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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 **January 28, 2016**. 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 by January 25, 2016 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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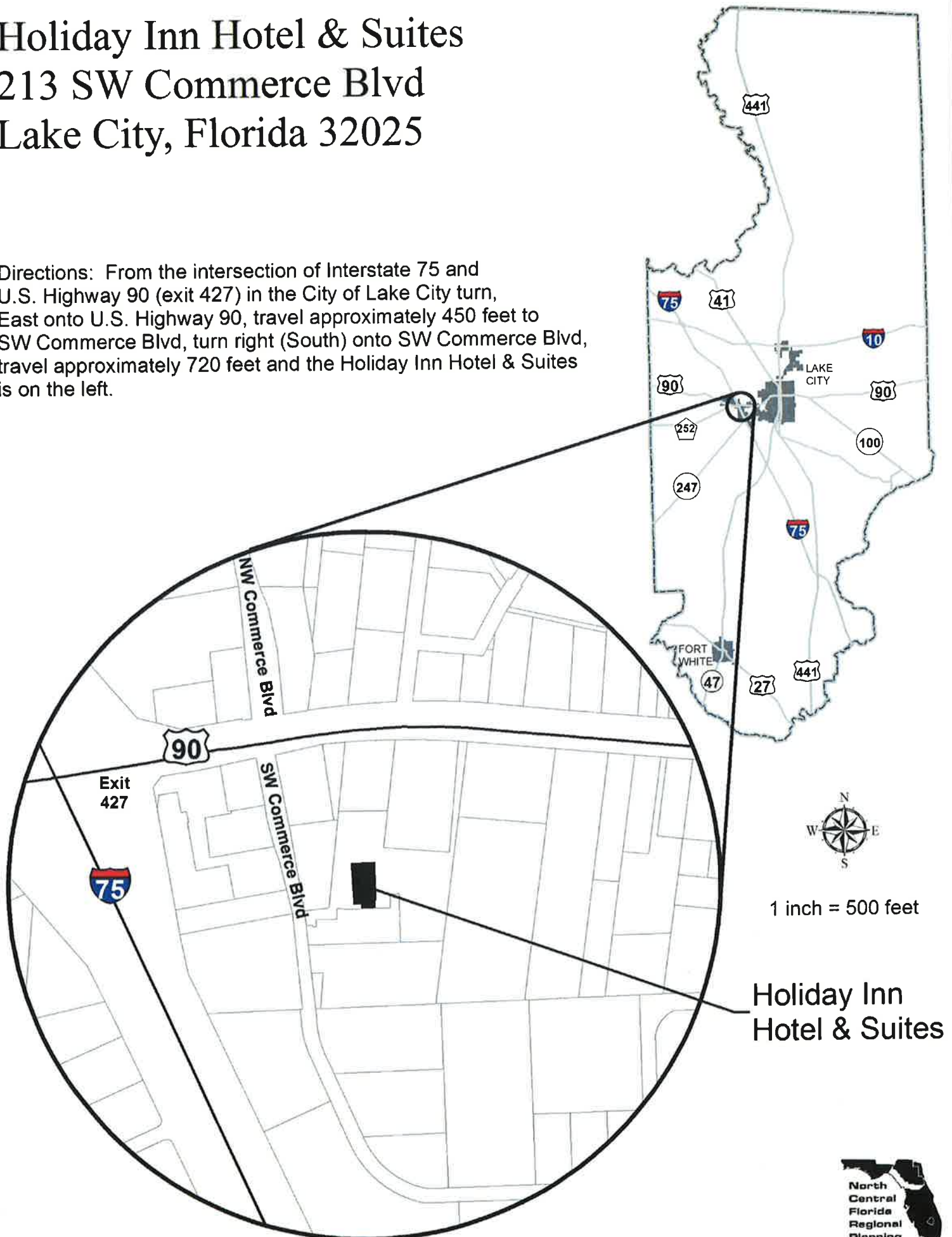
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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

January 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

December 10, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Everett Phillips, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Russell Simpson, Florida Department
of Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
David Sullivan, City of Perry
James Tallman, Union County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett
Mary Nell Bryant
Sandra Buck-Camp
Allen Cherry
David Cobb
Diana Davis
Chris Doolin
Ralph Kitchens
Ginger Morgan
Christa Pribble

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
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 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Mayor Davis and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Allen Cherry, County Coordinator from Madison County and member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee; Tim Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison; Christa Pribble, from Columbia County Arts Community; Sandra Buck-Camp, and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Ginger Morgan, a Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; David Cobb from Florida Power and Light; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; and Mary Nell Bryant, wife of Council member LaBarfield Bryant.

Chair Riddick asked Ginger Morgan, Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to make a few remarks. Ms. Morgan stated that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is available to assist local governments with conservation issues concerning comprehensive plan amendments.

Chair Riddick also asked that Item II.B.2., Christa Pribble from Columbia Arts Community be added to the agenda.

Chair Riddick asked that Item VI. B.7., #20 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion with a second by Councilperson Bryant to add Item II.B.2., Christa Pribble from Columbia Arts Community and Item VI.B.7., #20 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft. The motion carried unanimously.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Chris Doolin, Legislative Consultant
Small County Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Chris Doolin, the Legislative Consultant Small County Coalition. Mr. Doolin stated that the Coalition's agenda was to give small counties a collective voice when dealing with the Legislature. He then spoke about the upcoming legislative session and issues impacting local governments in the north central Florida region. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Doolin for his comments.

Christa Pribble, from Columbia County Arts Community gave a presentation about the benefits of local arts councils. Chair Riddick thanked Ms. Pribble for her presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 22, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. Monthly Financial Report - October 2015
- B. North Florida Economic Development Partnership - Experience North Florida Sponsorship
- C. Florida Department of Transportation District 2 -Local Government Transportation Summit Sponsorship
- D. Agency Regulatory Plan - Fiscal Year 2015-16
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator - Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Local Coordinating Board Appointment of Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

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: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, 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 -
 - 1. Curtis Hamlin
 - 2. Bucky Nash

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Councilperson Bryant to approve Resolution of Appreciation for Curtis Hamlin and Bucky Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Executive Director Elected Treasurer of the National Association of Development Organizations

Chair Riddick congratulated Executive Director Scott Koons for recently being elected Treasurer of the National Association of Development Organizations. He stated that the Association was founded in 1967 and provides advocacy, education, networking and research for the network of 540 regional development organizations. He also stated that the organization also promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee

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

- #13 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #14 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #15 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #16 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #18 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments
- #19 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which requires action prior to the next meeting. The item received was #20, City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. He noted that a copy of the staff report for the late-arriving item was handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #14, City of Dunnellon 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 and with regards to item #14, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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.

Mr. Montgomery further stated that 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. 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 Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning #13 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, #14 City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, #15 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, #16 City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, #18 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, #19 City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and #20 City of Chiefland 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. Commissioner Wells stated that the Committee presented the Report to the Council at the last Council meeting in October. 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. He 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 emphasized that this Report does not amend the regional plan, rather it serves as a basis for developing future regional plan amendments, which the Committee anticipates presenting to the Council for its consideration next year. He 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.

Commissioner Wells stated that the Report also includes a recommendation that regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan which are located in either Levy County or Marion County be considered for inclusion as Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Wells made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell to approve the Evaluation and Appraisal Report and forward it to the Executive Office of the Governor. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the 2016 Local Government Transportation Summit will be held January 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City. He also stated that the summit is designed for local government public works professionals, county administrators, planners and grant specialists involved in project solicitation and development.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District stated the joint water resources plan for the Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns Water Management District is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection stated that the Department would be conducting its Annual Large Hazardous Waste Quantity Generator Workshop at the Florida Coastal School of Law located adjacent to the Northwest Florida District office of the Department in Jacksonville on January 15, 2016.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 October and November 2015 activities report in the Council meeting packet. Mr. Koons also reported that Martha Lord's last day of employment with the Association will be December 11, 2015.

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 December 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Competitive Partnership Program

Mr. Koons stated that 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. He noted that 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. Mr. Koons reported that the City of Madison has recently been selected as one of the four rural communities to participate in the third year of the Competitive Florida Partnership Program. He further stated that the Newberry, Starke and White Springs were previously designated Competitive Florida Partnership Program communities. He finally noted that Council staff was a participating stakeholder in the processes with those communities.

D. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons gave an update on the status on the proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments. He stated that staff has attended 16 member local government county and city commission meetings to date to make presentations concerning the Council and the proposed interlocal agreement amendments. He noted that all 16 of those local governments have adopted the proposed amendments to the Interlocal Agreement and that the amendments would become effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Koons also indicated

that staff will be attending county and city commission meetings for the remaining eight member local governments in December 2015.

E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Transportation Disadvantaged Program received an award for Outstanding Planning Agency of the Year from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. He stated that 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 award was 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.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on January 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

1/28/16
Date



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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - November 2015

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for November 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 two months 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 two months is 14 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)
November 30, 2015

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Checking / Savings | 527,170 |
| Accounts Receivable | 304,178 |
| Other Current Assets | 197,614 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>1,028,962</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>1,028,962</u></u> |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | 0 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 21,394 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>21,394</u> |
| Equity | <u>1,007,568</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>1,028,962</u></u> |

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2015

SUMMARY STATEMENT

| | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | November 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Revenue | 1,876,300 | 99 | 226,298 | 12% |
| Expenses | 1,876,300 | 135,938 | 262,472 | 14% |

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2015

REVENUE

| Account | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | November 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Program Development | 30,300 | 99 | 7,397 | 24% |
| Regional Planning | | | | |
| Regional Planning & Review | 90,000 | 0 | 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 | 0 | 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 | 0 | 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 | | 0 | 2,500 | |
| Local Government Assistance | | | | |
| General Technical Services | 8,000 | 0 | 1,700 | 21% |
| City & County Planning Services | 215,700 | 0 | 116,268 | 54% |
| Community Development Block Grant Administration | 50,000 | 0 | 44,651 | 89% |
| Total Revenue | 1,876,300 | 99 | 226,298 | 12% |

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2015

EXPENDITURES

| Account | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | November 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Audit | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Building Occupancy & Grounds | 55,000 | 2,350 | 3,246 | 6% |
| Contractual Services | 48,000 | 6,896 | 7,711 | 16% |
| Dues, Publications , Subscriptions & Training | 50,000 | 772 | 1,764 | 4% |
| Furniture & Equipment | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Insurance and Bonding | 18,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Legal Costs | 14,000 | 1,063 | 1,063 | 8% |
| Machine Rental/Maintenance | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Meeting Expenses | 19,000 | 0 | 1,385 | 7% |
| Moving Expense | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Office Supplies | 23,000 | 880 | 1,180 | 5% |
| Personnel | 1,265,100 | 113,108 | 230,466 | 18% |
| Postage | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Printing | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Recruiting | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Reproduction | 11,000 | 1,828 | 1,828 | 17% |
| Telephone | 6,000 | 682 | 1,127 | 19% |
| Travel | 80,000 | 8,359 | 12,702 | 16% |
| Original Florida Tourism Task Force | 224,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Contingency | 14,200 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Expenses | 1,876,300 | 135,938 | 262,472 | 14% |




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Conclusion

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

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Checking / Savings | 503,973 |
| Accounts Receivable | 352,040 |
| Other Current Assets | 203,705 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>1,059,718</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>1,059,718</u></u> |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | 0 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 21,394 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>21,394</u> |
| Equity | <u>1,038,324</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>1,059,718</u></u> |

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT

| | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | December 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Revenue | 1,876,300 | 152,745 | 379,043 | 20% |
| Expenses | 1,876,300 | 124,777 | 387,249 | 21% |

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

REVENUE

| Account | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | December 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Program Development | 30,300 | 1,400 | 8,797 | 29% |
| Regional Planning | | | | |
| Regional Planning & Review | 90,000 | 0 | 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 | 6,687 | 6,687 | 6% |
| Hazards Analyses | 12,200 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Local Mitigation Strategies | 17,400 | 12,300 | 12,300 | 71% |
| 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 | 8,223 | 8,223 | 34% |
| Transportation Disadvantaged - Region | 192,700 | 66,697 | 66,697 | 35% |
| Economic Development | | | | |
| Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance | 153,000 | 0 | 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 | | 0 | 2,500 | |
| Local Government Assistance | | | | |
| General Technical Services | 8,000 | 0 | 1,700 | 21% |
| City & County Planning Services | 215,700 | 57,438 | 173,706 | 81% |
| Community Development Block Grant Administration | 50,000 | 0 | 44,651 | 89% |
| Total Revenue | 1,876,300 | 152,745 | 379,043 | 20% |

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

EXPENDITURES

| Account | Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16 | December 2015 | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Audit | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Building Occupancy & Grounds | 55,000 | 4,457 | 7,703 | 14% |
| Contractual Services | 48,000 | 3,071 | 10,782 | 22% |
| Dues, Publications , Subscriptions & Training | 50,000 | 16,702 | 18,466 | 37% |
| Furniture & Equipment | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Insurance and Bonding | 18,000 | 4,423 | 4,423 | 25% |
| Legal Costs | 14,000 | 37 | 1,100 | 8% |
| Machine Rental/Maintenance | 5,000 | 984 | 984 | 20% |
| Meeting Expenses | 19,000 | 1,689 | 3,074 | 16% |
| Moving Expense | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Office Supplies | 23,000 | 1,360 | 2,540 | 11% |
| Personnel | 1,265,100 | 87,379 | 317,845 | 25% |
| Postage | 8,000 | 50 | 50 | 1% |
| Printing | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Recruiting | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Reproduction | 11,000 | 0 | 1,828 | 17% |
| Telephone | 6,000 | 13 | 1,140 | 19% |
| Travel | 80,000 | 4,612 | 17,314 | 22% |
| Original Florida Tourism Task Force | 224,000 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Contingency | 14,200 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Expenses | 1,876,300 | 124,777 | 387,249 | 21% |



