



## **DANIEL B. DELISI, AICP**

Daniel DeLisi is a certified land use planner, circuit civil mediator and lobbyist with over 20 years of experience in zoning, land development regulations and water/environmental policy. He is currently the President of DeLisi, Inc., a consulting firm with both public and private sector clients specializing in finding creative solutions to implement complex land development and environmental restoration projects.

DeLisi regularly processes land use entitlements for developers and agricultural companies throughout Florida, ranging in scale from 5,000+ acre new towns to 1 acre urban redevelopment projects. He has conducted numerous due diligence reports for land development, advised clients on regulatory issues that affect property values and served as an expert witness in land use and environmental planning in local administrative forums, circuit court and before the Public Service Commission.

From March 2013 through September 2015 DeLisi served as the Chief of Staff for the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), an agency of over 1,500 full time employees and a FY 15 budget of approximately \$720 million. Over the course of his tenure, his responsibilities increased from overseeing the external affairs of the agency to managing all internal mission support functions, real estate acquisition and legislative affairs.

Prior to his move to the SFWMD, DeLisi was involved in various Florida policy committees on the State and Local level. In 2011 he was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve on the South Florida Water Management Governing Board and was the Chair of the Big Cypress Basin Board. He also served on the Florida Impact Fee Review Task Force (appointed by the Speaker of the House); the Lee County Local Planning Agency; and the CREW Land and Water Trust.

In addition, DeLisi has served as an adjunct faculty member in Planning and Real Estate Development at Florida Gulf Coast and Nova Southeastern Universities and has given invited presentations on land use and development issues at numerous conferences throughout the United States for the Urban Land Institute and American Planning Association. He is the author of several articles on topics that include community visioning, conflict resolution and long range planning, published by the EarthPledge Foundation, Harvard Law School, and the MIT Cooperative Mobility Project.

DeLisi received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University and a Master in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He relocated to Fort Myers, Florida in 2000 where he held positions as a planning consultant and a director of planning for a nationally recognized real estate developer. In 2006 he founded DeLisi Fitzgerald, Inc., a land use planning and civil engineering company based in Southwest Florida, where he remained a partner until moving to the SFWMD in 2013.