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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on July 25, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email laine@ncfrpc.org by July 22nd to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

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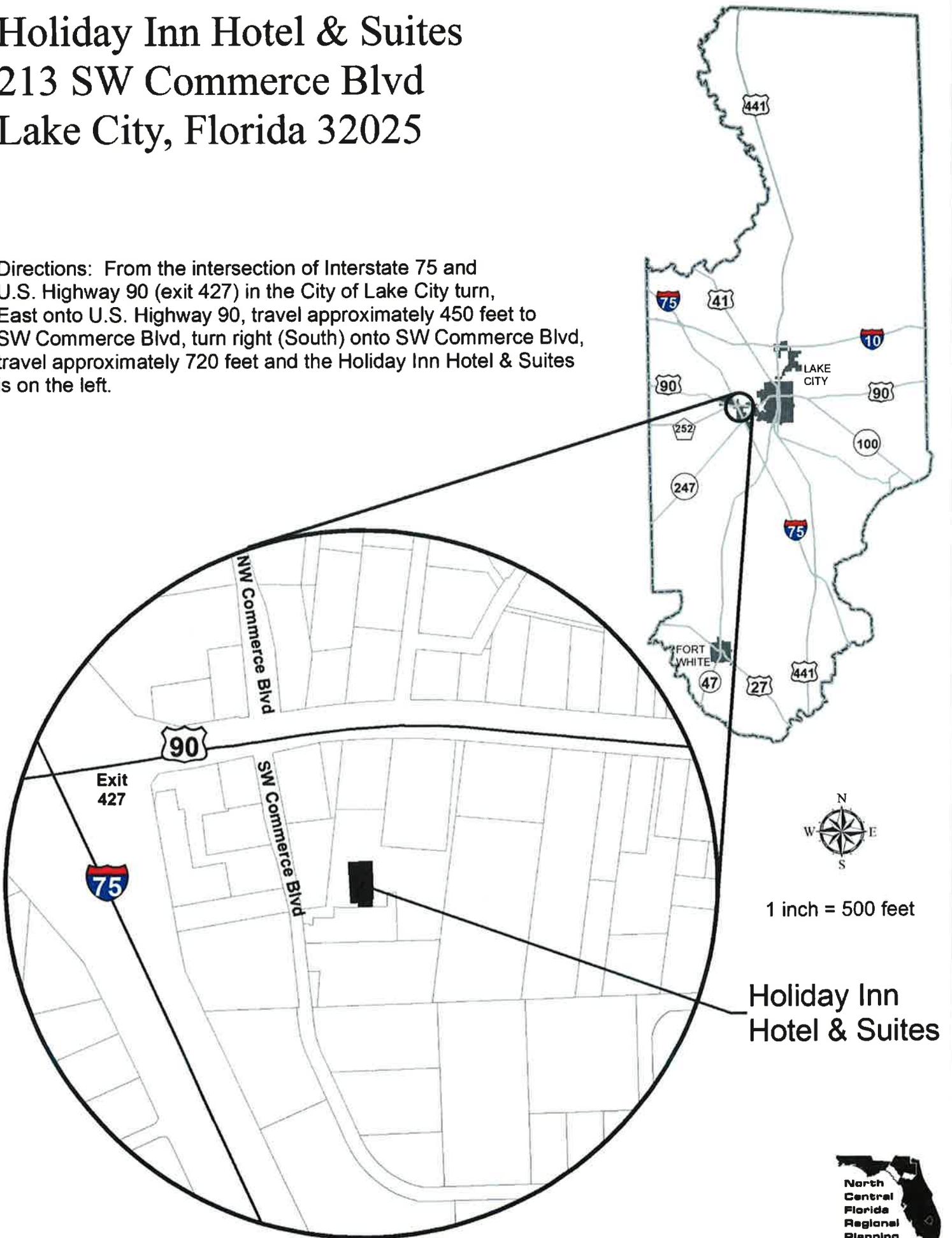
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
 Lake City, Florida

July 25, 2013
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

June 20, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Karen Cossey, Union County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County

NON-VOTING DELEGATE

Ginger Travers, City of High Springs

STAFF PRESENT

Michael DePalma
Steve Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Don Cook, City of Perry
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Timothy Bennett, City of Madison
Brian Delburn, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Buddy Haas
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Roni Jordan, Florida Dept. of Env. Protection
Ralph Kitchens, Columbia County Transportation
Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
Meg Niederhofer
Russell Simpson, Florida Dept. of Env. Protection
William Steele, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nobles called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Montgomery and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Nobles stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Chair Nobles welcomed and introduced Timothy Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Ralph Kitchens, a member of the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, William Steele from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and Buddy Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas.

Chair Nobles asked that Item VI.B.1., #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas to add Item VI.B.1., #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 23, 2013

Chair Nobles asked that the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - April 2013
- B. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Developing a Vulnerable Population Template

Chair Nobles asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. 2013-14 Committee Appointments

Chair Nobles asked that the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association be approved as recommended by the Chair.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Certificate of Service for Council Employee - Michael DePalma - 5 Years

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Michael DePalma, who joined the Council staff on May 13, 2008. Mr. DePalma serves as a Geographic Information Systems Planner in the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Program. Chair Nobles presented a five-year Certificate of Service and a five-year service pin to Mr. DePalma. Mr. Koons and Chair Nobles thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the Council.

V. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Koons introduced Steven Dopp, Senior Planner for the Council. Mr. Dopp presented a PowerPoint slide show on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan which was adopted May 23, 1996 and most recently amended on October 27, 2011. Mr. Dopp stated that the Policy Plan is a long-range guide for the physical, economic and social development of the north central Florida region which identifies regional goals and policies. He also stated that the regional plan serves as a basis for the review of the resources and facilities found in local government comprehensive plans originating in the region. He then reviewed the five strategic regional issue areas of the regional plan: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance and Regional Transportation. Chair Nobles thanked Mr. Dopp for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County
Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board Appointments

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designated Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties as a combined designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program effective July 1, 2013. He added that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged also established a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. Mr. Koons reported that according to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing the chair, members and alternates to the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Applications were solicited for member and alternate positions on the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. He stated that based upon these applications, the Executive Committee recommended the appointment of the chair, and member and alternate appointees for the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation

Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as listed in the Council packet. After further discussion, the following action was taken.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to appoint the chair, and voting and alternate members to the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Item #62 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#62, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, does not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the Town and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #62, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department's budget was approved by the Legislature in the amount of \$9.5 billion. He also stated that meetings are being scheduled with the state legislative delegation and aides to discuss transportation issues.

Russell Simpson, Ombudsman, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Department is in the process of streamlining the regulatory permitting process. He stated that assistance can be obtained by contacting his office. He also stated that the Department will be holding a Brownfields Workshop for northeast Florida communities and stakeholders at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville on July 12, 2013.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the Ichetucknee River and their associated springs. He explained that the minimum flow is the minimum amount of water needed to maintain the health of the rivers and springs. He stated that the next step in the process is voluntary peer review by the University of Florida Water Institute. He stated that the first five sections of the minimum flows and levels report are on the

District's website. He added that public comment can also be provided through the District's website.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the June 2013 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that in September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida and establishes the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership. He stated that ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

Mr. Koons reported that the Partnership met on May 20, 2013 in Lake City and were provided with minimum flows and levels for the Lower Santa Fe River and the Ichetucknee River as well as their springs, voted to support the use of the District's groundwater modeling methodology and assumptions and were updated by District staff on the status of the regional groundwater model.

D. Original Florida Tourism Task Force Update

Mr. Koons stated the Council provides staff services to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force to assist them in implementing their work program. In order to increase

tourism generated revenues in the north Florida region, The Original Florida Tourism Task Force implements campaigns to increase tourist visits to the Natural North Florida region. He stated that the goal of the Task Force is to enhance the economy of the area, image and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities.

Mr. Koons then presented a video prepared by the Original Florida Tourism Task Force promoting the natural, historic and cultural attractions of the area to increase the number of visitors and to extend their stay in the region. He stated that the video is available for viewing online at www.naturalnorthflorida.com.

E. Annual City-County Managers Meeting - June 21, 2013

Mr. Koons advised Council members that the annual regional city-county manager meeting hosted by the Council would be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City on June 21, 2013.

F. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reminded all gubernatorial appointees to the Council to file their financial disclosure forms with the supervisor of elections in their respective counties by July 1, 2013.

Chair Nobles informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on July 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

7/25/13

Date



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - June 2013

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for June 2013. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date. Status of the adjusted general fund balance of the Council at the end of the month is also provided on the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of nine months was 70 percent of budget

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of nine months are 71 percent of budget. It is anticipated that the year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

Fund Balance

The adjusted general fund balance of the Council was \$1,526,916 at the end of the last fiscal year. At June 30, 2013, it was \$1,563,346.

Conclusion

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	June 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,967,300	345,313	1,383,159	70%
Expenses	1,967,300	174,120	1,387,455	71%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	June 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue				
Program Development	33,900	1,051	31,297	92%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	30,000	0	30,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000	0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	57,000	28,238	54,538	96%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	39,500	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,300	33,182	73,650	79%
Hazards Analyses	10,100	9,778	9,778	97%
Energy Resiliency & Assurance Studies	30,000	0	30,315	101%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	614,400	162,808	385,525	63%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	43,300	130,151	77%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	22,200	10,882	16,048	72%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	157,900	38,247	121,631	77%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	15,750	92,250	85%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	2,077	16,188	46%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	0	39,006	93%
Vision North Central Florida			2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	313,000	0	183,938	59%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	0	146,344	83%
Total Revenue	1,967,300	345,313	1,383,159	70%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Financial Statement (Unaudited)

June 30, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	June 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Expenses				
Audit	15,000	0	14,295	95%
Building Debt Service	44,600	3,714	33,426	75%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	1,951	22,209	56%
Contractual Services	77,000	18,912	42,120	55%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	40,000	1,849	40,863	102%
Furniture & Equipment	30,000	0	14,648	49%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	3,934	16,948	100%
Legal Costs	12,000	1,130	7,055	59%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	6,000	1,075	4,669	78%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	2,323	13,791	73%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	41,000	1,236	21,671	53%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	125,962	1,033,436	74%
Postage	13,000	413	5,070	39%
Printing	3,000	0	1,450	48%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	2,481	7,833	65%
Telephone	6,000	481	4,859	81%
Travel	86,000	8,284	67,864	79%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	375	35,248	84%
Contingency	62,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,967,300	174,120	1,387,455	71%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2013

Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	45,566
Assigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	
Unemployment Claim Fund	30,000
Legal Defense Fund	100,000
Capital Reserve Fund	470,000
Unassigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	<u>926,916</u>
 Total General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	 1,572,482
 Less Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	 <u>(45,566)</u>
 Adjusted General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	 1,526,916
 Member Dues, Year to Date	 118,962
 Misc. Income, Year to Date	
Sales	500
Interest Income	1,149
Proceeds from Loan Portfolio Sale	2,755
Other	3,003
 Expended Regional Support	 (38,951)
Expended Local Technical Service	(1,947)
Expended Member Support to Economic Development	(26,519)
Expended Program Development	<u>(22,522)</u>
 Adjusted General Fund Balance, 06/30/13	 1,563,346