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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Commissioner Anthony Adams Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Bruce Greenlee as the voting Public Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Scott Pendarvis as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie 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 Commissioner Anthony Adams be appointed Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; Bruce Greenlee be appointed the voting Public Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and Scott Pendarvis be appointed the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Ed Braddy

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Ed Braddy.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since August 2013 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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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Ed Braddy has served as a representative from the City of Gainesville on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since August 2013;

WHEREAS, Ed Braddy 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 Ed Braddy 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 Ed Braddy.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Curtis Hamlin

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Curtis Hamlin.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since October 2006 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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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Curtis Hamlin has served as a representative from Lafayette County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since October 2006;

WHEREAS, Curtis Hamlin 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 Curtis Hamlin 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 Curtis Hamlin.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Robert Hutchinson

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Robert Hutchinson.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since December 2013 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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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Robert Hutchinson has served as a representative from Alachua County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since December 2013;

WHEREAS, Robert Hutchinson 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 Robert Hutchinson 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 Robert Hutchinson.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Everett Phillips

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Everett Phillips.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since January 2015 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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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Everett Phillips has served as a representative from Columbia County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2015;

WHEREAS, Everett Phillips 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 Everett Phillips 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 Everett Phillips.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Randy Wells

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Randy Wells.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since May 2010 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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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Randy Wells has served as a representative from the City of Gainesville on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since May 2010;

WHEREAS, Randy Wells 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 Randy Wells 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 Randy Wells.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Steve Tyson.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Steve Tyson served as the Public Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since September 2000.

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Steve Tyson has served as the Public Education Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since September 18, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Steve Tyson ably discharged his duties as the Public Education Representative on the Levy 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 Steve Tyson for the dedicated service he rendered to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Levy 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 Steve Tyson.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair
SUBJECT: Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment of Larry Sessions and Helen Warren to the Clearinghouse Committee, Robert Wilford to the Finance Committee, and Scarlet Frisina and DeLoris Roberts to the Regional Planning Committee; and

Ratify the appointment of Beth Burnam as Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Robert Wilford as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.

BACKGROUND:

Due to a vacancies on the Clearinghouse, Finance, and Regional Planning Committees, appointments to these committees need to be made at this time.

In order to maintain a balance among city, county and gubernatorial representatives, I am recommending the appointment of Larry Sessions and Helen Warren to the Clearinghouse Committee, Robert Wilford to the Finance Committee, and Scarlet Frisina and DeLoris Roberts to the Regional Planning Committee. Also, I am recommending the appointment of Beth Burnam as Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Robert Wilford as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.




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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Removal of Surplus Property From List of Capital Assets

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare the property listed on the attached schedule to be surplus property, and authorize its removal from the Council's list of capital assets, and disposal of it in accordance with Council policy.

BACKGROUND:

The property items listed on the attached table are computer hardware of out-dated technology. It is requested that they be declared surplus property. It is further requested that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy, which will result in transporting it to the Leveda Brown Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Alachua County or donating the equipment to a governmental agency or nonprofit organization.

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



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TO: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

FROM: Kevin D. Parrish, Information Technology and Property Management Director

SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

| Number | Original Cost | Description | Serial Number | Purchased |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 3124 | \$2,015.82 | Dell Dimension 9100 Computer | BFS1N81 | 10/14/05 |
| 3162 | \$1,797.80 | Dell Optiplex 755 Computer | C8KXQH1 | 11/23/08 |
| 3172 | \$1,605.80 | Dell Optiplex 760 Computer | 9QVWTL1 | 01/11/10 |
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| | \$5,419.42 | Sum * All fully depreciated | | |

The above items are either broken or of such outdated technology that they are no longer being used.

We need to have them taken off the inventory list so they can be disposed of.

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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., January 28, 2016 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

- #21 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #22 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Dockets Nos. CP15-17-00, CP15-16-00 and CD14-554-000 - Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Southeast Market Pipelines Project (Sabal Trail and Florida Southeast Connection Projects) - from Hamilton to Martin Counties, Florida (SAI #: FL20152217509C)
- #41 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-2ESR)
- #42 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #43 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-2ESR)
- #45 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ER)
- #46 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ER)
- #47 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ER)
- #48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #55 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)
- #56 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-2ESR)
- #57 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)

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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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Amendments

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 Evaluation and Appraisal Report evaluates the progress of the regional plan at achieving the goals and at 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. The Council adopted an Evaluation and Appraisal Report on December 10, 2015. The Evaluation and Appraisal Report identifies amendments that need to be prepared and considered by the Council for adoption.

The Regional Planning Committee will meet on January 28, 2016 to review and consider amendments to the Affordable Housing Element of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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



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January 21, 2016

TO: Nominating Committee
 Carolyn Spooner, Chair
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair
 Lorene Thomas

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Nominating Committee recommended nominee to fill a vacant position on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16.

BACKGROUND:

The Nominating Committee is responsible for making a recommendation for the Council's consideration regarding a vacant Board of Director position for the remainder of the Program Year 2015-16.

Please find attached for your information excerpts from the Council Organization Policies which govern the election of officers and Board of Directors.

NOTE:

1. No more than one officer may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit;
2. Of the total 15 members of the Board of Directors (including the Executive Committee), 10 shall be representatives appointed by city and county members, and 5 shall be selected from among gubernatorial appointees;
3. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives on the Board must be elected officials;
4. There must be broad regional representation on the Board;
5. At least 8 counties must be represented on the Board; and
6. At least 3 Board members must be from Alachua County.

If you have any questions concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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Section 6: Officers---Duties---Term of Office.

- (1) The members of the Council shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to serve as officers of both the Council and of the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected from among the members of the Council and may be elected or non-elected officials, no more than one of who may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit. Should a vacancy occur among the officers, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding officers were originally elected.
- (2) The officers shall perform the duties enumerated below and other duties prescribed by the Council:
 - (a) The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Council and of the Board; sign, with the counter-signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, or Executive Director, as authorized by the Council, any contracts or other instruments which is deemed in the Council's best interest; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Council.
 - (b) The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of the Chairman's duties, and either in the absence of the Chairman or in the event of the Chairman's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chairman.
 - (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of the meetings and the records of the Council and of the Board; attest the signatures of the Council officers; and see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Policies or as required by law.
 - (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the Finance Committee, periodically review the financial needs of the Council and at least quarterly, report to the Council regarding its fiscal condition. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also monitor and periodically report to the Council as to whether the Executive Committee and staff are complying with policies of



the Council in matters relating to: 1) Receiving monies due the Council and depositing them in a depository designated by the Council; and 2) Expending the funds of the Council as authorized by the Council. Further, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or the Council.

- (3) Each member elected to an office shall serve for one (1) year or until reelected or until a successor is elected, except that the Chairman's term of office shall be limited to two (2) consecutive one-year (1) terms and a past-chairman shall not be eligible again until two (2) additional years have elapsed nor shall a past-chairman be succeeded by a representative appointed by the same governmental unit.
- (4) Newly elected officers shall be declared installed following the election, and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.



Section 7: Board of Directors.

- (1) The membership of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the whole Council at its Annual Meeting as follows:
 - (a) The composition of the Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and ten (10) other Council representatives. Of these fifteen, ten (10) shall be representatives appointed by city and county members, and five (5) shall be selected from among the representatives appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives serving on the Board shall be officials elected to the governing body of local governments or other county elected officials chosen by said governing boards or the Governor.
 - (b) The ten (10) non-Executive Committee Members of the Board shall be selected in the following manner. A slate of nominees to fill each of the ten (10) positions shall be presented by the Nominating Committee. In selecting nominees, the Committee shall:
 1. Ensure broad and equitable representation throughout the membership, with consideration being given to proper representation: 1) From both counties and cities, 2) From rural as well as urban areas, and 3) According to population distribution; and further, consideration should be given to nominating minority representatives in number sufficient to provide minority representation on the Board in approximately the same proportion as minority population exists in the Region's total population.
 2. Select at least one (1) nominee from a sufficient number of counties to ensure that eight counties are represented on the Board, including members of the Executive Committee. Furthermore, there shall be a sufficient number of nominees selected from among the representatives from all counties with more than 75,000 population to ensure that at least three members of the Board represent said county, including members of the Executive Committee.



- (c) Nominations may also be made from the floor providing that such nominees shall challenge specific nominees designated by the Committee, and such nominees shall satisfy the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (b)1. and (b)2.
- (2) Should a vacancy(ies) occur among the directors, the successor(s) shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding directors were originally filled. Otherwise, all board members shall serve one (1) year or until successor is elected.
- (3) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event a member of the Board resigns, or for other reasons is no longer a representative to the Council, then the position vacated by that member shall not be included in the total number of Board positions for the purpose of determining a quorum until such time as the position is filled. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the directors present shall decide any question under consideration.
- (4) The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings and records of its official actions, all of which shall be filed in the office of the Council and shall be of public record.
- (5) The Board shall have the duties and responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Council which will best effectuate and carry out the purposes and functions for which the Council is created and as outlined in these Policies.
- (6) In the event the Council fails to assemble a quorum for the purposes of transacting business at any regular or called meeting, the Board is authorized to act on behalf of the Council with respect to all items. In such instances, all members of the Council who are present may vote on items considered by the Board, and a majority of those voting shall decide any question under consideration. Actions of the Board shall be final.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEMBERS

January 28, 2016

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Anthony Adams | Lafayette County |
| 2. Beth Burnam | Hamilton County |
| 3. Charles Chestnut IV | Alachua County |
| 4. Ken Cornell | Alachua County |
| 5. Rick Davis | Madison County |
| 6. Scarlet Frisina | Columbia County |
| 7. Jason Holifield | Dixie County |
| 8. Patricia Patterson | Taylor County |
| 9. Lee Pinkoson | Alachua County |
| 10. Daniel Riddick | Bradford County |
| 11. Larry Sessions | Suwannee County |
| 12. James Tallman | Union County |
| 13. Kenrick Thomas | Gilchrist County |

GUBERNATORIAL REPRESENTATIVES

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 29. William Hunter | Hamilton County |
| 30. James Montgomery | Columbia County |
| 31. Lorene Thomas | Dixie County |
| 32. Daniel Webb | Union County |
| 33. Mike Williams | Madison County |
| 34. Vacant | Alachua County |
| 35. Vacant | Alachua County |
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| 38. Vacant | Bradford County |
| 39. Vacant | Gilchrist County |
| 40. Vacant | Lafayette County |
| 41. Vacant | Suwannee County |
| 42. Vacant | Taylor County |

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

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| 14. LaBarfield Bryant | Jasper |
| 15. Harvey Budd | Gainesville |
| 16. Craig Carter | Gainesville |
| 17. Jim Catron | Madison |
| 18. Louie Davis | Waldo |
| 19. Jason Evans | High Springs |
| 20. Doug Jones | Archer |
| 21. Tim Marden | Newberry |
| 22. Garth Nobles, Jr. | Live Oak |
| 23. DeLoris Roberts | Hawthorne |
| 24. Carolyn Spooner | Starke |
| 25. David Sullivan | Perry |
| 26. Helen Warren | Gainesville |
| 27. Robert Wilford | Alachua |
| 28. Stephen Witt | Lake City |

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Scott Thomason, High Springs

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1. Vacant, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
2. Vacant, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3. Vacant, Florida Department of Transportation
4. Vacant, St. Johns River Water Management District
5. Vacant, Southwest Florida Water Management District
6. Vacant, Suwannee River Water Management District

