



Serving  
Alachua • Bradford  
Columbia • Dixie • Gilchrist  
Hamilton • Lafayette • Madison  
Suwannee • Taylor • Union Counties

---

2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653 - 1603 • 352.955.2200

# MEETING NOTICE

## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee of the North Central Florida Economic Development District on **August 9, 2016**. The meeting will be held at the **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

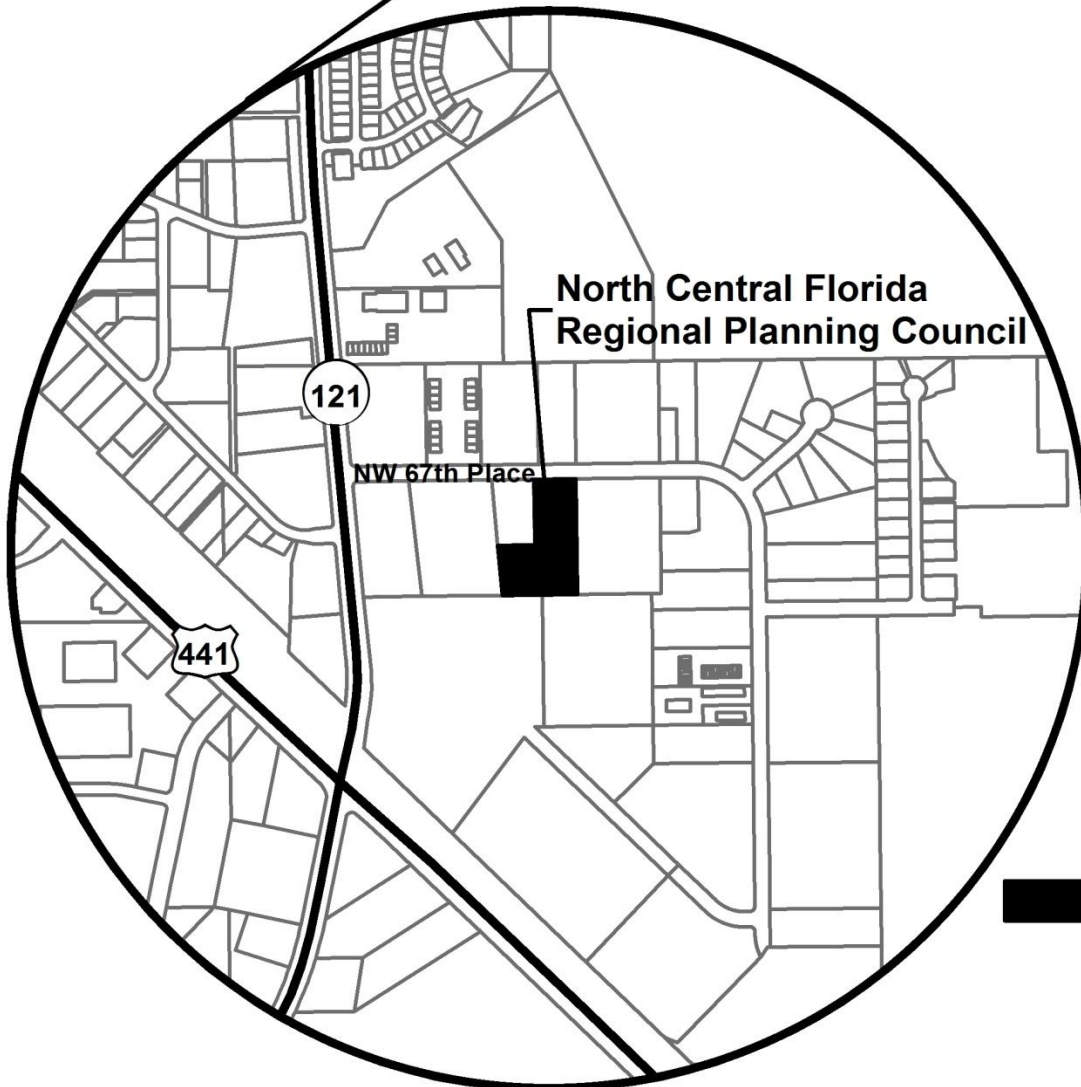
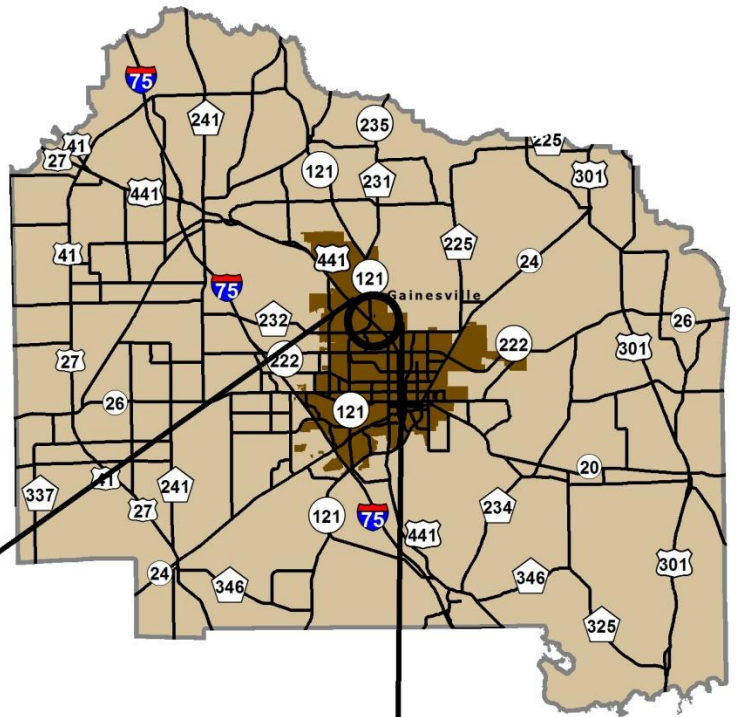
**For those attending by telephone conference call, please dial  
888.670.3525  
at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.**

