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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 23, 2020**. The meeting will be held at the **Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at **7:00 p.m.**

MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

Please call the Council at 352.955.2200, or 800.226.0690**, or email tucker@ncfrpc.org by January 21, 2020 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.

(Location Map on Back)

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213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

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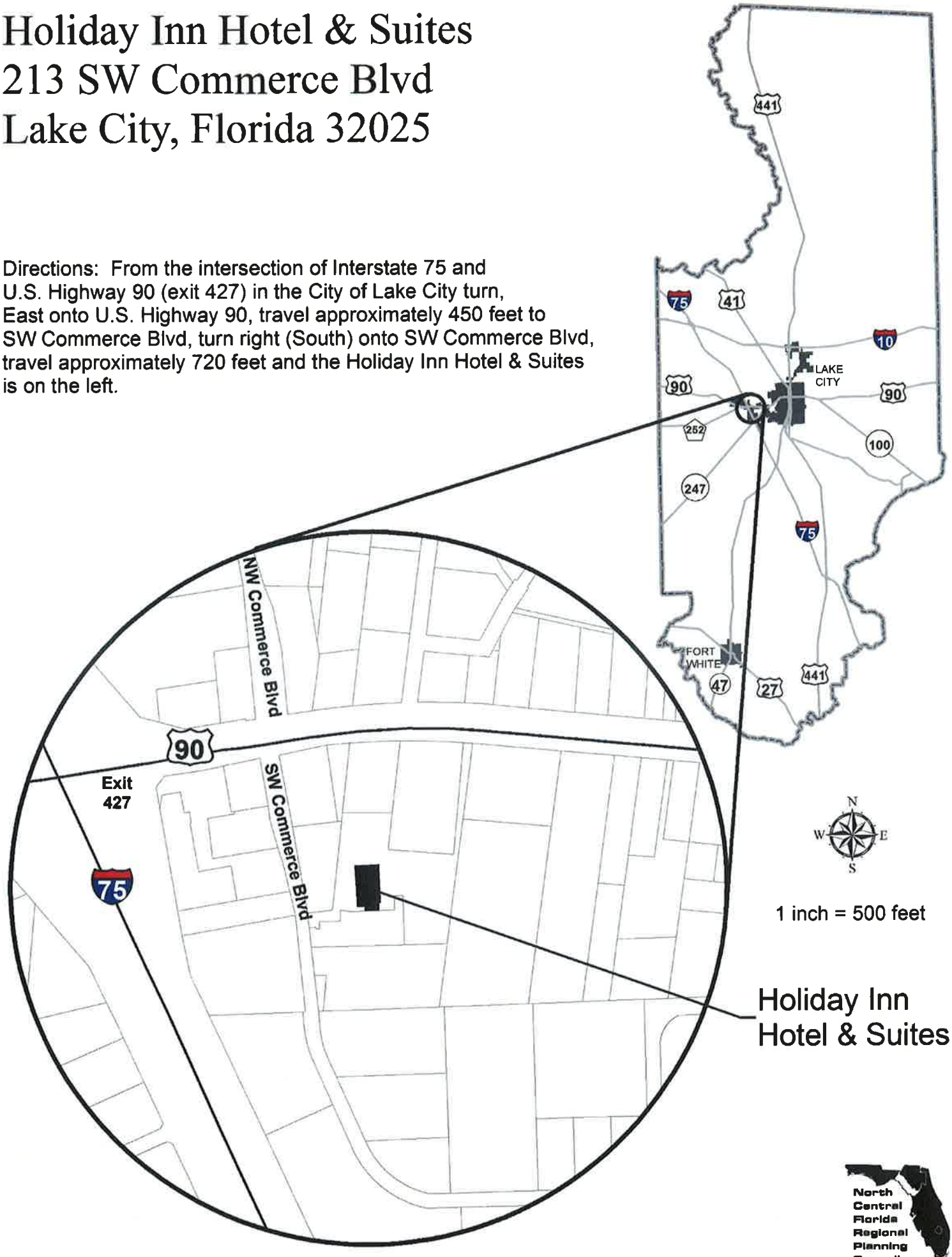

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AGENDA
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

January 23, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

December 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Don Hale, Suwannee County
Matt Hersom, City of Newberry
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Mirti, Suwannee River Water Management District
David Tyler, Florida Department of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Hunter Anderson
Sandra Buck-Camp
Chris Doolin
Rocky Ford
Thomas Harrington
Gary Hollis
Rufus Hutchinson
Stew Lilker
Diane Wilford

STAFF PRESENT

Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Tara Tucker
Lauren Yeatter

Executive Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Robert Wilford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with an invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilford welcomed and introduced; Rocky Ford, County Commissioner, Columbia County; Hunter Anderson, Northeast Florida Deputy District Director Office of U.S. Senator Rick Scott; Gary Hollis, Northeast Florida District Director Office of U.S. Senator Rick Scott; Thomas Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, City of Gainesville; Sandra Buck-Camp, Member of Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; Rufus Hutchinson, guest of Council Member Patricia Bouie; Diane Wilford, wife of Council Chair Robert Wilford; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that Council Member James Montgomery passed away on December 7, 2019. He stated that Mr. Montgomery was the longest serving member of the Council having been a Council Member for 40 years. Mr. Koons noted that Mr. Montgomery served three terms as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer as well as having served as Chair of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Program Committee, Clearinghouse Committee and Nominating Committee of the Council. He stated that a celebration of life service in memory of Mr. Montgomery will be held on January 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake City.

He also reported that Council employee Dwayne Mundy also passed away on December 7, 2019. Mr. Koons noted that Mr. Mundy, who served as the Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Director of the Council, was the third longest serving employee of the Council having been an employee for 35 years. He also stated that Mr. Mundy was a public servant that had dedicated his career to improve the safety of citizens throughout the north central Florida region. Finally, Mr. Koons stated that a celebration of life service in memory of Mr. Mundy will be held on a date to be determined in January 2020 in Gainesville.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - October 24, 2019

B. Monthly Financial Report - October 2019

C. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2019-20

D. U.S. Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance Program Grant Amendment

E. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for Levy County

F. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordination Board Appointments

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

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that Agenda Item VIII.B.6. Item #9 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR) be added to the regular agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie, to add Agenda Item VIII.B.6. Item #9 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR) to the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant for Small County Coalition and the Small Counties School Board Association of Florida.

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant for the Small County Coalition and the Small Counties School Board Association of Florida. Mr. Doolin stated that the Coalition's agenda was to give small counties a collective voice when dealing with the Legislature. He then reviewed issues of interest to local governments that will be addressed during the 2020 Legislative Session. Chair Wilford thanked Mr. Doolin for his comments.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT -

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Ralph Kitchens

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hale to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Ralph Kitchens from the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The motion carried unanimously.

B. South Florida Climate Change Compact and Tampa Bay Resilience Coalition

Chair Wilford stated at their June 27, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed two regions in the state that are addressing climate change and resiliency. He noted that the south Florida region has formed a Climate Change Compact and the Tampa Bay region has formed a Regional Resiliency Coalition. Chair Wilford sated that a presentation concerning this topic will be scheduled for a future Council meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Land, Warehouse and Office Building

Mr. Koons, stated that a commercial real estate broker, on behalf of a client, has contacted Council staff expressing interest in purchasing the land, warehouse and office building owned by the Council. He stated the intent of the party interested in purchasing the land, warehouse and office building is to construct a parking lot for approximately 160 vehicles. Mr. Koons stated the parking lot would be an accessory parking lot for an existing 95,000 square foot distribution warehouse located at 2121 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida. He stated the Executive Committee recommends that the Executive Director sign a site access agreement; authorize the Executive Director to have an appraisal of the land, warehouse and office building completed; and authorize the Executive Director to research warehouse and office building relocation options.

ACTION: **Commissioner Arreola made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to authorize the Executive Director to sign a site access agreement; authorize the Executive Director to have an appraisal of the land, warehouse and office building completed; and authorize the Executive Director to research warehouse and office building relocation options. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Janice Mortimer, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#4 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER)
#5 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER)
#6 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)
#7 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER)
#8 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)

Commissioner Mortimer stated subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which required action prior to the next Council meeting Item #9 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR).

Commissioner Mortimer stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: **Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #4 Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER); #5 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER);**

#6 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR); #7 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ER); #8 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR); and #9 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Middle and Lower Suwannee River Withlacoochee River Task Force

Mr. Koons reported that the City of Valdosta reported a spill of 7.5 million gallons of raw sewage from a lift station on December 9, 2019. He stated that the raw sewage discharged into Sugar Creek, a tributary of the Withlacoochee River. Mr. Koons noted that the City used the notification system established by the Task Force earlier this year. He stated the early notification allowed local, regional and state officials to take immediate action concerning the spill.

Mr. Koons also reported that the Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee County Health Departments issued health advisories for residents and visitors near the River to avoid contact with River water. He also stated that the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are conducting water sampling at three locations along the River. Finally, he noted that the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force members will meet with representatives of the City of Valdosta for a joint workshop on January 8, 2020 in Valdosta to discuss the issue of raw sewage spills by the City and how we could work together to resolve this on-going issue.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that springs grant project applications from local governments will need to be submitted to the District by December 18, 2019. He also discussed the recent Valdosta sewage spill.

David Tyler, Rural Area Transportation Planning Manager, District 2 Florida Department of Transportation, stated that applications for the Small County Road Assistance Program and Small County Outreach Program must be submitted to the Department by January 31, 2020.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council Bylaws, rural transportation and City of Alachua public facility projects.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 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. He stated that 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. Mr. Koons stated that

the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the October 2019 and November 2019 activities report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the October 2019 and November 2019 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that 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. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply 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 2019 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2020 Legislative Session will convene on January 14, 2020 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 13, 2020. He also stated legislative committee meetings began the week of September 16, 2019 and concluded the week of December 9, 2019.

D. Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance

Mr. Koons stated that the Northern Turnpike Multi-use Corridor of Regional Economic Significance Task Force met on October 22, 2019 in Lecanto and that the Suncoast Multi-use Corridor of Regional Economic Significance Task Force met on October 23, 2019 in Lecanto. He noted that both Task Forces initiated discussion concerning avoidance and minimization guiding principles. Mr. Koons reported that the Suncoast Multi-use Corridor of Regional Economic Significance Task Force will meet on December 17, 2019 in Perry and that the Northern Turnpike Multi-use Corridor of Regional Economic Significance Task Force will meet on December 18, 2019 in Ocala. Finally, he stated that both Task Forces will review draft avoidance and minimization guiding principles and initiate discussion of mitigation and enhancement guiding principles at their upcoming meetings.

E. Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
United States Chamber of Commerce Five Star Accreditation

Mr. Koons stated the United States Chamber of Commerce has once again awarded the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce with Five -Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizations procedures and positive impact on the community. He noted that the Five-Star accreditation is an honor bestowed on only one percent of the approximately 7,000 chambers of commerce nationwide.

F. National Association of Development Organization Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Council in conjunction with The Original Florida Tourism Task Force received an Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the Travel Show Program. He stated that the awards this year once again are

presented in honor of Aliceann Wohlbruck, who passed away in March 2018. Mr. Koons noted that Ms. Wohlbruck was the Association's first executive director, serving 24 years as a tireless champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

He also stated that the Task Force is a multi-county destination marketing organization promoting nature-based, heritage-based and cultural-based tourism in the north central Florida region. Mr. Koons noted that the area consists of 14 counties and covers approximately 10,000 square miles that the Task Force brands and markets as Visit Natural North Florida. He stated that the Task Force Travel Show Program consisted of attendance at domestic and international consumer travel shows. Finally, Mr. Koons reported that the Task Force exhibited at 14 travel shows attended by over 640,000 consumers and distributed over 31,000 pieces of collateral material describing the many natural resource-based tourism destinations of the north central Florida region.

Mr. Koons asked that the Council observe a moment of silence in memory of James Montgomery and Dwayne Mundy.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Wilford announced that the City of Alachua recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly completed amphitheater at Legacy Park. He also announced that Thermo Fisher Scientific, a biotechnology company located at Progress Park in the City of Alachua recently completed a $6.0 million expansion resulting in the creation of 250 jobs.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Wilford informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on January 23, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

_____ 1/23/20
Robert Wilford, Chair Date

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - November 2019

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for November 2019. 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 14 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 10 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)
November 30, 2019

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,530,461
Accounts Receivable	633,075
Other Current Assets	71,443
Total Current Assets	2,234,979
TOTAL ASSETS	2,234,979
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	11,247
Other Current Liabilities	455,998
Total Liabilities	467,245
Equity	1,767,734
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,234,979

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2019

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	November 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,100,700	5,784	304,545	14%
Expenses	2,100,700	101,612	210,840	10%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2019

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	November 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	40,100	784	28,718	72%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,203	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	46,361	79%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,500	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	12,900	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	443,500	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	90,000	0	19,942	22%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	125,000	0	24,968	20%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	0	53,000	19%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,942	100%
City & County Planning Services	224,200	0	0	0%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	112,500	5,000	38,911	35%
Total Revenue	2,100,700	5,784	304,545	14%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2019

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	November 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	33,000	2,732	5,476	17%
Contractual Services	152,000	6,664	16,526	11%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	60,000	345	9,715	16%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	21,000	0	1,242	6%
Legal Services & Public Notices	13,000	269	1,794	14%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	1,158	1,158	23%
Meeting Expenses	18,000	0	1,692	9%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	1,336	2,028	8%
Personnel	1,271,000	81,555	143,097	11%
Postage	7,000	153	1,000	14%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,182	1,541	8%
Telephone	6,000	504	989	16%
Travel	74,000	4,072	14,509	20%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	1,642	8,198	3%
Contingency	78,000	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,100,700	101,612	210,840	10%

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Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of three months is 29 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of three months is 17 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.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2019

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,439,261
Accounts Receivable	925,852
Other Current Assets	72,488
Total Current Assets	2,437,601
TOTAL ASSETS	2,437,601
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	16,131
Other Current Liabilities	491,049
Total Liabilities	507,180
Equity	1,930,421
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,437,601

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2019

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	December 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,100,700	296,247	600,792	29%
Expenses	2,100,700	140,391	351,231	17%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2019

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	December 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	40,100	863	29,581	74%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,203	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	46,361	79%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,500	8,300	8,300	6%
Hazards Analyses	12,900	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	443,500	110,813	110,813	25%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	7,357	7,357	30%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	59,909	59,909	30%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	90,000	17,500	37,442	42%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	125,000	0	24,968	20%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	11,125	11,125	21%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	4,942	57,942	21%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,942	100%
City & County Planning Services	224,200	56,063	56,063	25%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	112,500	19,375	58,286	52%
Total Revenue	2,100,700	296,247	600,792	29%

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Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2019

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2019-20	December 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	33,000	3,094	8,570	26%
Contractual Services	152,000	9,118	25,644	17%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	60,000	609	10,324	17%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	21,000	4,255	5,497	26%
Legal Services & Public Notices	13,000	300	2,094	16%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	1,158	23%
Meeting Expenses	18,000	0	1,692	9%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	1,173	3,201	13%
Personnel	1,271,000	104,362	247,459	19%
Postage	7,000	360	1,360	19%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	759	2,300	12%
Telephone	6,000	512	1,501	25%
Travel	74,000	4,232	18,741	25%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	11,617	19,815	7%
Contingency	78,000	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,100,700	140,391	351,231	17%

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Matt Brooks as Chair of the the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Commissioner Matt Brooks be appointed the Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Robert Wilford, Chair

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Matt Hersom

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Matt Hersom.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since September 2018 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, Matt Hersom has been representing the City of Newberry on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since September 2018;

WHEREAS, Matt Hersom has ably discharged the duties of a representative on 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 Matt Hersom for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region 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 Matt Hersom.