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE SHEET - January 28, 2016

| | Program Year 2013-14 | Program Year 2014-15 | Program Year 2015-16 | Total |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | Attended/Meetings | Attended/Meetings | Attended/Meetings | Attended/Meetings |
| <u>COUNTY</u> | | | | |
| 1. Anthony Adams, Lafayette County | N/A | N/A | 0/1 | 0/1 |
| 2. Beth Burnam, Hamilton County | 7/11 | 6/10 | 3/6 | 16/27 |
| 3. Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County | 9/11 | 6/10 | 4/6 | 19/27 |
| 4. Ken Cornell, Alachua County | N/A | 3/5 | 2/6 | 5/11 |
| 5. Rick Davis, Madison County | 9/11 | 9/10 | 5/6 | 23/27 |
| 6. Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County | N/A | 3/4 | 4/6 | 7/10 |
| 7. Jason Holifield, Dixie County | 3/11 | 1/10 | 1/6 | 5/27 |
| 8. Patricia Patterson, Taylor County | 10/11 | 9/10 | 6/6 | 25/27 |
| 9. Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County | N/A | 1/5 | 0/6 | 1/11 |
| 10. Daniel Riddick, Bradford County | 9/11 | 8/10 | 6/6 | 23/27 |
| 11. Larry Sessions, Suwannee County | N/A | 5/6 | 5/6 | 10/12 |
| 12. James Tallman, Union County | N/A | 4/6 | 1/6 | 5/12 |
| 13. Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County | 7/11 | 9/10 | 5/6 | 21/27 |
| <u>CITY</u> | | | | |
| 14. LaBarfield Bryant, Jasper | 10/11 | 10/10 | 6/6 | 26/27 |
| 15. Harvey Budd, Gainesville | N/A | N/A | 5/6 | 5/6 |
| 16. Craig Carter, Gainesville | N/A | 3/10 | 2/6 | 5/16 |
| 17. Jim Catron, Madison | 7/11 | 6/10 | 3/6 | 16/27 |
| 18. Louie Davis, Waldo | 7/11 | 7/10 | 5/6 | 19/27 |
| 19. Jason Evans, High Springs | N/A | 1/5 | 1/6 | 2/11 |
| 20. Doug Jones, Archer | N/A | 2/4 | 3/6 | 5/10 |
| 21. Tim Marden, Newberry | 6/10 | 3/10 | 0/6 | 9/26 |
| 22. Garth Nobles, Jr., Live Oak | 11/11 | 10/10 | 4/6 | 25/27 |
| 23. DeLoris Roberts, Hawthorne | 7/8 | 6/10 | 5/6 | 18/24 |
| 24. Carolyn Spooner, Starke | 10/11 | 10/10 | 4/6 | 24/27 |
| 25. David Sullivan, Perry | N/A | 4/6 | 2/6 | 6/12 |
| 26. Helen Warren, Gainesville | N/A | 3/10 | 4/6 | 7/16 |
| 27. Robert Wilford, Alachua | 9/11 | 7/10 | 5/6 | 21/27 |
| 28. Stephen Witt, Lake City | 6/11 | 8/10 | 4/6 | 18/27 |
| <u>GUBERNATORIAL</u> | | | | |
| 29. William Hunter, Hamilton County | N/A | 2/3 | 5/6 | 7/9 |
| 30. James Montgomery, Columbia County | 10/11 | 9/10 | 5/6 | 24/27 |
| 31. Lorene Thomas, Dixie County | 8/11 | 9/10 | 6/6 | 23/27 |
| 32. T. Daniel Webb, Union County | N/A | 2/3 | 2/6 | 4/9 |
| 33. Mike Williams, Madison County | 4/11 | 2/10 | 0/6 | 6/27 |

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

2015-16
January 28, 2016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rick Davis, Vice-Chair
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Louie Davis, Member
Carolyn Spooner, Immediate Past Chair

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City of Alachua

Robert Wilford

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Kenrick Thomas

HAMILTON COUNTY

Jasper

LaBarfield Bryant

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Live Oak

Garth Nobles, Jr.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Patricia Patterson*

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Mike Williams

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Daniel Webb

***Nominating Committee recommended
nominee for Board of Directors
position is bolded.**



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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

The 2014-15 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association is attached for your information. The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all ten regional councils in Florida. It is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all ten executive directors.

The following members of the Council currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board. Commissioner Spooner also currently serves as the Second Vice-President of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board.

Honorable Daniel Riddick, Chair
 Honorable Carolyn Spooner, Immediate Past Chair
 Ms. Lorene Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer

Activities of the Council are featured on pages 15, 16, 17, and 23. However, you are encouraged to review the document in its entirety to gain an understanding of the activities that are occurring on a statewide basis.

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

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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.



FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT & DIRECTORY



2014-2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year 2015 marked change in the 50-year history of Florida's regional planning councils. With the 2015 Legislative Session came revisions to the statutory provisions governing our councils. Those revisions updated the responsibilities of regional planning councils to the State of Florida, confirmed the continued support of the Legislature for the work of the councils, and addressed some changes to the geographic boundaries of the regional planning councils in the north and central regions of Florida. We are now ten regional planning councils strong, serving all 67 counties and 412 municipalities, and supporting agencies throughout the state.

Florida's regional planning councils have evolved into multi-purpose regional entities that provide much more than planning assistance for our members and local governments. In our rapidly growing state, with a population expected to top 21 million by 2020, the role of our councils has never been more important. In the past year, our councils provided an array of award-winning services and delivered value to local governments and small businesses around the state while continuing to advance the State's Strategic Plan for Economic Development. We focused our efforts in five core functional areas: Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Transportation, Quality of Life, and serving as Regional Conveners.

The accomplishments cited throughout this Annual Report underscore the unique and varied roles, and the significant impact of regional planning councils around our state. The work of our councils has not gone unnoticed this year. Several councils received awards from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, the National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Regional Councils.

These successes are the result of countless partnerships forged with our members, state and federal agencies, and the private sector under the leadership of our ten regional planning council executive directors. On behalf of Florida Regional Councils Association, I thank two outstanding directors who retired this year after lengthy careers serving their councils. Terry Joseph served the West Florida Regional Planning Council for more than 31 years and Manny Pumariega served the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for more than 35 years. I also thank Commissioner Pat Huff of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council for his leadership and service as President of the Association over the past year.

We are fortunate to live and work in Florida, the third largest and fastest growing state in the nation. With growth comes many opportunities and some challenges. We look forward to continuing to serve our local governments and partners, and work together to solve problems, achieve regional successes, and have positive statewide impact.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Constantine". The script is fluid and cursive.

Lee Constantine, President

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FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION



FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Florida Regional Councils Association fosters regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships to support economic growth and improve quality of life; promotes a standard of excellence in the delivery of regional planning council programs and technical professional assistance and expertise; and advocates for the role of regional planning councils as the state's primary organizations to address problems that are of greater-than-local concern.

The Florida Regional Councils Association is an alliance of Florida's ten regional planning councils, which serves to strengthen regional planning councils, enhance regional economic prosperity, and improve the consistency and quality of regional planning council programs that add value to state, regional, and local initiatives. The Association is governed by a 30-member Policy Board comprising two elected officials and one gubernatorial appointee from each regional planning council. The Policy Board meets to address issues affecting regional planning councils, share information with its partners, and set policy and a legislative agenda. The Policy Board seeks national support of its statewide and regional agenda from Florida's Congressional Delegation as well as support for state funding of regional planning councils to carry out state mandates and responsibilities. The Association ensures regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of their regions. The Association encourages and promotes opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in federal and state programs and initiatives, while promoting the uniqueness of each region. Regional planning council executive directors serve as the Policy Board's Executive Directors Advisory Committee to coordinate statewide initiatives, collaborate with state agencies, and share best programmatic and administrative practices.

As partners to local governments statewide, regional planning councils deliver an array of award-winning services and support in the areas of economic development, transportation, emergency preparedness and quality of life. As regional conveners, regional planning councils bring together stakeholders from the private and public sectors to resolve important issues impacting their region and the state.

**Florida's Regional Planning Councils provide
cost-effective, professional technical expertise
to counties and cities.**

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Ms. Lisa Miller, Gubernatorial Appointee
Honorable Jane Sauls, Leon County Commissioner
Honorable Durwood Stewart, City of Bristol Councilman

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Honorable W. Patrick "Pat" Huff, City of Bartow Mayor
Honorable Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, DeSoto County Commissioner
Ms. Jacqueline Tucker, Gubernatorial Appointee

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Honorable Lee Constantine, Seminole County Commissioner
Honorable Sean Parks, Lake County Commissioner
Ms. Jill Rose, Gubernatorial Appointee

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Honorable Daniel Riddick, Bradford County Commissioner
Honorable Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke Commissioner
Ms. Lorene Thomas, Gubernatorial Appointee

Northeast Florida Regional Council

Honorable Frank Meeker, Flagler County Commissioner
Honorable Jon Netts, City of Palm Coast Mayor
Mr. Darryl Register, Gubernatorial Appointee

South Florida Regional Council

Mr. Mario Bailey, Gubernatorial Appointee
Honorable Franklin Caplan, City of Key Biscayne Councilman
Honorable David Rice, Monroe County

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Honorable Forrest Banks, City of Ft. Myers Councilman
Mr. Don McCormick, Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Alan Reynolds, Gubernatorial Appointee

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Honorable Scott Black, City of Dade City Commissioner
Honorable Victor Crist, Hillsborough County Commissioner
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Gubernatorial Appointee

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Mr. Michael Davis, Gubernatorial Appointee
Honorable James DuBois, Town of Lake Park Mayor
Honorable Tod Mowery, St. Lucie County Commissioner

West Florida Regional Planning Council

Honorable Thomas Abbot, City of Callaway Mayor
Honorable Nathan Boyles, Okaloosa County Commissioner
Mr. J. D. Smith, Gubernatorial Appointee



**Honorable Lee Constantine
President**



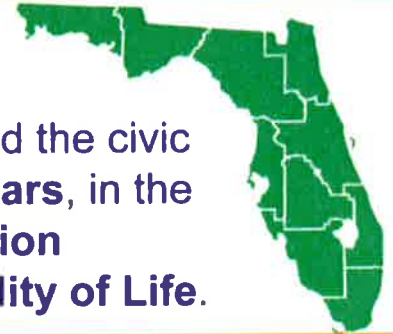
**Honorable Barbara Sheen Todd
First Vice-President**



**Honorable Carolyn Spooner
Second Vice-President**

ABOUT REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Florida's regional planning councils have provided professional technical support to **local governments, state and regional partners**, and the civic and business **communities** for more than **50 years**, in the areas of **Economic Development, Transportation Planning, Emergency Preparedness and Quality of Life**.



- Created by the local governments they serve, regional planning councils meet local government and regional needs, provide award winning services, and collaborate on state and federal initiatives and programs.
- Florida Statutes recognize regional planning councils as Florida's only multi-purpose regional entities that are in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region (Section 186.502(4), Florida Statutes).
- Regional planning councils adopt Strategic Regional Policy Plans to address natural resources, housing, emergency management, transportation, and economic development. Strategic Regional Policy Plans are long-range guides for the physical, economic, and social development of each region.
- All ten regional planning councils are federally designated Economic Development Districts by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which empower the councils to provide local access to federal funds and engage in a full range of economic development activities as provided for in their federally approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plans.
- In addition to their core functions in the areas of economic development, emergency management, transportation, quality of life, and serving as regional conveners, each regional planning council tailors its services and programs to address regional concerns and meet the needs of their member local governments. A complete list of regional planning council services and programs is on pages 18 and 19.
- Each regional planning council is governed by a Board of Directors comprising two-thirds local elected officials and one-third gubernatorial appointees from its member counties. These governing boards range in size from 18 to 48 members, and include at least four ex-officio, nonvoting members from the following entities: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Transportation, and the jurisdictional water management district(s). Funding for regional planning councils comes from local government membership dues; federal, state, and local grants; and a variety of contracts for services.



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Through regional planning councils, the U.S. Economic Development Administration invested \$74.9 million in 39 projects in Florida, creating 5,623 jobs, retaining 10,310 jobs, and leveraging more than \$606 million in private capital investment (from January 2005 to September 2015).
- In 2014-15, through revolving loan funds, three regional planning councils loaned \$1.97 million to grow small businesses and encouraged business retention and expansion, resulting in the creation/retention of 155 jobs. Over the past ten years, these regional planning councils loaned \$41.9 million, resulting in the creation/retention of 3,760 jobs.
- In 2014-15, regional planning councils conducted 53 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. In the past ten years, 560 economic analyses have been completed by regional planning councils.
- In 2014-15, regional planning councils trained 3,996 first responders/emergency management personnel. In the past ten years, 38,573 first responders/emergency management personnel have been trained.
- In 2014-15, regional planning councils validated 685 projects under the Federal Consistency Review Program, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars. Under this program, 12,673 projects were reviewed in the past 10 years.

