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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 **December 10, 2015**. 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 [strong@ncfrpc.org](mailto:strong@ncfrpc.org) by December 7, 2015 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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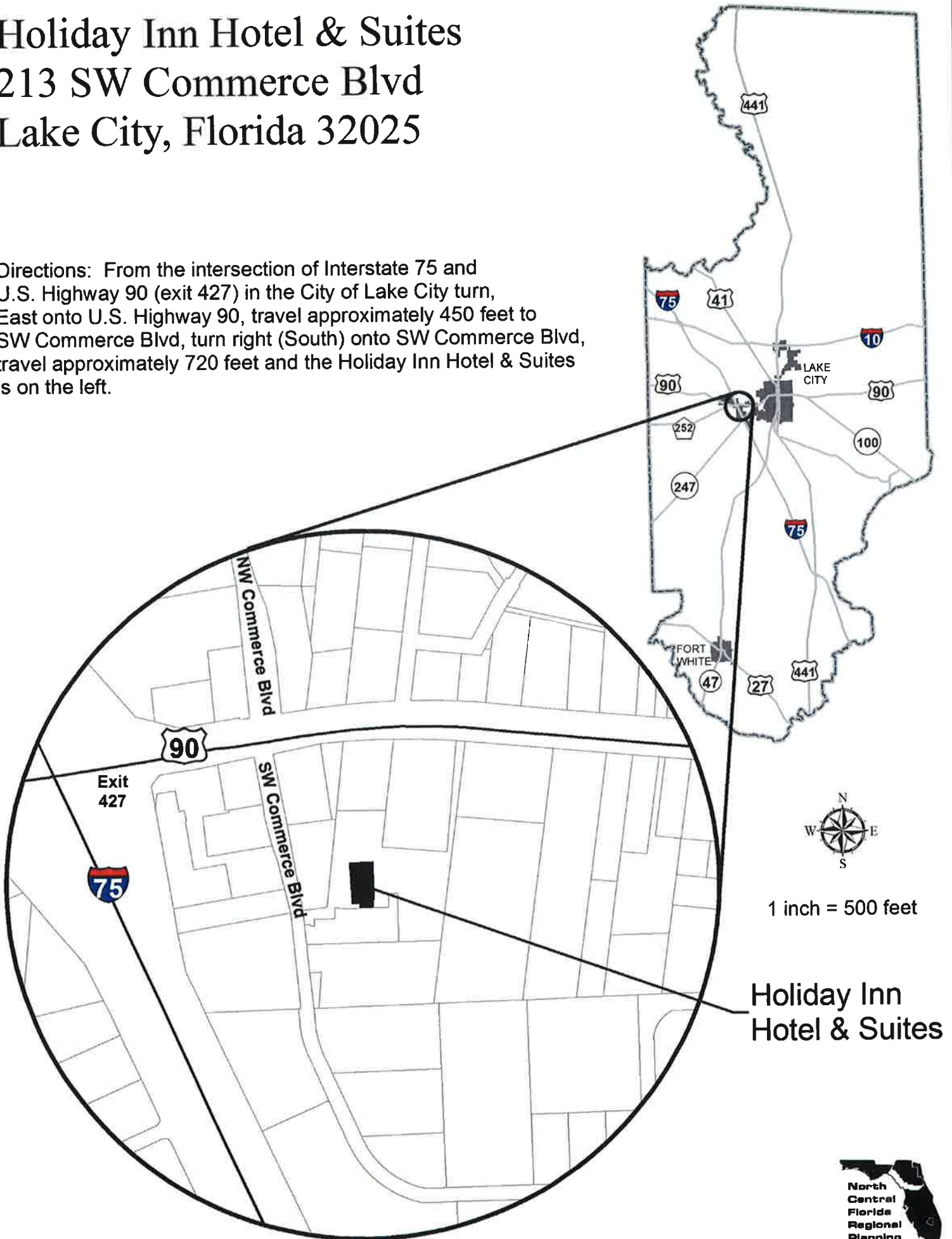
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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard  
 Lake City, Florida

December 10, 2015  
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

October 22, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Ken Cornell, Alachua County  
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County  
*William Hunter, Hamilton County*  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County  
Everett Phillips, Columbia County  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne  
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville  
*Daniel Webb, Union County*  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville  
**Robert Wilford, City of Alachua**  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department  
of Transportation  
Tommy Kiger, Suwannee River Water  
Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville  
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville  
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Jason Evans, High Springs  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Doug Jones, City of Archer  
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
David Sullivan, City of Perry  
James Tallman, Union County  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp  
Jeannie Carr  
David Cobb  
LJ Johnson  
Patrick Juliano  
Ralph Kitchens  
Stew Lilker  
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson  
John Meeks  
David Pieklik  
Cathy Street

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp  
Lynn Godfrey  
Scott Koons  
Jean Strong

**Board Members names are bolded**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Chestnut and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County; Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater; David Pieklik from Nature Coast Business Development Council and Levy County North Central Florida Area Development Co., Inc. member; Jeanne Carr, Sandra Buck-Camp, Ralph Kitchens, and LJ Johnson members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; David Cobb; from Florida Power and Light; Cathy Street, from the Ichetucknee Alliance; Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, from Save Our Santa Fe River and Stew Lilker, from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Riddick asked Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater to make a few remarks. Mr. Juliano stated that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer is available to assist individuals address issues within the responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer.

Chair Riddick asked that Item VI. B.4. #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.5. #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI. B.6. #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Draft Amendment, which were received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

Chair Riddick also asked that Items IV.B., Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; IV.D., Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw; and V.A., Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Bucky Nash be removed from the agenda.

**ACTION:** Councilperson Bryant made the motion with a second by Commissioner Patterson to add Item VI. B.4. #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.5. #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI. B.6. #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment to the agenda and to remove Items IV.B., Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; IV.D., Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw; and V.A., Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Bucky Nash from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION - SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Tommy Kiger, Hydrologist from the Suwannee River Water Management who gave a presentation on regional water supply planning and water projects for the Suwannee River Water Management District. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Kiger for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 24, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA - As Amended

- A. Agreement with North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for Pipeline Safety Technical Assistance - Fiscal Year 2014-15
- B. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties was removed from the agenda.
- C. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selections for Dixie, Gilchrist and Union Counties
- D. Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw was removed from the agenda.