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Local Coordinating Board Membership Certification

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certification.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged established a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program effective July 1, 2013. Please find attached the Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Membership Certification. This form certifies that the membership of the Board is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. This form also certifies that the membership of the Board represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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**COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP
CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Address: 2009 N.W. 67 Place,
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

The Metropolitan Planning Organization/Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), FAC, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____
 Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

Date: _____

MEMBER/ORGANIZATION	ALTERNATE/ORGANIZATION
Commissioner Bucky Nash Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Commissioner Beth Burnam Local Elected Official	Not Applicable
Commissioner Jason Bashaw Local Elected Official	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Kay Tice Florida Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi Florida Department of Children and Families
Rayford Riels Florida Department of Education	Allison Gill Florida Department of Education
Bruce Evans Florida Department of Elder Affairs	David Rountree Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Rehberg Regional Workforce Board	Jeannie Carr Regional Workforce Board
Matthew Pearson Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Keith Hatcher Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Clay Lambert Veterans	Ellis A. Gray, III Veterans
Danny Johnson Citizen Advocate	Jeanne d'Eauede Citizen Advocate
LJ Johnson Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Ralph Kitchens Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Kathy Barrs Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Colleen Cody Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Jordan Marlowe

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Jordan Marlowe.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since May 2011 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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July 26, 2013

Honorable Jordan Marlowe
City of Newberry
P. O. Box 1585
Newberry, FL 32669

Dear Jordan:

On behalf of the entire Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer be representing the City of Newberry on the Council. Certainly your interest in the organization and your concern for growth and development in the north central Florida area has made you a valuable asset to the Council.

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Council, at its regular meeting on July 25, 2013, unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. I hope this adequately expresses the feeling we have for the loss of your leadership as a Council member.

Sincerely,

Garth R. Nobles, Jr.
Chair

Enclosure

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Jordan Marlowe has been representing the City of Newberry on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since May 2011;

WHEREAS, Jordan Marlowe has ably discharged his duties throughout his association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Jordan Marlowe for the dedicated service he has rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for his concern for the future growth and development of this area and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Jordan Marlowe.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

Daniel Riddick, Secretary-Treasurer

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF JULY 25, 2013.





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TO: Council Members
FROM: Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Eleanor "Kit" Randall

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Eleanor "Kit" Randall.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Honorable Eleanor "Kit" Randall died on July 17, 2013. As a token of appreciation for her service on the Council since September 2007 and in recognition of her commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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July 26, 2013

Honorable Matthew Surrency, Mayor
City of Hawthorne
P. O. Box 1270
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Dear Mayor Surrency:

On behalf of the entire Planning Council, I want to express our sympathy to you and the Hawthorne community on the death of the Honorable Eleanor "Kit" Randall.

As a token of our appreciation for her service, the Council, at its regular meeting on July 25, 2013, unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. I hope this expression of appreciation begins to demonstrate the feeling we have for this loss.

Sincerely,

Garth R. Nobles, Jr.
Chair

xc: Ellen Vause, City Manager

Enclosure

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Eleanor "Kit" Randall, while serving as a member of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council representing the City of Hawthorne, died on July 17, 2013;

WHEREAS, Eleanor "Kit" Randall represented the City of Hawthorne on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since September 2007;

WHEREAS, Eleanor "Kit" Randall ably discharged her duties throughout her association with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation for the dedicated service of Eleanor "Kit" Randall that she rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and for her concern for the future growth and development of this area and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Eleanor "Kit" Randall.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

Daniel Riddick, Secretary-Treasurer

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ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF JULY 25, 2013.





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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Investment Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Policy 2013-1 as the Investment Policy for the Council, authorizing the Executive Director to manage and operate the investment program and limiting authorized investments to U. S. Government securities, non-negotiable certificates of deposit and the State Board of Administration of Florida Local Government Investment Pool.

BACKGROUND:

In order to maximize yield while protecting the invested principal of the Council’s retained earnings cash in excess of short-term cash needs, it is recommended that the Council adopt an investment policy. The investment policy delegates the authority for the management and operation of the investment program to the Executive Director. It also limits authorized investments to U. S. Government securities, non-negotiable certificates of deposit and the State Board of Administration of Florida Local Government Investment Pool.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
POLICY 2013-1
INVESTMENT POLICY**

I. SCOPE

This policy applies to the investment of short-term funds of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Said funds are identified as the Council's retained earnings cash in excess of short-term cash needs.

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The statutory guidelines for allowable investments by governmental units are provided for in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, Local Government Investment Policies.

The primary investment objectives, in priority order are:

1. To preserve the principal of the invested funds;
2. To provide sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash needs; and
3. To maximize the return on investments subject to guideline restraints.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Responsibility and authority for the management and operation of the investment program is hereby delegated to the Executive Director, who shall act in accordance with the established procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy. The Executive Director shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of internal controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

IV. DEFINITION OF SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments consist of cash or any other investments as described in the above-referenced guidelines. These investment instruments, supplemented by on-going cash flow, should be available to pay claims and other expenses coming due within one year. At all times, the need for satisfactory yield levels will be superseded by protection of the principal and the anticipated cash needs of the Council.