AWARDS

2014 National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Wakulla Environmental Institute

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Heartland 2060

**Central Florida Regional Planning Council,
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council &
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**
Florida Local / Regional Broadband Planning Project

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Incorporating Safety into Transportation Planning

Northeast Florida Regional Council
Regional Action Plan for Sea Level Rise

2014 American Planning Association Florida Chapter Awards of Merit

**Central Florida Regional Planning Council &
Shimberg Center for Housing**
Affordable Housing Toolkit for Heartland 2060

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Seven50: Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Plan

2015 National Association of Regional Councils Major Metro Award

**Central Florida Regional Planning Council,
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council &
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**
Florida Local / Regional Broadband Planning Project

2015 Florida Planning & Zoning Association Grassroots Initiative Award

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Heartland 2060

2015 Florida Planning & Zoning Association Redevelopment Plan Award

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Bartow Community Redevelopment Plan

2015 Congress for the New Urbanism Charter Award

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Seven50: Southeast Florida Regional Partnership Plan

DIRECTORY



Regional Planning Councils

- Apalachee
- Central Florida
- East Central Florida
- North Central Florida
- Northeast Florida
- South Florida
- Southwest Florida
- Tampa Bay
- Treasure Coast
- West Florida

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VOTING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS



| REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL | COUNTY | MUNICIPALITY (BY COUNTY) | GUVERNATORIAL APPOINTEE COUNTY | BOARD MEETING DATE/TIME |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Apalachee | Calhoun Franklin Gadsden Gulf Jackson Jefferson Leon Liberty Wakulla | Altha Carrabelle Quincy Wewahitchka Malone Monticello Tallahassee Bristol St. Marks | Calhoun Franklin Gadsden Gulf Jackson Jefferson Leon Liberty Wakulla | Every other month: Fourth Thursday 10:30 a.m. |
| Central Florida | DeSoto Hardee Highlands Okeechobee Polk | Arcadia Wauchula Sebring Okeechobee Lakeland, Winter Haven, and Ridge League of Cities | DeSoto Hardee Highlands Okeechobee Polk | Monthly: Second Wednesday 9:30 a.m. |
| East Central Florida | Brevard Lake Orange Osceola Seminole Sumter Volusia | Space Coast League of Cities Lake County League of Cities Orlando and Tri-County League of Cities Tri-County League of Cities Tri-County League of Cities To Be Determined Volusia County League of Cities | Brevard Lake Orange Osceola Seminole Sumter Volusia | Every other month: Third Wednesday 10:00 a.m. |
| North Central Florida | Alachua Bradford Columbia Dixie Gilchrist Hamilton Lafayette Levy Madison Marion Suwannee Taylor Union | Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, Newberry, and Waldo Starke Lake City No Voting Municipal Member No Voting Municipal Member Jasper No Voting Municipal Member No Voting Municipal Member Madison No Voting Municipal Member Live Oak Perry No Voting Municipal Member | Alachua Bradford Columbia Dixie Gilchrist Hamilton Lafayette Levy Madison Marion Suwannee Taylor Union | Monthly: Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. |

VOTING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

| REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL | COUNTY | MUNICIPALITY (BY COUNTY) | GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEE COUNTY | BOARD MEETING DATE/TIME |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Northeast Florida | Baker Clay Duval Flagler Nassau Putnam St. Johns | MacClenny Keystone Heights Baldwin Bunnell Callahan Palatka St. Augustine | Baker Clay Duval Flagler Nassau Putnam St. Johns | Every other month: First Thursday 10:00 a.m. |
| South Florida | Broward Miami-Dade Monroe | Lauderhill and Cooper City Key Biscayne and Miami Lakes Key West | Broward Miami-Dade Monroe | Every other month: First Monday 10:30 a.m. |
| Southwest Florida | Charlotte Collier Glades Hendry Lee Sarasota | Punta Gorda Marco Island, Naples, and Everglades City Moore Haven Clewiston and Labelle Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Beach, and Sanibel Longboat Key, North Port, Sarasota, and Venice | Charlotte Collier Glades Hendry Lee Sarasota | Monthly: Third Thursday 9:00 a.m. |
| Tampa Bay | Citrus Hernando Hillsborough Manatee Pasco Pinellas | No Voting Municipal Member No Voting Municipal Member Plant City, Tampa, and Temple Terrace Bradenton and Palmetto Dade City, New Port Richey, and Zephyrhills Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, St. Pete Beach, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island | Citrus Hernando Hillsborough Manatee Pasco Pinellas | Monthly: Second Monday 10:00 a.m. |
| Treasure Coast | Indian River Martin Palm Beach St. Lucie | Sebastian and Indian River Shores Sewall's Point Jupiter, Lake Park, Royal Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, and Wellington Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie | Indian River Martin Palm Beach St. Lucie | Ten Times/Year: Third Friday 9:30 a.m. |
| West Florida | Bay Escambia Holmes Okaloosa Santa Rosa Walton Washington | Callaway, Lynn Haven, Panama City, and Panama City Beach Pensacola Boniface and Ponce de Leon Crestview, Destin, and Fort Walton Beach Jay, Milton and Gulf Breeze DeFuniak Springs, Paxton, and Freeport Chipley and Vernon | Escambia Washington | Monthly: Third Monday 3:30 p.m. |

BY THE NUMBERS

| REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL | DATE ESTABLISHED | 2014 REGIONAL POPULATION ¹ | GOVERNING BOARD SIZE | STAFF SIZE (FTE) ² | SQUARE MILES | 2014-15 BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Apalachee | Aug. 23, 1977 | 477,098 | 27 | 6 | 5,855 | \$693,785 |
| Central Florida | July 1, 1974 | 824,958 | 18 | 16 | 5,287 | \$3,179,548 |
| East Central Florida | Feb. 22, 1962 | 3,437,773 | 32 | 16 | 6,502 | \$2,792,896 |
| North Central Florida | May 7, 1969 | 882,113 | 48 | 13 | 9,516 | \$1,688,600 |
| Northeast Florida | April 14, 1977 | 1,568,868 | 35 | 10 | 4,428 | \$2,425,910 |
| South Florida | July 1, 1974 | 4,581,780 | 19 | 14 | 4,091 | \$2,284,711 |
| Southwest Florida | Nov. 8, 1973 | 1,592,622 | 36 | 12 | 6,023 | \$2,656,064 |
| Tampa Bay | Feb. 16, 1962 | 3,369,783 | 44 | 12 | 4,179 | \$2,317,120 |
| Treasure Coast | Aug. 19, 1976 | 1,932,599 | 28 | 10 | 3,555 | \$2,010,112 |
| West Florida | Oct. 1, 1964 | 929,916 | 33 | 28 | 6,026 | \$2,954,512 |

¹Source: [Florida Estimates of Population, 2014](#), Table 1, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2015.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Marine Industries Career Training

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council completed a Regional Waterways Plan for Martin and St. Lucie Counties, which involved an evaluation of economic opportunities with the nearly 140 miles of navigable waterways in the region. A key finding focused on the marine industry sub-sector and its workforce development needs.



The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council evaluated the workforce needs of the marine industry in the Treasure Coast region.

The plan recommended a new high school/post-secondary career track to expand the local industry workforce. The Council, the local school district, and the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast region collaborated to identify appropriate industry certifications, internship opportunities with marine businesses and in-school mentors, and participated in career expos to recruit students.

Federal Transit Administration Funding Improves Access to Employment

Regional planning councils administer Federal Transit Administration funding with the specific goal of improving access to employment and employment-related activities for eligible low-income individuals under the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Funding may be used to transport qualified residents to education and training venues. To identify eligible clients in need of transport, regional planning councils partner with district workforce boards, educational institutions, and vocational rehabilitation agencies. Federal Transit Administration funds may also be used to procure vehicles to provide transport for eligible individuals.

EDUCATION

Regional Schools Work Group

For nearly a decade, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council has facilitated a Regional Schools Work Group that includes four local school districts with participation by Florida Atlantic University, Indian River State College, Palm Beach State College, two CareerSource districts and local governments. The Work Group meets six to 12 times annually to discuss legislation, population projections, opportunities for capital facilities efficiencies, and workforce development/career training.

Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy

The Northeast Florida Regional Council continued a nine-year program by welcoming the Class of 2015 to its Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy. The 15 candidates represent a variety of fields including law enforcement, aviation, and education. Each month, the class explored one county in the region, examining regional issues such as transportation, public safety, natural and cultural resources, food, sustainability, and education. Since 2006, the Regional Leadership Academy has produced more than 200 regionalists and lifetime members of the Regional Community Institute.

Curriculum at Florida Polytechnic

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council provided input and guidance in the development of curriculum for programs



The Central Florida Regional Planning Council provided guidance in curriculum development for Florida Polytechnic University.

supporting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors at Florida Polytechnic University. The University curriculum aligns with goals contained in the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region initiative.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS/ COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

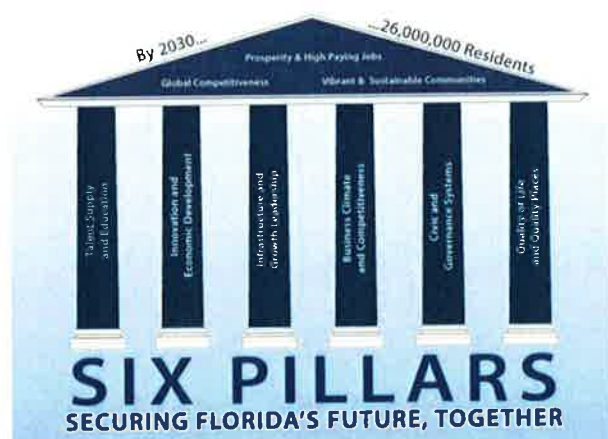


Regional Planning Councils are Federally Designated Economic Development Districts

Through regional planning councils, from January 2005 to September 2015, the U.S. Economic Development Administration invested \$74.9 million in 39 projects in Florida, creating 5,623 jobs, retaining 10,310 jobs and leveraging more than \$606 million in private capital investment.

Six Pillars™ Communities

The Florida Chamber Foundation's designation of the ten regional planning councils as Six Pillars™ Communities, acknowledges the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies of regional planning councils alignment with the



The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies of regional planning councils are aligned with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars for Securing Florida's Future.

Foundation's Six Pillars™. This alignment with Florida's business community leverages the economic development efforts of regional planning councils and fosters more

opportunities for the entire state, including rural areas. This designation brought the Six Pillars™ to the attention of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, reinforcing Florida's commitment to align and focus the public and private sectors on economic development.

FLORIDA STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Approved by the Governor in 2014, the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development is organized according to the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars™, and defines the



Medical manufacturing and life sciences are growing industry clusters identified in regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.

goals, objectives, and strategies to move Florida toward its economic vision of being increasingly competitive.

In addition to playing a significant role in the development of the Strategic Plan, regional planning councils developed tactics and metrics to measure and report quarterly on their progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. For the 2014-15 state fiscal year, regional planning councils accomplished the following:

- 155 jobs were created or retained through their revolving loan fund programs.
- 90 grants were written in partnership with their local governments or economic development organizations.
- 53 economic impact analyses were completed on behalf of their local governments or economic development organizations.

Regional planning councils engaged in thousands of technical assistance activities in support of the strategies in the Strategic Plan, which were also implemented through actions that supported the Strategic Regional Policy Plans and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies of regional planning councils.

The New Normal Forum Focused on Regional & National Demographics

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council hosted *The New Normal: Fiscal and Demographic Trends Shaping Florida and Tampa Bay*, a forum on the demographic trends shaping the region's future and the impacts on regional communities and economic development. The forum was led by Dr. Carol Wiessert of Florida State University's Leroy Collins Institute, who presented findings of the *Tougher Choices* report. Beginning in 2005, the Institute's series of reports, *Tough Choices: Shaping Florida's Future*, provided in-depth analysis of Florida tax and spending policy and concluded that Florida's pattern of low spending and low taxes conflicted with the growing demands of the state's residents.

The implications for Tampa Bay were addressed. The region, like Florida and the nation, face a historic shift in the average age of the population. As Baby Boomers retire, more Americans than ever before will leave the workforce. The Council cited this profound impacts of this trend on the regional economy, from the costs of supporting a dependent population to the problems of a smaller workforce.

Regional Community Institute

Aging Trends

- Over 65 population is now 26%, by 2034, 35%
- Over 75 population is now 12%, by 2034 19%



The Regional Community Institute, Inc., a not-for-profit policy affiliate of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, completed policy recommendations regarding its Thriving Small Business initiative. The Institute established baseline data regarding small businesses in the region and developed small business climate indicators in an effort to identify actions that would make Northeast Florida most conducive to small business startups, expanded employment, and long-term success. An Action Plan proposes to use the Economic Development District designation of the Council by submitting at least one project per year for funding to support small business, partnering and sharing information

with key stakeholders to strengthen agriculture and agri-tourism, and developing a "Main Street" strategy for the region focused on downtowns that present opportunities for small businesses.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Rural Economic Development Initiative is a coordinated effort among state and regional agencies to provide programs and services to rural and economically distressed communities. The Initiative recommends to the Governor the designations of Rural Areas of Opportunity. The Rural Area of Opportunity designation establishes each as a priority assignment for the Initiative and allows for waivers or reduction of match and assistance from Initiative agencies. Florida's three Rural Areas of Opportunities are:

- **Northwest** - Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, Washington Counties and the City of Freeport (Walton County)
- **North Central** - Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties
- **South Central** - DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay (Palm Beach County) and Immokalee (Collier County)

Within each area is at least one catalyst project undertaken to help bring a skilled workforce and higher paying jobs to these regions. Regional planning councils work closely with the Florida Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Opportunity Florida, and North Florida Economic Development Partnership.



The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council obtained funding for a new water plant at the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity Catalyst Site in Suwannee County.

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MANUFACTURING & HIGH TECH

Medical Device Manufacturing Economic Analysis

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council received grant assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to analyze medical device manufacturing in the West Central Florida mega-region. Performed in partnership with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Medical Device Manufacturing Analysis included a detailed analysis of the industry and its sub-components. The project assessed potential infrastructure needs, logistical issues, workforce skill competency and a variety of other factors that can be useful as a framework for analysts concerned with how to grow the industry in Florida.

The medical device manufacturing industry in Florida is the second largest in the nation producing \$2.0 billion in gross state product annually. The medical device manufacturing industry employing 6,800 persons in the West Central Florida mega-region accounts for over 33 percent of the industry employment in the state.

The study identified key players and the strategic actions needed to grow and expand the manufacturing base. A regional website was developed to access those resources and to market to economic development organizations and their manufacturing prospects. As a pilot prototype, the study is transferable to the other economic development districts in Florida. The long-term benefits from the study should yield a pathway that can be duplicated to expedite investing in manufacturing community partnerships.