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

**ACTION: Mayor Witt made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation - Bucky Nash was removed from the agenda.
- B. Executive Director Appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Relief Task Force

Chair Riddick stated that our Executive Director, Scott Koons has been appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Relief Task Force. He also stated that the Task Force will support the Department's overall Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Corridor study with initial emphasis west of Interstate 75 in Alachua, Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Proclamation Declaring October 2015 as Manufacturing Month

Mr. Koons stated that the month of October 2015 has been designated as Manufacturing Month. He further stated that Manufacturing Month is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our workforce. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the

Council join in the celebration of Manufacturing Month by designating October 2015 as Manufacturing Month to recognize the impact manufacturing has in the north central Florida region.

**ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2015 as Manufacturing Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed six local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #82 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #84 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

He noted that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #82, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and item #4, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. He further stated that with regards to item #82, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities or adjoining local governments. However, the item may result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the City retain a 75-foot buffer for lots of record prior to 2008. With regards to item #4, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan adopted amendments, the Committee finds that, for County items CPA 15-07, CPA 15-09 and CPA 15-10, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, Regional Facilities or adjoining local governments.

Mr. Montgomery stated that with regards to Suwannee County item CPA 15-08, the Committee finds that significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Regional Facilities or adjoining local governments; however, significant adverse impacts may occur to the North Central Florida Regional Ecological Greenway as well as the Suwannee River Corridor should the subject property be developed to its maximum allowable intensity of use. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements, to protect these Natural Resources of Regional Significance. The Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Frisina, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning #82 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft**



**Amendment, #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft  
Amendment, #84 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted,  
Amendment, #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Plan  
Amendment, #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft  
Amendment, and #4 - Suwanee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted  
Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee -Evaluation and Appraisal Report of North Central Florida  
Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Commissioner Wells, Regional Planning Committee Chair, reported that the Committee has been meeting since January 2015 to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the regional plan. He further stated that the Committee concluded its work on the report at its September 2015 meeting. The report is based on the progress of the region toward attainment of strategic regional policy plan goals using the regional indicators of the plan. Commissioner Wells also stated that the Report is required to identify plan amendments which may be necessary as a result of changing regional conditions, changes to the State Comprehensive Plan, or other statutory changes.

Commissioner Wells summarized the recommendations of the report by the following subject areas of the regional plan: Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Emergency Preparedness; Natural Resources of Regional Significance; Regional Transportation; and Regional Significant Facilities and Resources. He stated that the Report also includes a recommendation that the regional indicators, as well as the data in the tables be updated to include the latest available date as well as the inclusion of data for Levy County and Marion County. He also stated the Report includes a recommendation that regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan which are located in either in Levy County or Marion County be considered for inclusion as Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Commissioner Wells stated that the Report will be placed on the agenda for consideration and approval by the Council at the December 2015 meeting.

D. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2015-16  
Board of Directors Position

Nominating Committee Chair Spooner gave the Nominating Committee report. She stated that the Nominating Committee met on October 16, 2015 to recommend an individual to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16.

She stated that the Nominating Committee recommends the following individual for the Board of Directors vacancy.

Gubernatorial Representative  
William Hunter, Hamilton County

**ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Mayor Witt, to elect William Hunter to the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2014-15 Amended Budget

Lorene Thomas, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2015 and agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-15. She stated that this budget amendment takes into account action taken by the Council during the past year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared as well as reductions in anticipated revenues. She reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted that it contained an overall net increase of \$32,800, which represents a 1.9 percent increase. Ms. Thomas stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Council approve the proposed amended Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

**ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, showed a video on Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Transportation Summit. He reported the Urban Area Counties Summit is set tentatively for January 19, 2016 at the Florida Department of Transportation Urban Area Office in Jacksonville. He stated that the Rural Area Counties Summit will be held January 26, 2016 at the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 office in Lake City. Mr. Bennett also stated that the Policy Element for the update of the Florida Transportation Plan is currently available on the Florida Department of Transportation website and comments may be submitted to the Department through November 14, 2015.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, from Save Our Santa Fe River and Cathy Street from the Ichetucknee Alliance both spoke concerning new chicken houses located in southern Columbia County.

Mr. LJ Johnson, alternate Citizen Advocate User from the Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Transportation Board spoke about the recommended appointment of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten 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 activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the activities listed in the September 2015 activities report 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 October 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons gave an update on the status on the proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments. He stated that staff has attended six member local government county and city commission meetings to date to make presentations concerning the Council and the proposed interlocal agreement amendments. He indicated that staff will be attending county and city commission meetings for the remaining 18 member local governments in November and December 2015.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Daniel Riddick, Chair

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members  
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
 SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - October 2015

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for October 2015. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

#### Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of one month is 12 percent of budget.

#### Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of one month is seven percent of budget.

#### 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)**  
**October 31, 2015**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	539,219
Accounts Receivable	421,529
Other Current Assets	196,096

Total Current Assets	<u>1,156,844</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,156,844</u>
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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
Other Current Liabilities	137,298

Total Liabilities	<u>137,298</u>
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Equity	<u>1,019,546</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,156,844</u>
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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**October 31, 2015**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,876,300	226,199	226,199	12%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,876,300	129,142	129,142	7%



**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**October 31, 2015**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	30,300	7,298	7,298	24%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	90,000	19,016	19,016	21%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	0	0	0	0%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	118,200	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	12,200	0	0	0%
Local Mitigation Strategies	17,400	0		
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	405,200	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	204,500	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	153,000	34,766	34,766	23%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	72,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	224,000	0	0	0%
Vision North Central Florida		2,500	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	8,000	1,700	1,700	21%
City & County Planning Services	215,700	116,268	116,268	54%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	50,000	44,651	44,651	89%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,876,300</b>	<b>226,199</b>	<b>226,199</b>	<b>12%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**October 31, 2015**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	55,000	896	896	2%
Contractual Services	48,000	815	815	2%
Dues, Publications , Subscriptions & Training	50,000	992	992	2%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	18,000	0	0	0%
Legal Costs	14,000	0	0	0%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	0	0%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	1,385	1,385	7%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	23,000	300	300	1%
Personnel	1,265,100	117,358	117,358	9%
Postage	8,000	0	0	0%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	11,000	2,608	2,608	24%
Telephone	6,000	445	445	7%
Travel	80,000	4,343	4,343	5%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	224,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	14,200	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,876,300</b>	<b>129,142</b>	<b>129,142</b>	<b>7%</b>




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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Florida Economic Development Partnership  
*Experience North Florida* Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the Council being a Titanium Level Sponsor for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership *Experience North Florida* event in the amount of \$1,000.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership is the public-private partnership that promotes economic development in the 14-county North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. This area includes Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties in the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council region as well as Baker, Jefferson and Putnam Counties.