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Only the following investments shall be permitted by this investment policy:

1. U. S. Government securities backed by the "full faith and credit" of the United States, its agencies and instrumentalities which have a liquid market with a readily determinable market value;
2. Non-negotiable certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at a bank, savings bank, or savings association as defined in Section 280.02(26), Florida Statutes, as amended, that has deposit insurance under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, and has been designated by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida as a qualified public depository; and
3. State Board of Administration of Florida, Local Government Investment Pool/Florida Prime.

Duly adopted in regular session by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of July 2013.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Employee Health Insurance Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the alternative proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan LGN for employee health insurance, Plan F5430 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

UnitedHealthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with an increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2013. The total increase in cost to the Council for the coming year would be \$533 per month, or an increase of 5.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$11,103.

UnitedHealthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. UnitedHealthcare is proposing to increase the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year by \$4 per month or an increase of 0.8 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to employees would be \$58.

Staff solicited alternative proposals for health insurance from UnitedHealthcare. Attached is a summary of the existing plan and an alternative plan with coverage and costs. The alternative proposal includes changes to benefits for employees.

Alternate Plan LGN would result in a total decrease in cost to the Council for the coming year of (\$424) per month and (\$5,088) per year or a decrease of (4.0) percent for the plan year beginning September 1, 2013. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$10,146.

Please find attached for your information a graph showing the total cost to the Council and employees for health, life and dental insurance costs from Fiscal Year 2004-05 through Fiscal Year 2012-13 and proposed costs for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

**SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLANS
UNITED HEALTHCARE**

July 18, 2013

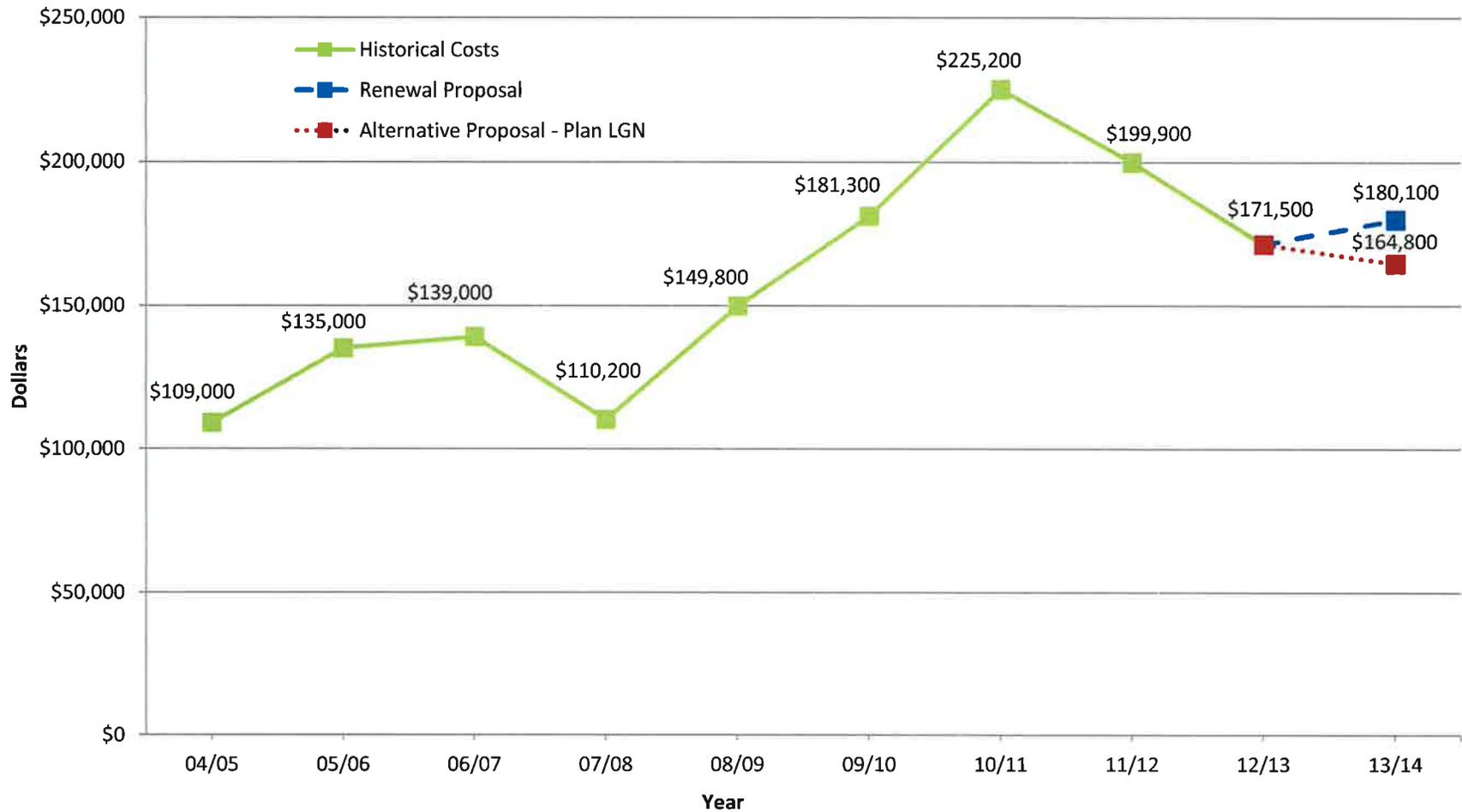
	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u> (Individual/Family)	<u>CO-INSURANCE</u> (In Network/Out Network)	<u>OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM</u> (Individual/Family)	<u>PRESCRIPTIONS</u> (Generic/Brand/ Non-Preferred)
<u>CURRENT PLAN</u> 9FU	\$2,500/\$4,500	100%/0%	\$4,500/\$8,500	\$15/\$45/\$85
<u>ALTERNATE PLAN</u> LGN	\$2,000/\$4,000	100%/70%	\$5,600/\$11,200	\$15/\$45/\$85

Council Cost per Month/Annum at 75 percent for both employee and dependent coverage

	<u>Month / Annum</u>	<u>Annual Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Current Plan - Existing Cost	\$10,569 / \$126,828	N/A	N/A
Current Plan - Proposed Cost	\$11,103 / \$133,236	\$6,408	5.0%
Alternate Plan - LGN	\$10,146 / \$121,752	(\$5,076)	(4.0%)

N/A - Not Applicable

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Total Health, Life and Dental Insurance Costs 2004-05 to 2013-14





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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Incident

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released from the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit.

