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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 **February 25, 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 February 22, 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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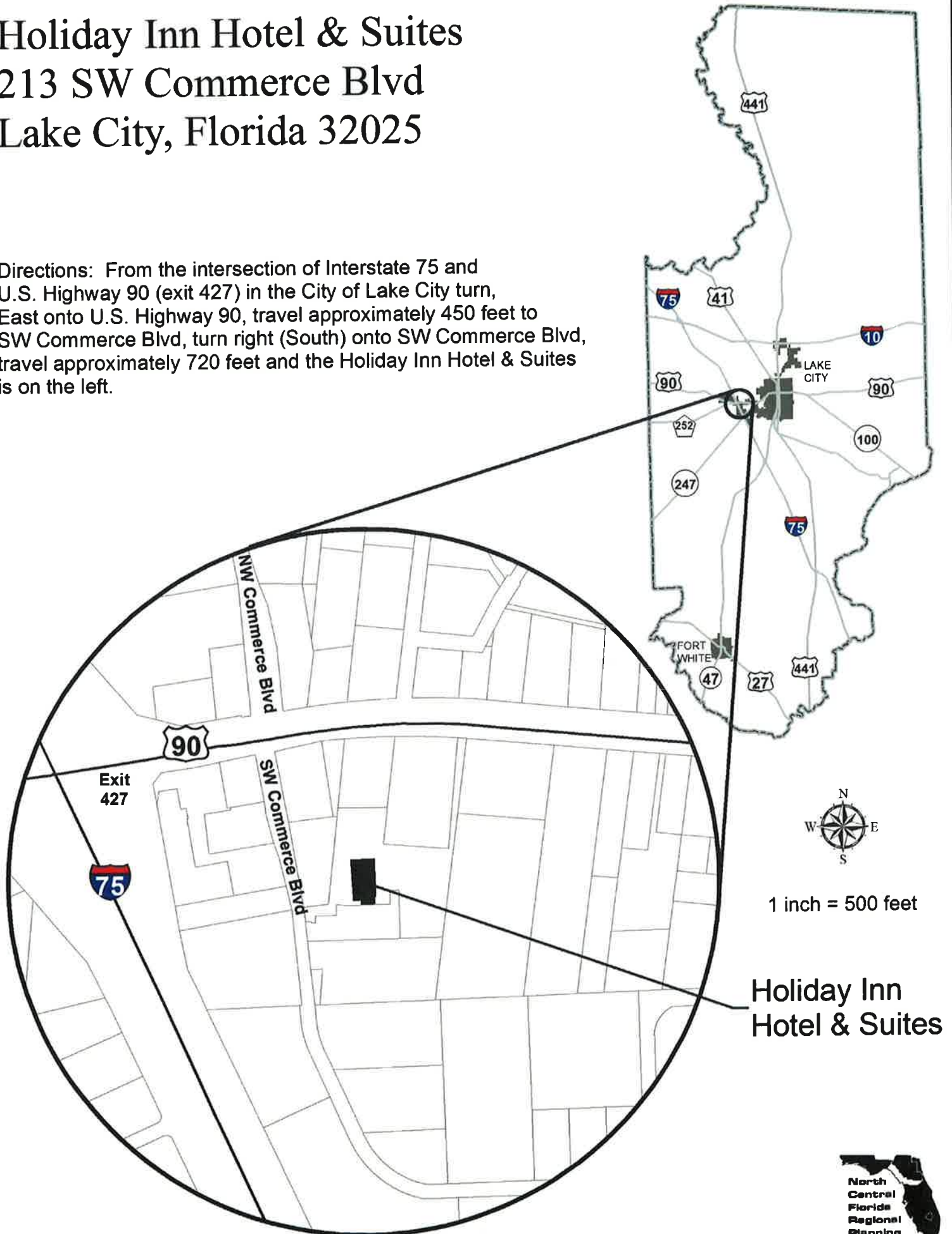
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

February 25, 2016
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
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
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
David Sullivan, City of Perry
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Diana Davis
Dustin Hinkel
Ralph Kitchens
LJ Johnson
John Meeks

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Dwayne Mundy
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 Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Dustin Hinkel, County Administrator from Taylor County; John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County; Sandra Buck-Camp, LJ Johnson and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

II. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director for the Council. Mr. Mundy gave a presentation concerning the activities of the Council relating to Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs. His presentation included an overview of Local Emergency Planning Committee, Hazardous Materials Response Team, Emergency Management, First Responder Training, Hazardous Waste, Interoperable Communications and Energy Resiliency. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

A. Monthly Financial Reports - November 2015 and December 2015

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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 Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Frisina, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Riddick introduced new Council member, Commissioner Anthony Adams from Lafayette County.