The Partnership is conducting an event entitled *Experience North Florida* at the Plantation on the Crystal River in Crystal River, FL on February 18-20, 2016. The purpose of the event is to connect site location consultants representing north Florida targeted industries with economic development professionals, state and regional project managers, state and local elected officials, corporate business leaders and other key decision-makers committed to attracting investment to the region.

The Partnership is soliciting sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event. It is recommended that the Council be a sponsor at the Titanium Level for \$1,000. This level of sponsorship entitles the Council to have one attendee participate in all group functions and have the Council logo featured on all event printed materials, website and on-site signage.

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

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Transportation District 2  
 Local Government Transportation Summit Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the Council being a sponsor for the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Local Government Transportation Summit for an estimated amount of \$1,500.**

The District 2 Local Government Transportation Summit is being presented by the Florida Department of Transportation. The Summit is an opportunity for local government representatives to learn about the various programs and funding opportunities that the Department offers to support communities and their visions. The event will focus on:

- Discussing new and ongoing funding programs;
- Explaining what projects and activities are eligible for funding;
- Learning about new project data and technologies;
- Introducing new policy changes that will impact the operations of partnerships; and
- Recognizing the success of partnerships.

The Summit is designed for local government staff, including public works professionals, administrators, planners and grant specialists in project solicitation and development. The Summit will be held on January 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City, FL from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is recommended that the Council be a sponsor of the Summit for an estimated amount of \$1,500.

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

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# Programs for your community!

## *2016 Local Government Transportation Summit*

### Event Overview

The D2 Local Government Transportation Summit is an opportunity for Local Government representatives to learn about the various programs and funding opportunities that the FDOT District 2 offers to support your community and its vision.

The event focuses on:

- Discussing new and ongoing funding programs
- Explaining what projects and activities are eligible for funding
- Learning about new project data and technologies
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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agency Regulatory Plan  
Fiscal Year 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the agency regulatory plan and authorize the Chair, Executive Director and Council Attorney to sign the letter transmitting the plan to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.**

BACKGROUND:

Effective July 1, 2015 Chapter 2015-162, Laws of Florida amended Section 120.74, Florida Statutes, regarding the procedures for submission and the content of agency regulatory plans.

The new requirements specify that the agency regulatory plan must include statements concerning laws enacted or amended during the previous 12 months related to rulemaking responsibilities, laws expected to be implemented by rulemaking prior to July 1 of the succeeding year, whether the agency desires to update the regulatory plan for the previous year, and that the agency officials with rulemaking authority have reviewed the plan and existing agency rules and whether existing rules are consistent with the rulemaking authority agency.

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December 10, 2015

Mr. Kenneth J. Plante, Coordinator  
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee  
Room 680, Pepper Building  
111 West Madison Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

RE: Agency Regulatory Plan  
Fiscal Year 2015-16

Dear Mr. Plante:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 2015 indicating a need for a new agency regulatory plan due to a recent amendment to Section 120.74, Florida Statutes. The following is the agency regulatory plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

- a. No laws were enacted or amended during the previous 12 months;
- b. No new laws are expected to be implemented by rulemaking before the following July 1, 2016;
- c. There is no desired update to the regulatory plan for the prior year; and
- d. The Council Chair, Executive Director, and Council Attorney certify that they have reviewed this plan and the agency regularly reviews all its rules. The existing rules were most recently reviewed in association with preparation of this plan. The existing rules were determined to remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

Certification:

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Daniel Riddick  
Council Chair

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Scott R. Koons, AICP  
Executive Director

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Jonathan F. Wershow, Esq.  
Council Attorney

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Jeff Aboumrad as the voting Florida Department of Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Matthew Pearson as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Peter Shepis as the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

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 members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Jeff Aboumrad be appointed as the voting Florida Department of Education Representative; Matthew Pearson be appointed the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and Peter Shepis be appointed as the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -  
 Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for  
 Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2016.

Rule 41-2.010 (2) of the Florida Administrative Code allows the selection of Community Transportation Coordinators without competitive acquisition upon the recommendation of the Designated Official Planning Agency. Section 287.057(3) (e), Florida Statutes allows the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to designate a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

At its October 22, 2015 meeting, the Council Executive Committee deferred recommending the process to be used to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties and requested the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board to recommend whether to use a competitive or non-competitive process.

The Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended the non-competitive selection process be used to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County service area at its November 18, 2015 meeting.

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

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint Commissioner Jason Bashaw Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

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 of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board to the Council. At its August 12, 2015 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Jason Bashaw as Chair of the Board. Commissioner Bashaw is currently serving as the Local Elected Official representing Suwannee County on the Board. Commissioner Bucky Nash, representing Columbia County has served as Chair of the Board since June 2013.

Based on allegations that proper voting procedures were not followed by the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board concerning the recommendation to appoint Commissioner Bashaw as the Board's Chair, the Council Executive Committee deferred recommending the appointment of Commissioner Bashaw as Chair and requested the Board to decide whether to reconsider its recommendation to appoint Commissioner Bashaw as Chair.

At its November 18, 2015 meeting, the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board chose not to reconsider its recommendation for Commissioner Bashaw to be appointed as Chair of the Board. Therefore, the Board's recommendation to the Council to appoint Commissioner Bashaw as Chair stands as approved by the Board at its August 12, 2015 meeting.

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

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for Commissioner Curtis Hamlin and Commissioner Bucky Nash.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Curtis Hamlin served as Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2006. Commissioner Bucky Nash served as Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2013.

