



# North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



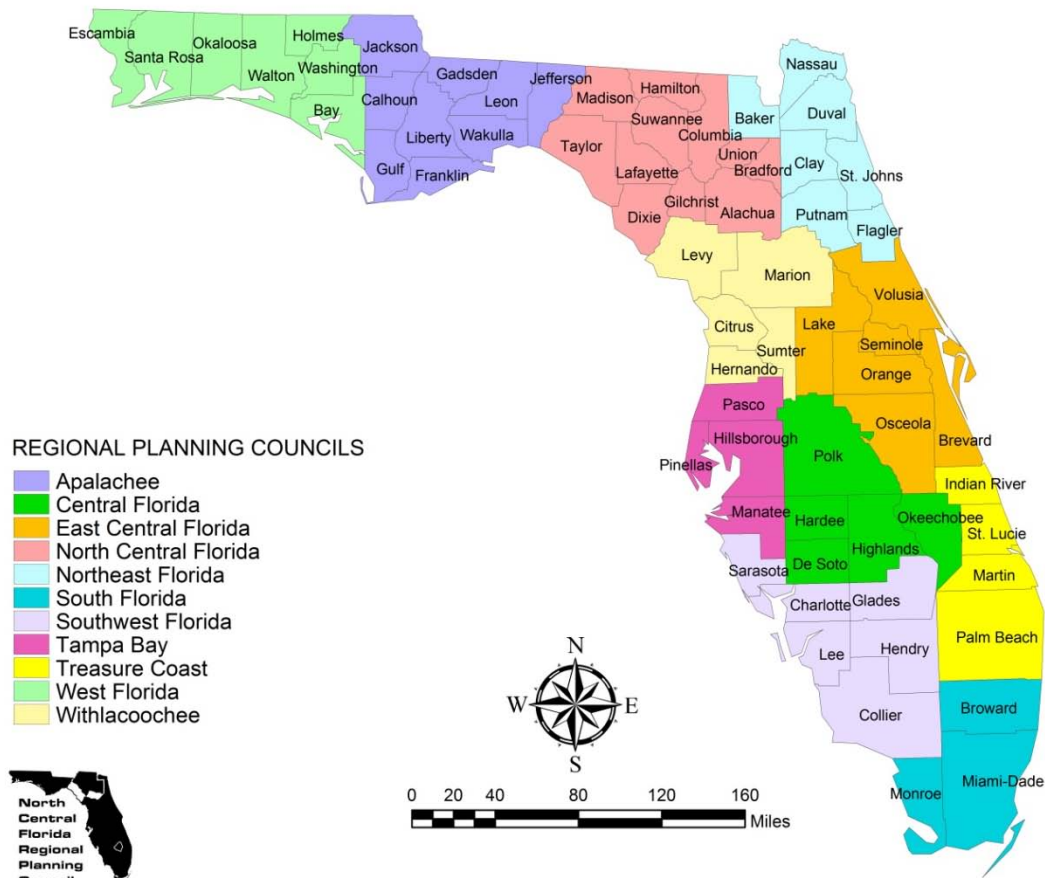
# Overview

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- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
- ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ Local Government Assistance
- ❑ Transportation
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# Regional Planning Councils

Florida Regional Planning Councils



# Mission Statement

*To improve the quality of life  
of the Region's citizens,  
by coordinating growth management,  
protecting regional resources,  
promoting economic development and  
providing technical services to local governments.*



# The Region

- ❑ 11 counties and 33 municipalities (13 member cities)
- ❑ 7,000 square miles
- ❑ 500,000 population



# The Council

- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Counties Mandatory and Cities Voluntary



# The Council

## □ Member Counties

- Alachua County
- Bradford County
- Columbia County
- Dixie County
- Gilchrist County
- Hamilton County
- Lafayette County
- Madison County
- Suwannee County
- Taylor County
- Union County



# The Council

## □ Member Cities

- Alachua
- Archer
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Jasper
- Lake City
- Live Oak
- Madison
- Newberry
- Perry
- Starke
- Waldo