- B. Resolutions of Appreciation
1. Honorable Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
 2. Honorable Curtis Hamlin, Lafayette County
 3. Honorable Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
 4. Honorable Everett Phillips, Columbia County
 5. Honorable Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

Chair Riddick asked that a Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Mayor Ed Braddy, who served as a Council Member since August 2013; Commissioner Curtis Hamlin, who served as Council Member since October 2006; Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, who served as a Council Member since December 2013; Commissioner Everett Phillips, who served as Council Member since January 2015; and Commissioner Randy Wells, who served as Council Member since May 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell to approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Mayor Ed Braddy, Commissioner Curtis Hamlin, Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, Commissioner Everett Phillips and Commissioner Randy Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Steve Tyson

ACTION: Commissioner Frisina made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Steve Tyson. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Committee Appointments

Chair Riddick stated that due to vacancies on the Clearinghouse Committee, Finance Committee and Regional Planning Committee several appointments needed to be made to these Committees.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Larry Sessions and Helen Warren to the Clearinghouse Committee; Robert Wilford to the Finance Committee; Commissioner Frisina and Commissioner Roberts to the Regional Planning Committee; Beth Burnam as the Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Robert Wilford as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

Mr. Koons reported that the items listed on the schedule, which is attached herein and made a part of these minutes, are computer hardware of outdated technology, with related equipment. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that this hardware be declared as surplus property and 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 nonprofit organization or local government.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to declare the items listed on the schedule, which is attached herein and made a part of these minutes, as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed 12 local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#21 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#22 - Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline Final Environmental Impact Statement
#41 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#42 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#43 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#45 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#46 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#47 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
#55 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#56 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#57 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #42, Town of Yankeetown Draft Amendment and item #48, Suwannee County Draft 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. With regards to item #42, Town of Yankeetown Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, may result in significant adverse impacts to the Withlacoochee River and its associated wetlands, both of which are Natural Resources of Regional Significance as identified and mapped in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan. With regards to item #48, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended by County item CPA 15-13, may result in significant adverse impacts to the North Central Florida Regional Ecological Greenway and the Suwannee River Corridor. It is therefore recommended that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements, to protect these Natural Resources of Regional Significance. With regards to item #79, Sabal Trail, the Committee recommends that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approve the preferred alternative route with the condition that it follow existing rights-of-way and co-locate with existing linear utilities to the maximum extent feasible.

Mr. Montgomery stated The Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations

concerning #21 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #22 - Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline Final Environmental Impact Statement; #41 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #42 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #43 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #45 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #46 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; # 47 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; #55 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #56 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #57 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Vice-Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening to begin the process of preparing amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She stated that the amendments are guided by the regional plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report recently adopted by the Council.

Commissioner Burnam stated that earlier this evening, the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Element. She reported that the Committee will prepare proposed amendments to the various elements of the regional plan over the course of the year. It anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

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

Nominating Committee Chair Spooner gave the Nominating Committee report. She stated that the Nominating Committee met on January 20, 2016 to recommend an individual to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16.

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

Local Government Appointee
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County

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

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the 2016 Local Government Transportation Summit was held earlier in the day at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City. He stated that approximately 75 participants attended the Summit. He also stated that the Summit was designed for local government public works professionals, county administrators, planners and grant specialists involved in project solicitation and development.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection stated that the Department would be conducting a workshop for transporters of used oil and hazardous waste at the Northeast Florida District office of the Department in Jacksonville on February 19, 2016.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District stated that the District has received a \$2 million appropriation for water conservation cost share projects. He noted that the deadline for submitting applications to the District is February 17, 2016.

- VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Mr. LJ Johnson stated that he had applied to be appointed the voting Citizen Advocate/User member of the Columbia, Hamilton Suwanee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. He further stated that the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, appointed him the alternate Citizen Advocate/User member. Finally, he stated that he objected to being appointed the alternate member and not being appointed the voting member.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons stated that the 2014-15 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association was included in the meeting packet. He further stated that 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. Mr. Koons further stated that Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner and Ms. Lorene Thomas are members of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board with Commissioner Spooner serving as Second Vice-President of the Policy Board. He also stated the activities of the Council are featured on pages 15, 16, 17 and 23.