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Curtis Hamlin has served as Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 12, 2006; and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Hamlin ably discharged his duties as Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner Hamlin for the dedicated service he rendered to the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Lafayette County 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Commissioner Hamlin.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

*ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

*December 10, 2015*

*Date*





## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucky Nash has served as Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July, 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucky Nash ably discharged his duties as the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner Bucky Nash for the dedicated service he rendered to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Commissioner Bucky Nash.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

*ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Elected Treasurer of the  
National Association of Development Organizations

Our executive director, Scott Koons, has been elected Treasurer of the National Association of Development Organizations.

The National Association of Development Organizations provides advocacy, education, research and training to a national network of 520 regional development organizations primarily serving small metropolitan and rural regions. The Association is an advocate for federal programs and policies that promote regional strategies and solutions for addressing local community and economic development needs. The National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation identify and promote best practices, analyze the impact of federal policies and programs on regional development organizations and local communities, and examine the latest trends and developments in the field of regional community and economic development.

As the premier organization for the executive leaders and professional staff of the nation's regional development organizations, the National Association of Development Organizations and its members have worked together since 1967 to promote the regional cooperation of local governments and communities. In 1988, the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation was founded to serve as the research and professional development affiliate of the Association.

Congratulations to Scott.

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: James Montgomery, Chair  
 Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

#### I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., October 22, 2015 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

- #13 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #14 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)
- #15 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #16 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #18 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DEO No. 15-2ESR)
- #19 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No.15-1ER)

***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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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report

RECOMMENDATION:

**Adopt the Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report as recommended by the Regional Planning Committee.**

BACKGROUND:

In a manner similar to the process required by local governments, every five years each regional planning council is required to perform an evaluation and appraisal of its Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The evaluation and appraisal process is a two-step process. The first step involves the preparation and adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The second step involves the preparation and adoption of amendments to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The purpose of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report is to evaluate the progress of the regional plan at achieving the goals and in implementing the policies contained in the plan. The Evaluation and Appraisal Report identifies those areas of the plan in need of revision based on new information, changes to Florida Statutes, or changing regional trends and conditions. Subsequent to the adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report, amendments will need to be prepared and considered by the Council for adoption based upon the recommendations contained in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan contains five strategic regional subject areas - Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, and Regional Transportation. The Regional Planning Committee has prepared the attached Evaluation and Appraisal Report, dated September 24, 2015. The Committee recommends that the Council adopt the Evaluation and Appraisal Report as prepared by the Committee.

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

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# **EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT**

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## **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**



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# **EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT**

## **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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September 24, 2015



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# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## INTRODUCTION

An update of regional indicators suggests that housing affordability for north central Florida very low-, low-, and moderate-income households declined between 2000 and 2013.

**REGIONAL GOAL 1.1.      REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REGION'S VERY LOW-, LOW-, AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING 30.0 PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON HOUSING.**

## REGIONAL INDICATORS

Table I-1 contains a comparison of regional indicators listed in the regional plan for Regional Goal 1.1 for the years 2000 and 2013 based on decennial census and American Community Survey data. Unfortunately, information is no longer collected by the U.S. Census Bureau for Regional Indicators 2 through 5. Regional Indicator 1 suggests that housing affordability for households earning less than \$20,000 per year declined between 2000 and 2013.

**TABLE I-1**

**A COMPARISON OF REGIONAL GOAL 1.1 INDICATORS, 2000 AND 2013**

Regional Indicator	Year	
	2000	2013
1. Percentage of the households of the region with annual incomes of less than \$20,000 spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on housing.	66.2	77.6
2. Percentage of the renter households of the region with annual incomes of less than \$10,000 spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	72.6	n/a
3. Percentage of the renter households of the region with 1989 annual incomes between \$10,000 and \$19,999 spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	68.9	n/a
4. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes of less than \$10,000 per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on housing.	64.0	n/a
5. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes between \$10,000 and \$19,999 per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	48.8	n/a

n/a = Information not available.

Source: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, November 2010 and 2015.

**REGIONAL GOAL 1.2. MITIGATE SIGNIFICANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENTS OR REGIONAL IMPACT.**

**TABLE I-2  
A COMPARISON OF REGIONAL GOAL 1.2 INDICATORS, 2007 AND 2013**

Regional Indicator	Year	
	2007	2013
1. Number of approved Developments of Regional Impact under construction in north central Florida.	6	5

Source: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, November 2010 and 2015.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO  
THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

As previously noted, several Indicators are no longer measurable due to changes in the 2010 Census and American Community Survey data. It is recommended that Regional Indicators 2 through 5 be amended to read, as follows:

Regional Indicator	Year	
	2000	2013
2. Percentage of the renter households of the region with annual incomes of less than <del>\$10,000</del> <u>\$20,000</u> spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	71.0	93.8
3. Percentage of the renter households of the region with <del>1989</del> annual incomes between <del>\$10,000 and \$19,999</del> <u>\$20,000 and \$34,999</u> spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	27.4	20.5
4. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes of less than <del>\$10,000</del> <u>\$20,000</u> per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on housing.	55.0	57.6
5. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes between <del>\$10,000 and \$19,999</del> <u>\$20,000 and \$34,999</u> per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	30.2	41.6

Source: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, November 2010 and 2015.

It is recommended that the Regional Indicator for Regional Goal 1.2 be updated to reflect the current number of active Developments of Regional Impact in the region. Additionally, it is recommended that Tables 1.1 through 1.10 be updated to reflect the most recent data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. References to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, which no longer exists, should be changed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Similarly, references to Rule 9J-2, Florida Administrative Code, should be changed to reflect new citations.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## INTRODUCTION

An update of regional indicators suggests that housing affordability for north central Florida very low-, low-, and moderate-income households declined between 2000 and 2013.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.1.      DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION AND THEREBY INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DECREASE OUT-MIGRATION OF PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LABOR FORCE. THIS INCLUDES NON-TRADITIONAL JOB SECTORS AND HIGH-SKILL, HIGH-WAGE JOB SECTORS.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. In 2003, there were 1,641,000 visitors to the region.
2. In 2003, there were 20,363 professional and high-technical jobs in the region.
3. In 2006 there were 16,566 jobs in the Arts, Entertainment and Recreation industries in the region.
4. In 2013 there were 17,113 jobs in the Arts, Entertainment and Recreation Industries in the region.
5. In 2006 there were 2,437 jobs in the Information industry (NAICS 54) in the region.
6. In 2013, there were 1,699 jobs in the Information industry (NAICS 54) in the region.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.2.      DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION AND THEREBY INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DECREASE OUT-MIGRATION OF PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LABOR FORCE. THIS INCLUDES NON-TRADITIONAL JOB SECTORS AND HIGH-SKILL, HIGH-WAGE JOB SECTORS.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. As of 2008, 12 of the 33 north central Florida incorporated municipalities do not have a municipal wastewater treatment facility.
2. As of 2008, three of the 44 north central Florida local government comprehensive plans contain an economic development element.
3. As of 2015, 12 of the 33 north central Florida incorporated municipalities do not have a municipal wastewater treatment facility.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Wastewater Facility Lists, Domestic Wastewater Facilities. 4/10/2015.  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/facinfo.htm>