# The Council

## ❑ Executive Committee Members

- ❑ Lorene Thomas, Chair
- ❑ Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair
- ❑ Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer
- ❑ Carolyn Spooner, Committee Member
- ❑ Louie Davis, Immediate Past Chair



# The Council

## □ Board of Directors

- Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
- LaBarfield Bryant, Jasper
- Thomas Collett, Alachua County
- Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
- Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
- Thomas Hawkins, Gainesville
- James Montgomery, Columbia County
- Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
- Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
- Charles Williams, Hamilton County



# The Council

## ❑ Ex-Officio Members

- ❑ Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- ❑ Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ❑ Florida Department of Transportation
- ❑ St. Johns River Water Management District
- ❑ Suwannee River Water Management District



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Regional

- North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan nationally recognized with Innovation Award
  - Affordable Housing
  - Economic Development
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Natural Resources of Regional Significance
  - Regional Transportation



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional Review Activities
  - Council designated as areawide clearinghouse review agency
    - Federally funded projects
    - Other review activities



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Regional Review Activities

### □ 93 projects

- Applications for federal assistance totaling \$14.4 million
- 49 local government comprehensive plan amendments
- 11 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Regional Review Activities

- 93 projects (Continued)
  - 23 Federal Transit Administration grant applications
  - 12 local government comprehensive plan evaluation and appraisal reports
  - 3 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant/loan applications
  - 7 other review items



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Local Emergency Planning Committee
    - ❑ Updated Regional Emergency Response Plan
    - ❑ Conducted How-to-Comply seminars in Gainesville, Lake City and Live Oak
  - ❑ Conducted regional hazardous materials exercise with 17 departments in Gainesville



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
    - ❑ Alachua County
    - ❑ Bradford County
    - ❑ Columbia County
    - ❑ Dixie County
    - ❑ Gilchrist County
    - ❑ Lafayette County
    - ❑ Suwannee County
    - ❑ Union County
    - ❑ Gainesville
    - ❑ Lake City
    - ❑ Starke



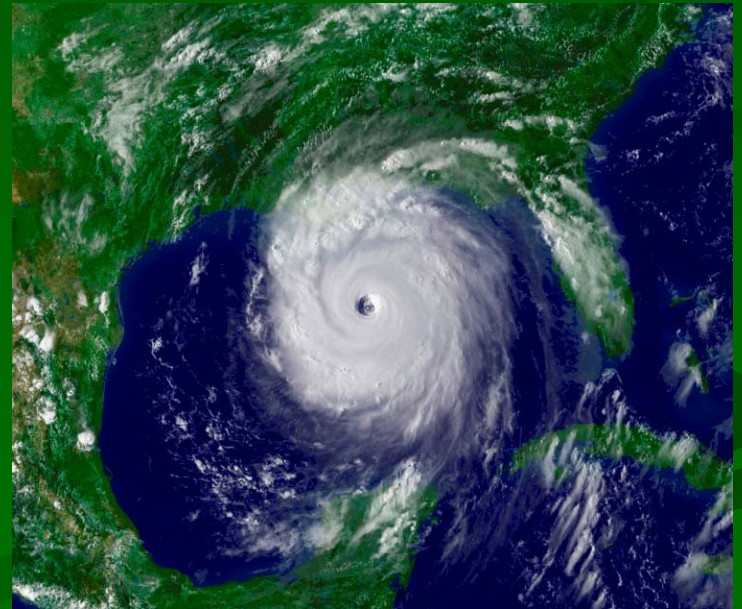
# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
    - ❑ Transferred decontamination unit to Dixie County



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Emergency Management
    - ❑ Served as evaluator at Statewide Hurricane Exercise