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 January 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2016 Legislative Session. He noted that a development of regional impact bill, Senate Bill 7000 by the Senate Community Affairs Committee, is a glitch bill addressing changes made by the Legislature to the development of regional impact process last year. He also reported on Senate Bill 304 and House Bill 59 that would prohibit local governments from restricting, regulating or otherwise limiting agritourism activities.

Mr. Koons also reported that the Water Policy bill, Senate Bill 552 by Senator Dean, passed both the Senate and House, and has been signed by the Governor. He stated that it creates the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act. Finally, he reported that there were three new bills filed last week relating to growth management. He noted that Senate Bill 1190 and House Bill 1361 were growth management bills addressing additional changes to the development of regional impact and sector plan processes and that House Bill 1173, by Representative Perry, addresses private property rights.

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

Mr. Koons stated that the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and 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 of funds that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council. He noted that the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 indicated that an estimated 587 jobs were created or retained, an estimated \$113,000,000 in private investment occurred and an estimated \$40,000,000 in public investment occurred on ten projects that implemented the Strategy during the reporting period.

E. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons stated that staff has completed presentations concerning the amendments to the interlocal agreement creating the Council with the current 24 member local governments and that all current 24 member local governments have approved the amendments to the interlocal agreement. He stated that the amended interlocal agreement became effective January 1, 2016.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 25, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

2/25/16
Date



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January 6, 2016

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
	\$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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February 18, 2016

TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
 SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - January 2016

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 four months is 27 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of four months is 26 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.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2016

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

 Current Assets

 Checking / Savings 674,313

 Accounts Receivable 257,586

 Other Current Assets 10,050

 Total Current Assets 941,949

TOTAL ASSETS 941,949

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

 Liabilities

 Current Liabilities

 Accounts Payable 0

 Other Current Liabilities 21,394

 Total Liabilities 21,394

 Equity 920,555

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 941,949

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2016

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16	January 2016	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,876,300	132,202	511,245	27%
Expenses	1,876,300	100,633	487,882	26%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2016

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16	January 2016	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	30,300	10,137	18,934	62%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	90,000	30,094	49,110	55%
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	6,687	6%
Hazards Analyses	12,200	0	0	0%
Local Mitigation Strategies	17,400	0	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	0	8,223	34%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	0	66,697	35%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	153,000	30,094	64,860	42%
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	2,689	4,389	55%
City & County Planning Services	215,700	59,188	232,894	108%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	50,000	0	44,651	89%
Total Revenue	1,876,300	132,202	511,245	27%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2016

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2015 - 16	January 2016	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	55,000	2,944	10,647	19%
Contractual Services	48,000	4,414	15,196	32%
Dues, Publications , Subscriptions & Training	50,000	694	19,160	38%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	18,000	0	4,423	25%
Legal Costs	14,000	457	1,557	11%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	984	20%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	491	3,565	19%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	23,000	625	3,165	14%
Personnel	1,265,100	86,435	404,280	32%
Postage	8,000	178	228	3%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	11,000	2,197	4,025	37%
Telephone	6,000	739	1,879	31%
Travel	80,000	1,459	18,773	23%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	224,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	14,200	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,876,300	100,633	487,882	26%

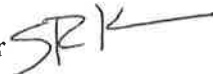


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February 18, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the South Florida Regional Council for Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency Training

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the South Florida Regional Council for Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency Training for a fixed fee amount of \$10,000.

BACKGROUND:

Coastal flooding is becoming an area of concern for coastal communities in Florida. A set of tools has been developed to assist local governments with planning and mitigating this threat. This project will result in Council staff being trained in using the available tools and being able to provide assistance to local governments with using the available tools.

The project is divided into four tasks. The first task will be attending a train-the-trainer class on using the tools to be conducted in March 2016. The second task will involve providing pilot assistance using the tools and developing a unified coastal assessment tool workshop by August 1, 2016. By January 1, 2017, the third task will consist of conducting a workshop for local governments. The final task involves providing ongoing technical assistance with the coastal flooding hazard assessment tools by March 31, 2017.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$10,000 for this project

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



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy County Departments of Health to Plan and Conduct a Mass Immunization Tabletop Exercise

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy County Departments of Health to plan and conduct a mass immunization tabletop exercise for a fixed fee amount of \$8,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Departments of Health for Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy County have requested the Council to assist with the design, implementation and evaluation of a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program compliant, Strategic National Stockpile/Mass Prophylaxis and Immunization/Point of Dispensing tabletop exercise involving all three counties.