**Enter conference code number 5386341358, then #.**

(Location Map on Back)

# North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 2009 NW 67th Place Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Directions: From the intersection of State Road 121 (also known as Northwest 34th Street) and U.S. Highway 441 (also known as Northwest 13th Street) in the City of Gainesville head North onto State Road 121 (also known as Northwest 22nd Street), travel approximately 1,000 feet to NW 67th Place, turn right (East) onto NW 67th Place, travel approximately 1,000 feet and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is on the right.



1 inch = 1,000 feet

 North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council





Serving  
Alachua • Bradford  
Columbia • Dixie • Gilchrist  
Hamilton • Lafayette • Madison  
Suwannee • Taylor • Union Counties

---

2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653 - 1603 • 352.955.2200

## **AGENDA**

### **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
2009 NW 67th Place  
Gainesville, Florida

August 9, 2016  
10:00 a.m.

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. CHAIR'S REPORT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. 2013-2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    1. Review Progress Towards Implementing the Strategy
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Regional projects update
  - B. Update of 2013-2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
  - C. New meeting date
  - D. Announcements



**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

August 19, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alvin Jackson, Suwannee County  
Chamber of Commerce and Economic  
Development Alliance  
Allen Cherry, Madison County  
Development Council - via telephone  
Chris Coleman, East Gainesville  
Development Corporation - via telephone  
Dennille Decker, Lake City/Columbia County  
Chamber of Commerce - via telephone  
Scott Frederick, Taylor County  
Development Authority  
Dug Jones, Santa Fe College  
Center for Innovation and  
Economic Development  
Susan Ramsey, Hamilton County  
Industrial Development Authority  
Sheryl Rehberg, Career Source  
North Florida  
Kim Tesch-Vaught, Career Source  
North Central Florida

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Davenport, Vice-Chair, Gainesville  
Council for Economic Outreach  
Lawrence Barrett, Florida Gateway College  
Jeff Hendry, North Florida Economic  
Development Partnership  
Glenn Hunter, Columbia County  
Economic Development  
John Pricher, Visit Gainesville  
Mike Williams, North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council

GUESTS PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp  
Scott Koons

Chair Ramsey noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- A. Chair Ramsey asked the Committee to review the minutes from the August 19, 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meeting. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

**ACTION: Denille Decker moved and Chris Coleman seconded a motion to approve the August 19, 2014 minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CHAIR'S REPORT - None

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2013-2017 CEDS

1. Review of Progress Towards Implementing the Strategy

Steven Dopp reviewed progress towards implementing the strategy.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. REGIONAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

Mr. Dopp requested Committee members to complete the project form which he previously emailed to Committee members.