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO**  
**THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

It is recommended that the Element be updated to reflect the most recent version of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. It is also recommended that the Regional Indicators be updated to reflect the latest available information.



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## INTRODUCTION

An update of regional indicators suggests that the region is adequately prepared for weather-related emergencies; however, additional warning sirens are needed in coastal communities.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.1.** Improve emergency preparedness for coastal storms in the region.

### **Regional Indicators**

1. As of ~~2010~~ **2015**, one Coastal-Marine Automated Network coastal weather station is located in Keaton Beach, no weather buoys are located in the Gulf of Mexico between 10 and 50 miles of Steinhatchee, three weather buoys are located between 51 and 100 miles of Steinhatchee, two weather buoys are located between 101 and 150 miles of Steinhatchee, and ~~four~~ **one** weather buoys ~~are~~ **is** located in the Gulf of Mexico between 151 to 175 miles of Steinhatchee.
2. As of ~~2010~~ **2015**, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio transmissions covered approximately ~~96.5~~ **97** percent of the region.
3. As of 2010 **2015**, ~~eight~~ **five** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio stations serve north central Florida from the total of 32 stations in Florida.
4. As of 2010, ~~four~~ **three** north central Florida coastal communities (~~Horseshoe Beach~~, Dekle Beach, Keaton Beach, & Steinhatchee) had emergency warning sirens.
5. As of 2010, Dixie County had a Level E In-county clearance time of 12.5 hours.
6. As of 2010, Taylor County had a Level E In-county clearance time of 13.0 hours.
7. As of January 31, 2010, the American Red Cross 4496-Compliant Risk Public Shelter Capacity for the region was 32,680.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.2.** Participation by all north Florida governments in the National Flood Insurance Program.

1. As of 2010, 39 of the 41 local governments in the region with mapped flood hazard areas within their jurisdictions participated in the National Flood Insurance Program.
2. As of ~~2010~~ **2015**, National Flood Insurance Rate Maps are available for all north central Florida local governments.
3. As of ~~2010~~ **2015**, two north central Florida local governments do not contain mapped flood hazard areas within their jurisdictions.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.3.** Reduce response times of regional hazardous materials response teams to 60 minutes for hazardous materials emergencies in Perry and Greenville.

**Regional Indicators**

1. As of 2010, a hazardous materials commodity flow study was completed to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via highways in the region.
2. As of ~~2010~~ **2015**, North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team members are located in the Cities of ~~Alachua, Fanning Springs,~~ Gainesville and Lake City, ~~Starke and as well as Dixie County, Gilchrist, Lafayette and Suwannee Counties.~~

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.4.** Improve the ability of emergency response teams to respond to hazardous materials emergencies.

**Regional Indicators**

1. As of 2010, a hazardous materials commodity flow study was completed to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via highways in the region.
2. As of ~~2010~~ **January 2015**, no commodity flow studies have been undertaken to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via railroads in the region.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.5.** All north central Florida local governments are signatories to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response and Recovery.

**Regional Indicator**

As of January 2011, 41 out of 44 north central Florida local governments have adopted the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response and Recovery.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

No changes are recommended to the Goals and Policies of the Emergency Preparedness Element. With regards to the Conditions and Trends Statement, the following changes are recommended:

1. Amend the Emergency Preparedness Regional Indicators as presented in this report and as new information becomes available prior to the adoption of any Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan..
2. Tables 3.1 through 3.4 be updated to reflect the latest available information.
3. Table 3.2 be amended to indicate that clearance times contained in the table are hours, not minutes.
4. The last paragraph under 6, Hazardous Materials Releases, be amended to note that as of 2015, the tri-state hazardous materials mutual aid agreement has not been signed by all parties.

# **NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In May 2015, Governor Rick Scott signed into law Senate Bill 1216 which eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred its member counties to adjoining regional planning councils. Levy County and Marion County are now part of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. As part of the legislation, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region remains in place for Levy and Marion Counties until such time as the two counties are incorporated into the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region, as the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, identifies and maps Natural Resources of Regional Significance and contains goals and policies addressing Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

### **REGIONAL GOAL 4.1.      USE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REGION IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER.**

#### **REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of 2009, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans and Developments of Regional Impact which encourage the use of silvicultural best management practices is unknown.
2. As of 2009, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans and Developments of Regional Impact which encourage the use of low impact development practices is unknown.
3. As of 2009, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans and Developments of Regional Impact which encourage the use of energy conservation design principles is unknown.
4. As of 2009, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans and Developments of Regional Impact which encourage the use of water conservation and reuse strategies is unknown.
5. As of 2009, with the exception of intracounty groundwater transfer by Gainesville Regional Utilities, no interbasin transfer of water occurs in the region.
6. As of January 2010, north central Florida has 39 megawatts of electrical generation capacity using biomass as the primary fuel source.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.2.      PRESERVE BIG BEND COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES IDENTIFIED AS NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RESIDENTS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of January, 2000, the Big Bend Salt Marsh (Dixie and Taylor County) coastline comprised 48,190 acres.
2. In 2001, that portion of the Big Bend Seagrass Beds extending 6 nautical miles seaward of the Dixie County and Taylor County coastline was comprised of 102,530.5 acres of bays and estuaries, 63,992.3 acres of open water, 7,638.6 acres of tidal flats, 11,515.0 acres of patchy seagrass, 192,556.6 acres of continuous seagrass, and 108,423.7 acres which were unclassified.<sup>1</sup>
3. In 1996, the Florida Middle Ground comprised 132,000 acres.
4. As of January 2007, a Florida Department of Health No-Fish-Consumption Advisory is in effect for the Fenholloway River due to elevated mercury levels in the river's of fish in the river.
5. As of April 2007, the Fenholloway River is in violation of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency water quality standards for dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand, un-ionized ammonia, fecal coliform and dioxin.
6. As of January 2007, there were 16 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater facility permits and 8 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater permits in Taylor County. In 2006, there were 4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater facility permits and 2 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater permits in Dixie County.
7. As of January 2007, the communities of Fanning Springs and Old Town were not serviced by a centralized wastewater treatment system.
8. As of January 2007, no offshore oil or natural gas wells are located within 100 miles of the Dixie and Taylor counties coastline.
9. As of January, 2007, no offshore oil or natural gas wells are located within the Florida Middle Ground.