_____
Robert Wilford, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Thomas Demps, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2020.

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Robert Wilford, Chair

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Commissioner John Meeks.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner John Meeks served as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2015.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, John Meeks has served as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2015; and

WHEREAS, John Meeks ably discharged the duties as Chair of 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 John Meeks for dedicated service rendered to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and 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 John Meeks.

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Robert Wilford, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Date

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January 23, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment by the Chair of Gilchrist County Commissioner William Martin to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to a request by the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, the Council authorized the Executive Director to convene and facilitate a meeting with representatives from Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee Counties to develop a plan to promote our area and help restore the reputation of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River as a result of raw sewage spills from the City of Valdosta, Georgia. On September 19, 2018, Council staff convened and facilitated a meeting of county commissioners, and county administrators, coordinators and managers at the Madison County Agricultural Extension office in Madison. Representatives from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy and Madison Counties were in attendance at the meeting.

By consensus, the county commissioners present requested the Council to establish a task force comprised of a county commissioner from each of the following counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, in the Suwannee River Basin, including the Santa Fe River Basin, to address the issues of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. The county commissioners present also requested that the Council authorize its Executive Director to provide administrative support to the Task Force and to develop, in conjunction with county administrators, coordinators and managers, a strategic action plan to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia.

Pursuant to the request, at the Council meeting on September 27, 2018, the Council established the Middle Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force to be compromised of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners has nominated County Commissioner William Martin to serve on the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force replacing County Commissioner Kendrick Thomas.

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Climate Change Compact and
Tampa Bay Resilience Coalition

At their June 27, 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the two regions in the state that are addressing climate change and resiliency. In particular, the south Florida region has formed a Climate Change Compact and the Tampa Bay region has formed a Regional Resiliency Coalition.

A presentation concerning this topic will be scheduled for a future Council meeting.

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

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring the week of February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. Public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has designated the week of February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. It is recommended that the Council join in this public outreach effort by proclaiming the week of February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week (see attached Proclamation).

One goal of Hazardous Materials Awareness Week is to let the public know that facilities, first responders and emergency management are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials. A second goal is to encourage local governments to take advantage of free hazardous materials training classes offered by the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 23, 2020 - FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publicly promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments, regional planning councils and local emergency planning committees to work together to increase community safety by encouraging emergency responders to attend free training on how to safely respond to releases of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, citizens need to know that local governments, businesses, emergency responders and emergency planners are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020 as ***Hazardous Materials Awareness Week*** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of January 2020.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Thomas Demps, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Wilford, Chair

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing 150th Anniversary of the City of Starke

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the City of Starke.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the City of Starke, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

The City of Starke, was incorporated in 1870. It was first part of New River County that was later divided into the Counties of Bradford and Union. The City was first settled in 1857 when a railroad line connecting Fernandina to Cedar Key was built. Since the City was the midpoint of the railroad line, trains regularly stopped there for refueling.

The City was named either in honor of the fiancée of developer and first Starke United States Postmaster George W. Cole, in honor of Madison Starke Perry, fourth Governor of Florida, or in honor of Thomas Starke, a large land owner and planter in the area. The City is the birthplace of Charley Eugene Johns, 32nd Governor of Florida. Each year, the City hosts the Strawberry Festival which features the sweetest strawberries this side of Heaven.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF STARKE

WHEREAS, the City of Starke, was incorporated in 1870 in New River County that was later divided into the Counties of Bradford and Union; and

WHEREAS, the City of Starke was first settled in 1857 when a railroad line connecting Fernandina to Cedar Key was built and being the midpoint of the railroad line served as a regular refueling stop for trains;

WHEREAS, the City of Starke was either named in honor of the fiancée of developer and first Starke United States Postmaster George W. Cole, in honor of Madison Starke Perry, fourth Governor of Florida or in honor of Thomas Starke, a large land owner and planter in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Starke is the birthplace of Charley Eugene Johns, 32nd Governor of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Starke annually hosts the Strawberry Festival which features the sweetest strawberries this side of Heaven; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the City of Starke on its 150th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 23rd day of January 2020.

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Attest:

_____
Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Robert Wilford, Chair

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Land, Warehouse and Office Building

BACKGROUND

On August 4, 1999, the Council purchased the office building and warehouse located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida. The office building and warehouse of pre-engineered steel construction were constructed in 1980. The Council had been renting the office building and warehouse for the previous seven years beginning on November 1, 1992.

The purchase price for the 7,560 square foot office building and 1,989 square foot warehouse located on a 4.4-acre site was $490,400. Along with $31,400 in cash, the Council secured a 15-year promissory note from SouthTrust Bank in the amount of $459,000 to purchase the office building and warehouse. Since the Council is a governmental agency and is prohibited from mortgaging real property to secure a promissory note, the Council pledged certain revenues to repay the promissory note.

The January 1, 2014 payment in the amount of $3,134.95 constituted the final payment in full satisfying the promissory note. Thus, the Council currently does not have any outstanding long-term debt. The average annual building and grounds occupancy cost, including insurance; utilities; custodial services; heating, ventilation and air conditioning services; and termite and pest control services is $45,000.

The Alachua County Property Appraiser 2019 assessed value of the land is $499,632, and the assessed value of the buildings is $318,562. Thus, the total assessed value of land and buildings is $818,194.

A commercial real estate broker, on behalf of a client, has contacted Council staff expressing interest in purchasing the land, warehouse and office building owned by the Council. The intent of the party interested in purchasing the land, warehouse and office building is to construct a parking lot for approximately 160 vehicles. The parking lot would be an accessory parking lot for an existing 95,120 square foot distribution warehouse located at 2121 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida.

Staff evaluated four options concerning the sale of the land, warehouse and office building owned by the Council. The four options are to sell the land, warehouse and office building; sell the land and warehouse; retain ownership of the land, warehouse and office building; or sell Lot 8.

On December 12, 2019, the Council authorized the Executive Director to sign a site access agreement; authorized the Executive Director to have an appraisal of the land, warehouse and office building completed; and authorized the Executive Director to research warehouse and office building relocation options.

Pursuant to that Council action, the Executive Director signed a site access agreement; engaged an appraiser to prepare an appraisal of the land, warehouse and office building; and secured the assistance of a commercial real estate broker to identify office space purchase and lease options for relocation. Both the appraisal and research of relocation purchase and lease options are currently in progress.

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

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Janice Mortimer, 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 23, 2020 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

#12 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)

#13 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)

#14 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR)

#15 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-3ESR)

#16 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 20-1ESR)

#18 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 20-1ESR)

#19 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 20-1ESR)

#20 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ESR)

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 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Review of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Fiscal Year 2018-19 audit and authorize payment of auditor in the amount of $16,675.

BACKGROUND:

Please find attached a copy of the audit as prepared by Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants. The following paragraphs highlight the information reported in the audit.

First, it should be noted that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Therefore, the auditor is required to take into account not only internal accounting controls, but administrative controls as well. In addition, the audit has been completed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements.

More specific comments relating to the report are given in sequence as they appear in the document. On Page 5, you can see that the auditor's report indicates that the records audited "...present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, as of September 30, 2019, and the changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

Pages 7 through 12 contain the "Management's Discussion and Analysis" that is intended to present easily understood analyses of the Council's financial activities, but technically is not a part of the audit. This expanded information gives a more detailed look at the financial position of the Council from a business perspective.

Pages 13 through 19 present the financial statements that were audited. In general, you will find that the information in each of these statements are fairly routine and report no unusual circumstances. In particular, page 13 presents the "Governmental Funds Balance Sheet."

Page 16 is a "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in General Fund Balance." Please note that with respect to revenues collected versus those budgeted, revenues received were 0.2 percent more than budgeted amounts. With respect to expenditures, funds expended were (4.0) percent less than budgeted amounts. The difference in the revenues received and the expenditures made are reflected in the increase in the Council's "General Fund Balance" of $68,672.

The auditor's notes begin on page 20. Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 2, Reconciliation of Government-wide and General Fund Financial Statements, deal with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 requirements, Note 3, Deposits and Investments, describes the deposits of the Council and the funds invested in the State Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund Investment Pool and Note 6, Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, describes the categories of the fund balance in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 requirements.

The audit also contains various reports on compliance, internal control and management on Pages 35 through 44. In these reports, no material weaknesses or problems were cited. Consequently, there were no findings of non-compliance or reportable conditions (see Page 40).

Overall, management and financial staff are pleased with the audit report. Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions that you may have concerning the audit.

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To North Central Florida
Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as of September 30, 2019, and the changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 – 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 10, 2020 on our consideration of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

POWELL & JONES
Certified Public Accountants
January 3, 2020

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council) financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

Report Layout

The Council has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. This statement requires governmental entities to report finances in accordance with specific guidelines. Among those guidelines are the components of this section dealing with management's discussion and analysis. Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. The first two statements are condensed and present a government-wide view of the Council's finances. Within this view, all Council operations are categorized as applicable, and reported as either governmental or business-type activities. Governmental activities include basic planning related services, tourism development, and general administration. The Council had no business-type activities in this fiscal year. These government-wide statements are designed to be more corporate-like in that all activities are consolidated into a total for the Council.

Basic Financial Statements

- The Statement of Net Position focuses on resources available for future operations. In simple terms, this statement presents a snap-shot view of the assets of the Council, the liabilities it owes and the net difference. The net difference is further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts. In this statement, governmental activities are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

- The Statement of Activities focuses gross and net costs of the Council's programs and the extent to which such programs rely upon general revenues. This statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and/or subsidized by general revenues. The accrual basis of accounting is also utilized in this statement.

- Fund financial statements focus separately on governmental and proprietary funds, as applicable. Governmental fund statements follow the more traditional presentation of financial statements. As stated above, the Council has no proprietary funds and business-type activities.

- The notes to the financial statements provide additional disclosures required by governmental accounting standards and provide information to assist the reader in understanding the Council's financial condition.

- The MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the Council's basic financial statements and to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior years.

Council as a Whole

Government-wide Financial Statements

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Position follows:

Net Position at September 30, 2019 and 2018

	Governmental Activities/ Total Government	
	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and investments	$ 1,414,790	$ 1,550,098
Receivables	969,686	704,053
Capital assets	123,153	127,050
Other assets	46,163	58,498
Total assets	2,553,792	2,439,699
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	26,730	60,392
Other current liabilitieis	572,592	506,944
	599,322	567,336
Net position:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	123,153	127,050
Restricted	807,710	784,378
Unrestricted	1,023,607	960,935
Total net position	$ 1,954,470	$ 1,872,363

During the year ended September 30, 2019, net position increased by $82,107 primarily due to normal operations and budget administration.

A condensed version of the Statement of Activities follows:

Change in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	Governmental Activities/ Total Government	
	2019	2018
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	$ 1,335,298	$ 1,331,120
Operating grants	359,815	558,406
General revenue		
Membership dues	213,604	212,212
Miscellaneous	19,401	17,266
Total revenues	1,928,118	2,119,004
Expenses		
Comprehensive planning services	1,584,684	1,729,115
Tourism development	261,327	323,244
Total expenses	1,846,011	2,052,359
Increase in net position	82,107	66,645
Beginning net position	1,872,363	1,805,718
Ending net position	1,954,470	1,872,363

Governmental activities

Comprehensive planning program expenses decreased by $144,431, or 8%, and revenues decreased by $190,886, or 9%. Total General Fund expenditures were $12,513 less than the final budget and revenues were $56,159 greater than the final budget.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At September 30, 2019, the Council has $123,153 invested in capital assets, consisting primarily of its administrative headquarters and associated furniture and equipment. Changes in capital assets during the year consisted of additions to accumulated depreciation.

Capital Assets at September 30, 2019 and 2018

	Totals	
	2019	2018
Land	$ 119,985	$ 119,985
Buildings	393,000	393,000
Equipment	179,928	179,928
Subtotal	692,913	692,913
Accumulated depreciation	(569,760)	(565,863)
Capital assets, net	$ 123,153	$ 127,050

The Council continued to have no long-term debt at September 30, 2019.

Reporting the Council's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the Council as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by grant regulations. However, the Council, from time to time, establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities to using certain grants and other money.