The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, conducted a medical device manufacturing study to identify training and infrastructure needs.

High Tech Industry Economic Impact

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council partnered with the Gainesville Area Council for Economic Outreach to analyze the economic impact of the high tech industry in the Gainesville Area. Through Innovation Gainesville, a communitywide initiative of the Gainesville Area Council for Economic Outreach, the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, the economy of the area is being transformed by leveraging the applied research conducted at the University and workforce training provided by the College.



The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council partnered with the Gainesville Area Council for Economic Outreach to analyze the economic impact of high tech industries including some of the firms housed at Florida Innovation Hub at the University of Florida.

One of the five priority projects areas of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to support the creation and expansion of business incubators and research parks. Florida Innovation Hub at the University of Florida is a high tech business incubator constructed by the University of Florida with funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The Hub provides office space, laboratories, conference rooms and other capabilities to technology-based start-up companies.

The analysis evaluated a projected five-year impact of over 1,200 jobs created by 12 high tech firms that either started, relocated or expanded within Alachua County. The analysis indicated that the creation of these direct jobs will result in over 2,000 estimated direct jobs. In addition, the economic impact of the creation of these jobs is estimated to generate an increase of over \$200 million in gross county product. Real disposal personal income is estimated to increase by over \$70 million.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Comprehensive Planning

The Community Planning Act governs local government comprehensive planning in Florida. Local government comprehensive plan amendments are reviewed by regional planning councils for extra-jurisdictional impacts and consistency with the applicable Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Under the Expedited State Review process, regional planning councils send their comments to the local government and the State Land Planning Agency (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity). Under the State Coordinated Review process, regional planning councils send comments to the State Land Planning Agency.

Local Government Technical Assistance

Some regional planning councils serve as the county or city planner for local governments that may not have full-time planning staff. Regional planning councils provide affordable, high-quality technical assistance to local governments in a variety of areas related to:

- comprehensive plan map and text amendments
- development proposals
- grant writing and administration
- redevelopment master plans
- evaluation and appraisal assessments
- rezoning applications
- sea level rise and climate resiliency initiatives
- land development regulations
- water supply plans
- special permits and special exceptions
- traffic studies
- lane elimination projects
- mobility plans
- complete streets projects
- concurrency evaluations
- local site plans
- natural resource easements
- visioning exercises



Redevelopment proposal for existing shopping center on State Road 7 in Palm Beach County.

Geographic Information Systems Mapping

Some regional planning councils provide Geographic Information System mapping and other services to local governments, such as:

- local government map series and regional map series
- delineation of community redevelopment areas
- utility service areas
- natural resource and environmentally sensitive areas
- hurricane surge zones
- soils classifications and floodplain areas
- corridor analyses

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Training, Exercises, and Technical Assistance

Regional planning councils are a source of affordable, high-quality planning and training professionals with expertise in emergency management and preparedness who are available to member local governments and stakeholders. This assistance includes exercise and training activities designed in conjunction with county emergency management staff.



Hazardous materials response training for first responders is provided or coordinated through regional planning councils throughout the state.

Over the past ten years, regional planning councils have trained more than 38,573 first responders and other emergency management personnel. Regional planning councils coordinate training for public and private sector first responders in the following areas:

- hazardous materials and hazardous waste
- incident command
- disaster response
- pre- and post-disaster planning
- post-disaster redevelopment
- continuity of operations and governance

PROGRAM MATRIX

| PROGRAM | ARPC | CFRPC | ECFRPC | NCFRPC | NEFRC | SFRC | SWFRPC | TBRPC | TCRPC | WFRPC |
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| Regional Planning | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broadband Planning | | X | | | | | X | X | | |
| Energy Initiatives | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Federal Clearinghouse | 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 |
| Strategic Regional Policy Plan | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| U.S. Housing & Urban Development Sustainable Communities Initiative | | X | X | | | X | | | | |
| Visioning Initiatives | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Economic Development | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brownfields Assessments | | X | | | | | | | X | X |
| Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/Economic Development District | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Eco/Cultural/Heritage Tourism Development | | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | |
| Economic Development Organization Collaboration | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Economic Impact Analyses Modeling | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Revolving Loan Fund | X | X | | | | X | | | X | X |
| Rural Area of Opportunity | X | X | | X | X | | X | | X | X |
| Rural Economic Technical Assistance | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Community Development | | | | | | | | | | |
| Affordable Housing Initiatives | | 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 |
| Developments of Regional Impact | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Dispute Resolution | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Downtown Redevelopment and Urban Design | | X | X | X | | | X | | X | X |
| Geographic Information Systems Mapping/US Census Data Center | 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 |
| Local Government, Land Use, and Community Planning | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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| Community Development (Continued) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletter | | X | | | X | | X | X | | X |
| Regional Leadership Training | | | X | | X | | X | | X | |
| U.S. Census State Data Center Affiliate | 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 |
| Emergency Management and Disaster-Related Training Exercises | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Hazardous First Responder Training | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Hurricane Evacuation | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Local Emergency Planning Committee | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Local Hazard Mitigation Strategies | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | |
| Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Regional Domestic Security Task Force | 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 | X | X | | X | X | | X | | X | X |
| Statewide Regional Evacuation Study | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Transportation Planning | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X |
| Commuter Assistance Programs | | | | | X | | | | | X |
| Local Government Transportation | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Metropolitan Transportation Planning | | X | | X | | | | | | X |
| Modal Planning Initiatives | | X | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Rural Transportation Planning Services | X | X | | | X | | | | | X |
| Safe Routes to School Initiatives | | X | X | | | | X | | | X |
| Transportation Disadvantaged Program | X | X | | X | X | | X | | | X |
| Environmental & Natural Resource Planning | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clean Cities Initiatives | | | | | | X | | | | X |
| Estuary/River/Bay/Ecosystem | X | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X |
| Springs Protection Initiatives | | | X | | | | | | | |
| Wildlife Habitat Initiatives | | X | X | | | | X | | X | |

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Local Emergency Planning Committees

Regional planning councils coordinate Local Emergency Planning Committees charged with facilitating regional hazardous materials emergency response and compliance with hazardous materials reporting laws under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. The State Emergency Response Commission appoints the Committee members who represent various groups of first responders and private partners. The Committees perform the following:

- Serve as a public information repository for inventory reports
- Assist in planning for chemical spill mitigation
- Provide and supports training events
- Design, conduct and evaluate emergency exercises
- Educate the public on reaction to hazardous materials releases

Emergency Management Exercises Protect Public Health and Safety

In 2014, the Local Emergency Committee of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council produced an active shooter scenario at a local high school to train personnel to respond in the event of an active shooter on campus.

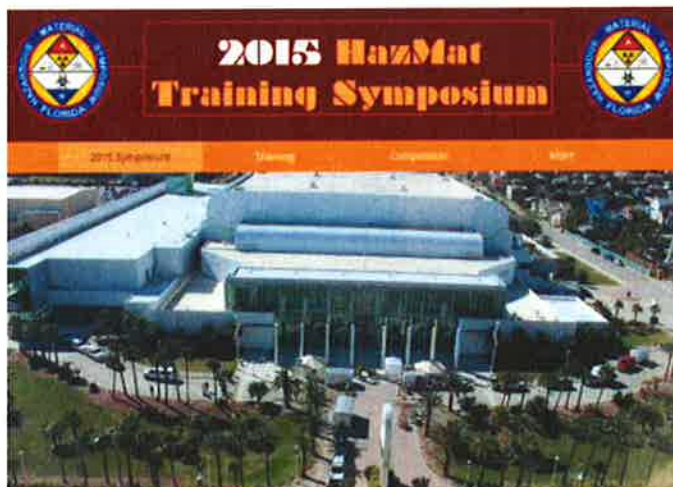
The design, development, execution, and documentation of exercises over six months complied with the Department of Homeland Security standard. A table-top exercise for senior leadership, and a full scale event involving school administration, students, and response disciplines were executed. The table-top exercise helped to evaluate policies, plans, and procedures for a response to an active shooter scenario in a Polk County school. Emphasizing the role of local first responders and mutual aid agencies, the exercise focused on coordination, critical decisions, notifications, and integration of the city and county assets that protect lives.

The full-scale event involved more than 100 controllers, evaluators, role players including students, and support personnel from Polk County and local municipalities, as well as fire rescue, emergency medical services, law enforcement and public affairs. Conducted in actual classrooms, the event was shared via live streaming video with more than 500 Polk County School principals, administrators and teachers.

Agencies narrated the events and explained the actions taken. An After-Action Report identified planning, training, and exercise needs to ensure preparedness for response to an actual on-campus shooter event.

2015 HazMat Training Symposium

The 2015 HazMat Training Symposium was conducted by East Central Florida Regional Planning Council in conjunction with Fire Rescue East. Over a three-day period, 29



The 2015 HazMat Training Symposium was co-sponsored by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Fire Rescue East.

classroom and hands-on trainings were conducted at the Volusia County Ocean Center and the Volusia County Fire Services Training Facility. Participation by more than 193 registrants from Brevard, Volusia and Orange Counties, and the City of Orlando represented a 35 percent increase over the enrollment in the program for the previous year.

Regional Domestic Security Task Forces

During the past year, three of the seven Regional Domestic Security Task Forces in Florida were staffed by the Apalachee, East Central, South Florida and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Councils. The mission of the Task Forces is to ensure a safe and secure future; strengthen domestic security prevention, preparedness, protection, response, and recovery capabilities through interdisciplinary and interagency consensus; and build and rely upon a strong regional mutual aid response capability. Under the leadership of these Task Forces, the four regional planning councils coordinated Regional Domestic Security exercises to encourage and facilitate multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary participation.

Hazards Analysis and Response Planning

Regional planning councils play a significant role in the hazards analysis planning process in Florida. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires all facilities possessing extremely hazardous substances with an amount equal to or greater than certain thresholds, to

submit a report to the State Emergency Response Commission. The process of completing a report on each of the facilities that identifies these chemicals, their quantities, the potential threat of a release, and critical facilities and special locations (i.e., schools, hospitals and nursing homes) is known as a hazards analysis. In addition to the analysis, a map is produced showing the threat zone for each chemical stored on site. The threat zone, or vulnerability zone, indicates the population and identifies special locations for evacuation in a worst-case scenario, in the event of a release. Annually, the State provides a list to all 67 counties, citing the facilities to be analyzed, and many counties contract with regional planning councils to complete their hazards analyses.

Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste

Regional planning councils help the Florida Department of Environmental Protection implement the state-mandated Small Quantity Generators inspection program. Small Quantity Generators are individual businesses that generate or accumulate between 100 to 1,000 kilograms of dangerous waste each month.

The goal of the program is environmental protection by providing assistance through the identification, notification, and on-site verification of businesses that are considered active or potential generators of hazardous waste. Regional planning councils identify and monitor facilities that produce hazardous waste, either as a product or a by-product of day-to-day activities. These may include automotive repair facilities, dry cleaners, medical facilities that use x-ray machines, and manufacturing businesses among others.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization is a new and important part of the transportation planning process for DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and the urbanized area of Highlands County including the Cities of Sebring and Avon Park. Designated by the Governor as the 27th Transportation Planning Organization in Florida, the Organization will assist in preparing the region for increasing urbanization and infrastructure investment through the creation of a 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan and a five-year Transportation Improvement Plan, as well as transportation planning activities. The Organization is the first organization of its kind to include both urbanized and rural counties in Florida. The linkages between these counties are economic, environmental, cultural and collaborative. With their history in agriculture, mining, ranching and small businesses based on abundant natural

resources, and with health care a major regional employer, the Heartland counties have worked together collaboratively through changing times.



The Central Florida Regional Planning Council provides staff services to the Organization as the region and its Heartland 2060 partnerships prepare for greater urbanization and infrastructure investment, including a planned multimodal transportation system to move people and goods.

Rural Transportation Work Program

During the past year, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and West Florida Regional Planning Council, pursuant to contracts with the Florida Department of Transportation, assisted the Department by bringing information from the Department's five-year work program to counties in the rural areas, thereby strengthening regional transportation planning priority setting in these areas. In the West Florida region, the counties included Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington. In the Apalachee region, the counties served were Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson, and Liberty. Regional planning council and county staff reviewed current projects and discussed potential future projects. The majority of the needs identified included bicycle/pedestrian facilities, bridge replacements, maintenance of paved shoulders, and roadway resurfacing.

HOUSING

79th Street Corridor Initiative Community Action Plan

The South Florida Regional Council assisted the Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, the 79th Street Corridor Initiative, residents, and others with the development of a Community Action Plan. The Plan builds on the assets of the community and is being used to guide community enhancement and strategic investment in order to advance economic, environmental, and social well-being. The Plan provides a framework around the following six action areas, and will be updated regularly to reflect accomplishments, tasks, new partners and new community and economic development priorities.

- Create a range of housing options
- Improve appearance and vitality of built environment

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- Foster economic development
- Create an environment that supports healthy behaviors
- Create ladders of opportunity through lifelong learning
- Build and maintain community and steering committee capacity and engagement



The South Florida Regional Planning Council assisted the 79th Street Corridor Initiative in the development of a Community Action Plan designed to advance economic, environmental and social well-being.

