



Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg
719 Arlington Ave North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3621
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To Whom it may concern;

WJA Dedication to Sustainable Design:

Wannemacher Jensen Architects is dedicated to sustainability which is evident in our designs and Credentials. Jason Jensen is a LEED AP meaning that he is certified and tested by LEED to administer LEED(Sustainable) Projects. One of our buildings, Largo Community Center is the only LEED Platinum commercial building in Tampa bay. Other sustainable/LEED projects include Fire Station 7 LEED Gold and Dunedin Fire Station. We are also currently designing a Solar canopy for the Pier Approach Market. Our new building and this adjacent parking will be representative of these values. We want the city and our clients to recognize this as a green sustainable demonstration project.

(SWFWMD - South West Florida Water Management District)

Removing pollutants from storm water runoff is an important component of any storm water management plan. Storm water pollution-sediment, trash and debris, nutrients, and metals-is one of the leading causes of water quality impairment we are facing today. Keeping water on site allows water to filter through the ground rather than run directly into Mirror Lake. WJA will follow all SWFWMD guidelines and requirements to ensure that water is treated and retained ensuring improved water quality.

Grass Parking:

The city zoning has stated that if the Church utilizes the parking lot with the same current use then you can pave drive aisles and ADA spaces and leave some grass parking as a Grandfathered condition. The key here is that you must keep the "current" use only.

The city has separately required that some type of building development occur on this site. This is noted on the churches agreement with the city. Once any new building is incorporated the parking can't be grandfathered in as grass parking because you are serving more than just Sunday parking of the existing Church. Any new building will require paved parking by code. Our agreement includes a shared parking agreement. It must be paved to share but how we pave is flexible.

Pervious Systems:

To be more sustainable will utilize a pervious paver, or paving system at all parking spaces. This system will be more pervious than the existing drive and grass. This means that there will be less runoff carrying pollutants into Mirror Lake than the existing condition. We will also utilize bio swales with florida friendly plantings that further treat runoff on the perimeter of the site where possible.

Examples of pervious systems:



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Jensen".

Jason Jensen, AIA, LEED AP