Financial Contact

The Council's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors) with a general overview of the Council's finances and to demonstrate the Council's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Council's Executive Director at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2019

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 932,583
Cash, invested	482,207
Accounts receivable	969,686
Prepaid expenses	46,163
Total current assets	2,430,639
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	123,153
Total assets	$ 2,553,792
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	$ 26,730
Accrued expenses	298,526
Accrued payroll liabilities	23,940
Accrued compensated absences	167,354
Unearned revenues	82,772
Total current liabilities	599,322
Total liabilities	599,322
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	123,153
Restricted for:	
Unemployment compensation	30,000
Capital improvements	566,000
Legal costs	100,000
Original Florida Tourism Fund	111,710
Unrestricted	1,023,607
Total net position	$ 1,954,470

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position: Governmental Activities Total
Governmental activities:				
General government				
Comprehensive planning services	$ 1,584,684	$ 1,221,593	$ 247,861	$ (115,230)
Economic environment				
Tourism development	261,327	113,705	111,954	(35,668)
Total governmental activities	$ 1,846,011	$ 1,335,298	$ 359,815	(150,898)
General revenues:				
Member dues				213,604
Miscellaneous				19,401
				233,005
Decrease in net position				82,107
Net position - October 1, 2018				1,872,363
Net position - September 30, 2019				$ 1,954,470

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2019

	General Fund	Original Florida Tourism Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 912,707	$ 19,876	$ 932,583
Cash, invested	482,207	-	482,207
Accounts receivable	869,330	100,356	969,686
Prepaid expenses	44,343	1,820	46,163
Total assets	$ 2,308,587	$ 122,052	$ 2,430,639
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	$ 16,388	$ 10,342	$ 26,730
Accrued expenses	298,526	-	298,526
Accrued payroll liabilities	23,940	-	23,940
Accrued compensated absences	167,354	-	167,354
Unearned revenues	82,772	-	82,772
Total liabilities	588,980	10,342	599,322
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaids	44,343	1,820	46,163
Restricted:			
Tourism promotion	-	109,890	109,890
	-	109,890	109,890
Assigned to:			
Unemployment compensation benefits	30,000	-	30,000
Capital improvements	566,000	-	566,000
Legal expenses	100,000	-	100,000
	696,000	-	696,000
Unassigned	979,264	-	979,264
Total fund balances	1,719,607	111,710	1,831,317
Total liabilities and fund balance	$ 2,308,587	$ 122,052	$ 2,430,639
Total fund balances reported above			$ 1,831,317
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			123,153
Net position of governmental activities			$ 1,954,470

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

	General Fund	Original Florida Tourism Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Member dues	$ 160,604	$ 53,000	$ 213,604
State and federal grants	247,861	111,954	359,815
Contracts earned	1,221,593	113,705	1,335,298
Miscellaneous revenues	19,401	-	19,401
Total revenues	1,649,459	278,659	1,928,118
EXPENDITURES			
Current expenditures			
General government	1,580,787	-	1,580,787
Economic environment	-	261,327	261,327
Total expenditures	1,580,787	261,327	1,842,114
Net change in fund balance	68,672	17,332	86,004
Fund balances, October 1, 2018	1,650,935	94,378	1,745,313
Fund balances, September 30, 2019	$ 1,719,607	$ 111,710	$ 1,831,317

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

Net change in fund balances - Total Governmental Funds	$	86,004
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Less current year depreciation		(3,897)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	$	82,107

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
REVENUES				
Member dues	$ 160,600	$ 160,600	$ 160,604	$ 4
State and federal grants	525,100	392,200	247,861	(144,339)
Other grants and contracts earned	1,169,200	1,076,400	1,221,593	145,193
Miscellaneous revenues	10,000	16,700	19,401	2,701
Total revenues	1,864,900	1,645,900	1,649,459	3,559
EXPENDITURES				
General government services				
Personnel services				
Salaries and benefits	1,351,300	1,114,900	1,187,090	(72,190)
Operating expenses				
Building occupancy	33,000	41,000	41,474	(474)
Contractual services	159,300	124,000	104,777	19,223
Legal costs	12,000	11,000	11,126	(126)
Insurance	21,000	19,000	17,468	1,532
Meeting expenses	17,000	20,000	22,183	(2,183)
Postage	7,000	5,000	4,673	327
Subscriptions, dues, and training	50,000	43,000	43,666	(666)
Supplies	24,000	25,000	23,660	1,340
Travel	84,000	83,000	89,212	(6,212)
Other	91,300	160,000	35,458	124,542
	498,600	531,000	393,697	137,303
Capital outlay				
Machinery and equipment	15,000	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,864,900	1,645,900	1,580,787	65,113
Net change in fund balance	-	-	68,672	68,672
Fund balance, October 1, 2018	1,650,935	1,650,935	1,650,935	-
Fund balance, September 30, 2019	$ 1,650,935	$ 1,650,935	$ 1,719,607	$ 68,672

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Member dues	$ 53,000	$ 53,000	$ 53,000	$ -
State and federal grants	169,300	111,900	111,954	54
Contracts earned	126,000	113,700	113,705	5
Total revenues	348,300	278,600	278,659	59
EXPENDITURES				
Economic environment				
Operating expenses				
Contractual services	49,600	48,500	50,524	(2,024)
Marketing	271,600	211,400	209,251	2,149
Postage	300	100	96	4
Subscriptions, dues, and training	900	600	570	30
Other	25,900	18,000	886	17,114
Total expenditures	348,300	278,600	261,327	17,273
Net change in fund balance	-	-	17,332	17,332
Fund balance, October 1, 2018	94,378	94,378	94,378	-
Fund balance, September 30, 2019	$ 94,378	$ 94,378	$ 111,710	$ 17,332

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

September 30, 2019

	Pension Trust Fund
Assets	
Cash	$ 24,208
Investments at fair value	3,075,144
Contributions receivable	8,397
Total assets	3,107,749
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	11,840
Net position	
Reserved for pension benefits	$ 3,095,909

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Pension Trust Fund
Additions:	
Contributions:	
Employer	$ 133,348
Total contributions	133,348
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	116,438
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(118,235)
Net investment loss	(1,797)
Total additions	131,551
Deductions:	
Pension benefit payments	936,745
Bank charges	201
Total deductions from net position	936,946
Decrease in fudiciary net position	(805,395)
Net position reserved for pension benefits	
October 1, 2018	3,901,304
September 30, 2019	$ 3,095,909

See notes to financial statements.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2019

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council), located in Gainesville, Florida, was established on May 7, 1969, as a political subdivision of the State of Florida under Section 163.01 *Florida Statutes*. The Council is not currently subject to state or federal income taxes.

The financial statements of the Council have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Government Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Council's accounting policies are described below:

A. Reporting entity - As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Council and its component units, entities for which the primary government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations and so data from these units would be combined with data of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit, on the other hand, would be reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government.

Management has elected to include the following blended component unit in the financial statements:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

In accordance with the Council's agreement with this entity, its financial statements are maintained and presented as a separate special revenue fund.

B. Basic Financial Statements - Basic financial statements are presented at both the government-wide and fund financial level. Both levels of statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type.

Government-wide financial statements report information about the reporting unit as a whole. For the most part, the effect of any interfund activity has been removed from these statements. These statements focus on the sustainability of the Council as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the year. These aggregated statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. Other items not reported as program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund financial statements report information at the individual fund level. Each fund is considered to be a separate accounting entity.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and basis of presentation - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of

accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. A 120 day availability period is used for revenue recognition. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

The Council reports deferred revenue on its governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Council reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund
This is the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources of the primary government, except those not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Original Florida Tourism Fund
This is the special revenue fund utilized by the Council to account for the financial resources and transactions of The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, a component unit of the Council.

Fiduciary Fund
The pension trust fund is used to account for transactions and assets held by the Council in a trustee capacity. The Council utilizes the Employee Pension Plan Trust Fund to administer this pension plan.

D. Cash and cash equivalents - The Council considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

E. Cash and Investments – Cash deposits are held by a bank qualified as a public depository under Florida law. All deposits are insured by Federal depository insurance and collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes.*

Investments in the General Fund consist of amounts placed with the State Board of Administration for participation in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund investment pool created by Sections 218.405 and 218.417, *Florida Statutes.* The Council's investments in the Pool, which the State Board of Administration indicates is a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7-like external investment pool, as of September 30, 2019, are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. These investments are reported at fair value, which is amortized cost.

In accordance with the pension plan documents, pension plan participants maintain self-directed retirement subaccounts whereby they choose their own specific investments, which may include stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

F. Capital assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment assets are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Council as assets with an initial cost of $1,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date of the donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of exhaustible assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	15 years
Equipment	50 months

G. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources – In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources,* represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Council had no items that qualified for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, *deferred inflows of resources,* represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Council had no items that qualified for reporting in this category.

H. Compensated absences - The Council allows limited vesting of employee vacation and sick pay. The Council's policy stipulates that employees cannot carry forward, from one fiscal year to the next, more than 24 working days of vacation or more than 30 working days of sick leave. Employees are paid for accrued vacation and vested sick leave in excess of these limits at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

In the accompanying financial statements, the Council reports its entire liability for accrued compensated absences in the general fund. This reporting practice is followed because the Council has been reimbursed through funding contracts for this liability.

I. Pervasiveness of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of Difference Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position

"Total fund balances" of the Council's Governmental Funds $1,831,317 differs from "net position" of governmental activities $1,954,470 reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economical focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet.

Capital related items

When capital assets (property, plant, equipment) that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the cost of these assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the statement of net assets includes those capital assets among the assets of the Council as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	$ 692,913
Accumulated depreciation	(569,760)
Total	$ 123,153

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

	Total Governmental Funds	Capital Related Items	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 932,583	$ -	$ 932,583
Cash, invested	482,207	-	482,207
Accounts receivable	969,686	-	969,686
Prepaid expenses	46,163	-	46,163
Capital assets - net	-	123,153	123,153
Total assets	$ 2,430,639	$ 123,153	$ 2,553,792
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	$ 26,730	$ -	$ 26,730
Accrued expenses	298,526	-	298,526
Accrued payroll liabilities	23,940	-	23,940
Accrued compensated absences	167,354	-	167,354
Unearned revenue	82,772	-	82,772
Total liabilities	599,322	-	599,322
Fund balance/net position	1,831,317	123,153	1,954,470
Total liabilities and fund balance/net position	$ 2,430,639	$ 123,153	$ 2,553,792

B. Explanation of Differences Between Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The "net change in fund balances" for the governmental funds of $86,004 differs from the "change in net position" for governmental activities of $82,107 reported in the statement of activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net assets decrease by the amount of depreciation expense charges for the year.

Depreciation expense	$ (3,897)

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

	Total Governmental Funds	Capital Related Items	Statement of Activities
REVENUES			
Member dues	$ 213,604	$ -	$ 213,604
State and federal grants	359,815	-	359,815
Other grants and contracts earned	1,335,298	-	1,335,298
Miscellaneous revenues	19,401	-	19,401
Total revenues	1,928,118	-	1,928,118
EXPENDITURES			
Current expenditures			
General government	1,580,787	3,897	1,584,684
Economic environment	261,327	-	261,327
Total expenditures	1,842,114	3,897	1,846,011
Net change in fund balance	86,004	(3,897)	82,107
Fund balance, October 1, 2018	1,745,313	127,050	1,872,363
Fund balance, September 30, 2019	$ 1,831,317	$ 123,153	$ 1,954,470

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

1. Deposits

At September 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the Council's bank deposits was $932,582. All deposits with financial institutions were 100% insured by federal depository insurance or by collateral provided by qualified public depositories to the State Treasurer pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. The Act established a Trust Fund, maintained by the State Treasurer, which is a multiple financial institution pool with the ability to assess its member financial institutions for collateral shortfalls if a member fails.

2. Investments

General Fund

As of September 30, 2019, the Council's general fund had the following investments and maturities:

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
State Board of Administration Local Government		
Florida PRIME Investment Fund	37 days	$ 482,207
Total Investments		$ 482,207

The Council's investment in Florida PRIME is administered by the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA). Florida PRIME is an external investment pool that is not a registrant with the SEC; however, the SBA has adopted operating procedures consistent with the requirements for a SEC Rule 2a-7 fund. Florida PRIME is governed by Chapter 19-7 of the Florida Administrative Code, which identifies the Rules of the SBA. These rules provide guidance and establish the general operating procedures for the administration of Florida PRIME. Additionally, the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General performs the operational audit of the activities and investments of the SBA. Throughout the year and as of September 30, 2019, Florida PRIME contained certain floating rate and adjustable rate securities that were indexed based on the prime rate and/or one- and three-month LIBOR. These floating rate and adjustable rate securities are used to hedge against interest risk and provide diversification to the portfolio. Exposure to a single issuer is limited to 5% of the portfolio's amortized cost. Investments in Florida PRIME are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The current rating for the Florida PRIME is AAAm by Standard and Poors. The weighted average of days to maturity of the Florida PRIME at September 30, 2019 is 37 days. The fair value of the Council's position in the pool approximates the value of the pool shares. At September 30, 2019, the Council had $482,207 invested in Florida PRIME. Florida PRIME's most recent financial statements can be found at https://www.sbafla.com/prime/ Audits/tabid/582Default.aspx.

Fair Value Measurements

In February 2015, GASB issued GASB Statement No. 72. GASB 72 applicability related to the application of fair value is limited to assets and liabilities that are currently measured at fair value and certain investments that are not currently measured at fair value.

Florida PRIME currently meets all of the necessary criteria to elect to measure all of the investments in Florida PRIME at amortized cost. Therefore, the participant account balance is considered the fair value of the investment. Florida PRIME investment is exempt from the GASB 72 fair value hierarchy disclosures.

As of September 30, 2019, the Council's investment in the Florida PRIME investment pool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poors.

Investment Objective

The primary investment objectives for Florida PRIME, in priority order, are safety, liquidity, and competitive returns with minimization of risks. Investment performance of Florida PRIME will be evaluated on a monthly basis against the Standard & Poors U.S. AAA & AA Rated GIP All 30 Day Net Yield Index. While there is no assurance that Florida PRIME will achieve its investment objectives, it endeavors to do so by following the investment strategies described in this Policy.

Interest Rate Risk

The dollar weighted average days to maturity (WAM) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2019, is 37 days. Next interest rate reset dates for floating rate securities are used in the calculation of the WAM. The weighted average life (WAL) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2019, is 85 days.

Foreign Currency Risk

Florida PRIME was not exposed to any foreign currency risk during the period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Securities Lending

Florida PRIME did not participate in a securities lending program in the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Florida PRIME currently meets all of the necessary criteria to elect to measure all of the investments in Florida PRIME at amortized cost; therefore, participant account balances should be also reported at amortized cost.

Pension Trust Fund

The investments held by the Council's Employee Pension Plan Trust at September 30, 2019 consist of the following:

Types of Investments	Fair Value	Cost
Money market accounts	$ 2,013,766	$ 2,013,766
Equity mutual funds	862,073	494,233
Bond mutual funds	6,158	4,894
Stocks and corporate bonds	193,147	157,593
	$ 3,075,144	$ 2,670,486

As of September 30, 2019, the Council's Employee Pension Plan Trust had the following investments that represent 5% or more of its net assets:

Name of Investments	Fair Value
Greater than 5%	
Schwab Money Market Funds	$ 2,013,766
Parnassus Core Equity Fund	168,079
Schwab Total Stock Market Index Fund	202,327
Other investments	690,972
Total investments	$ 3,075,144

As previously described, these investments are contained in individual participant self-directed accounts.

