultant, Local Government Consulting Group, LLC*
 - **Email:** howardb@localgcgroup.com
 - **Phone:** (561) 318-0046
 - **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/howardwbrownjr](https://www.linkedin.com/in/howardwbrownjr)
 - **Notes:** Over 25 years of experience in city management and local government consulting.

2. **Checree Bryant** – *Executive Coach, Actuate Consulting LLC*

- **Email:** checree@checreebryant.com
- **Phone:** (561) 812-2935
- **Website:** checreebryant.com
- **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/checreebryant](https://www.linkedin.com/in/checreebryant)
- **Notes:** Certified Leadership Coach and DISC Behavioral Consultant through the John Maxwell Team.

3. **Marilyn C. Durant** – *Founder & Senior HR Consultant, Durant Resources Group, Inc.*

- **Email:** marilyn@durantresources.com
- **Phone:** (561) 289-9276
- **Website:** durantresources.com
- **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/marilyndurant](https://www.linkedin.com/in/marilyndurant)
- **Notes:** Specializes in executive coaching, HR operations, and leadership development.

4. **Laura Gambino, MPA, CECd, SHRM-CP** – *Trainer/Consultant, Florida Institute of Government*

- **Email:** lcgambino27@gmail.com
- **Phone:** (561) 315-6595
- **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/lauragambino](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lauragambino)
- **Notes:** Provides municipal training and strategic facilitation; adjunct professor at FSU.

5. **Trina Pulliam** – *President, Trainnovations*

- **Email:** trina@trainnovations.com
- **Phone:** (561) 653-7509
- **Website:** trainnovations.com
- **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/trinapulliam](https://www.linkedin.com/in/trinapulliam)
- **Notes:** Expert in leadership development and organizational strategy; Senior Lead Examiner for the Baldrige National Performance Excellence program

6. **Dale S. Sugerman, Ph.D.** – *Organizational Coach, International Institute for Leadership Development and Training*

- **Email:** dalesugerman@bellsouth.net
- **Phone:** (954) 568-8760
- **Address:** 4343 Star Ruby Blvd, Boynton Beach, FL 33436
- **Notes:** Over 40 years of municipal experience; specializes in strategic planning and leadership development.

7. **Lyle Sumek** – *Founder, Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc.*

- **Email:** sumekassoc@gmail.com
- **Phone:** (386) 246-6250
- **Website:** lylesumek.com
- **LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/in/lyle-sumek-6b176ab](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lyle-sumek-6b176ab)
- **Notes:** Renowned for strategic planning and team building for local governments.

8. **Treasure Coast Planning Council** – *Executive Director, Thomas Lanahan*

- **Email:** tlanahan@tcrpc.org
- **Phone:** (772) 221-4060
- **Website:** tcrpc.org
- **Notes:** Offer multiple services to local governments that include strategic planning.

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