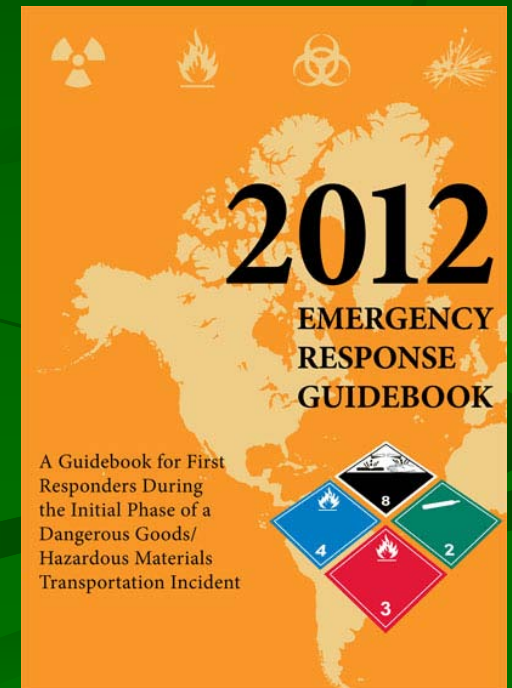
# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Emergency Management
    - ❑ Assisted with updates of Training and Exercise Plans for North and Northeast Regional Domestic Security Task Forces



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ First Responder Training
    - ❑ Coordinated 16 hazardous materials emergency response training classes
      - ❑ Over 200 emergency responders completed over 2,700 hours of training
    - ❑ Distributed 3,600 copies of updated Emergency Response Guidebook to first responders



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Hazardous Waste
    - ❑ Conducted hazardous waste compliance site visits for eight counties
      - ❑ Bradford County
      - ❑ Columbia County
      - ❑ Dixie County
      - ❑ Gilchrist County
      - ❑ Lafayette County
      - ❑ Madison County
      - ❑ Suwannee County
      - ❑ Union County



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Hazardous Waste
    - ❑ Conducted four “How to Stay Out of Trouble with Used Oil Storage and Hazardous Waste Management” seminars
      - ❑ Bell
      - ❑ Lake City
      - ❑ Starke



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Interoperable Communications
    - ❑ Served as Controller for North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force exercise held in Ft. White, Lake City and Palatka



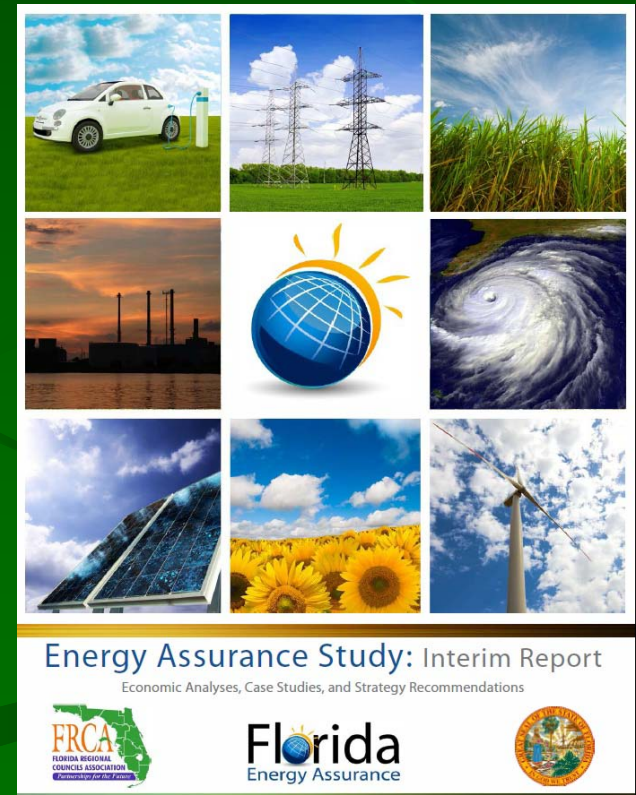
# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - ❑ Interoperable Communications
    - ❑ Organized class on Florida Interoperability Network in Gainesville
    - ❑ Assisted with classes on Florida Interoperability Network in Jacksonville and Tampa