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<sup>1</sup>North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, March 2007. Derived from Seagrass Habitat and Monitoring in Florida's Big Bend, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and Suwannee River Water Management District, 2006.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.3.      MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY GROUNDWATER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RESIDENTS, IN RECOGNITION OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1.     As of January 2002, the quantity of potable water contained in the Floridan Aquifer underlying the north central Florida region, it's average daily recharge and discharge, were unknown.
2.     In 2000, an estimated 232.2 million gallons per day of water were withdrawn from north central Florida groundwater sources.
3.     As of January, 2002, north central Florida contained 26 first-magnitude springs, 101 second-magnitude springs, and 70 third-magnitude springs.
4.     As of May 2007, the known Nitrate Nitrogen readings for north central Florida first magnitude springs, and their date of measure, were as follows (see Table 4.5):

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.4.      PROTECT ALL SOURCES OF RECHARGE TO THE FLORIDAN AQUIFER FROM ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD IMPAIR THESE FUNCTIONS OR CAUSE A DEGRADATION IN THE QUALITY OF THE WATER BEING RECHARGED IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF HIGH-QUALITY GROUNDWATER FOR THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1.     As of January, 2011, the St. Johns River, the Suwannee River Water Management District, Alachua County, and Columbia County had identified and mapped 968,600.90 acres of areas of high recharge potential to the Floridan Aquifer within north central Florida.
2.     In Fiscal Year 2005-06, there were 167,629 visitors to Ichetucknee Springs State Park.<sup>2</sup>
3.     As of January, 2007, the Suwannee River Water Management District had identified and mapped 153,588 acres of stream-to-sink watersheds located within both its jurisdictional boundaries and within north central Florida.
4.     In 2007, eight sinks were delineated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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<sup>2</sup>2006 Florida Statistical Abstract, Table 19.52.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.5.      PROTECT ALL LISTED SPECIES WITHIN THE REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL GREENWAYS NETWORK.<sup>3</sup>**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of September 2009 the Regional Ecological Greenways Network comprised 1,316,360 acres in north Central Florida.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.6.      PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IDENTIFIED IN THIS PLAN AS "PLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREAS."**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of January 2011, north central Florida contained 2,640 acres of private conservation lands.
2. As of January 2011, north central Florida contained approximately 139,165 acres of federally-owned conservation lands.
3. As of January 2011, north central Florida contained 125,992 acres of state-owned conservation and recreation lands.
4. As of January 2011, north central Florida contained approximately 246,820 acres of water management District-owned conservation lands (including less than fee simple ownership).
5. In January 2011, north central Florida had 22 waterbodies identified as SWIM waterbodies.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.7.      MAINTAIN THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THE REGION'S SURFACE WATER SYSTEMS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of January, 2000, the water management districts had identified 1,109,868 acres of fresh water wetlands within the region.
2. As of January, 2002, 10 north central Florida lakes were identified as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
3. As of January, 2002, 11 river corridors were designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
4. As of January, 2002, 202,152 acres of river corridor were designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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<sup>3</sup>Listed species means an animal species designated as Endangered, Threatened, or Species of Special Concern in Chapter 68A-27.003-68A-27.005, Florida Administrative Code; a plant species designated as Endangered, Threatened, or Commercially Exploited as designated in Chapter 5B-40, Florida Administrative Code, or an animal or plant species designated as Endangered or Threatened in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17.

5. As of January, 2011, 111 North central Florida springs were listed as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
6. In January, 2006, 12 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Bowfin.
7. In January, 2006, 11 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Large-mouth bass and Gar.
8. In January, 2006, seven north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Redbreast Sunfish and Redear Sunfish.
9. In January, 2006, five north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Brown Bullhead.
10. In January, 2006, four north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Black Crappie, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, and White Catfish.
11. In January, 2006, three north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Spotted Sunfish.
12. In January, 2006, one north central Florida Natural Resource of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Chain Pickerel and Warmouth.
13. As of June 2007, minimum flows and levels have been established for the lower Suwannee River, Madison County Blue Spring, and Fanning Spring.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO**  
**THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

It is recommended that the Natural Resources of Regional Significance Element be amended to identify and map Natural Resources of Regional Significance located in Levy and Marion Counties. It is further recommended that the Regional Indicators be updated to include identified and mapped Natural Resources of Regional Significance located in Levy and Marion Counties. Finally, it is recommended that Tables 4.1 through 4.7 be updated to reflect the latest available data as well as the inclusion of Levy and Marion Counties.