BACKGROUND:

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Council Attorney Wershow and Council staff recommend that the Council file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. ITEMS REVIEWED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL (FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

As per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures, the Committee met July 17, 2013 to review the following local government comprehensive plan amendments for which the comment deadline occurred prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Copies of the reports are included in your packet for your information.

#64 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)

#65 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)

II. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., July 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#67 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)

#68 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-4ESR)

#69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 13-3ESR)

#70 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ER)

Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).

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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

NOTE: For informational purposes only. The comment deadline for this item preceded the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and commented on this item on behalf of the Council on July 17, 2013, as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl
Review Date: 7/17/13
Amendment Type: Draft Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 64
Local Government: Gilchrist County
Local Government Item No.: CPA 2013-01
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 13-1ESR

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 7/18/13 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT

County item CPA 2013-01 reclassifies approximately 203 acres from Agriculture-1 (up to 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres) to Agriculture - 2 (up to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres. See attached).

1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

The subject property is adjacent to U.S. Highway 129, which is identified as part of the Regional Road Network in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The local government data and analysis report indicates that the amendment will result in a reduction in the maximum number of motor vehicle trips. The subject property is located within an Area of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer, a Natural Resource of Regional Significance identified and mapped in the regional plan. Nevertheless, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance as a result of the amendment as the County Comprehensive Plan contains adequate policy direction to mitigate significant adverse impacts to the Area of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer consistent with the regional plan (see attached).

2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION

The subject property is adjacent to lands located within the Town of Bell which are classified as Residential on the Town Future Land Use Map. The Agriculture-2 land use category allows the development of intensive agricultural operations subject to receipt of an industrial wastewater permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, the County Comprehensive Plan contains mitigative policies designed to prevent incompatibilities between intensive agricultural operations and residential uses (see attached). Adverse extrajurisdictional impacts are not anticipated to occur to adjacent local governments as a result of the amendment provided that these mitigative policies are implemented by the County for the benefit of the adjoining lands located within the Town of Bell.

Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?

Yes No
Not Applicable

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Clearinghouse Committee Action: At its July 17, 2013 meeting, the Committee voted to adopt this report as official Council comment as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.

NOTE: For informational purposes only. The comment deadline for this item preceded the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and commented on this item on behalf of the Council on July 17, 2013, as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl
Review Date: 7/17/13
Amendment Type: Draft Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 65
Local Government: Madison County
Local Government Item No.: CPA 13-01
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 13-1ER

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 7/18/13 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT

County item CPA 13-01 consists of amendments to all elements of the County Comprehensive Plan (See attached excerpts).

1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

The County Comprehensive Plan amendments include maps of Natural Resources of Regional Significance contained in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The maps help to identify regional resources located within the County in order to prevent and/or mitigate significant adverse impacts to regionally important resources. However, the County Plan amendments do not contain goals or policies which are tied to these regional resources. Therefore, it is recommended that the following objective and policies be added to the Conservation Element of the County Comprehensive Plan.

OBJECTIVE 1.6 The County, in order to protect significant natural resources in a manner which is in conformance with and furthers the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, as amended October 27, 2011, hereby adopts the following maps as they apply to the unincorporated areas of the County as part of the Future Land Use Map Series of this Comprehensive Plan; (1) Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Ground Water Resources, dated October 27, 2011; (2) Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Natural Systems, dated October 27, 2011; (3) Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas, dated October 27, 2011; (4) Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas (Surface Water Improvement Management Water Bodies), dated October 27, 2011; and (5) Regionally Significant Natural Areas - Surface Water Resources, dated October 27, 2011. The following policies provide direction for the use of these maps in applying the referenced policies of this Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.6.1 The map entitled **Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Ground Water Resources**, dated October 27, 2011, included within the **Future Land Use Map Series**, identifies **groundwater resources for the application of the provisions of the high groundwater aquifer protection policy of the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element of this Comprehensive Plan.**

Policy 1.6.2 The map entitled **Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Natural Systems**, dated October 27, 2011, included within the **Future Land Use Map Series**, identifies **listed species for the application of the provisions the critical wildlife habitat policy of this element.**

Policy 1.6.3 The maps entitled **Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas**, dated October 27, 2011, included within the **Future Land Use Map Series**, identifies **state owned regionally significant lands for application of the provisions of the conservation land use policy of the Future Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan.**

Policy 1.6.4 The maps entitled **Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas (Surface Water Improvement Management Water Bodies)**, dated October 27, 2011, included within the **Future Land Use Map Series**, identifies **surface water management improvement water bodies for the application of the provisions of the surface water runoff policy of this element.**

Policy 1.6.5 The map entitled **Regionally Significant Natural Areas - Surface Water Resources**, dated October 27, 2011, included within the **Future Land Use Map Series**, identifies **surface water resources for the application of the provisions of the surface water and riverbank protection policies of this element.**

Future Land Use Element Policy 1.6.4 references “Prime Natural Aquifer Recharge Areas.” The term is obsolete and should be replaced with “high aquifer recharge areas.”