During 2019, the Trust's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value by $118,235.

Interest Rate Risk

- Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes,* limits investment maturities to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

- The maturity of the State Board of Administration Local Government Investment Pool is based on the weighted average of days to maturity (WAM). A portfolio's WAM reflects the average maturity in days based on final maturity or reset date, in the case of floating rate instruments. WAM measures the sensitivity of the portfolio to interest rate changes.

Custodial Credit Risk

Section 218.415(18), *Florida Statutes,* requires the Council to earmark all investments and 1) if registered with the issuer or its agents, the investment must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a location that protects the governing body's interest in the security; 2) if in book entry form, the investment must be held for the credit of the governing body by a depository chartered by the Federal Government, the State, or any other state or territory of the United States which has a branch or principal place of business in this State, or by a national association organized and existing under the laws of the United States which is authorized to accept and execute trusts and which is doing business in this State, and must be kept by the depository in an account separate and apart from the assets of the financial institution; or 3) if physically issued to the holder but not registered with the issuer or its agents, must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a secured vault. All general Council investments complied with this provision of law.

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

All accounts receivable in the governmental funds totaling $969,686 represent amounts due the Council from other governmental units for services and grant contracts, and are considered by management to be fully collectible.

NOTE 5. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Council maintains a single employer defined contribution retirement plan. The plan is administered by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust (the Trust). Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after six months of service. The participants are fully vested in the portion of their account associated with their contributions. They become vested in employer contributions at a rate of twenty-five percent per year of service. One year of service equals 1,000 hours of work during the plan year.

There are no mandatory employee contributions. However, plan members may voluntarily make contributions during the fiscal year. Voluntary contributions were not made in the current year. Current Council contributions for, and interest forfeited by, employees who terminate their employment before becoming fully vested are used to reduce the amount of the Council's future monthly contributions. The Council's total payroll for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, was $811,856. The Council's contributions were made using a base eligible salary amount of $810,626. Total required contributions of 16.45% on base pay of $810,626, amounted to $133,348. The Council made the required contributions during the fiscal year. Other than payment of contributions, there were no transactions between the Council and the Trust during the year.

Participants invest in Charles Schwab - Individual Participant Directed Accounts, whereby they choose their own specific investments, such as stocks, mutual funds and bonds. In accordance with the Plan document, each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Council's contributions and (b) Plan earnings, and (c) may be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant or his beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or payments in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments, over a period not exceeding ten years. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

The Council pays all administrative expenses of the Plan, excluding bank fees, and does not expect the Plan to reimburse it for these administrative expenses, excluding bank fees.

The Council has the right to permanently discontinue its contributions to the Plan or to partially or completely terminate the Plan in the future. If that occurs, all participants then become fully vested and are not thereafter subject to forfeiture. The Trustees of the Plan may continue the Plan or direct that all assets be distributed to the participants, and the Trustees' decision is binding on all participants.

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on January 11, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has not been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

NOTE 6. FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As of September 30, 2019, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Council. The Council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Council. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Council. There were no committed fund balances at year end.

Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under current practices, the assignment of amounts for specific purposes is approved by the Council.

Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

As of September 30, 2019, fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	Original Florida Tourism Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:			
Prepaids	$ 44,343	$ 1,820	$ 46,163
Restricted for:			
Tourism marketing	-	109,890	109,890
Assigned to:			
Unemployment compensation benefits	30,000	-	30,000
Capital improvements	566,000	-	566,000
Legal expenses	100,000	-	100,000
Unassigned	979,264	-	979,264
Total fund balances	$ 1,719,607	$ 111,710	$ 1,831,317

A description of the restricted fund balances follows:

Tourism Promotion – This is classified as restricted due to the fact that it is fully controlled by the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, an entity that is independent of the Council.

A description of the assigned fund balances follows:

Unemployment Compensation Benefits – As provided by State law, the Council is a reimbursable type of employer for unemployment compensation benefits. A $30,000 reserve has been maintained for future unemployment claims.

Capital Improvements – The Council maintains a reserve of $566,000 to provide funding for future building and equipment replacements.

Legal Expenses - Due to the nature of its operations, the Council is subject to various types of legal challenges regarding its actions. A reserve of $100,000 is maintained to provide funding for these non-routine legal expenses.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Council considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Council considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Land	$ 119,985	$ -	$ -	$ 119,985
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	393,000	-	-	393,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipmennt	179,928	-	-	179,928
Total depreciable	572,928	-	-	572,928
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	(393,000)	-	-	(393,000)
Furniture, fixtures and equipmennt	(172,863)	(3,897)	-	(176,760)
Total accumulated depreciation	(565,863)	(3,897)	-	(569,760)
Capital assets, net	$ 127,050	$ (3,897)	$ -	$ 123,153

Total depreciation of $(3,897) was charged to the General Government function of the Council's General Fund.

NOTE 8. BUDGETARY PROCESS

The Council follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In March, the Finance Committee begins preparing a budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1, based on work desired in the Overall Planning Design (OPD) prepared by the Program Committee.

2. In May, the Council adopts and approves the budget. The budget is adopted on a basis that does not materially differ from the modified accrual basis of accounting.

3. Actual contracts entered into by the Council throughout the year necessarily have an impact on

approved budgetary operating levels. Should any major changes be needed due to unforeseen contracts or the need to appropriate additional Council funds, the budget is amended during the year and subsequently approved by the Council.

4. The legal level of budgetary control is the fund total level.

5. The Council approved one budget amendment for the year ended September 30, 2019. The amendment is reflected in budget amounts disclosed in the financial statements.

6. There were no material violations of legal and contractual provisions requiring disclosure.

NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council purchases insurance to limit the exposure of the following risks of loss: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; natural disasters and injuries to employees. Commercial insurance has also been purchased by the Council to cover the risks of loss due to employee errors or omissions and health insurance. Settled claims resulting from the risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The Council is also a member of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (the Trust). The Trust is a self-insurance program established to provide certain liability, casualty and property coverage to participating units of local governments in Florida, pursuant to various provisions of *Florida Statutes*. The Trust's underwriting and rate setting policies were established after consulting with an independent actuary. The Council pays an annual premium to the Trust for its insurance coverage. The Trust is non-assessable and, therefore, the Council has no liability for future deficits of the Trust, if any.

NOTE 10. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

Significant concentrations of credit risk for financial instruments owned by the Council are as follows:

Accounts and grants receivable - Substantially all of the Council's receivables are for amounts due from federal, state and local governmental agencies under cost reimbursement and performance contracts. The Council has no policy requiring collateral or other security to support its receivables. Based upon past history, the Council anticipates no loss on these receivables and has established no reserve for possible losses.

NOTE 11. INVENTORIES

It has consistently been the policy of the Council to record the acquisition of goods and supplies as expenditures at the time of purchase. The amount of such inventory on hand at any one time would be a nominal amount and considered to be immaterial.

NOTE 12. CONTINGENCIES

There is a contingent liability due to the fact that all possible regulatory audits of the Council's operations have not been completed for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. Any eventual expenditures determined to not be in compliance with grant regulations could be subject to repayment

by the Council. The Council's management believes that all expenditures were significantly in compliance with appropriate grant regulations.

NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through January 3, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 14. OPERATING LEASES

The Council has an operating lease agreement for equipment with Pitney Bowes. The future minimum lease payments under this agreement at September 30, 2019 are as follows:

September 30,	Minimum Lease Payment
2020	$ 4,633
2021	4,633
2022	4,633
2023	3,475
	$ 17,374

COMPLIANCE SECTION

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor	CFDA/CSFA Number	Contract Number	Award Amount	Received FY 2019	Expended FY 2019
FEDERAL AWARDS					
U.S. Department of Transportation					
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations					
Planning Grant, Section 203 1/1/17 - 12/31/19	11.302	ED17ATL3020016	$ 210,000	$ 70,000	$ 70,000
			210,000	70,000	70,000
U.S. Department of Transportation					
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning					
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness 18/19	20.703	19-DT-W3-13-00-21-268	53,522	43,441	43,441
			53,522	43,441	43,441
Total Federal Awards			263,522	113,441	113,441
STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE					
Division of Emergency Management					
Florida Hazardous Materials Planning and Prevention 18/19	31.067	19-CP-11-13-00-21-131	80,000	70,200	70,200
Florida Hazardous Materials Planning and Prevention 19/20	31.067	T0028	80,000	10,300	10,300
			160,000	80,500	80,500
Department of Transportation					
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Bradford	55.002	G1818	19,967	5,391	5,391
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee	55.002	G1829	60,888	16,440	16,440
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Dixie	55.002	G1831	19,744	5,331	5,331
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Gilchrist	55.002	G1851	19,762	5,336	5,336
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Lafayette	55.002	G1860	19,580	5,287	5,287
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Levy	55.002	G1864	20,243	5,466	5,466
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Madison	55.002	G1866	19,791	5,344	5,344
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Union	55.002	G1888	19,722	5,325	5,325
			199,697	53,920	53,920
Department of Economic Opportunity					
Rural Development Grant 17/18	40.042	D0117	150,000	47,871	47,871
Rural Development Grant 18/19	40.042	D0129	150,000	64,083	64,596
			300,000	111,954	112,467
Total State Financial Assistance			659,697	246,374	246,887
Total Federal and State Financial Assistance			$ 923,219	$ 359,815	$ 360,328

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies and presentation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) have been designed to conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units, including the reporting and compliance requirements of the Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and Office of Management and Budget *Uniform Guidance*.

C. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity consists of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the primary government and its blended component unit, The Original Florida Tourism Task Force. The Council includes a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance in the Compliance Section for the purpose of additional analysis.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council generally considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

POWELL & JONES
Certified Public Accountants
January 3, 2020

MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.550, *RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL*

To North Central Florida
Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2020.

We have issued our Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards dated January 3, 2020. Disclosures in that report should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that the following be addressed in this letter:

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no reportable findings in the prior year.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

There are no reportable findings in the current year.

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Annual Local Government Financial Report - The Financial Report filed with the Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the accompanying financial statements of the Council, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

Financial Emergency Status – We determined that the Council had not met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, that might result in a financial emergency.

Financial Condition Assessment Procedures – As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Sections 10.554(7)(c) and 10.556(7), we applied financial condition assessment procedures to the Council's financial statements. It is management's responsibility to monitor the entity's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information they provided.

We noted no deteriorating financial conditions as defined by Rule 10.554(2)(f).

Our audit did not disclose any further items that would be required to be reported under the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Chapter 10.550.

CONCLUSION

We very much enjoyed the challenge and experiences with our audit of the Council. We appreciate the helpful assistance of the Council staff in completing our audit and also the generally high quality of the Council's financial records and internal controls.

POWELL & JONES
Certified Public Accountants
January 3, 2020

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To North Central Florida
Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

We have examined North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council's) compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2019. Management is responsible for the Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2019.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Council and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

POWELL & JONES
Certified Public Accountants
January 3, 2020

COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To North Central Florida
Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the year ended September 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are described Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There are no sensitive estimates affecting North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There are no sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements identified during our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 3, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

POWELL & JONES
Certified Public Accountants
January 3, 2020

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River

On September 19, 2018, Council staff convened and facilitated a meeting of county commissioners, and county administrators, coordinators and managers at the Madison County Agricultural Extension office in Madison. Representatives from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy and Madison Counties were in attendance at the meeting.

By consensus, the county commissioners present requested the Council to establish a task force comprised of a county commissioner from each of the following counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, in the Suwannee River Basin, including the Santa Fe River Basin, to address the issues of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. The county commissioners present also requested that the Council authorize its Executive Director to provide administrative support to the Task Force and to develop, in conjunction with county administrators, coordinators and managers, a strategic action plan to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia.

On October 25, 2018 the Chair appointed the following county commissioners to the newly formed Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force; Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County; Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County; Commissioner Ronald Williams, Columbia County; Commissioner Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County; Commissioner Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist County; Commissioner Beth Burnam, Hamilton County; Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Commissioner John Meeks, Levy County; Commissioner Rick Davis, Madison County; Commissioner Don Hale, Suwannee County; Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County; and Commissioner James Tallman, Union County; with Commissioner Rick Davis appointed Chair and Commissioner Beth Burnam appointed Vice-Chair.

The City of Valdosta reported a spill of 7.5 million gallons of raw sewage from a lift station on December 9, 2019. The raw sewage discharged into Sugar Creek, a tributary of the Withlacoochee River. The City used the notification system established by the Task Force earlier this year. The early notification allowed local, regional and state officials to take immediate action concerning the spill. The Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee County Health Departments issued health advisories for residents and visitors near the River to avoid contact with River water. The Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Suwannee River Water Management District began conducting water sampling along the River.

The cause of the spill was human error. A contractor working to install a telepathy system disconnected a reference cable at the lift station for testing and failed to reconnect it. As a result, the level indicator and alarm agent at the lift station were disconnected.

The Task Force and the City of Valdosta met in a joint workshop session on January 8, 2020 in Valdosta. The City provided an update on the December 2019 raw sewage spill and the response to the spill, and informed the Task Force that the City had recently received a permit from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to construct a 10 million gallon equalization basin at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On January 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Valdosta will be hosting the Mayor's Withlacoochee River Paddle. The event will involve paddling via canoe and kayak portions of the Withlacoochee River in and adjacent to the City.

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

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

Please find attached the December 2019 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: December 2019

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the November 2019 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Began collecting articles and formatting the December 2019 Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Updated the email lists for newly elected local officials and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward.*
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
    - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated in the December FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Continued preparations for the Winter 2020 Policy Board meetings.
- Supported development of the 2018-19 FRCA Annual Report.
- Facilitated a coordination conference call for the executive committees of the Policy Board and the Executive Directors Advisory Committee.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2020 meeting and conference schedule.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Vice-Chair Charles Chestnut IV and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 10, 2020.

The Policy Board heard presentations from Chris Emmanuel, Director of Infrastructure and Governance Policy, Florida Chamber of Commerce; Frank Bernandino, Co-Founder, Florida Resiliency; and Callie DeHaven, Director, Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Policy Board also heard reports on various projects of regional planning councils throughout the state and received the 2018-19 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. The Policy Board also heard a legislative report. In addition, the Policy Board reviewed a financial report and appointed a Nominating Committee for
2020-21.

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2018-19 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

The 2018-19 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.