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# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

## INTRODUCTION

Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida, dissolved the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred its member counties to adjoining regional planning councils. Levy County and Marion County have been assigned to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. As provided for by Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida, the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan remains in effect for Levy and Marion Counties until such time as the two counties are added to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan, as the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, identifies regional transportation facilities and contains goals and policies addressing these facilities.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.1.      MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT TO THE REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK AS WELL AS ADVERSE EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS WHILE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN URBAN AREAS.**

## **REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. In 2009, 33.9 miles, or 2.7 percent, of the north central Florida Regional Road Network did not meet the minimum operating level of service standard contained in local government comprehensive plans.
2. In 2009, 23.4 miles, or 5.4 percent, of Strategic Intermodal System roadways within north central Florida did not meet the minimum operating level of service standard established by the Florida Department of Transportation.
3. In 2009, 10.5 miles, or 1.3 percent, of State Highway System roads which were not part of the Strategic Intermodal System within north central Florida did not meet the minimum operating level of service standard established by the Florida Department of Transportation.
4. In 2009, 9 of the 44 local governments in the region had within their jurisdiction had at least 10 percent or more of the Regional Road Network located within their jurisdictions operating below the minimum level of service standard contained in local government comprehensive plans.
5. In 2009, 17 of the 44 local governments in the region were projected to have at least 10 percent or more of the Regional Road Network located within their jurisdictions operating below the minimum level of service standard contained in local government comprehensive plans by the year 2025.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.2. COORDINATE WITH AND ASSIST STATE AGENCIES, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT, INTERAGENCY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

As of January 2008, the Council provided staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.3. MITIGATE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. During the fall 2004 semester, the University of Florida had no off-campus parking areas.
2. During 2005, 542 class meetings occurred after 5:00 pm on weeknights.
3. During the fall 2004 semester, 22.0 percent of University of Florida students lived on-campus in either university housing, housing for college fraternities, or housing for college sororities.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.4. MAXIMIZE THE USE OF THE GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE DEVELOPING A NEW REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

**REGIONAL INDICATOR**

In 2008, Gainesville Regional Airport experienced 84,495 itinerant airport operations.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.5. INCLUDE RAIL LINES AND RAILROADS AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF THE REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK, REGIONAL AIRPORTS AND TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

**REGIONAL INDICATOR**

As of 2010, north central Florida had 314.8 miles of rail lines.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.6.      REDUCE THE UNMET GENERAL TRIP DEMAND OF THE  
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA      TRANSPORTATION  
DISADVANTAGED POPULATION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1.      An estimated 424,276 general demand trips, 33.2 percent of total estimated transportation disadvantaged trips, were unmet in 2005.
2.      In Fiscal Year 2008-09, 778,348 paratransit trips occurred in the region by north central Florida paratransit service providers.
3.      In Fiscal Year 2008-09, north central Florida paratransit service providers reported annual operating revenues of \$10,906,472.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.7.      INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF NORTH CENTRAL  
FLORIDA RESIDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS  
A PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1.      In 2000, 1.5 percent of north central Florida residents used public transportation as a primary means of travel to work.
2.      The 2007 Gainesville Regional Transit System fixed-route ridership was 8,939,334.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO  
THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

It is recommended that the Regional Transportation Element be amended to identify and map Regional Transportation Facilities located in Levy and Marion Counties. It is further recommended that the Regional Indicators be updated to include the latest available data as well as the inclusion of Levy and Marion Counties. Finally, it is recommended that Tables 5.1 through 5.16 be updated to reflect the latest available data as well as the inclusion of Levy and Marion Counties.

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## **REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

The list of regionally significant facilities and resources contained in the regional plan recognizes those regionally significant facilities and resources not identified in either the Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or Regional Transportation Elements. The regional plan does not contain a map of these facilities and resources. Rather, a listing is included, base on type of facility and resource. Types of regionally significant facilities and resources consist of cultural facilities, educational institutions, electric power facilities, Florida greenways and trails, historical facilities, hospitals, landfills, natural gas transmission lines and state prisons.

In May 2015, Governor Rick Scott signed into law Senate Bill 1216 which eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred its member counties to adjoining regional planning councils. Levy County and Marion County are now part of the north central Florida region. As part of the legislation, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Withlacoochee Region remains in place for Levy and Marion Counties until such time as the two counties are incorporated into the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

It is recommended that regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan which are located in either Levy or Marion Counties be considered for inclusion in the Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources chapter of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten 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 October 2015 and November 2015 Monthly Intergovernmental Affairs Activity Reports highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord.

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

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## **Intergovernmental Affairs Activity Report**

October 2015

Following is an overview of activities and work performed during the month of October 2015.

### **OUTREACH**

Participated in October 16 REDI Meeting.

News Releases:

- Distributed FRCA 2015-16 Leadership news release and encouraged RPCs to distribute regionally.
- Prepared news release draft announcing RPC appointments to the I-75 Relief Task Force for EDAC review.

Extended invitations to key partners for November 13 Partners meeting. Distributed meeting notice/invitation to interested parties.

### **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING**

Reviewed EDA's new grant procedures, and consulted with EDA Georgia-Florida Representative regarding the eligibility of a new RPC statewide datacenter, for EDA funding.

Arranged FRCA Sponsorship and attendance for the 2015 Rural Economic Development Summit 11/15-17.

Gathered RPC data for DEO First Quarter RPCs' Report.

Participated in Path Forward Committee meetings.

Monitored news and distributed notices, news of interest, grants information to Executive Directors.

Revised draft RPC brochure in preparation for discussion at Nov. 12 EDAC Business Meeting.

### **LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

n/a

## **OPERATIONS**

Completed Summaries of September EDAC Business and Partners Meetings for Chair Approval.

Planned November EDAC and Partners Meetings, including draft agendas, meeting logistics, meeting notice/invitations, and coordination with hotels and facilities, etc.

Updated FRCA 2015/16 Meetings and Conferences/Events Calendars.

Completed Final Draft of FRCA Annual Report for approval.\* Drafted recommendations for a more efficient procedure for future annual reports.

Prepared preliminary Agenda for January 2016 Policy Board Meeting for Chairman.

Maintained/updated FRCA Website. Reviewed website and outlined recommendations for near term improvements and updates, for discussion/approval at Nov. 12 Business Meeting.

Worked on summary of July Policy Board Meeting.



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## **Intergovernmental Affairs Activity Report**

November 2015

Following is an overview of activities and work performed during the month of November 2015.

### **OUTREACH**

Participated in November 20 REDI Meeting. Discussed closer involvement of RPCs in Competitive Florida Program with Liesl Vosges and Sherri Martin of DEO.

Represented FRCA at North Florida Rural Economic Development Summit.

#### **News Releases:**

- Drafted announcement of new RPC Directors for early December distribution.
- Drafted news release regarding RPC Directors' appointments to the I-75 Relief Task Force, for December distribution.
- Drafted preliminary news release regarding Coastal Resilience/Train the Trainer program.

Drafted content and president's letter, and prepared Constant Contact layout for *FRCA Forward* December newsletter.

Completed brochure concept for EDAC, Path Forward Committee review.