The remaining challenge is to bridge the gap between research and planning, and investment and implementation. Broad-based political will and commitment from diverse partners will be required for the investment of professional and financial resources of the magnitude necessary to change the conversation from one of assisting a community of need to one of realizing the potential of a community of opportunity. The establishment of the 79th Street Corridor Steering Committee was a key first step. A multi-disciplinary team of public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations and champions, led by Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, came together and applied talent, knowledge and influence to garner needed investment for the community. Another important element of the process was the ongoing engagement of residents and the fostering of community leadership.

Kissimmee and Osceola County Housing Studies

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council worked with the City of Kissimmee and Osceola County to prepare housing studies for both jurisdictions. The studies provide an inventory of the existing housing stock, project housing demand based on the demographic and economic profile of the area, and analyze small neighborhoods and districts.

State Housing Initiative Partnership Programs

The West Florida Regional Planning Council successfully managed the State Housing Initiative Partnership programs for Holmes, Walton and Washington Counties over the past year. The Council provided \$1,038,498 in housing rehabilitation services to very low, low-, and moderate-income households. The Northeast Florida Regional Council managed two State Housing Initiative Partnership programs - one for Baker County and one for Putnam County. The Council administered \$377,972 to provide housing and housing rehabilitation services to very low, low-, and moderate-income households.

Affordable Housing Toolkit for the Heartland

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council Affordable Housing Toolkit is a three-pronged analytical tool, which includes an Affordable Parcel Inventory for the six rural counties of the Florida Heartland - DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties. The Toolkit was created with guidance from the Heartland 2060 Consortium, a partnership of local governments, economic development organizations, environmental groups, the University of Florida, and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Toolkit estimates and examines the affordability of residential parcels in the counties by estimating their combined housing and transportation related costs. The Toolkit received a 2014 American Planning Association-Florida Chapter Award of Merit.

WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Indian River Lagoon is an important regional resource of natural significance spanning the East Central Florida region and the Treasure Coast region.

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Indian River Lagoon

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, with funding through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, engaged in a data collection and mapping process for outfalls along the Indian River Lagoon. The Councils developed a Basin Management Action Plan Impediments report for the stakeholders. The project was conducted to advance regional collaboration and data collection in an effort to improve the health of the Indian River Lagoon. The collaboration involved Brevard, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and East Central Florida Regional Planning Council continue work on phase two of this project. The efforts associated with this phase of the project include an economic valuation study of the lagoon, an assessment of sea level rise on the outfall and counties, a review of and recommendations for best practices for outfall maintenance, and an update of water quality data.



The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with county tourist development councils, promotes north central Florida for nature, culture and heritage based tourism.

Original Florida Tourism Task Force

For many rural communities in north central Florida, tourism is a primary component of economic activity. The Original Florida Tourism Task Force markets the 12-county "Natural North Florida" region by promoting its nature, culture, and heritage based assets for tourism. Task Force representatives from each of the participating counties in the region support and direct the tourism development effort. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council provides staffing to the Task Force to maintain the Natural North Florida website, coordinate travel show participation, create publicity campaigns, and produce marketing materials.

Funding from a Rural Regional Development Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, as well as grants from VISIT FLORIDA, help implement the marketing plan in order to build capacity in the rural communities. Recently, the Task Force also completed web-based bicycle maps for each of the counties in the region. In partnership with VISIT FLORIDA, the Task Force participated in international and domestic travel trade shows to promote "Natural North Florida."

ENERGY

Energy Summit Tampa Bay

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council hosted the 2015 Energy Summit Tampa Bay. Stakeholders from the energy

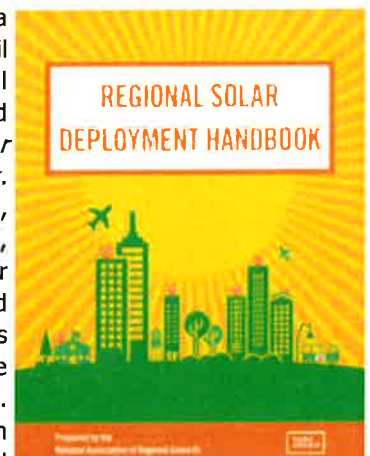


industry, elected officials and policy makers, business and economic development partners, citizen leaders, and students gathered to focus on energy resilience and assurance.

An educational component presented alternative and renewable solutions/options currently available through energy industry stakeholders. Future energy sources and resources were also explored. The full-day program included presentations on energy demand and supply, state and national perspectives on solar energy, renewables, energy infrastructure security and resilience, energy efficient buildings, solar photovoltaic systems and alternative energy for transportation.

Regional Solar Deployment Handbook

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Tampa Regional Planning Council contributed to the *Regional Solar Deployment Handbook*. With this new resource, regional council staff, energy, sustainability or environmental planners, and local government officials can learn how to advance solar energy deployment. The Handbook focuses on regionally specific tools and



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examples of other regional planning council efforts, and is a practical and applicable resource for regional solar energy deployment.

Solar Ready Florida

Solar Ready Florida is a collaborative effort to improve and expand the solar markets in the Tampa Bay and Southwest Florida regions. Led by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Solar Ready Florida implements solar best management practices, training materials, and other strategies. Key solar electric stakeholders are engaged in this process, including city and county governments, solar contractors, and other solar industry groups, electric utilities, business leaders, and citizens. Together, with support from local governments, Solar Ready Florida achieves more streamlined and standardized solar practices, resulting in measurable improvement in solar market conditions.

Santa Rosa Island Authority Organizational and Financial Analysis

Since the Santa Rosa Island Authority was created by the Florida Legislature in 1947, the Authority has been fully funded from lease fees collected from residents and businesses. The West Florida Regional Planning Council was engaged by the Authority to analyze its existing organizational structure and funding sources in order to recommend how it could balance funding received from lease fees and property taxes, and maintain existing levels of service.

An organizational and financial analysis was conducted in partnership with the West Florida Regional Planning Council general planning consultant team, and the fundamental fiscal purpose, organizational intent, and transactional relationships involved in providing goods and services between Pensacola Beach and Escambia County were explored. The findings indicated Escambia County should earmark, allocate or redistribute available revenue sources of at least \$4 million for the municipal-type services currently being funded by the Authority. An equitable, fair share redistribution of these revenue sources could result from direct funding, elimination of expenses paid to Escambia County, or sharing of the responsibility for complementary provision of services between Escambia County and the Authority. This level of commitment for the services provided by the Authority would allow for the reduction of lease fees on Pensacola Beach properties.

CLIMATE CHANGE/SEA LEVEL RISE

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Adaptation Action Areas

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity initiated a five-year project to integrate sea level rise adaptation into current planning mechanisms, including local comprehensive plans, hazard mitigation plans, and post-disaster redevelopment plans. The Department is developing statewide guidance and a replicable model for coastal communities on implementing an Adaptation Action Area at the local level. Through funding from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Department engaged the South Florida Regional Council to assist in the research for Adaptation Action Area implementation strategies. The South Florida Regional



Miami Beach experiences seasonal high tides on days with no rain.

Council worked with the City of Fort Lauderdale, one of the Adaptation Action Area pilot communities, and Broward County to test the adaptation policy options to be incorporated into the City's comprehensive plan.

The South Florida Regional Council, Broward County, and the City explored and developed an interactive menu of options available to local governments that wish to designate Adaptation Action Areas and policies in their comprehensive plans. The results of the process were compiled in a series of guidance documents which include a Policy Options Report, a Fort Lauderdale Case Study, a practical "how-to" *Adaptation Action Areas Guidebook*, and a series of informational video interviews with stakeholders. The City recently adopted Adaptation Action Areas into the coastal management element of their comprehensive plan by unanimous City Commission vote. The Council subsequently assisted Miami-Dade County and the City of Pinecrest in implementing Adaptation Action Areas in the coastal management elements of their comprehensive land use plans.

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Receives Grant to Prepare for Sea Level Rise

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration awarded Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council a grant through the Coastal Resiliency Networks grant program. The grant allows Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to leverage the existing ONE BAY: Livable Communities Working Group for the purpose of improving the capacity of the Tampa Bay area to withstand adverse impacts of sea level rise, storm surge and extreme weather. ONE BAY augments a network of developers, planners, business and community leaders and citizens, to tackle various regional quality of life issues.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is bringing together efforts related to sea level rise and coastal hazards currently underway by extending the existing ONE BAY framework to specifically address vulnerability to sea level rise and other potential climate-induced changes to the frequency and intensity of weather events. The goal is for local governments to establish a common approach to understanding, communicating and planning for coastal hazards and ensure that the region will continue to thrive in the future.



The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council provides technical assistance to local governments as they incorporate sea level rise and other coastal hazards into comprehensive plans, land development regulations, and local mitigation strategies. Data produced by this collaboration is used to enhance business continuity plans in the public and private sectors.

City of Satellite Beach Adaptation Action Area

The City of Satellite Beach City Council submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for review, comprehensive plan amendment language which incorporated sea level rise into its comprehensive plan. The Department commended the City for "proposing designation of an Adaptation Action Area for the protection of its residents, prevention of property damage and for a reduction in flood insurance premiums." The City Council adopted the recommended amendments.

In partnership with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the City of Satellite Beach received the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coastal Partnership Initiative Grant to further refine the Adaptation Action Area



Satellite Beach, in partnership with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, refined sea level rise adaptation action plan policies.

policies, conduct a more thorough analysis of hazards, and further engage residents and businesses in resiliency planning. The project phases included:

- Public engagement
- Vulnerability assessment for sea level rise, flooding, storm surge, and coastal erosion
- Policy recommendations and strategies

Upon completion, the City and its partners in the project submitted a proposal to Sea Grant to continue to move its coastal resiliency efforts forward, using the outcomes of the project as the basis. The City of Satellite Beach project is viewed as the pilot project for communities across the state.

Award-Winning Florida/Local Regional Broadband Planning Project

Representing 15 counties, the Central Florida Southwest Florida, and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Councils were jointly awarded funds to implement the Florida/Local Regional Broadband Planning Project. Designed to educate and empower communities to plan for broadband infrastructure, the award-winning project led to the development of a broadband planning toolkit and training manual. The toolkit contains the databases, surveys, models, and other tools necessary to assess broadband demand and create a strategic broadband. The broadband training manual provides guidance through the planning process and instruction on the use and applicability of the broadband toolkit.

As a result of the project, Broadband Polk and Broadband Charlotte/Collier/Lee emerged as local advocates for robust broadband infrastructure as an essential part of a 21st Century community.

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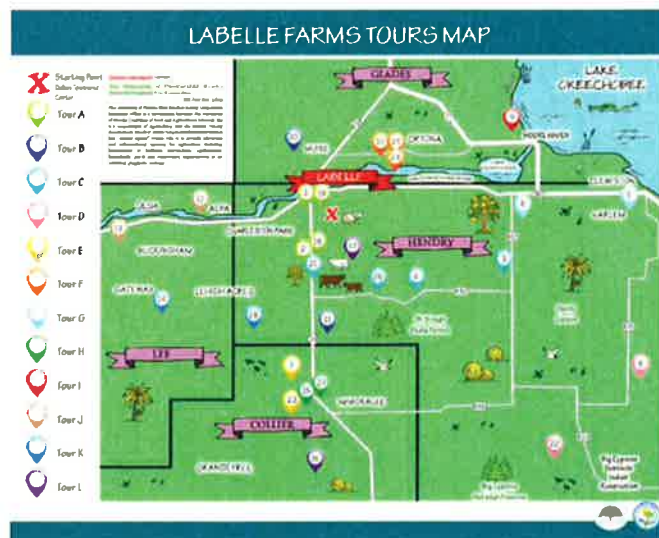
Exemplifying regional cooperation, the project has received awards from the National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Regional Councils, Florida Planning and Zoning Association and the Heart of Florida Section of the American Planning Association. The project was also featured in the National Association of Development Organizations brief, *Creating Opportunity and Prosperity through Strengthening Rural-Urban Connections*.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Promoting regional economic development in partnership with local economic development organizations is a key focus for regional planning councils. Regional planning councils prepare and administer grant applications for federal and state economic development infrastructure funds and projects on behalf of local economic development organizations and local governments.

LaBelle Farms Tours Promote Agricultural Economy

As competition from large agricultural corporations increases, and high operating expenses and low commodity prices challenge small agricultural businesses, Florida's small farmers and ranchers are increasingly considering sale or conversion of their agricultural lands for urban development projects.



The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, in collaboration with the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, developed a business plan for marketing LaBelle Farms Tours.

In response to this trend, the LaBelle Farms Tours program was conceived with a \$25,000 grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to promote and protect the City of LaBelle and Hendry County significant agricultural

economy and agri-tourism. The LaBelle Farms Tours program first required a business plan, marketing materials and a map illustrating the tour stops at citrus, sod, sugar cane, and vegetable production operations, as well as ornamental nurseries and beef cattle ranches. Each of the 12 tour options showcase the rich agriculture industry of LaBelle. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council in collaboration with the University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the City of LaBelle, LaBelle Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity developed the business plan and marketing program for the LaBelle Farms Tours.