Charles Chestnut IV, Vice-Chair
Lorene Thomas, Past Chair
Robert Wilford, Chair

Activities of the Council are featured on pages 1,4, 5, 14, 15 and 16. 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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2018 - 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

LOCAL **KNOWLEDGE** | REGIONAL **SOLUTIONS** | STATEWIDE **IMPACT**

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2018-2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Councilwoman Roxanne Horvath
Northeast Florida RC

1st VICE-PRESIDENT
Ms. Sandra Walters
South Florida RPC

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT
Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
Treasure Coast RPC

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd
Tampa Bay RPC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In a year where environmental concerns, storm recovery, and changing politics brought new challenges and opportunities, we forged plans to take on the rapidly changing needs of Florida. The ten regional planning councils connected by the Florida Regional Councils Association lead initiatives to make all regions more resilient.

There has been a great deal of success in working on statewide and multi-regional projects in the past year. Our association includes a broad range of expertise, and together the RPCs take on significant local, regional, and statewide challenges. From finding effective treatments to reduce the blue-green algae blooms, to planning for the complex transportation needs of people and goods, the RPCs built consensus and worked together.

We know our environmental resources are strained and we are working with statewide and local partners to plan for the issues facing Florida, such as the lack of water for the growing population, cultivating sustainable agriculture, and building a robust economy. With rising sea levels, degradation of coral reefs, and stress of diseases on agriculture, we have never needed the collaboration of the private sector, government, and our citizens more.

Many critical issues have not changed in the past year. With up to 1,000 people continuing to move to Florida each day and the loss of housing after storms, we have an enduring need for affordable workforce and low-income housing in every region of the state. As we work together, we will share best practices and innovative solutions, forging plans to take on the rapidly changing needs and challenges of our communities.

Using local knowledge to develop regional solutions makes our communities more safe, vibrant, and healthier places to live and raise our families. We look forward to continuing to have a statewide impact as our leadership in these efforts strives to improve the lives of all Floridians.

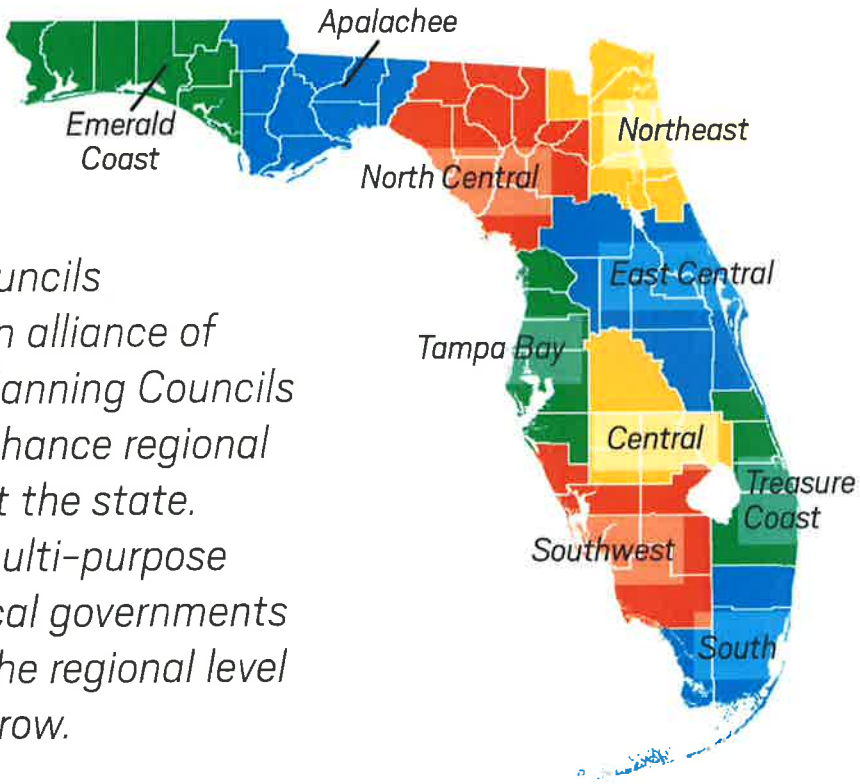
Roxanne Horvath

Roxanne Horvath, President
Florida Regional Councils Association

*Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives all of Floridians...**THAT** is the mission of FRCA.*

WHAT IS FRCA?

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE | **REGIONAL SOLUTIONS** | **STATEWIDE IMPACT**



The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) is an alliance of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state. Planning Councils are multi-purpose entities comprised of local governments that solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

Through its RPCs, FRCA creates partnerships statewide to support economic growth, improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for all Floridians.

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METROPOLITAN/ TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS STAFFED

12

NUMBER OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

79

ECONOMIC ANALYSES COMPLETED (REMI)

406

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

569

PLANNING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

775

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSPECTIONS OF SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)

665,516

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRIPS PLANNED

REGIONAL CONVENING

RPCs lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

TRANSPORTATION

Many RPCs serve as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Several RPCs serve as staff to their local Metropolitan or Transportation Planning Organizations, known as MPOs or TPOs. Planning services of RPCs also include Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, Greenways and Trails, and transit planning.

QUALITY OF LIFE

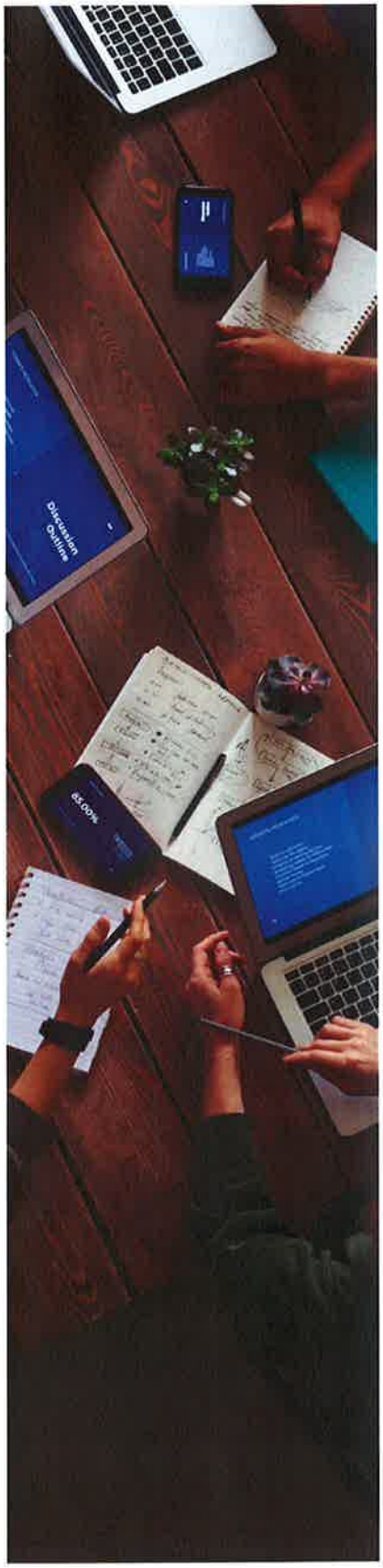
Through visioning and community planning efforts, RPCs assist local communities as they set goals to implement a vision and strategy for their communities and regions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

As partners and staff to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) they support first responders. Identifying hazardous materials and security threats, the RPCs organize, plan, conduct exercises, and then prepare post-exercise reports.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RPCs complete regional economic impact analyses using the nationally-recognized Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) software, facilitate post-disaster and redevelopment planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.



2018-2019 Policy Board

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Regional Planning Councils	Date Established	2019 Regional Population [1]	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE)[2]	Square Miles[3]	Budget (in millions)
Apalachee *Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla*	Aug. 23, 1977	485,691	27	11	6,757	$1.0
Central Florida *DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk*	July 1, 1974	899,298	18	19	5,287	$3.9
East Central Florida *Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia*	Feb. 22, 1962	4,207,900	35	15	9,244	$2.0
Emerald Coast *Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa,Walton, Washington*	Oct. 1, 1964	984,492	33	36	6,509	$5.9
North Central Florida *Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union*	May 7, 1969	568,224	44	8	8,660	$2.1
Northeast Florida *Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns*	April 14, 1977	1,737,552	35	11	5,097	$2.1
South Florida *Broward, Dade, Monroe*	July 1, 1974	4,807,986	19	11	7,492	$2.2
Southwest Florida *Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota*	Nov. 8, 1973	1,773,140	36	4	7,278	$1.8
Tampa Bay *Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas*	Feb. 16, 1962	3,673,553	44	10	4,998	$2.2
Treasure Coast *Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie*	Aug. 19, 1976	2,070,753	28	9	4,441	$2.3

[1]Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2019, Table 1, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2019.
[2]FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.
[3]Total land and water area. Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida

REGIONAL
CONVENERS

RPCs serve as regional conveners. They lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

North Central Florida RPC Forms Withlacoochee River Task Force

The North Central Florida RPC established the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force to address the issue of raw sewage spills in the waterways.

Comprised of county commissioners from 12 counties, the Task Force developed a strategic action plan to address the raw sewage spills and restore the reputation of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River as a tourist destination.

The Task Force held its first meeting on December 12, 2018, in Madison, Florida. Also in attendance were representatives of the Suwannee River Water Management District; Florida Department of Health; Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism; Our Santa Fe River; Suwannee and St. Johns Sierra Club; Withlacoochee, Alapaha, Little and Suwannee River Watershed Coalition; and citizens. The Task Force received a presentation from North Central Florida RPC staff concerning the issue and identified public health, environmental, economic development, and tourism as negative impacts of the spills and discussed several strategies to address the issue.

Apalachee RPC organized summits on the potential for hemp cultivation in their region impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Central Florida RPC Hosts Heartland 2060 Summit

Citizens, elected officials, and other regional stakeholders gathered at the Heartland 2060 – Building a Resilient Region Summit in Polk County on September 20, 2019. The event featured a welcome message from the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Kevin Thibault, and presentations from FDOT District One Secretary L.K. Nandam; Dr. Tom Hoctor, University of Florida; Tony Carvajal, Florida Chamber Foundation; John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics; and Central Florida RPC Executive Director Pat Steed. Speakers discussed the future of Florida's economy, as well as population, transportation, and environmental trends in the Heartland Region. Summit attendees participated in interactive polling and a town hall discussion, which yielded valuable input from attendees.

The event concluded with a roundtable discussion with key stakeholders to further explore the opportunities and challenges facing the region in the areas of the economy, the environment, and transportation. The data collected from both the Heartland 2060 Summit and roundtable discussion will be used to help shape the vision for making the region more resilient in the future. The event was the first of a series that will be held to convene regional leaders as the Heartland 2060 vision is updated.

TRANSPORTATION

Emerald Coast RC Hosts Fifth Annual Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium

Nearly 200 people gathered on the Emerald Coast in Navarre, Florida to hear from Alabama and Florida state transportation leaders and connect with transportation industry experts at the fifth annual Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium. Held in February 2019, the event featured both the Florida Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Kevin J. Thibault, and the Alabama Secretary of the Department of Transportation, John Cooper.

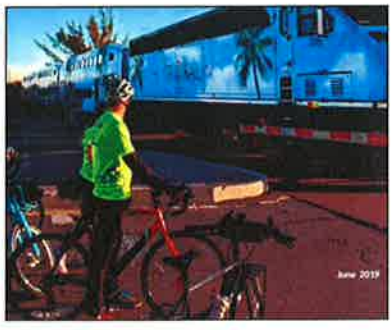
Keynote speaker, John Mica, shared transportation milestones from his years of serving the state of Florida in Congress, while founder and co-owner of Nspiregreen,Veronica O. Davis, shared current trends in overcoming transportation challenges from a national perspective.

Industry experts facilitated panels on Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), Complete Streets, Bicycle/Pedestrian User perspective, Technology and Tourism, Transportation Funding, and Environmental Protection. A final session was dedicated to the regional impacts of Hurricane Michael, focusing on recovery and guidance on moving forward.

The inaugural Emerald Award, presented for outstanding or innovative programs or services, was awarded to Bay Town Trolley by the Emerald Coast Regional Council during the symposium for their efforts to provide critical assistance to the overworked emergency service workers while delivering supplies to shelters and working to re-establish service to their routes after the impacts of Hurricane Michael.

Treasure Coast RPC and South Florida RPC Partners to Create Award-winning Transit-Oriented Development Study

The Treasure Coast RPC, the South Florida RPC, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) concluded the Southeast Florida Transit-Oriented Development (SFTOD) Study in June 2019. The study, through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration, utilized transit oriented design (TOD) principles for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Using the principles of TOD, the study's goal was to increase ridership and produce station area plans for seven new stations by creating compact, walkable, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use communities.



An extensive outreach program educated local governments and stakeholder agencies on TOD, and a regional Idea Exchange Network was developed to facilitate the adoption of TOD policies and zoning codes. Through the study, a collaborative relationship was established between local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, the Florida Department of Transportation, and regional planning councils, and the SFTRA is now positioned as a resource and development partner for station-area land development and infrastructure investments.

The outreach program for the study received a 2019 Regional Leadership and Excellence Award from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) on June 11, 2019, at NARC's 53rd Annual Conference and Exhibition in Omaha, Nebraska.

Resiliency

The ability to "bounce back" from uncontrollable events.

Resilient communities can quickly respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations such as hurricanes, wildfires, or economic downturns. From a long-term perspective, resilient communities find ways to adapt to changing conditions so that future losses are minimized and continuing stresses are successfully managed. Regional Planning Councils promoted a more resilient Florida by focusing on the following challenges.