The county is bisected by the following roads which are part of the Regional Road Network as identified in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan: Interstate Highway 10, U.S. Highways 90 and 221 as well as State Roads 6, 14, 42 and 145. The amendment deletes transportation concurrency requirements from the County Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, significant adverse impacts could occur to segments of these regional roads should the roadway level of service exceed the minimum service planning standards contained in the regional plan. Potential adverse impacts to the regional road network can be mitigated by including Transportation Best Practices contained in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as goals and policies in the County Comprehensive Plan (see attached).

2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION

As previously noted, the amendment deletes transportation concurrency requirements from the County Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, significant adverse impacts could occur to roads located in adjoining local governments which continue to maintain minimum level of service standards. Potential adverse extrajurisdictional impacts can be mitigated by including Transportation Best Practices contained in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as goals and policies in the County Comprehensive Plan.

Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?

Yes No

Not Applicable

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Clearinghouse Committee Action: At its July 17, 2013 meeting, the Committee voted to adopt this report as official Council comment as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Report

The Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District since 1978. As such, the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies by attracting private investment that creates jobs. The strategy must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee representing both the public and private sector, and must set forth the goals and objectives necessary to solve the economic development problems of the region.

A majority of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council are private sector representatives and also includes representatives of public officials, community leaders, workforce development boards, higher education, and minority and labor groups. The Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption.

Based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2012. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met on July 17, 2013 to review activities conducted during the past six months to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor’s Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the June 2013 Monthly Accomplishments Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Association’s Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. The report addresses outreach, resource development/capacity building, legislative and administrative activities.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
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MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: June 2013

OUTREACH

- Staffed the FRCA Exhibit Booth at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference, June 25-29, at the Marriott Waterside in Tampa.
- Created a FRCA outreach brochure for distribution at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference; for use at future conferences; and, as an educational item for meetings with partners and legislators.
- Continued drafting and editing the FRCA 2012-13 Annual Report.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Prepared a PowerPoint presentation addressing visioning initiatives in Florida for the FRCA Policy Board meeting in June.
- Prepared a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of FRCA, including its history, structure, purpose, staffing, budget, and value, for the FRCA Policy Board meeting in June and for use at future policy board meetings.
- Collected from each regional planning council and submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity the necessary data to support and demonstrate implementation of the *Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development*, for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Fiscal Years, and for the first three quarters of the 2012-13 Fiscal Year.
- On behalf of FRCA, Bruce Ballister, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, attended a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which focused on pending updates to the REDI report, now due on November 1 of each year, as part of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's annual report.
- Distributed a grant opportunity pertaining to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.
- Meetings cancelled or postponed this month included Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s monthly teleconference; the Florida Defense Support Task Force; and, the State Agency Economic Development Liaisons.

LEGISLATIVE

- Continued developing a final legislative summary, which will be distributed in late June or early July.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Coordinated with the Florida Association of Counties and Florida Chamber Foundation on arrangements for the ceremony recognizing the 11 regional planning councils for having completed updates to their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Foundation's Six Pillars as an organizing framework, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference at its closing breakfast on June 28.
- Updated the FRCA Website to post meeting agendas and a revised Policy Board membership list.
- Finalized arrangements for the June FRCA meetings, including meeting space; agenda development and guest speaker confirmation; executing hotel catering contracts; and, drafting summaries from the January 2012 FRCA Policy Board meetings and April business meeting.
- Began preparations for the August FRCA partners and business meetings.



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Chair Garth Nobles, Jr. and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tampa on June 28, 2013.

Joe McKinney, Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations, addressed the Policy Board. He reported on Regionalism - A National Perspective. He discussed initiatives at the federal level of interest to regional development organizations.

Kim DeLaney with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council made a presentation concerning a regional collaboration resulting in the creation of the Southeast Florida Passenger Rail Partnership.

Brian Teeple, Executive Director, Northeast Florida Regional Council, Marcela Cambor-Cutsaimanis, Project Director, Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, Hugh Harling, Jr., Executive Director, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and Patricia Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council addressed the Policy Board. They discussed Visioning and Sustainable Communities Initiatives in Florida.

Juan Flores, State Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation, addressed the Policy Board. He gave an update on the Florida Department of Transportation Freight Initiative. In particular, he discussed the recently completed Florida Freight Mobility Trade Plan.

The Policy Board also received a report from Ron Book, Executive Director and an intergovernmental affairs report, reviewed a financial report, approved the 2011-12 Fiscal Year Assembled Financial Statements, adopted the 2013-14 Fiscal Year budget of the Association and elected officers for 2013-14. The Policy Board also adopted a policy statement concerning the Florida Department of Transportation Future Corridors Initiative stating that future corridors should be based upon regional visions and the regional comprehensive economic development strategies of regional planning councils. In addition, the Policy Board approved the undertaking of a facilitated statewide assessment of the Association and its member regional planning councils.

Finally, the Policy Board attended a breakfast held by the Florida Association of Counties during which regional planning councils were recognized by the Florida Chamber Foundation as Six Pillars Communities.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association
Partnerships for the Future Brochure

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

Please find attached the recently completed Regional Planning Councils - Partnerships for the Future brochure which identifies the programs, functions and state-wide impact of the 11 regional planning councils in the state.