The tabletop exercise will be held on April 4, 2016 at the Dixie County Emergency Operations Center. The exercise will include three modules, participant feedback, a hotwash for the participants and a debriefing for the evaluators.

The goals for this exercise are to activate and staff the Point of Distribution in Dixie County, in a timely manner using the Dixie County Health Department Strategic National Stockpile Plan and to coordinate with federal state and local government officials and first responders.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$8,000 to assist with this project.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
 Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2016-17

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chair to enter into the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, authorize the Chair to sign the grant assurances and agreements or contracts, and authorize the Executive Director to sign invoices, warranties and certifications for the program.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council is the designated official planning agency, pursuant to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. The designated official planning agency's responsibilities include Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards with staff support and resources to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities.

The Council receives approximately \$19,000 per County on a cost reimbursement basis to provide these services.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL
YEAR 2016-17 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2016.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Daniel Riddick, Chair



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February 18, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Employee Pension Plan Trust Trustees

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the resignation of Marlie Sanderson as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Council Employee Pension Plan Trust and appoint Steven Dopp as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust.

BACKGROUND:

Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation and Assistant Executive Director, retired as an employee of the Council on February 3, 2016. As a result of his retirement, he also resigned as a trustee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust effective February 3, 2016.

Thus, it is necessary for the Council to appoint a trustee to fill the currently vacant position. It is recommended that the Council accept the resignation of Marlie Sanderson as a trustee on the Employee Pension Plan Trust effective February 3, 2016 and appoint Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, as a trustee of the Employee Pension Plan Trust effective March 1, 2016.

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



February 18, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: James Montgomery, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., February 25, 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

- #60 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #61 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)
- #63 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-1ESR)
- #65 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 16-2ESR)
- #66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-3ESR)
- #67 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)

Proposed Amendments to Clearinghouse Committee Procedures

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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February 18, 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 February 25, 2016 to review and consider amendments to the Economic Development 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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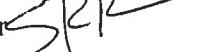


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February 18, 2016

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Secretary-Treasurer Lorene Thomas and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 27, 2016.

The Policy Board heard presentations from the Honorable Jack Latvala, District 20, Senate Appropriations Chairman; the Honorable Kristin Jacobs, State Representative, District 96, Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research; Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist & Director of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation; Eric Poole, Assistant Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties; and David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities.

The Policy Board adopted the 2016 Legislative Agenda and adopted recommendations from the Path Forward Committee focusing on enhanced communications with stakeholders.

The Policy Board also reviewed a financial report and made appointments to the Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

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February 18, 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 February 2016 Scorecard.

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

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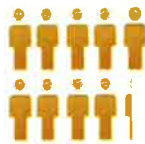
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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

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%



TECHNOLOGY

Florida Ranking on
Milken State Technology
and Science Index

2nd

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TESTIMONIALS

What People Are Saying...

Charitable contributions tend to decline during a recession; however, with an improving economy we anticipate that they will begin to increase. We can track the state's progress on charitable contributions on the Florida Scorecard.

*- David Odachowski, President & CEO
Edyth Bush Foundation*


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37th**HOME SALES**

12.4%
Increase
From One
Year Ago

SOLD

**Median
Home Sale
Price**
\$198,995

**TOURISM****Population**

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

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

Employment:

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

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

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

Florida GDP Per Capita: \$42,222

Jobs Created in Florida since December 2010 - 870,500

www.bls.gov (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.fl DOE.org/SASWebReportStudio/gotoReportSection.do?sectionNumber=1>

Versus 10 years ago – 59.2%

Technology

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

<http://statetechandscience.org/>

Home Sales

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

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

Tourism

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

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

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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.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The House of Representatives adopted budget does not include any general appropriation funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The Senate adopted budget does not include any general appropriation funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2016-17. However, the Senate adopted budget does include a project specific appropriation of \$1,000,000 for regional planning councils, serving as economic development districts, to conduct a statewide industry cluster analysis for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

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. **Passed by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy Committee; and Community Affairs Committee. This bill has been heard on first reading by the Senate.**

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT/SECTOR PLANS

Senate Bill 1190 by Senator Diaz de la Portilla relates to developments of regional impact and sector plans. Specifies that persons do not lose the right to complete developments of regional impact upon certain changes to those developments; revises requirement concerning comprehensive plan amendments that must follow the state coordinated review process; authorizes specified parties to amend certain agreements without the submission, review or review or approval of a notification change when a project has been essentially built out; and authorizes the exchange of one approved land use for another under certain conditions. **Referred to Fiscal Policy Committee. Passed by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Tourism and Economic Development and Community Affairs Committee.**