Biosolids

Continued threats to our water quality

Passed resolutions of support to partner with State agencies, water management districts, and local governments to find solutions

Sea Level Rise

Periodic and sustained flooding of coastal communities and infrastructure

Assisted local governments with identifying strategies that reduce flood risks in coastal areas and forming regional resiliency compacts with impacted communities

Water

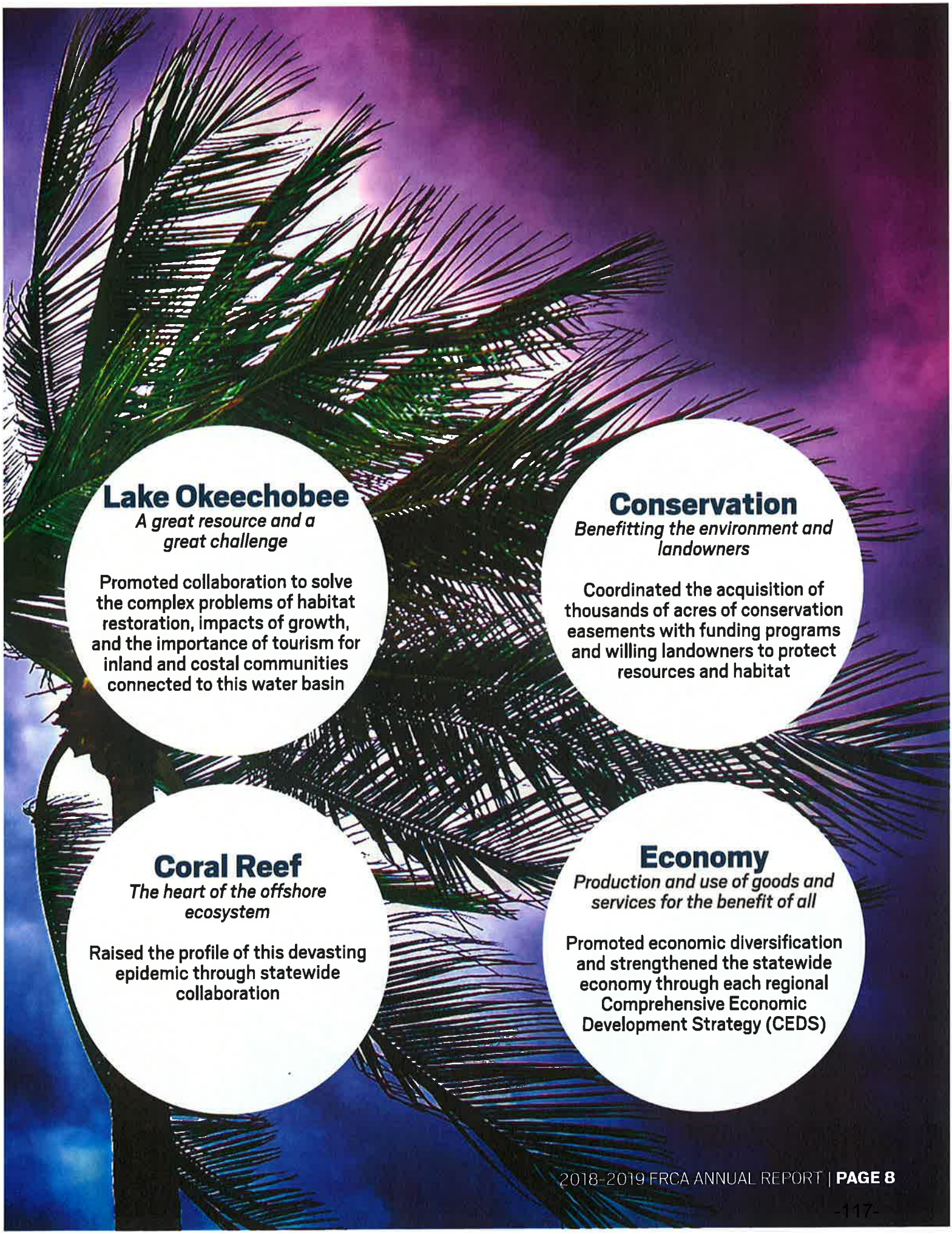
For people, environment, agriculture and recreation

Worked with Federal, State and local governments, and water management districts to address water quality and quantity issues across the state

Red Tide

Reocurring misery for marine life and beach commerce

Evaluated the economic impacts to coastal communities using regional economic forecasting software



Lake Okeechobee

A great resource and a great challenge

Promoted collaboration to solve the complex problems of habitat restoration, impacts of growth, and the importance of tourism for inland and costal communities connected to this water basin

Conservation

Benefitting the environment and landowners

Coordinated the acquisition of thousands of acres of conservation easements with funding programs and willing landowners to protect resources and habitat

Coral Reef

The heart of the offshore ecosystem

Raised the profile of this devasting epidemic through statewide collaboration

Economy

Production and use of goods and services for the benefit of all

Promoted economic diversification and strengthened the statewide economy through each regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

QUALITY OF LIFE

Northeast Florida RC Builds a Resilient Healthcare System

Through a partnership with the Florida Department of Health, the Northeast Florida RC manages three Regional Healthcare Coalitions, including 18 counties in north Florida. The goal of each coalition is to bring together public and private healthcare providers to build a resilient healthcare system following natural and public health disasters. Coalition members participate in planning activities, workshops, and exercises designed by the Northeast Florida RC as they learn about the hazards and vulnerabilities to the healthcare system and develop strategies to meet these challenges.

Training scenarios have included:

- Development of a sinkhole at the entrance of a 500-bed hospital
- Active assailant scenario resulting in severe injuries to multiple victims
- Natural disaster with numerous healthcare facilities evacuating
- Pandemic influenza impacting 40 percent of the workforce at a facility

This program has seen many successes, including the initiation of a Stop the Bleed program in local schools supported by U.S. Congressman and former Jacksonville Sheriff, John Rutherford. Another initiative included speakers from Las Vegas to discuss the healthcare challenges following the October 2017 active shooter event. Member projects have also been funded to address identified gaps in the healthcare system.

Visit the healthcare coalition websites to learn more about coalition activities:

North Central HealthCare Coalition
www.ncfhcc.org

Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition
www.neflhcc.org

Coalition for Health and Medical Preparedness - CHAMP
www.marionCHAMP.org

Congressman Charlie Crist with Tampa Bay RPC Deputy Executive Director Wren Krahl and Tampa Bay RPC Executive Director Sean Sullivan.

Tampa Bay RPC Creates Regional Resiliency Coalition

On October 8, 2018, local governments from the Tampa Bay area came together to sign a historic Memorandum of Understanding, agreeing to address the economic and environmental impacts of climate change.

Created by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition is a natural outgrowth, according to Regional Planning Council Executive Director Sean Sullivan: "As one of our members from the City of Clearwater told us, 'preparing for sea-level rise is a no-brainer.'" Charter members of the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition include Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Pinellas, and the Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Largo, Madeira Beach, New Port Richey, Oldsmar, Palmetto, Redington Beach, Safety Harbor, Sarasota, Seminole, South Pasadena, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island.

The future efforts of the Coalition will be based on scientific data and led by a technical advisory committee, which includes some of the nation's most respected researchers and local experts. These efforts are further fueled by the collective realization that a regional coalition could accomplish far more than an individual local government or initiative. Congressman Charlie Crist, whose Pinellas district encompasses many beach communities, attended the ceremony where 24 governments signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Along with counties and municipalities, the Coalition includes a remarkable group of stakeholders from local and state colleges and cities, business leaders, and church groups concerned about leaving a livable environment for their children.

South Florida RPC Hosts "Open for Solar Business" Program

SOLSMART
NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED. **LOCALLY POWERED.**

In 2018-19, the South Florida RPC hosted the SolSmart technical assistance and designation program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technology Office. The program assists local governments in making it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to use solar. As a host for the SolSmart program, the South Florida RPC provided technical assistance at no cost to municipalities and counties to assist them in becoming "open for solar business."

The SolSmart program was available to approximately 15 cities and counties in the South Florida RPC region. These communities received information and best practices on incorporating efficiencies like simplified permitting and inspection and solar-friendly ordinances to make it easier for homeowners and businesses to go solar. The adviser consulted with planners, building services, sustainability managers, inspectors, and plan examiners to evaluate existing local government policies and processes and apply industry-leading best practices to help these communities achieve designation.

Apalachee RPC Assists with Shoreline Habitats Study

The Shoreline Habitats and Resilient Coasts (SHaRC) project was developed by the Apalachee RPC, in partnership with Ecology and Environment, Inc., to help inform future restoration efforts of the 250 miles of shoreline along the Apalachicola Bay. Using a customized geographic information system (GIS), an analysis was completed to identify needs and priorities for future shoreline restoration or stabilization. Measures may include marsh planting and low-profile reefs and will focus on shoreline segments that protect critical infrastructure, such as roadways, police stations, fuel storage tanks, and fire stations.

Funded through a Florida Coastal Management Program grant by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Coastal Office, this foundational approach will target the areas of greatest need. The study promotes more comprehensive and connected infrastructure resulting in a more cost-effective restoration. It is expected to serve as a model for planning shoreline restoration across the Gulf Coast and beyond.

- Assess existing habitat
- Review Existing Erosion and Projected Erosion (with sea level rise)
- Presence of infrastructure increases priority

- Asses wave climate
- Asses nearshore bathymetry

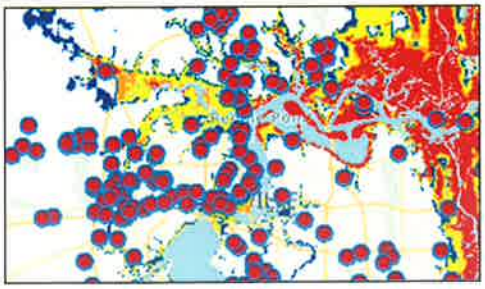
- Public ownership increases feasibility and public benefit
- Nearby access increases feasibility and public benefit

- Larger projects are more cost-effective
- Protection of public lands and infrastructure reduces future costs

- Sites with easy access, shallow bathymetry, and limited modifications are best

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.



Northeast Florida RC Identifies Hazardous Sites in Hurricane Planning

In preparation for the 2019 Hurricane Season, the Northeast Florida RC in partnership with the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) utilized HURREVAC, a decision support tool of the National Hurricane Program, administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Hurricane Center. The team took an innovative approach and integrated the Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) hazardous materials facility locations for each county in Northeast Florida from the state reporting system, E-PLAN, as Points of Interest.

Identification of the Points of Interest allows emergency managers in Northeast Florida the ability to see all of the facilities storing EHSs, along with the hurricane forecast and information in one system.

The LEPC is continuing to work with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to make this data accessible statewide so that other regions may identify facilities at risk.

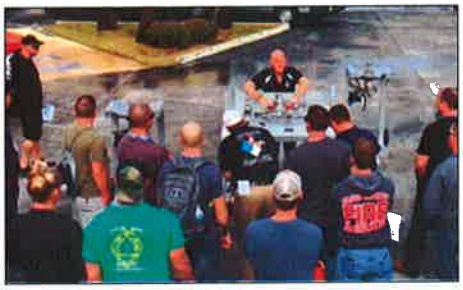
Southwest Florida RPC Assists Lee County with Master Wetland Mitigation Strategy

The Southwest Florida RPC partnered with the Lee County Public Works Department and the Florida Department of Transportation to produce a strategy for wetland acquisition, protection, restoration, and mitigation opportunities. This effort built on the success of the 2005 Lee County Mitigation Plan which had many positive impacts including improved water quality, protected and restored wetland habitats, linkages in a regional wildlife habitat system, the offsetting of unavoidable wetland impacts of infrastructure projects, and minimized permitting time for regulatory agencies.

The Master Wetland Mitigation Strategy used data and studies from regional capacity-building projects, including the Southwest Florida Watershed Study framework for Lee County, the Coastal Conservation Corridor Plan, the Southwest Florida Regional Restoration Coordination Team Plan, and restoration goals of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. The Master Wetland Mitigation Plan has three main purposes:

- to provide a master strategy to preserve critical wetland environmental features;
- to provide "safe harbor" approaches for wetland mitigation projects that are needed to accommodate growth, which in turn will enable the local government budgeting process to be reliable; and
- to restore degraded wetland resources that are important for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

East Central Florida RPC Hosts 7th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium



The East Central Florida RPC in partnership with the East Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) grew the annual Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium this year to over 590 attendees from 12 states and Argentina. Held in Daytona Beach on January 22-25, 2019, the success of the event was due in part to the support of the nine other LEPC Coordinators and Chairs who sponsored the attendance of 349 first responder students.

Through a U.S. Department of Transportation grant, the event offered 57 sessions and 190 training hours to participants. The annual HazMat Team competition was also held with 12 teams participating in the competition. Delray Beach Fire Rescue was awarded first place.

Emerald Coast RC Assists in Hurricane Recovery

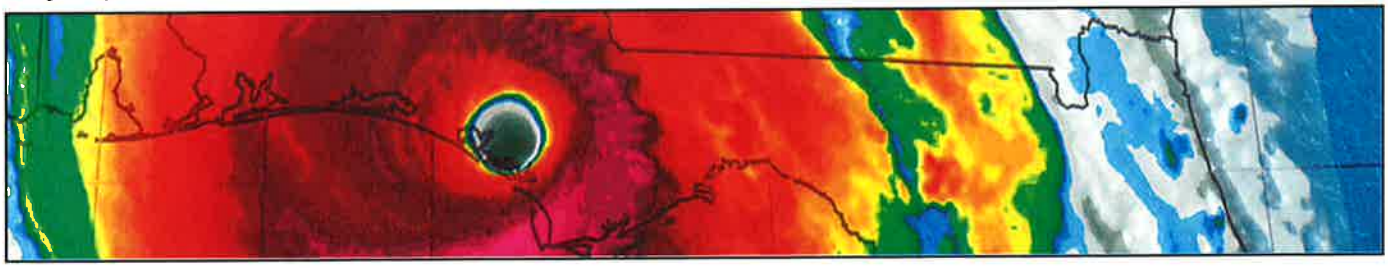
Hurricane Michael was the most devastating storm to hit Florida's Panhandle leaving previously unknown destruction in a large portion of the Emerald Coast Regional Council's region.

Initial assessment of transit stops revealed moderate to extensive damage at most locations along many of the eight routes.

The Emerald Coast RC has been active in the hurricane recovery efforts, finding many ways to help those who are hurting in the region. Staff assisted in establishing and managing operations of a host shelter in Okaloosa County, serving as a point of contact for the dissemination of updated information online while arranging and facilitating meals and sorting incoming donations.

The Emerald Coasts RC's State Housing Initiative Program's (SHIP) staff initiated enacting revisions in Holmes and Washington counties' disaster strategies within their respective Local Housing Assistance Plans (LHAP) to assist communities affected by the storm. Emerald Coast RC staff also provided relief staffing support at the Bay County Emergency Operations Center. Additionally, members of the transportation, Geographic Information System (GIS), economic development, and public involvement staff conducted an initial assessment of the Bay Town Trolley transit routes. They provided an interactive status report for the trolley program which helped to determine a feasible plan for route reinstatement in the early stages of the recovery process.

Staff continues to reach out and respond to requests for assistance as this part of the region struggles to rebuild, restore, and return to normalcy.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster, Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.