Extended invitations to partners for November 13 Partners meeting. Distributed meeting notice/invitation to all interested parties. Updated interested parties lists as needed.

### **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING**

Participated in Path Forward Committee meeting.

Compiled a draft summary of grant funding state and federal agencies, as part of 6-Month Work Plan Summary.

Subscribed to Florida GrantWatch for ongoing distribution of grant opportunities to RPC directors per EDAC approval.

Monitored news and distributed notices, news of interest, grants information to Executive Directors.

### **LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

Monitored Lobby Tools daily and distributed pertinent alerts to directors.

### **OPERATIONS**

Coordinated November EDAC and Partners Meetings; draft agendas and meeting packets, meeting notice/invitations, and coordination with hotels and facilities, etc. Drafted preliminary summaries of November Meetings.

Updated website based on Nov. 12 Business Meeting discussions. Additional revisions/updates in progress.

Prepared Draft Six-Month Work Plan Summary for November 12 Business Meeting.

Requested room blocks and meeting spaces for 2016 EDAC/Partners/ Policy Board Meetings. Confirmations of all in progress.

Updated FRCA 2015/16 Meetings and Conferences/Events Calendars.

Continued work on July Policy Board Meeting summary.



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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

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

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 December 2015 Scorecard.

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

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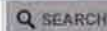
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### EMPLOYMENT



Currently NonFarm Employed:  
**8.1502 Million**

Jobs Created in Florida Since Dec. 2010

**978,800**



2015 2014

Florida  
Unemployment Rate

Florida GDP Per Capita  
**\$42,222**



Average Hourly Earnings  
**FL - \$22.52**

Average Hourly Earnings  
**U.S. - \$24.96**



### WORKFORCE

Net New Jobs Needed in Florida By:

**2020 2030**

**800,000 2,000,000**

POPULATION: 19.893 Million  
U.S. Census Bureau 2014 Estimate



### EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

2013-2014 **76.1%**

2003-2004 **59.2%**



### TECHNOLOGY

Florida Ranking on  
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**Increase**  
From One  
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Home Sale  
Price**  
**\$198,995**

**TOURISM****Population**

19.893 Million - 2014 Estimate from U.S. Census Bureau

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12000.html>**Employment:**

Currently NonFarm Employed - 8.078 Million - up 3.4% over last year.

Florida Unemployment Rate - June 2015 (seasonally adjusted) 5.5% Year ago: 6.1%

<http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/library/press/release.pdf>

Florida GDP Per Capita: \$42,222

Jobs Created in Florida since December 2010 - 870,500

[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) (M)**Workforce**

By 2020 Net New Jobs Needed in Florida: 800,000

By 2030 Net New Jobs Needed in Florida: 2,000,000

Online Labor Demand from Conference Board Help Wanted Index - 273,100 jobs listed June 2015

<https://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm>**Education**

Florida 2013-14 High School Graduation Rate - 76.1%

<https://edstats.fldoe.org/SASWebReportStudio/gotoReportSection.do?sectionNumber=1>



Versus 10 years ago - 59.2%

#### Technology

Florida Ranking on Milken State Tech and Science Index - 37th

<http://statetechandscience.org/>

#### Home Sales

Florida Median Home Sale Price - \$203,500 June 2015. Year ago \$185,000. 10% increase.

<http://www.floridarealtors.org/ResearchAndStatistics/Florida-Market-Reports/Index.cfm>

#### Tourism

Florida tourism has grown from a recession low of 913,800 to more than 1.14 million during this time of expanded tourism.

<http://www.flchamber.com/creating-florida-jobs-marketing>

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Competitive Florida Partnership Program

Several years ago, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity established the Competitive Florida Partnership Program to help rural communities value and market local assets and challenge them to set realistic goals for advancing their economic development vision. Each year, the Department selects four rural communities to assist with designing and developing innovative strategies that promote partnerships, community design and a viable local economy thorough asset based economic development.

Asset-based economic development is a bottom-up approach that focuses on developing and promoting existing local resources to strengthen the local economy. The approach focuses on tangible and intangible assets of a rural community combined with economic advantages and how these can be leveraged into sustainable economic growth and prosperity. Assets in a rural community may include but are not limited to:

- individual and human capital;
- associations and voluntary networks;
- political advocates;
- historical and cultural resources;
- natural landscapes, including renewable and nonrenewable material resources;
- financial assets;
- built environment, including transportation networks communications facilities, utilities, public facilities; and
- commercial buildings; institutions, such as schools, hospitals and government agencies.

The Department works with the selected rural communities to identify and market these assets and facilitate promotional opportunities to bring economic development to their community.

The City of Madison has recently been selected as one of the four rural communities to participate in the third year of the Complete Florida Partnership Program. The Cities of Newberry, Starke and White Springs were previously designated Complete Florida Partnership Program communities. Council staff was a participating stakeholder in the processes with those communities.

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

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

As you know, Senate Bill 1216 (Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida) enacted by the Legislature during the last legislative session eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred Levy County and Marion County to the north central Florida region. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, entered into by counties and municipalities located in the north central Florida region.

In order to add Levy County and Marion County to the membership of the Council, the existing member local governments need to amend the interlocal agreement. At its September 24, 2015 meeting, the Council recommended proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement.

Staff has scheduled presentations concerning the proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement creating the Council with the current 24 member local governments during the months of October, November and December 2015. To date, 16 member local governments have approved the proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement.

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

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December 3, 2015

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Award

As you know, the Council serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. In addition, the Council provides staff to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area which serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Alachua County. The Council recently received the Outstanding Planning Agency of the Year Award from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

This award was presented at the Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Training and EXPO held in Daytona Beach on October, 26 - 28, 2015. The award recognizes the planning agency that went beyond the scope of their work to implement coordinated transportation. The awards were based on the success of the Council in staffing local coordinating boards, developing service plans, preparing needs assessments and assisting in the evaluation of community transportation coordinators.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., which serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette and Union Counties, received the Rural Community Transportation Coordinator Award. This award recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator who has performed in an outstanding manner as part of fully coordinated system for the community and the transportation disadvantaged population.

MV Transportation, Inc., which serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County, received the Safety Award of the Year. This award recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator that demonstrated an outstanding safety record or initiated new or improved safety programs.

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