House Bill 1361 by Representative LaRosa relates to developments of regional impact and sector plans. Revises provisions regarding developments of regional impact; and revises certain provisions regarding orders and final orders. **Referred to Economic Affairs Committee. Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; and Local Government Affairs Subcommittee. This bill is now in Economic Affairs Committee.**

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

House Bill 1173 by Representative Perry relates to private property rights. Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element that addresses certain objectives; requires counties and municipalities to adopt land development regulations consistent with property rights element; provides deadlines for local governments to adopt private property rights element; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element adopted by local government if it substantially complies with specified form. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

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. **Passed by Agriculture Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Fiscal Policy Committee. Placed on Special Order Calendar.**

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. **Passed by Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; and Local Government Affairs Subcommittee. This bill has been passed by the House of Representatives.**

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 and signed by the Governor.**

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

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

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

The Committee met on January 25, 2016. The Committee heard presentations from water management district staff on the status of North Florida Southeast Georgia groundwater model and the development of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services agricultural irrigation efficiency cost estimate.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Awards

The National Association of Development Organizations is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The Association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of local communities throughout the region. Award winning projects were honored during the National Association of Development Organizations 2015 Annual Training Conference held October 24-27 in New Orleans, LA.

The Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council a 2015 Innovation Award. The award was for the Bicycling Trails of Natural North Florida (see attached summary). The Association also, recently awarded the Florida Regional Councils Association a 2015 Innovation Award. The award was for the Statewide Coordinated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (see attached summary). The 2015 slate of awardees includes over 100 projects representing Association members from 32 states.

Each year, the Association recognizes member organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches to regional economic and community development with an Innovation Award. More than 1,500 Association member projects have been recognized since 1986 for their creative efforts in advancing economic development. The breadth and scope of the winning projects is impressive and far reaching and illustrates the important role the Association of members have across their regions, as well as on the national landscape.

"For nearly 30 years, National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Award has provided regional development organizations the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to promoting economic development in rural and small metropolitan communities across the country. Building on the unique strengths and challenges of each region and community, award recipients continue to promote sustainable economic growth not only now, but for many years to come. And I am pleased to announce that this year over 100 regional development organizations received National Association of Development Organizations 2015 Innovation Awards," said National Association of Development Organizations 2015-2016 Board President Terry Bobrowski, Executive Director of the East Tennessee Development District in Alcoa, TN.

The Council, in conjunction with the Original Florida Tourism Task Force prepared an online region-wide map as well as 11 county maps to display bicycle trails, with mileages shown between stops. The region-wide bicycle trail map contains hyperlinks to the 11 county bicycle maps. Hyperlinks are provided on each map for additional information on state and local parks, local bicycle vendors and related information. The bicycle maps can be downloaded as pdf files. The maps are available on The Original Florida Tourism Task Force website.

The Council, in conjunction with the other ten regional planning councils in Florida, updated its comprehensive economic development strategy on a coordinated basis. The five-year updated comprehensive economic development strategy documents represent the first time a coordinated approach has been used in the preparation of the documents by all 11 regional planning councils serving as economic development districts. The strategies use a common format, common nomenclature, as well as common data and analyses. The documents use the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy as the organizing framework. 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.

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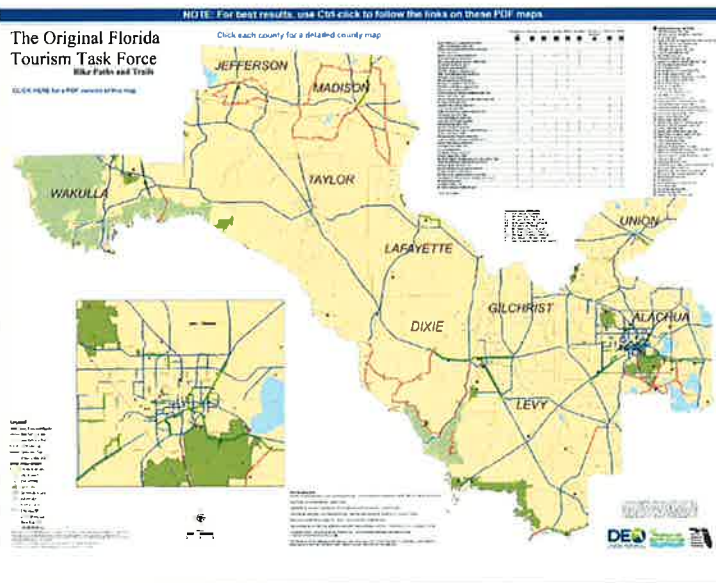
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Bicycling Trails of Natural North Florida



Project Partner: The Original Florida Tourism Task Force



- Consists of an online region-wide map as well as ten-county bicycle trail maps.