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - Energy Assurance
    - Participated in statewide energy assurance project
    - Modeled economic impact of energy strategies



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Economic Development

### □ Economic Development Planning

- Council designated an Economic Development District in 1978 by U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
- Council serves as primary regional economic development planning organization for region



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Economic Development

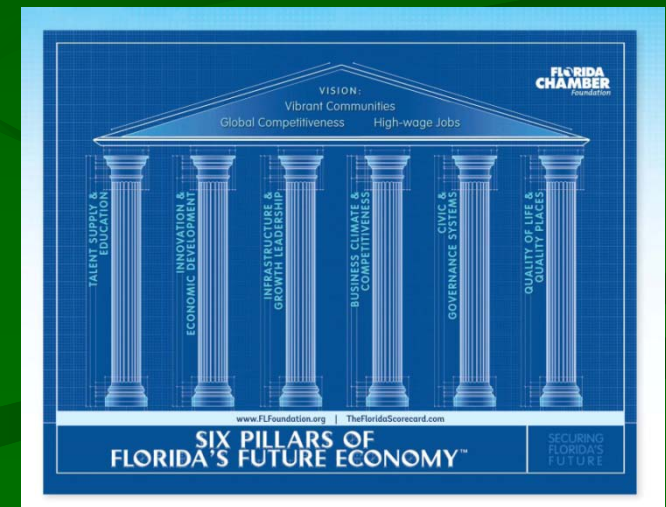
### □ Economic Development Planning

- Provided technical assistance to local governments and economic development organizations to promote economic growth of the region
- Completed eight economic development project impact analysis reports



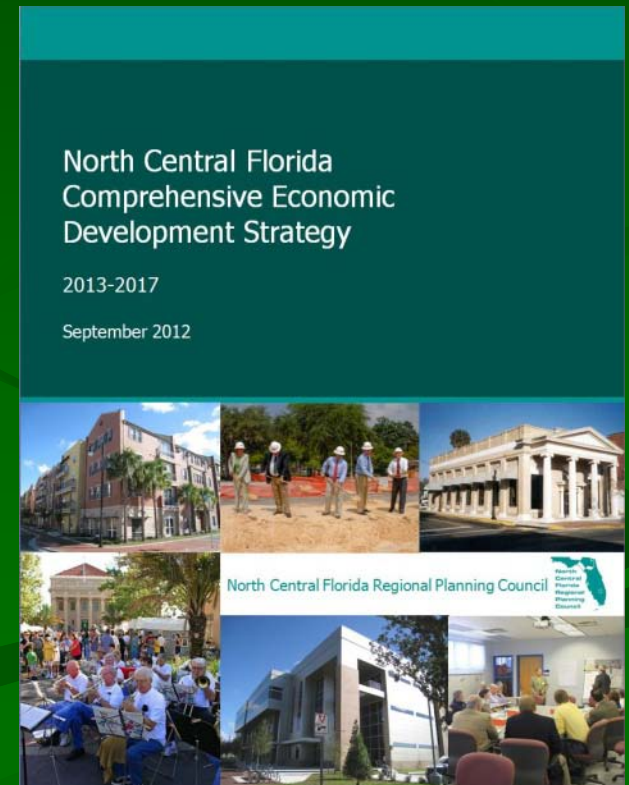
# Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Used Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars to Secure Florida's Future
    - Coordinated with other regional planning councils
    - Aligned with State Economic Development Plan and private business



