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MANATEE COUNTY PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Charlie holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University.

Starting his career with Manatee County in 1977, Mr. Hunsicker has been involved with a wide variety of environmental issues ranging from conserving lands to beach renourishment. He oversees six divisions which touch the lives of every citizen in Manatee County:

- Managing over 30,000 acres of land held for conservation in a role similar to the National Park Service is the responsibility of the *Resource Management Division*.
- Beach restoration, planning, permitting and construction supervision to create native Florida habitats on County owned preserve lands is the responsibility of the *Ecological & Marine Services Division*.
- Manatee County's air and water resources are monitored and reported by the *Environmental Protection Division*.
- Public outreach and education programs in the preserves through the *Volunteer/Education Division*.
- Manatee County citizens are offered educational programs and materials on commercial agriculture, horticulture, livestock, marine resources, water conservation and family services by the *Agriculture and Extension Division*.
- Recreational programs for athletics, aquatics, fitness and racquet sports throughout Manatee County are provided by the *Recreation Division*.
- Mr. Hunsicker also directs the beach renourishment program for Anna Maria Island's nine miles of sandy beach, and, serves as Commission Liaison for Florida's Congressional Delegation.