Committee members presented the following information on economic development projects.

1. Alachua County

Dug Jones noted that the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency is moving forward with developing adjacent to the Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center incubator. He stated that groundbreaking will occur within the next six months for companies that might incubate from the Center as well as other companies interested in locating in East Gainesville.

Mr. Coleman stated that the East Gainesville Development Corporation, Inc. may be transitioning to inactive status. He noted that the only active program at this time is a partnership with Peaceful Paths, a domestic abuse shelter, for a program to encourage individuals to save to purchase a home or to return to school. He further noted that the program is transitioning to two other organizations.

Kim Tesch-Vaught stated that CareerSource North Central Florida is moving from its current location near Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park to a more centralized Gainesville location by the end of October 2015.

She further noted that the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce has seven business development projects in the pipeline. Four of the projects are advanced manufacturing businesses, one is a cyber security company and one is a clean energy company. She concluded by noting that the seven companies represent a total of 800 new jobs should all of the projects occur.

2. Bradford County

Mr. Jones stated that the City of Starke received a Competitive Florida Partnership grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. He noted that the grant provides technical assistance to develop innovative strategies which promote partnerships, community design and a viable economy.

### 3. Columbia County

Ms. Decker reported that an agreement appears to be in place for the restoration/remodeling of the historic Blanche Hotel in downtown Lake City. She noted that the hotel comprises almost an entire city block. She noted that the developer plans to convert the building into a combination of residential dwelling units as well as retail and office uses.

Ms. Decker noted that several new restaurants have opened on U.S. Highway 90 and that at least two new restaurants are anticipated in 2016.

She concluded by noting that the U.S. 90 turning lane length at the I-75 interchange is being extended.

### 4. Taylor County

Scott Frederick reported that the Taylor County Alliance, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, was recently formed in the County. He noted that the County now allows liquor-by-the-drink seven days a week, which should spur increased demand for new restaurants in the County. Mr. Frederick also reported that the County has seven active potential industrial projects, consisting of both domestic and international companies. He noted that BioNitrogen is still an active project.

### 5. Madison County

Allen Cherry stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

### 5. Suwannee County

Cheryl Rehburg reported that Klausner One currently has 270 employees and is still hiring additional employees.

### 6. Hamilton County

Chair Ramsey noted that a 20-bed assisted living facility is expected to be open by January 2016 in White Springs. She also noted that a 68-bed assisted living facility is also considering locating in White Springs. She stated that the owners of this facility plan to begin construction in January 2016.

Chair Ramsey stated that the County is recruiting a manufacturing company, a renewable energy business and an confidential project.

## B. NEXT MEETING DATE

The date for the next meeting will be determined at a later date.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT

Committee members made announcements of items of interest to the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

---

Susan Ramsey, Chair

---

Date



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee  
Economic Activity Reporting Form

Reporting/Contact Information	Enter Information Here
Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Person Filing Report	
Organization	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Information Regarding Economic Activity	Enter Information Here
Name/Description of Company	
New Firm (yes/no)	
Expansion of Existing Firm (yes/no)	
Retention of Existing Firm (yes/no)	
Information Regarding Jobs	No. of Jobs
No. of Existing Employees (if applicable)	
No. of New Employees	
No. of Employees Retained	
Total New/Retained Employees	
Average Wage per New Job/Retained Job	
Information Regarding Capital Investment/Incentives	Amount
Amount of Private Capital Investment	
Amount of Local Government Capital Investment/Incentives	
Amount of State Government Capital Investment/Incentives	
Amount of Federal Government Capital Investment/Incentives	
Total Capital Investment/Incentives	

Enter one Economic Activity per Form.

Questions? Contact Steven Dopp, 352.955.2200, x 109 or [dopp@ncfrpc.org](mailto:dopp@ncfrpc.org)