

# 2007 FAPA Award of Excellence



## South Miami-Dade

### WATERSHED STUDY AND PLAN

*Planning for a sustainable, healthy environment and economy*

On September 7, 2007, Keith & Schnars, P.A. accepted the **2007 Award of Excellence** from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association for the **South Miami-Dade Watershed Study and Plan**. Based on an evaluation by a Statewide jury of five senior planners, the project received the highest honors. The jury noted that they were “extremely impressed with the comprehensive and effective format of the plan.”

The Watershed Study and Plan was completed by Keith & Schnars for the **South Florida Regional Planning Council, South Florida Water Management District** and **Miami-Dade County**. The Plan provides the County with a 50-year roadmap for sustainable development - - protecting the waters of Biscayne Bay and Everglades National Park. Based on Smart Growth approaches, the Plan will prevent urban sprawl and the negative affects associated with such a growth pattern.

Michael Davis, Keith & Schnars Vice President and Senior Project Manager for the Plan, notes that “the study process included extensive public and stakeholder input, including over 50 Advisory Committee meetings.” Davis added, “If implemented with vision and courage, the Plan will leave a legacy of clean water, protected natural resources, less traffic congestion, more agriculture land and open space and an overall higher quality of life for the residents of Miami-Dade County - - a sustainable environment and economy.”