- Can be viewed online or downloaded as PDF files at www.naturalnorthflorida.com/maps.

- Hyperlinks on each map for additional information on state and local parks, local bicycle vendors and related information.

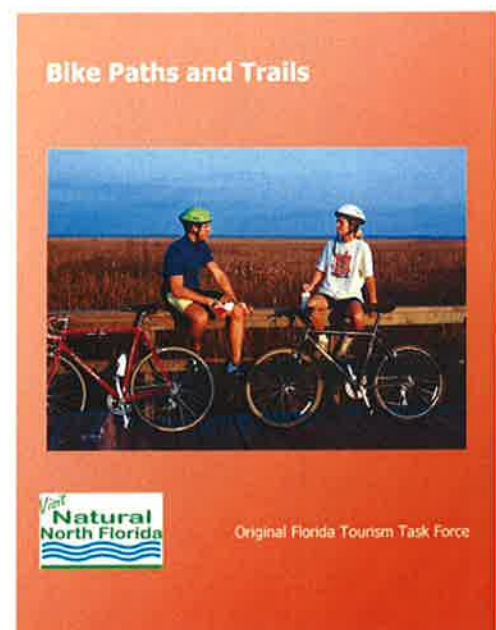
- Provided staff support for using ArcGIS for Desktop, identified and assembled the hyperlinked information sources for state and local parks, local bicycle vendors and related information.

- Best available single-source of information to tourists interested in bicycling within the ten-county area.

- Both the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy recognize tourism as a significant source of future economic growth within the region.

- Providing information to tourists of bicycling opportunities within the region is consistent with the Council's tourism development strategy.

- Maps increase awareness among bicycling enthusiasts of the hundreds of miles of beautiful biking trails located in the region, which will attract more tourists to visit the area on extended biking tours.

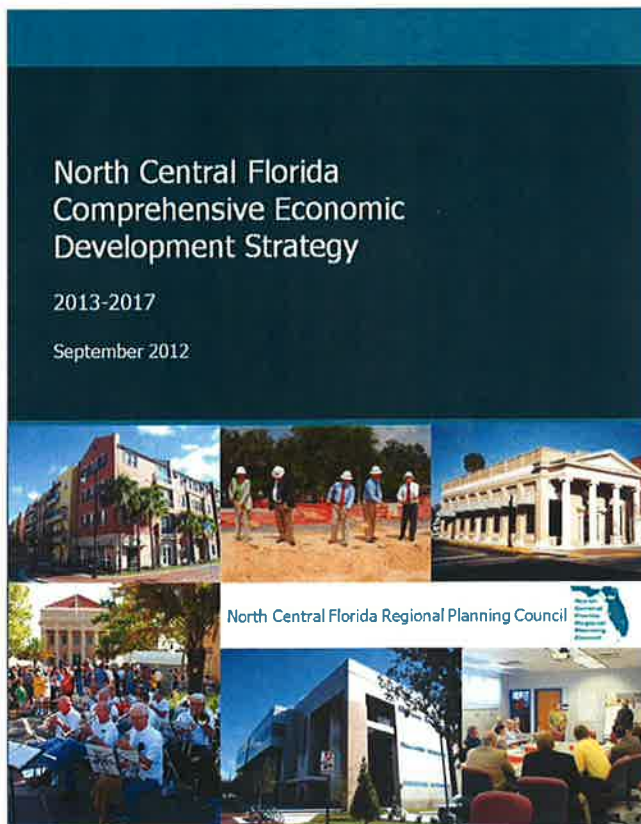




Statewide Coordinated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



Project Partners: Appalachian Regional Planning Council, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Northeast Florida Regional Council, South Florida Regional Council, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, West Florida Regional Planning Council and Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council



- First time a coordinated approach used in preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies by all 11 Florida Economic Development Districts.

- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council developed standard format, nomenclature, data and report format used by all Districts. Allowed all 11 Districts to use an advanced reporting format, resulting in professional-quality documents.

- Uses the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy as the organizing framework (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).

- Analyzes regional economics across the state and develop strategies to diversify regional economics.

- Resulted in aligning economic development strategies across regions.

- First time any state aligned regional strategies of Economic Development Districts, local economic development organizations, local governments and the private sector.

