

Bill Truex is the current the chair of the Charlotte County (Florida) Commission and a long-time resident of Englewood, Florida, has had an extensive career in public service. In 1991, Truex began working for the Charlotte County community as a member of the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board.

He is serving his second term as 2nd Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). Truex has served on various local and national task forces and committees, including the FAC Public Safety Committee and Water Committee. In addition to the FAC, he has served on various committees for the National Association of Counties (NACo), including the Immigration Reform Task Force, International Economic Development Task Force, Programs and Services Standing Committee, and Veterans and Military Services Committee.

Aside from his public service career, Truex was President of the Florida Home Builders Association in 2019 and continues serving as President and owner of [Truex Preferred Construction](#) (TPC) since 2005. A family owned Englewood construction and community service, TPC has shaped the Englewood community through construction and community service, most recently during last year's Habitat for Humanity "Builder's Blitz".

A certified Graduate Builder and Green Building Professional, Truex has incorporated sustainable construction practices as the foundation for TPC's various residential and commercial projects, including the use of carbon fiber instead of steel for increased structural support. In an interview last year with the [Sun Port Charlotte](#), Truex emphasized the need for climate adaptation in the home building industry due to the increased flood damage on critical infrastructure from rising sea levels.

Since 2015, Truex has also served as an alternate member on the [Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council](#) (SWFRPC), and organization with ongoing projects aimed at addressing climate inequities, including the need for increased funding for disaster clean-up. Additionally, the SWFRPC advocates and organizes local economic development, heads the region's opioid task force, participates in environmental management for the Estero Bay, and helps to coordinate volunteers for Southwest Florida's Local Emergency Planning committee.

This year, Charlotte County commissioners were asked to vote on the creation of a regional climate resiliency accord to address the surmounting social, environmental and economic damage caused by climate change. Truex has stated his interest in leading the effort.