Economic Development Administration Grant Funds Wakulla Environmental Institute

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council provided technical assistance to Tallahassee Community College to obtain a \$1.5 billion U.S. Economic Development Administration grant that has been transformed into "bricks and mortar." The grant for the Wakulla Environmental Institute was matched by the College for the core infrastructure which includes an



Tallahassee Community College, in partnership with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, developed the Wakulla Environmental Institute.

entrance road and utilities, site work, and a parking structure-mounted photovoltaic electrical system to supply the new Institute's electrical energy. Styrofoam block structural walls, high efficiency insulation, and state-of-the-art energy efficient design contribute to the Institute's minimal environmental impact. The first building is scheduled to be completed in early 2016.

Agriculture & Economic Development: Town of Pierson

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was awarded a Community Planning Technical Assistance grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create an economic development strategic plan for the Town

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of Pierson. The rural, agriculture-based community markets itself as the "Fern Capital of the World." Numerous challenges to this niche industry prompted Town leaders to consider diversifying the local economy to include other agriculture enterprises as well as non-agricultural industries. In addition to recommendations for economic diversification, the resulting plan contains strategies to enhance the public realm including the development of public wastewater facilities, pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancements, and protection of the Town's historic Main Street character.

Kissimmee Medical Arts District

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in collaboration with the City of Kissimmee, developed an economic strategic plan for a Medical Arts District. Analysis of current existing conditions, an economic profile of East Central Florida's health care industry and national trends, and a discussion of similar case studies were the basis for the strategic plan.

Glades Region Master Plan

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council assisted Palm Beach County as part of a countywide team to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the Glades Region of Palm Beach County through a \$1.98 million Community Challenge Planning Grant awarded to the County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan enhances economic competitiveness, infrastructure sustainability, transportation choices, workforce training, and housing options near employment centers. The Glades Region includes the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, and the community of Canal Point. The project, known as the Glades Region Master Plan, serves as a guide to enhance economic competitiveness, focusing on major employment centers. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council completed the public participation, economic development and environmental components of the Master Plan.

The Florida Turbine Initiative

The East Central Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council partnered with Energy Florida on a proposal for a "Manufacturing Communities" designation under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership. This initiative of the U.S. Economic Development Administration is designed to encourage communities to strengthen their competitive edge for attracting global manufacturer and supply chain investments. The collaborative Florida Turbine Initiative effort produced some important findings:

- The Initiative region was granted 277 patents for rotary technologies between 2000 and 2013, making it the third largest in the nation for the development of turbine technologies.
- The study identified more than 120 companies that comprise this technology cluster, including seven global headquarters, 21 research and development facilities, parts and other technologies suppliers, and related services.

Industry Cluster Analysis

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has identified the high technology industries that are driving the region's economy using a cluster analysis methodology. The Council has identified several important business sectors, including avionics, boating, photonics, modeling simulation and training, as well as turbines.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

The Apalachee, Central Florida, South Florida, Treasure Coast and West Florida Regional Planning Councils administer revolving loan fund portfolios composed of federal and state funds to help grow small businesses, create jobs, encourage business retention and expansion, and undertake brownfield revitalization projects. Over the past ten years, regional planning councils loaned \$41.9 million, resulting in the creation and retention of 3,760 jobs.

Brownfields Revolving Loan Program Funds Affordable Housing Development



The South Florida Regional Planning Council Brownfields Revolving Loan Program funded the site cleanup for redevelopment of Malibu Bay Apartments project in West Palm Beach.

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The South Florida Regional Council, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Housing Finance Authority of Palm Beach County, financed the brownfields site cleanup and construction of Malibu Bay Apartments, a \$25 million, 265-unit, affordable housing project in West Palm Beach. The project came to market as the recession began in 2009 and fell into financial difficulty. South Florida Regional Council staff worked with their partners to refinance the project, and today, the affordable housing development is stable, occupied, and an asset to the community. With the repayment of the loan to the Brownfields Revolving Loan Program, additional brownfields projects are under development, creating value for the economy, the environment and southeast Florida communities.

South Florida Regional Council has revolved more than 2.5 times for total lending of \$20 million. Since its first U.S. Economic Development Administration loan made in 2001, and the transfer of four additional U.S. Economic Development Administration loan funds to the South Florida Regional Council for management, the Revolving Loan Fund programs have brought value to the region through job creation, retention and private investment. The loan funds have been consolidated in one loan fund and since the initial transfer, the fund has serviced more than 115 loans for a total of \$62 million in total project investment. In addition, 2,643 jobs have been created or retained in the region by the financing projects.

BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION



Brownfield sites limit redevelopment opportunities due to real or perceived environmental contamination.

Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial facilities and sites where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. Sites may include abandoned factories,



An amphibious vehicle used to cross challenging terrain was demonstrated at a regional Brownfields Redevelopment Forum.

commercial buildings, dry cleaning establishments, gas stations, and agricultural and mining facilities.

With funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Central Florida, South Florida, West Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils undertake brownfield revitalization projects. The funds are used to conduct environmental assessments and reuse planning in order to place economically obsolete properties into productive use and revitalize impacted neighborhoods.

The West Florida Regional Planning Council co-hosted the Third Annual Brownfields Redevelopment Forum in 2015. More than 70 participants were provided information by experts from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on tax incentives and grant opportunities for leveraging brownfields redevelopment. A legislative update, a grant writing session and a roundtable discussion offered opportunities for participants to engage experts from local government, private sector redevelopment, and contamination resolution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded a \$500,000 Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and its partners South Florida Regional Council and Palm Beach County. Grant funds are used to address communitywide hazardous substances and petroleum sites with particular focus on sites proximate to the Florida East Coast rail corridor. Funds support up to 14 Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, and the preparation of up to ten cleanup plans. Grant funds are also used to conduct community involvement activities, including up to 12 community meetings.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS MODELING

Regional planning councils use economic impact analysis modeling tools to measure the economic and fiscal impacts of project development or policy initiatives in their communities. These modeling tools (REMI, IMPLAN®), designed specifically for the regions, account for business cycles and allow the user flexibility in analyzing the timing of economic impacts.



Climate and economic resilience strategies are critical to the future environmental and economic health of a region.

The information in these assessments is used by local governments and economic development organizations to make decisions regarding incentives for new or expanding economic development projects, and provides background data to support various federal and state economic development grants for local economic development initiatives. Over the past ten years, regional planning councils conducted 560 regional economic impact analyses around the state.

Southeast Florida Delegation Joined National Leaders on Climate & Economic Resilience

In 2015, a ten-member, public-private delegation of economic development, transportation, academic and local government representatives from Southeast Florida participated in a national peer exchange and Leadership Academy on Climate and Economic Resilience, sponsored by the Institute for Sustainable Communities and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The South Florida Regional Council had previously organized the delegation, one of only ten chosen from across the nation, and prepared the successful team application to the Leadership Academy.

The Southeast Florida delegation, including many members from the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, shared best practices with experts and practitioners from around the country.

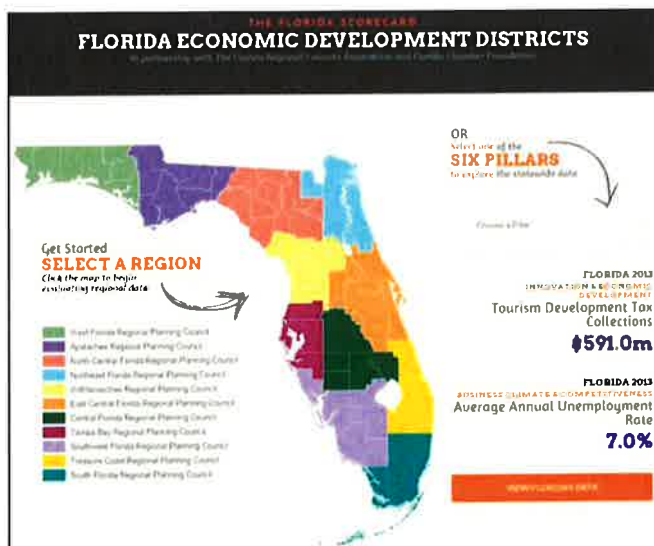
U.S. CENSUS DATA CENTER AFFILIATES

To help local governments and businesses obtain the maximum benefit of a complete count under the decennial census, regional planning councils play an important role as U.S. Census affiliates to support the activities of the U.S. Census Bureau. In this capacity, regional planning councils coordinate with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which acts as the U.S. Census Bureau's designated Florida State Data Center, helping to provide official guidance to local government stakeholders statewide. Working with the Florida State Data Center, regional planning councils help distribute information to increase participation in the census.

Each regional planning council is a resource for economic, demographic, social, and development data. Regional planning councils maintain libraries and databases, and provide access to data, as well as research and publications.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC SCORECARDS

In partnership with the Florida Chamber Foundation, launched a website on regional metrics. Now, regional planning councils and their state, regional, and local partners can view measurable results in over 18 separate metrics that align with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars™ framework. The aggregate data allows users to generate regional and statewide comparisons.



Regional planning councils partnered with the Florida Chamber Foundation to develop online regional economic scorecards.

CIVIC & GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (Florida State Clearinghouse)

Presidential Executive Order 12372 and the Florida Governor's Executive Order 95-359 established the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process to evaluate and review certain federal programs and projects, to ensure consistency with local, regional, and state plans. The Florida State Clearinghouse within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, administers this process for Florida projects. Regional planning councils act as a regional clearinghouse for the state, reviewing and commenting on grants and permits from various government agencies, as well as certain proposed plans and projects of statewide and regional significance. Over the past ten years, regional planning councils have provided required federal consistency review for 12,673 projects, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.

REGIONAL CONVENERS

All Aboard Florida Public Outreach

All Aboard Florida is the proposed high-speed express passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando, with intermediate stations in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. While the project could provide significant benefits statewide and in cities where rail stations would be located, it could also impose costs and impacts on communities without stations. Since the inception of the project in 2012, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council has convened 120 public meetings and workshops with community leaders, and citizens and 75 one-on-one briefings with elected officials to communicate All Aboard Florida project details, gain public input, work on local quiet zone designations, establish a public website as a forum for Environmental Impact Study review and project update, and help identify other possible mitigation strategies.

Good Food Central Florida

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has been an active member of Good Food Central Florida, East Central Florida's food policy council. Food policy councils bring together diverse stakeholders interested in advocating for policy changes and programs that could help build a healthier and sustainable food system. Good Food Central Florida comprises volunteers representing state agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, and a local food hub. The group seeks to educate the general public about the regional food system, increase access to healthy food, and

build capacity among all sectors of the farm-to-table network (consumers, distributors, government, growers, non-profits, retailers, processors, and waste recyclers). The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was recently awarded a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Technical Assistance Planning Grant to assist with the development of a communitywide food assessment for Good Food Central Florida.

Smart Growth America Partnership

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was one of 18 applicants selected by Smart Growth America to participate in its technical assistance program. As part of the program, Smart Growth America conducted a Cool Planning workshop to help the region develop and implement a Regional Resiliency Initiative by providing planners, architects, and engineers with tools and techniques to achieve resilient communities and economies. The workshop focused on land use and building practices that could mitigate the impacts of climate change in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties. In recognition of this work, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was selected to participate in the first Building Blocks Training Academy, a program sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Sustainable Communities and Smart Growth America. During the training, regional planning council staff acquired new tools to help incorporate the smart growth principles of walkability, complete streets design, and green infrastructure in regional communities.

Transportation Disadvantaged

The Transportation Disadvantaged coordinated system for Florida is governed by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Its mission is to ensure the availability of safe, efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for individuals who, because of physical or mental disability, income status or age, are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation. The Commission also designates an Official Planning Agency in each county, which is responsible for

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Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning. In most rural areas, regional planning councils are the Designated Official Planning Agency and help ensure access to employment, health care, education, and other life-sustaining resources for qualified individuals.

STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLANS

Pursuant to the State and Regional Planning Act, each regional planning council adopted a Strategic Regional Policy Plan as a long-range guide for the physical, economic, and social development of their region. The Plan is a direction-setting tool, not a regulatory document. Its statutorily mandated elements are Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources, and Regional Transportation. Strategic Regional Policy Plans also document Natural Resources of Regional Significance and identify Significant Regional Facilities. The Plan serves not only the regional planning council, but the cities and counties within each region. As such, several of the plans are being updated to incorporate aspects of the many visioning initiatives taking place in the regions.

VISIONING/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Sustainable Communities: Enhance Central Florida

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council completed work on a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant. The focus of the Enhance Central Florida project was the development of the region's new SunRail commuter rail system, specifically access to station areas and their potential for transit-oriented economic development. The three-year effort involved 26 consortium partners including representatives of county and municipal governments, transit providers, transportation agencies, housing and healthcare organizations, and the development community. With citizen participation in the planning process, station area plans were developed and an Affordable Housing Study and a Fair Housing Equity Assessment were completed for the six-county region. The results of the housing studies and transit-oriented development policy recommendations were widely distributed and are intended to inform future transit projects in the region.

Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition

Hosted by the South Florida Regional Council, the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition was designated by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Coalition operates as a public-private partnership concerned with alternative fuel technologies and programs. Its role is to provide a fuel-neutral policy direction to maximize the use of vehicles operating on clean, alternative fuels throughout its region of nearly six-million people in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties.

The coalition has focused on working with the region's National Parks and Preserves in climate preservation efforts,

providing alternative fuels first responder training, developing a statewide fleet recognition program, encouraging idle reduction methodologies, and assisting employers in implementation of workplace charging infrastructure.