Competitive Florida Partnership Benefits Small and Rural Communities

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Competitive Florida Partnership Program helps communities set goals to advance economic development visions. The partnership establishes a network of vibrant communities and passionate leaders who gain ideas on how to reach their goals through the successes and lessons learned from their peers.

Regional Planning Councils across the State have taken an active role in this partnership and assisted local communities in the application and development of strategic action plans.

Grants of $40,000 each have been awarded to the following rural communities with the assistance of their regional planning council in recent years. The communities will use the funds to create a strategic economic plan that promotes community design, economic diversity, economic viability, and disaster resiliency. The program also offers a committed partnership with DEO to provide long-term technical assistance.

- Fort Meade in Polk County (2019)
- Midway in Gadsden County (2019)
- City of Okeechobee in Okeechobee County (2019)
- Panacea in Wakulla County (2019)
- Highlands County (2018)
- Polk City in Polk County (2018)
- Sopchoppy in Wakulla County (2018)

For more information or to apply for the Competitive Florida Partnership Program, visit **FloridaJobs.org/CompetitiveFlorida**.

Emerald Coast RC Assists Communities in Securing Federal Funds

The Emerald Coast RC identified available funding and provided proposal submission services for two grants that brought over $22 million to the region from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the City of Pensacola and the Panama City Port Authority.

The City of Pensacola was awarded $12.2 million for the construction of a 173,000 square foot maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) hangar at the Pensacola International Airport. Construction costs for this project are an estimated $49 million. When fully operational, 400 new high paying jobs in the aviation and aerospace industry will be created.

The Panama City Port Authoriy was awarded $10 million for the construction of a biomass storage facility. Once constructed, the facility will have the capacity to store 20,000 tons of biomass products. The additional capacity will allow Enviva Partners, LP to increase its bulk cargo exporting capabilities and generate an estimated $50 million in new export activity per year. The project serves to diversify the employment base in Bay and Jackson Counties by creating 172 new high paying jobs.

The Emerald Coast RC will continue to provide grant management services and ongoing project support.

On July 18, 2019, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the Economic Development Administration, Dr. John Fleming, joined the Emerald Coast Regional Council, the City of Pensacola, and Port Panama City to announce the award of more than $22 million in federal funding for the region.

Central Florida RPC Engages Community in New Redevelopment Plan

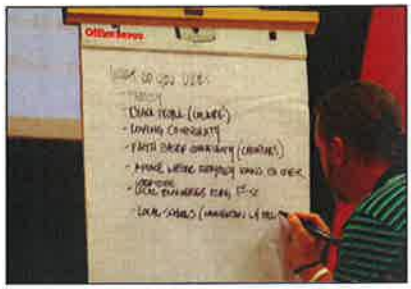
Established in 2000, the Florence Villa Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in the City of Winter Haven in Polk County is a small historic community that is near the City's downtown area but has maintained its own cultural identity.

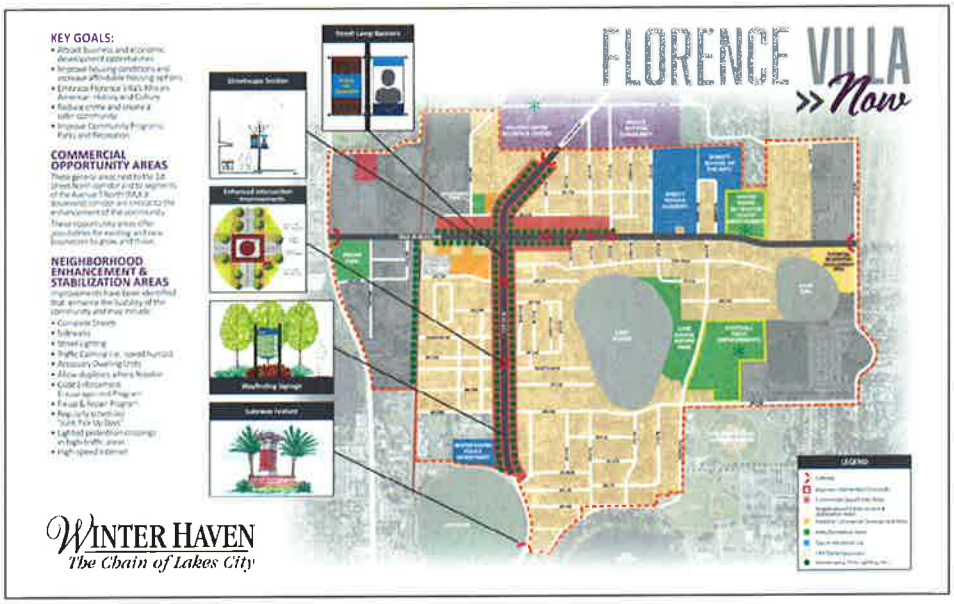
The Florence Villa CRA Plan had not been updated since it was adopted in 2000. The City of Winter Haven in partnership with the Central Florida RPC initiated a process to update the Florence Villa CRA Plan in 2018, which would allow the City and community to evaluate successes of the CRA, current conditions, and prioritize new short-term and long-term goals.

The CRA Plan update process consisted of extensive research and analysis of current market conditions and development and residential opportunities. The initial step was to create an overview of the existing land parcels in the area and examine the existing land use, future land use, zoning, and lot sizes through geographic information system (GIS) mapping. Then, an analysis of the current socio-economic and demographic conditions of the area took place. Esri – U.S. Census was utilized to determine population, local economy, and housing characteristics in the Florence Villa CRA area in comparison to the City of Winter Haven and Polk County.

Through many avenues including community conversations and fieldwork, an analysis of residential and commercial opportunities was developed. Residents also identified critical needs and opportunities.

Central Florida RPC conducted surveys and attended neighborhood meetings in the Florence Villa area to gather information on critical issues like affordable housing, transportation, crime, business needs, and quality of life. Key issues that were regularly identified at the various constituent meetings and workshops were considered in the redevelopment effort.





North Central Florida RPC Celebrates 50th Anniversary

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 50th anniversary 1969 - 2019

The North Central Florida RPC, created on May 7, 1969, celebrated its 50th anniversary during 2018-19. For the past 50 years, the Council has partnered with 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities to advance its mission to improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments. During the past five decades, the Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region. By bringing together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions, the Council has contributed to the enhancement of the north central Florida region.

North Central Florida RPC Director Scott Koons Serves as President of the National Association of Development Organizations

Scott Koons, Executive Director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, served as the 51st President of the National Association of Organizations (NADO) during 2018-19. NADO serves as the leading voice for rural and small metropolitan regional development organizations throughout the nation, sharing best practices for urban and rural planning and programs, as well as advocacy. Scott served as the presiding officer on the Executive Committee guiding an organization, whose mission is to promote regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities.

Under Scott's leadership, NADO adopted its first five-year strategic action plan, adjusted its membership dues for the first time in nearly two decades, and secured new office space for its national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

He previously served as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee, Chair of the Florida Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Council, Chair of the American Planning Association Florida, San Felasco Section and Vice-President of the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute, Inc. He currently serves a member of the Florida Chamber Foundation Board of Trustees and as Chair of the University of Florida Urban and Regional Planning Graduate Program Advisory Council.

West Florida RPC is now Emerald Coast Regional Council

To better align with and represent the true personality of the region and more closely identify with the world renowned beauty of the Emerald Coast, the West Florida RPC changed its name to Emerald Coast Regional Council in May 2019. ECRC Chief Executive Officer, Austin Mount, said, "We had a rich history as WFRPC, but we have long surpassed the traditional roles of a regional planning council and we wanted our brand to communicate that. The challenges faced by communities across our region have become more numerous and complex. Regional councils must evolve to effectively partner with municipalities and counties to create innovative solutions to current and future problems. Our evolution is evident with our partners as we continue to build strong relationships and relevancy across the region."

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

AWARDS

2019 NADO Impact Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council
- *Apalachee Online*

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- *Florence Villa Community Plan*
- *Landowner Assistance Expo (LAX 2019)*

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- *Visit Natural North Florida Travel Show Program*

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
- *Public/Private Regional Resiliency Committee*

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- *Suncoast Parkway 2-Transportation Corridor Land Use Study*
- *Assisting Small Businesses When Disaster Strikes*

2019 NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- *A Public Participation Plan for Heartland of Florida*

Emerald Coast Regional Council
- *Florida-Alabama Freight Advisory Working Group*
- *Bay Town Trolley Post-Hurricane Transit Stop Inventory*

Northeast Florida Regional Council
- *Northeast Florida Regional Transit Working Group*

2019 Medium Metro Achievement Award, National Association of Regional Councils

Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils
Transit Oriented Development Education and Outreach Program

The South Florida RPC was recognized by the Minority Builders Coalition, Inc. as an Affordable Housing Champion.

The Central Florida RPC was recognized as an Employer of Distinction by CareerSource Polk after three consecutive years of being named a Best Place to Work in Polk County.

The Florida Housing Coalition recognized the Emerald Coast Regional Council, "As a model for leveraging SHIP in support of developing affordable housing for Florida's most vulnerable residents." Home Matters 2019

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DEO Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Florida Chamber of Commerce
FAC All About Florida
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January 16, 2020

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 following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply 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 2020 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD
METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

View County Data...

TALENT SUPPLY & EDUCATION | INNOVATION & ECON. DEVELOP. | INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH LEADERSHIP | BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS | CIVICS & GOVERNANCE | QUALITY OF LIFE

State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (What is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 01/13/2020
21,826,134

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
3.1%
(Declining)
View Statewide Heat Map
Jobs Year Over Year Change
217,400
View Statewide Heat Map

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
58%
(Improving)
View Statewide Heat Map
100%
2030 Goal

STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS
$88.6
Billion Visitor Spending
127.0
Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES
9,667
Starts (Improving)
21,842
Sales (Declining)

INCOME MIGRATION
$1.19M
Per Hour

POVERTY RATE
14.8%
(Better)
View Statewide Heat Map

CONSUMER SENTIMENT
100.1
(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE
86.9%
(Improving)
View Statewide Heat Map

SALES TAX REVENUE
$2.531
Billion per Month (Declining)

VOTER PARTICIPATION
62%
(Declining)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION
56%/26%

LAND IN CONSERVATION
27%

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Talent Supply & Education

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS
53%
(Declining)
100%
2030 Goal

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
58%
(Improving)
View Statewide Heat Map
100%
2030 Goal

3RD GRADE MATH SCORES
62%
(Unchanged)

8TH GRADE READING SCORES
56%
Reading (Declining)
100%
2030 Goal

8TH GRADE MATH SCORES
46%
Math (Improving)
100%
2030 Goal

8TH GRADE SCIENCE SCORES
48%
Science (Declining)

NATIONAL 4TH GRADE RANKINGS
4th
Math (Improving)
6th
Reading (Declining)

NATIONAL 8TH GRADE RANKINGS
35th
Math (Declining)
22nd
Reading (Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE
86.9%
(Getting Higher)
95%
2030 Goal

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE WITH DISABILITY
77.0%
(Unchanged)

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY
2nd
4 Year (Unchanged)
7th
2 Year (Improving)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
49.3%
Current
60%
2030 Goal

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
38.3%
AA (Improving)
28.5%
Bachelor (Improving)
View Statewide Heat Map

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
3.1%
(Declining)
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Jobs Year Over Year Change
217,400

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
16.3%
Unemployment Rate (Getting Lower)
386,739
Number Working (Improving)

APPRENTICESHIPS
12,207
Apprentices (Decreasing)
221
Programs (Increasing)

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)
Innovation & Economic Development
State of Florida FutureCast
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PATENTS GRANTED
4,163
PATENTS ISSUED RANKING
#8
(Improving)
Top 3
2030 Goal
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
$1.10
Trillion (Improving)
STATE GDP RANKING
#4
(First Data)
#1
2030 Goal
VENTURE CAPITAL
$1,001
STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS
$88.6
Billion Visitor Spending
127.0
IMPORTS & EXPORTS
$57.2
Billion Exports (Improving)
$80.6
TOP 6 IMPORTERS
30.9%
Market Share (Declining)
$17.70
Billion (Improving)
INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION
19th
Top 12
2030 Goal
INTERNATIONAL VISITORS
14.385
Million (Improving)
CRUISE PASSENGERS
16.8
Million (Improving)
FLORIDA EXCHANGE RATE
79.89
EMPLOYMENT BY FOREIGN COMPANIES
368.1
Thousand (Improving)
GDP PER CAPITA
$48,655
Improving
INCOME MIGRATION
$1.19M
Per Hour
OVERSEAS VISITORS
2nd
(Unchanged)
#1
2030 Goal
TECHNOLOGY JOBS
4th
(First Data)
Top 3
2030 Goal
VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
10th
(First Data)
Top 3
2030 Goal
MANUFACTURING JOBS
371,527
(Increasing)
12th
(Unchanged)
Top 5
2030 Goal
FLORIDA MANUFACTURING
4.9%
(Unchanged)
Annual Wages
$61,686
(Increasing)
Wage Share
6.1%
(Unchanged)
GDP FOR RURAL COUNTIES
2.47%
(Decreasing)
4.94%
2030 Goal
FLORIDA-ORIGIN EXPORTS
$57.2 B
(First Data)
$114.4 Billion
2030 Goal
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
#42
(Improving)
#1
2030 Goal
SERVICES EXPORTS
$43.3 B
(Increasing)
$129.9 Billion
2030 Goal
BUSINESS STARTUPS
#3
Business Startup Ranking
#1
2030 Goal

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State of Florida FutureCast

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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LAND IN CONSERVATION
27%

POPULATION
21.70
Million
View Statewide Heat Map

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
221.81
Billion (Improving)

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES
9,667
Starts (Improving)
21,842
Sales (Declining)

ENERGY PER CAPITA
60
Million BTU Electric (Unchanged)
0.86
Million BTU Gas (Improving)

POPULATION ESTIMATE 2030
26M
View Statewide Heat Map

SEAPORTS CARGO
$87.3
Billion (Improving)

CONTAINERS (TEUS)
4.10
Million (Improving)

TRUCK CROSSINGS
15.0
Million (Improving)

HIGH SPEED COMMUNICATIONS
97.0%
(First Data)
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100%
2030 Goal