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region’s citizens,
by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

Regional Planning Councils

Partnerships for the Future

- ◆ Intergovernmental solutions
 - ◆ Local government services
 - ◆ Emergency management
 - ◆ Economic development
 - ◆ Regional visioning



PROGRAM MATRIX

PROGRAM	ARPC	CFRPC	ECFRPC	NCFRPC	NEFRC	SFRPC	SWFRPC	TBRPC	TCRPC	WFRPC	WRPC
Regional Planning											
Broadband Planning		X					X	X			
Energy Initiatives	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Federal Clearinghouse	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Health Initiatives		X	X		X	X	X				
Military Base Compatibility		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Power Plan Siting Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strategic Regional Policy Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
U.S. Housing & Urban Development Sustainable Communities Initiative		X	X			X			X		
Visioning Initiatives		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Economic Development											
Brownfields Assessments		X					X		X	X	
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eco/Cultural/Heritage Tourism Development	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		
Economic Development District	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Economic Development Organization Collaboration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Economic Impact Analyses Modeling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Revolving Loan Fund (Business and/or Brownfields)	X	X				X			X	X	
Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern	X	X		X	X		X			X	X
Community Development											
Affordable Housing Initiatives		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Areas of Critical State Concern	X	X	X			X	X	X			
Coastal Zone Planning	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Developments of Regional Impact	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dispute Resolution	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Downtown Redevelopment and Urban Design		X	X	X					X	X	X
Geographic Information Systems Mapping/Data	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grant Writing and Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Local Government Planning Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

PROGRAM MATRIX

PROGRAM	ARPC	CFRPC	ECFRPC	NCFRPC	NEFRPC	SFRPC	SWFRPC	TBRPC	TCRPC	WFRPC	WRPC
Community Development (Continued)											
Newsletter			X		X		X	X		X	
Regional Leadership Training			X		X				X		
U.S. Census State Data Center Affiliate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Emergency Preparedness											
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Support	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Emergency Management Training and Exercises	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hazardous First Responder Training	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hurricane Evacuation and Shelter Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Local Emergency Planning Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Local Hazard Mitigation Strategies	X		X		X		X	X			X
Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X
Regional Domestic Security Task Force Training and Exercises	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Sea Level Rise/Climate Change Studies			X		X	X	X	X	X		
Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator Monitoring	X	X		X	X		X			X	X
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Transportation Planning											
Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning		X	X	X			X		X	X	
Local Government Transportation Technical Assistance		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization				X						X	
Modal Planning Initiatives		X	X			X			X		
Rural Transportation Planning Services	X	X								X	
Safe Routes to School Initiatives		X	X				X			X	
Transportation Disadvantaged Program	X	X		X	X		X			X	X
Environmental & Natural Resource Planning											
Clean Cities Initiatives						X				X	
Estuary/River/Bay/Ecosystem Initiatives	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Natural Resources of Regional Significance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Springs Protection Initiatives	X		X								X
Wildlife Habitat Initiatives		X	X				X		X		

SNAPSHOT OF OUR STATEWIDE IMPACT

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES & SIX PILLARS



In their role as Federally designated Economic Development Districts, regional planning councils completed an update of their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars as an organizing framework, thereby aligning these strategies with the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development and in June 2013, becoming "Six Pillars Communities."



Through regional planning councils, from January 2003 to August 2010, the U.S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment.

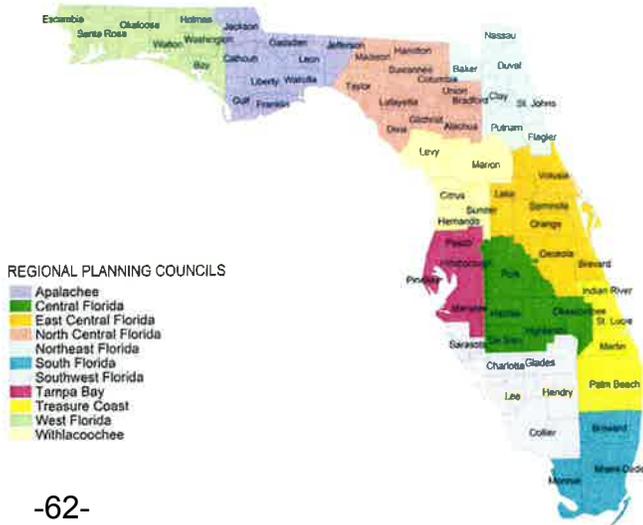
Through a revolving loan fund portfolio composed of federal and state funds, regional planning councils have loaned \$38.6 million over the past ten years, resulting in the creation of over 1,800 jobs by growing small businesses

Regional planning councils in Florida were the first in the nation to complete a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study, which won state and national awards

Over the past ten years, regional planning councils have conducted 420 regional economic impact analyses and studies, often in support of local economic development organizations, helping them compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled jobs



Over the past ten years, regional planning councils have trained more than 50,000 first responders and other emergency management personnel



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. Please find attached the July 2013 Scorecard.

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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If We Build It...

While manufacturing has not recently been among the largest elements of Florida's economy (approximately 5.3 percent of Florida's Gross State Product,) it still plays a critical role, and will become more important to future growth in the coming years. With a goal of vastly expanding Florida-origin exports and being the global hub for trade, a robust manufacturing sector will become a critical driver of reaching that goal (more on this to come later this year when the Florida Chamber Foundation releases its Trade and Logistics 2.0 Report at the [Future of Florida Forum](#), October 14).

So...where is Florida in that arena?

Over the past 10 years, Florida's manufacturing sector has greatly mirrored the state's economy as a whole. Steady growth occurred in the manufacturing sector from 2002 to 2008, followed by four straight years of contraction in output. Well, 2012 figures from the release of the state's Gross State Product (GSP) show us roaring back, with a 6.7 percent growth rate in manufacturing output from 2011, along with a 26.6 percent cumulative increase over the past 10 years.