U. S. Department of Energy



After partnering with the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of Energy, the Clean Cities National Parks Initiative has gained momentum. Big Cypress National Preserve has deepened its commitment to the Climate Friendly Parks Program and strengthened its relationship with Southeast Florida Clean Cities.

Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition presented the Greening Our Rides component of the Green Parks Plan at the Climate Friendly Parks Workshop. The presentation featured methods for greening a fleet focusing on the Big Cypress National Preserve. While the Park Welcome Center is powered by a photovoltaic array, rangers hope to extend alternative fuel options to their fleet.

Measures being considered include:

- Provide more employee commuting options - telework carpooling and public transportation
- Replace conventional mowers with propane or electric powered mowers, and reduce mowing areas
- Add electric car charging stations
- Transition from all terrain vehicles to utility task vehicles
- Idle reduction within the Park



An infographic explains the role of photovoltaic power at the Big Cypress Welcome Center.

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As the partnership between Big Cypress National Preserve and Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition continues to develop, the partners plan to continue to lead climate change response among Florida's parks and preserves.

HEALTH, WELLNESS & SAFETY

Central Florida Safe Routes to School

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council expanded the Safe Routes to School online portal to include the Route Condition Tool, a Geographic Information System-based tool that measures roadways on five critical parameters. Using the Pedestrian Safe countermeasure guidelines, the tool analyzes roadway features-based mobility, pedestrian



The Safe Routes to School online portal expanded by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council measures roadways for pedestrian safety.

exposure and safety. Information such as road width, annual daily traffic, number of lanes, speed limits, the presence or absence of sidewalks and other roadway attributes are analyzed, giving planners and engineers a complete view of various roadway features that help guide project priorities and determine appropriate countermeasures to create a more walkable and safe corridor. Lake and Volusia Counties have piloted the use of the tool and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is currently using the tool to analyze roadways within a two-mile walking distance of 19 Lake County public schools in an effort to update the County's Hazardous Conditions Report.

From Brownfields to Healthfields

Through funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council established the Heartland Brownfields Revitalization Partnership and transformed a brownfield into a health care center for the underserved City of Mulberry. The Central Florida Regional Planning Council assisted with funding, forming innovative partnerships, conducting environmental assessments, planning, and forming a Health Clinic Planning

Committee of residents, City personnel, Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff, and Central Florida Health Care representatives.

After three years of planning, the Mulberry Health Clinic opened in 2015, fulfilling the Healthfields Redevelopment concept by transforming a brownfield into a viable project that improves access to healthcare, decreases health disparities, encourages redevelopment and creates new jobs.

The Mulberry Health Clinic is a National Healthfields Model and is frequently cited as a best practices example of brownfields redevelopment. Central Florida Healthcare is operating this Federally-qualified health center that provides adult and pediatric services, dental services, pharmacy, outreach and enrollment, health education, laboratory and x-ray services. The Mulberry Health Clinic is featured in the video, *The Dream is Possible -Brownfields to Healthfields*.

Santa Rosa County Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan

Santa Rosa County sought technical assistance from the West Florida Regional Planning Council to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for south Santa Rosa County. Through a social media/public involvement campaign, residents were encouraged to participate and help create a plan for safe transportation alternatives with the goal of making south Santa Rosa County more bicycle and pedestrian friendly and provide alternatives to vehicular travel on U.S. Highway 98.

The plan identifies two recreational loops and numerous citizen-generated projects, and recommends strategies to advance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure objectives. Potential funding includes private and public grants from local, state, and federal sources such as:



Community engagement was an important component of the south Santa Rosa County Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan developed with assistance of the West Florida Regional Planning Council.

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creation of a payment in lieu of sidewalk fund, the SUNTrail fund, and the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program. Once approved, the plan will help guide future projects, with emphasis on increasing the overall quality of life for residents and improving safety, recreational and tourism opportunities.

South Florida Regional Council Spearheads Regional Data Collaborative

The Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute, a 501(c)3 associated with the South Florida Regional Council, is developing a regional educational resource and tool that will enable stakeholders and residents to access and use valuable data and information. The Southeast Florida DataCommon project seeks to enhance data and understanding about community and regional policy issues through access to, and sharing of, up-to-date spatial data, visualization tools, and technical assistance and support opportunities. A partnership of public, private, nonprofit, and philanthropic stakeholders is working together to create the resources and enhance understanding of the challenges and opportunities of using data to drive positive change in Southeast Florida.

Currently, data, analysis, and lessons learned from data largely reside in organizational and issue-based silos, which limits shared learning, understanding, and the creation of knowledge about the interrelationship of issues. The DataCommon creates a regional coalition of public, private, nonprofit, and philanthropic organizations that will:

- Support enhanced access to data;
- Increase organizational efficiency and maximize the use of limited resources;
- Create strengthened and new relationships across organizations which support enhanced accessibility and usability of data;
- Create better data for better outcomes in planning and program areas and leverage investment; and
- Enhance the ability of organizations to create new opportunities for communities and the region.

MILITARY

A Military-Friendly South Florida

Defense spending is a major economic driver in Florida that is responsible for \$79.8 billion, or 9.5 percent of Florida's total economic output, and 775,000 direct and indirect jobs. According to the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis conducted for Enterprise Florida, defense activities play a significant role in the Southeast Florida region of Broward, Miami-Dade, Indian River, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties, injecting \$3.4 billion in

spending into the region. Overall, defense activities accounted for 126,604 jobs in the region and nearly \$12 billion in total Gross Regional Product, accounting for approximately 3.9 percent of all economic activity.

Recognizing the importance of the military to the regional economy, the South Florida Regional Council partnered with the Beacon Council, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and the Good Government Initiative to co-host the 2015 Community Conversation with key economic development, military, and veteran support stakeholders from Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward Counties.



The military industry is the third largest industry in the Florida economy. Photo courtesy of Major Lisa Brownbanic, USSOUTHCOM.

More than 50 participants focused on the economic value of the industry and what is needed to create a military-friendly environment. The critical issues of insufficient affordable housing and transit options, and the importance of educating employers and others to better support military personnel and their families were discussed. Participants also discussed the role of education in the private and nonprofit sectors and the need for coordinated, action-oriented strategies and investments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP DUES

| REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL | COUNTY | MUNICIPALITY |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Apalachee | \$4,000 base fee plus \$0.07/capita | N/A |
| Central Florida | \$0.25/capita | N/A |
| East Central Florida | \$0.16/capita | N/A |
| North Central Florida | \$0.30/capita | \$750 minimum \$0.30/capita ¹ |
| Northeast Florida | \$0.41/capita | N/A |
| South Florida | \$0.175/capita | N/A |
| Southwest Florida | \$0.30/capita | \$0.30/capita ¹ |
| Tampa Bay | \$2,000 base fee plus \$0.32/capita | \$2,000 base fee only |
| Treasure Coast | \$0.43/capita | N/A |
| West Florida | \$1,000 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita | \$500 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita |

¹Optional dues paid by municipalities are subtracted from the share paid by the County.

N/A Not applicable, no membership dues assessed.

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January 21, 2016

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 January 2016 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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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.

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Florida Scorecard™ provides Florida leaders the metrics they need to secure Florida's future and gives local stakeholders the power to measure progress within their own communities. These are key metrics that are important to Florida's economy now, and Florida's future economy. As we develop our updated Scorecard, we will continue to update these items regularly.



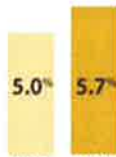
EMPLOYMENT



Currently NonFarm Employed:
8.1848 Million

Jobs Created in Florida Since Dec. 2010:

984,500



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

800,000

2030

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%



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Through the Six Pillars, the Foundation is setting a path to get things done based on metrics for the real issues facing the state. They collaborate with knowledgeable individuals and organizations to formulate strategies to address these issues. I'm involved in the Foundation because I care about the future of Florida and I want to be engaged in helping us get where we need to be. The Foundation has proven to be one the best vehicles to get us there.

- Bentina Terry, Vice President, External Affairs & Corporate Services
Gulf Power Company



Florida Ranking on Milken State Technology and Science Index **37th**

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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 (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

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<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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January 21, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2016 regular Legislative session convened on January 12, 2016 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 11, 2016. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of September 16, 2015
- Week of October 5, 2015
- Week of October 19, 2015
- Week of November 2, 2015
- Week of November 16, 2015
- Week of November 30, 2015

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest to date.

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 7000 by Community Affairs Committee relates to developments of regional impact. Provides that proposed development consistent with the local government comprehensive plan is not required to undergo review pursuant to the state coordinated review process. **Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

AGRITOURISM

Senate Bill 304 by Senator Stargel relates to agritourism. Prohibits a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule or policy that prohibits restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land. **Referred to Fiscal Policy Committee.**

House Bill 59 by Representative Combee relates to agritourism. Prohibits local governments from enforcing local ordinances, regulations, rules, or policies that prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit agritourism activities on land classified as agricultural land. **Referred to State Affairs Committee.**

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WATER POLICY

Senate Bill 552 by Senator Dean relates to environmental resources. Requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to publish, update, and maintain a database of conservation lands; authorizes certain water management districts to designate and implement pilot projects; prohibits water management districts from modifying permitted allocation amounts under certain circumstances and creates the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act. **Passed by the Legislature.**

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Economic Development District
 Grantee Performance Report
 for the Period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

As you know, the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council.

Please find attached the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. As indicated on the attached report, an estimated 587 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated \$113,000,000 in private investment and an estimated \$40,000,000 in public investment occurred on ten projects that implement the Strategy for the reporting period.

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

Attachment

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Economic Development Administration
GPRA Data Collection Form

Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

PART I

Date December 1, 2015
Recipient Name North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Full Address 2009 NW 67th Place Gainesville FL 32653
Authorized Contact Scott R. Koons
Telephone (352) 955-2200 Fax (352) 955-2209
Email (not optional) koons@ncfrpc.org
EDA Investment Planning Partnership Investments
Investment Number 04-88-06491 Award Period 01-Jan-2015 to 31-Dec-2015
Description of Investment: Economic Development District ☒ Indian Tribe ☐

PART II

Recipients Provide the Following Information

1. Economic Development Districts (EDD) only

- a. Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions eligible to participate in the EDD 44
- b. Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions actively participating by attending meetings or financially contributing to the EDD. 24

2. Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

- a. Number of economic development initiatives from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process implemented during the investment award period that led to private investment and jobs. 10
- b. Categorize type of project(s):
- | | Qty. | | Qty. |
|---|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Facility Construction / Rehab. | <u>10</u> | Infrastructure | <u>0</u> |
| Technical Assistance | <u>0</u> | Planning | <u>0</u> |
| (total of these five must be equal to 2a) | | Other | <u>0</u> |
- c. How many (if any) of the above were: Technology 0 Brownfields (should be subset of projects identified in 2b)
- d. Number of Investments Funded by Any Source: (Total must equal 2a. If EDA-funded investment, include only those awarded by EDA, during this reporting period and have an EDA investment number. Do not count this planning investment.)
- EDA Funded (Qty) 0 Funded by Other Source (Qty) 10
- e. Attach a list of economic development initiatives reported in 2a. Identify the sources of funding for each initiative, specify EDA, state, local or other federal agency(s).
- f. Estimated number of jobs created or retained as a result of projects in 2a 587
- g. Estimated amount of private sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$113,690,000
- h. Estimated amount of public sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$40,728,000

**GPRA DATA COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND INDIAN TRIBES**

PART I: *To be completed by Regional personnel. Recipient should review the information and make changes where necessary.*

PART II:

Recipient Section Instructions

Data Collection Period: EDDs and Indian Tribes report investment outcomes for the previous fiscal year. The report is due at the EDA regional office not later than 10 calendar days after the award anniversary. (Example: EDD receiving an investment award on January 1, 2007, reports on assistance provided from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 not later than January 10, 2008.)

The Investment Recipient will complete the recipient section. If there is not sufficient space on the data collection form, you may use additional pages with the EDA investment number and reporting period at the top of each page.

Section 1: Economic Development Districts (EDD) only

Definition: Sub-state jurisdiction members are independent units of government (cities, towns, villages, counties, etc.) and eligible entities substantially associated with economic development that participated in the organization (and continue to participate in the subsequent operations) of the EDD, as set forth by the district's by-laws or alternate enabling document.

Section 2: Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

Section 2 a

Definition: Initiatives are projects or strategies, and should be counted only in the fiscal year they were started. If section 2a is greater than zero, Sections 2b thru 2h must be completed.

Section 2f: If reporting 1,500 or over in jobs created or retained, complete the attached EDA GPRA PERFORMANCE VALIDATION FORM FOR CAPACITY BUILDING INVESTMENT RECIPIENTS.

Section 2g: If reporting \$100 million or over in private sector investment, complete the attached EDA GPRA PERFORMANCE VALIDATION FORM FOR CAPACITY BUILDING INVESTMENT RECIPIENTS.

Burden Statement: Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 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 needed to amend the interlocal agreement. At its September 24, 2015 meeting, the Council recommended proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement.

Staff has completed presentations concerning the amendments to the interlocal agreement creating the Council with the current 24 member local governments. All current 24 member local governments have approved the amendments to the interlocal agreement. The amended interlocal agreement became effective January 1, 2016.

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

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