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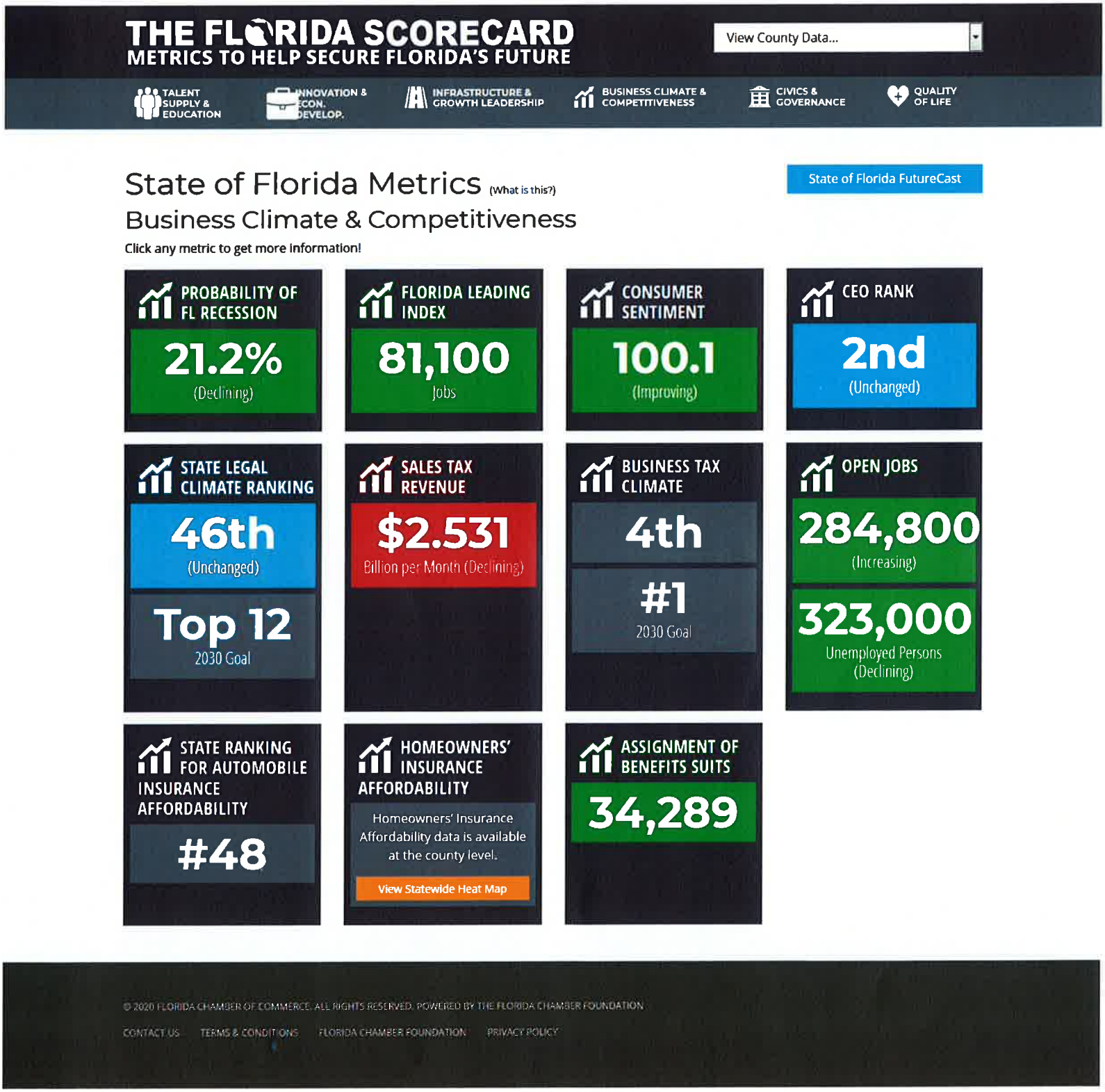
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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)
State of Florida FutureCast
Business Climate & Competitiveness
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PROBABILITY OF FL RECESSION
21.2%
(Declining)
FLORIDA LEADING INDEX
81,100
Jobs
CONSUMER SENTIMENT
100.1
(Improving)
CEO RANK
2nd
(Unchanged)
STATE LEGAL CLIMATE RANKING
46th
(Unchanged)
Top 12
2030 Goal
SALES TAX REVENUE
$2.531
Billion per Month (Declining)
BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE
4th
#1
2030 Goal
OPEN JOBS
284,800
(Increasing)
323,000
Unemployed Persons
(Declining)
STATE RANKING FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY
#48
HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY
Homeowners' Insurance Affordability data is available at the county level.
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ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS SUITS
34,289
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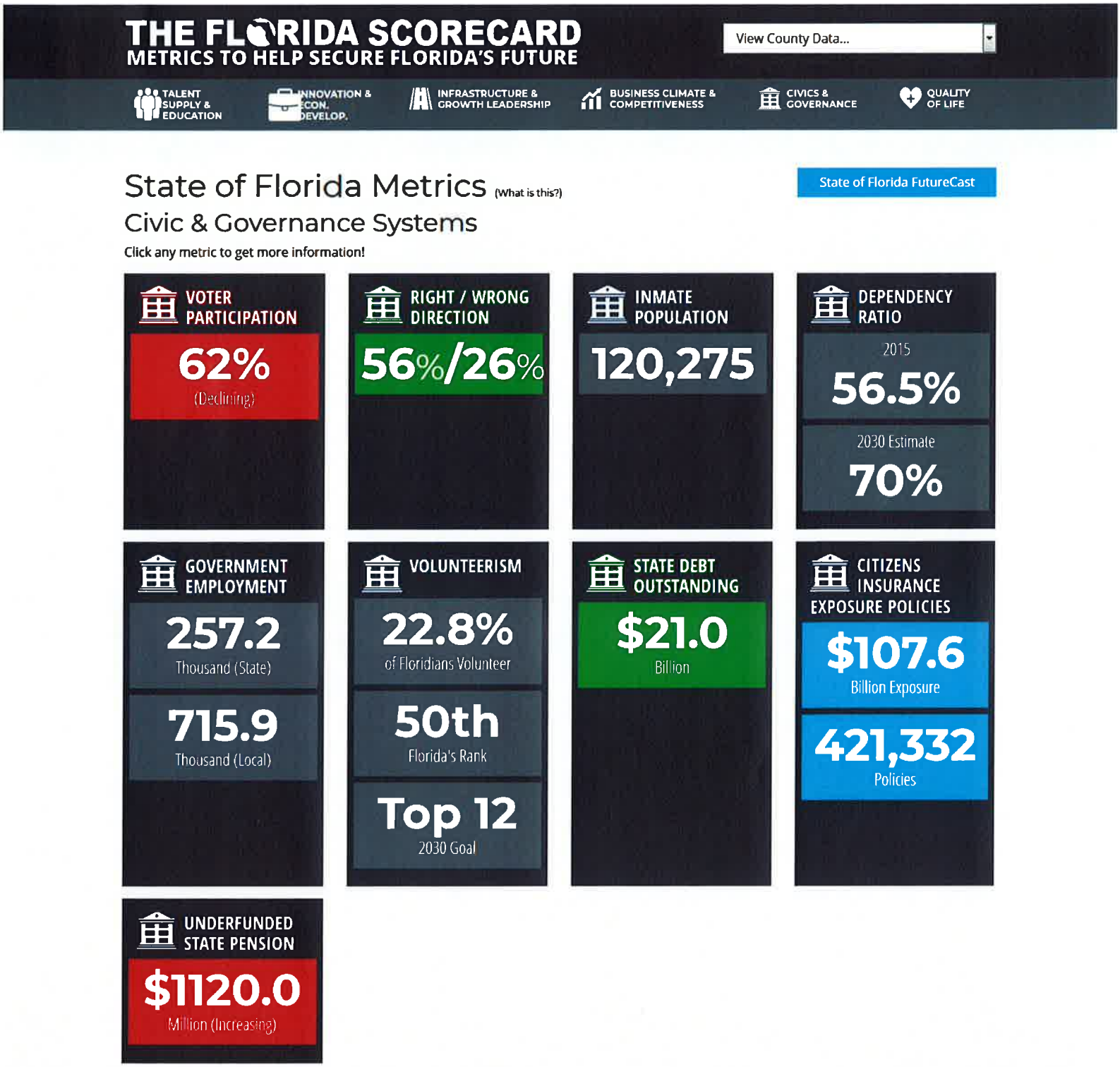
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Civic & Governance Systems
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VOTER PARTICIPATION
62%
(Declining)
RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION
56%/26%
INMATE POPULATION
120,275
DEPENDENCY RATIO
2015
56.5%
2030 Estimate
70%
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT
257.2
Thousand (State)
715.9
Thousand (Local)
VOLUNTEERISM
22.8%
of Floridians Volunteer
50th
Florida's Rank
Top 12
2030 Goal
STATE DEBT OUTSTANDING
$21.0
Billion
CITIZENS INSURANCE EXPOSURE POLICIES
$107.6
Billion Exposure
421,332
Policies
UNDERFUNDED STATE PENSION
$1120.0
Million (Increasing)
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Quality of Life and Quality Places

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POVERTY RATE
14.8%
(Better)
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CHILDREN IN POVERTY
21.3%
(Decreasing)
<10%
2030 Goal
870,505
(Decreasing)

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS
46%
(Increasing)

HOUSING COST BURDENED
52.9%
30% (Decreasing)
<10%
2030 Goal
27.1%
50% (Decreasing)

FLORIDIANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
2,728
Thousand (Increasing)
13.0%
(Increasing)

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH
58.1%
(Declining)
View Statewide Heat Map

YOUTH OBESITY
10.9%
(Better)

PER CAPITA INCOME
$49,417
(Improving)
View Statewide Heat Map

HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN
75,106
(Increasing)

HOME OWNERSHIP RATE
65.5%
(Improving)

WELL-BEING RANKING
20th
(Increasing)
Top 5
2030 Goal

CRIME DATA
2,721
(Increasing)

CRIME RATE RANKING
#28
(Decreasing)
Lowest 10
2030 Goal

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2020 regular Legislature Session convened on January 14, 2020 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 13, 2020. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of September 16, 2019
- Week of October 14, 2019
- Week of October 21, 2019
- Week of November 4, 2019
- Week of November 12, 2019
- Week of December 9, 2019

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Senate Bill 410 by Senator Perry requires a local government comprehensive plan to include a property rights element; provides a statement of rights that a local government may use; and requires each local government to adopt a property rights element by a specified date. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee.

House Bill 203 by Representative McClain requires each local government to adopt a property rights element; provides a statement of rights that a local government may use; and requires each local government to adopt a property rights element by a specified date. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affairs Committee. **Passed by Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. This bill is now in Commerce Committee.**

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS (CLEAN WATERWAYS ACT)

Senate Bill 712 by Senator Mayfield requires the Florida Department Health to provide a specified report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date transferring the Onsite Sewage Program within the Florida Department of Health to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by a specified date; creating an onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems technical advisory committee within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules relating to the underground pipes of wastewater collection systems; requiring basin management action plans for nutrient total maximum daily loads to include wastewater treatment and onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans that meet certain requirements. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations Committee. **Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government.**

House Bill 1343 by Representative Payne requires Florida Department of Health and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to submit reports and recommendations relating to transfer of Onsite Sewage Program from Florida Department of Health to Florida Department of Environmental Protection; transfers Onsite Sewage Program from Florida Department of Florida Health to Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requires water management districts to submit consolidated annual reports to Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research; removes provisions relating to Florida Department of Health technical review and advisory panel and research and review advisory committee; directs Florida Department of Environmental Protection to determine that hardship exists for certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal system variance requests; creates Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research technical advisory committee; requires county health departments to coordinate with Florida Department of Environmental Protection to administer evaluation programs; requires basin management action plans to include treatment and remediation plans; requires Florida Department of Environmental Protection to submit cost estimates to Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research; provides for management of biosolids and water quality monitoring; and establishes clean water grant program. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; and State Affairs Committee. **This bill is now in Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee.**

STATEWIDE REGIONAL EVACUATION STUDY

House Bill 3179 by Representative Burton provides an appropriation of $1.2 million for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Update. Referred to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Appropriations Committee. **Passed by Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill is now in Appropriations Committee.**

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, Executive Director SRK

SUBJECT: Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance

Pursuant to Senate Bill 7068, the Florida Department of Transportation has established three Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance corridor task forces. The task forces include state and local officials, environmental stakeholders and members of the community.

Each task force will make high level recommendations for their respective area which include:

- Southwest-Central Florida Connector, extending from Collier County to Polk County;
- Suncoast Connector, extending from Citrus County to Jefferson County;
- Northern Turnpike Connector, extending from the northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway.

The purpose of the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance program is to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation, and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology, enhancing quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The objective of the program is to advance the construction of regional corridors that are intended to accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure.

The study area for the Suncoast Parkway north extension includes Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Taylor Counties. The study area for the Florida Turnpike northern extension includes Levy County.

The Suncoast Task Force met on December 17, 2019 in Perry and the Florida Turnpike Northern Extension Task Force met on December 18, 2019 in Ocala. Both Task Forces reviewed draft avoidance and minimization guiding principles and initiated discussion of mitigation and enhancement guiding principles.

The next meeting of the Suncoast Task Force will be held on February 11, 2020 in Madison and the next meeting of the Florida Turnpike Northern Extension Task Force will be held on February 12, 2020 in Fanning Springs. Both Task Forces will continue their review of draft avoidance and minimization guiding principles and begin review of draft mitigation and enhancement guiding principles.

Attachments

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Economic Development District
Grantee Performance Report
for the Period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

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, 2019 to December 31, 2019. As indicated on the attached report, an estimated 1,205 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated $63,850.00 in private investment and an estimated $572,000 in public investment occurred on seven 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	November 30, 2019
Recipient Name	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Full Address	2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653-1603
Authorized Contact	Scott R. Koons
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EDA Investment	Planning Partnership Investments
Investment Number	04-88-06491 Award Period 01-Jan-2019 to 31-Dec-2019
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: 52

b. Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions actively participating by attending meetings or financially contributing to the EDD: 25

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/or jobs: 7

b. Categorize type of project(s):

	Qty.		*Qty.*
Facility Construction / Rehab.	7	Infrastructure	
Technical Assistance		Planning	
(total of these five must be equal to 2a)		Other	

c. How many (if any) of the above were: Technology 5 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*) _____ 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: 1,205

g. Estimated amount of private sector investment generated by projects in 2a: $63,850,000

h. Estimated amount of public sector investment generated by projects in 2a: $572,000

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January 16, 2020

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Regional Directory

Pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. The 2019 Regional Directory was recently mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies. Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

A downloadable version of the 2019 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at www.ncfrpc.org.

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

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