Nancy Stephens, Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF), underscores this potential.

"Florida's manufacturing sector is a sleeping giant. Manufacturing will be the driver for future growth in international trade as the vast majority of exports are manufactured goods. Florida's leaders are now realizing that manufacturing will stabilize Florida's economy, provide well paying jobs and spur growth of associated businesses in the state," Stephens said.



Manufacturing Output

Florida Net Job Creation in 2013



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Productivity

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Key Indicators



Home Foreclosures

As Florida continues to recover from the housing market collapse, trends in home foreclosures provide insight into Florida's progress through the extended recovery.



Consumer Confidence

The Florida Consumer Confidence Index measures residents' perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago and expectations of U.S.



Population

Florida has the 4th largest population in the U.S., estimated at just over 19 million in April 2012.



Unemployment Rate

Florida has a labor force of over 9 million, ready to meet the workforce needs of businesses.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

In September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. Ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which was formed in May 2012, serves as an advisory body to offer viewpoints from stakeholder groups to the St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help address the region's water supply issues. The Stakeholder Committee is structured such that a wide range of public interests are included, while keeping the Committee small enough to be effective and productive. Stakeholder Committee representatives closely coordinate with the constituencies they represent, as well as being responsive to the interested public. Committee meetings are open to the public so stakeholders beyond the Committee membership can attend and participate.

The Committee met on July 15, 2013 in Lake City and was updated by Suwannee River Water Management District staff on the status of the Prevention and Recovery Plan for the Lower Santa Fe River, Ichetucknee River and Priority Springs. The Committee was also apprised of an ongoing research effort conducted by the University of Florida to manage forests for increased regional groundwater availability. Finally, the group heard a presentation from St. Johns River Water Management District staff regarding potential water savings through the implementation of Best Management Practices.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Volunteer Firefighter Training

Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighters have received a Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Grant to provide basic and advanced training for volunteer firefighters without cost. Scholarships covering all expenses, including lost wages, lodging, meals and mileage are available for this training. In addition, any volunteer firefighter completing Task Book Sign Off (second signature) and live fire evolutions or S130/S190 will receive a voucher to purchase a complete set of gear, including boots, pants, coat, gloves, hood and helmet.

The training will be offered September 18-22, 2013 at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville (see attached notice). For more information, contact Charlie Frank at 877.686.3839, ext. 2 or visit www.nwflvolunteerffweekend.com.

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Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend Announces Expansion of the *Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)* Grant for the 2013 Volunteer Firefighter Weekend

The 8th annual Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend will gather at the Northwest Florida State College in Niceville from September 18 to 22, 2013. The purpose of the annual event is to provide basic and advanced training to volunteer firefighters in Florida without cost.

In 2011, the event applied for and received a FEMA *Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency (SAFER)* grant which allowed participants to attend S130/S190, Task Book Sign Off (2nd signature), Live Fire Evolutions, and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Workshop. All expenses, including lost wages, lodging, meal, and mileage, were paid. During the 2012 event, it was noted that many of those participating were using borrowed gear because the departments were unable to bear the cost of new. With that thought in mind, the staff was able to expand the grant offerings to offer to any volunteer firefighter completing their Task Book Sign Off (second signature) and live fire evolutions or the S130/S190 during 2013 offering a voucher to purchase a complete set of gear including boots, pants, coat, gloves, hood, and helmet.

Also, would you like to do the online FF I program... but do not have certified instructors to instruct the skills portion? The Council now has SAFER grant funds to provide instructors at no cost to your department to teach FF I skills and complete the first sign off for the FF I Task Book. This pilot program will target the northwest and north regions of Florida across the I-10 corridor. If you need financial support for the online FF I program, your department maybe eligible for a grant through Florida Association of Counties Trust. If you need additional information on the online FF I program and possible funding, go to the following link: www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFST/Documents/Guidelines_FFPartICertificateofCompletionProgram_Ver1.7.pdf. For more information on instructors for the skills portion, please email Patrick at training@nwflvolunteerffweekend.com or call 877-686-3839, ext 7.

The annual weekend event will include over 30 classes with 15 new offerings and remember..." even if the classes do not qualify for grant scholarships, the classes are still free to Florida volunteer firefighters".

For information on how your Florida volunteer fire department can take advantage of this free training and scholarships, contact Charlie Frank at 877-686-3839, ext 2 or check the website at www.nwflvolunteerffweekend.com.



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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2012-13 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

An essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. A Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings.

A Certificate of Outstanding Attendance will be awarded to the following members at the July 25, 2013 Council meeting in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2012-13.

City

Carolyn Spooner, City Commissioner, City of Starke

County

Daniel Riddick, County Commissioner, Bradford County

Gubernatorial

Lorene Thomas, gubernatorial appointee from Dixie County

Please join me in recognizing the service and commitment of these Council members as exhibited by their perfect attendance record.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Cup

In furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

For Program Year 2012-13, the Executive Director's Cup will be jointly awarded at the July 25, 2013 Council meeting to county member Danny Riddick, Bradford County, city member Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke, gubernatorial member Lorene Thomas from Dixie County in recognition of their perfect attendance. The Executive Director's Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

Congratulations to Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Spooner and Ms. Thomas for jointly winning the Program Year 2012-13 Executive Director's Cup for the county, city and gubernatorial members.

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July 18, 2013

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Regional Directory

Pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. The 2013 Regional Directory was mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies this week. Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

A downloadable version of the 2013 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at www.ncfrpc.org.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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