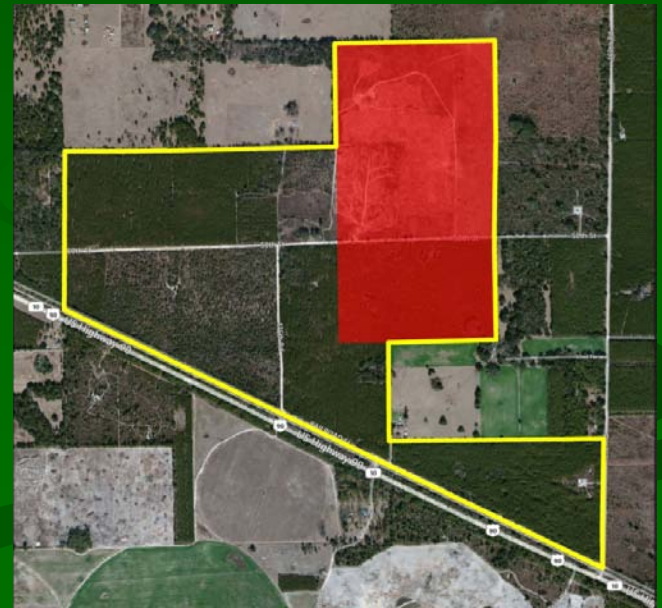
# Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Promoted initiatives that support regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Reported 917 jobs created and \$14.0 million private investment leveraged



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Economic Development
  - ❑ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies
    - ❑ Promote two rural economic development catalyst sites
    - ❑ Promote regional tourism
    - ❑ Create strategies to increase labor force in healthcare and life sciences industries



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Economic Development
  - ❑ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies
    - ❑ Seek opportunities to improve multi-modal infrastructure
    - ❑ Support regional business incubators and research parks



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Economic Development

### □ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- Created by Council in 1992
- Promotes the development of nature, culture and heritage-based tourism
- Council provides staff services to Task Force



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Economic Development

### ❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Alachua County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Jefferson County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County
- ❑ Wakulla County



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Economic Development

### □ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- Upgraded and maintained website  
[VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com](http://VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com)
- Organized regional press familiarization tours
- Coordinated travel show participation



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Economic Development

### □ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- Created proactive publicity campaigns

- Produced collateral materials to meet goals of Task Force

- Created a placemat of region depicting fishing opportunities



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - Assisted counties and cities in complying with Community Planning Act



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Local Government Assistance

### ❑ Comprehensive Planning

❑ Provided comprehensive planning assistance to seven counties

- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Local Government Assistance

### ❑ Comprehensive Planning

❑ Provided comprehensive planning assistance to six municipalities

- ❑ Fanning Springs
- ❑ Lake Butler
- ❑ Lake City
- ❑ Madison
- ❑ Perry
- ❑ Starke



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Local Government Assistance

### □ Comprehensive Planning

- 85 development applications
  - 24 comprehensive plan map and text amendments
  - 43 land development regulation map and text amendments
  - 7 special exceptions and special permits
  - 11 other applications



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Local Government Assistance

### ❑ Comprehensive Planning

- ❑ Prepared concurrency assessments for roads, water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, storm water drainage and recreation facilities
- ❑ Assisted four local governments prepare evaluations of comprehensive plans



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Local Government Assistance

### ❑ Community Development Block Grants

#### ❑ Purpose

- ❑ Reduce and reverse community decline and restore community vitality

#### ❑ Grants in four categories

- ❑ Housing
- ❑ Neighborhood Revitalization
- ❑ Commercial Revitalization
- ❑ Economic Development

- ❑ Secured \$53.8 million for 106 projects over 39 years



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Local Government Assistance

### ❑ Community Development Block Grants

❑ Assisted with applications for Housing, Commercial Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization

- ❑ City of Lake City - \$750,000
- ❑ Union County - \$700,000
- ❑ Town of Mayo - \$650,000



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Local Government Assistance
  - ❑ Community Development Block Grants
    - ❑ Provided administrative assistance
      - ❑ Bradford County - \$800,000
      - ❑ Bradford County - \$750,000
      - ❑ Columbia County - \$750,000



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Local Government Assistance
  - ❑ Community Development Block Grants
    - ❑ Provided administrative assistance
      - ❑ City of Lake City - \$1,400,000
      - ❑ City of Lake City - \$750,000
      - ❑ City of Madison - \$700,000
      - ❑ City of Perry - \$700,000



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Transportation

### □ Metropolitan Transportation Planning

#### □ Regional Transit System

- Served over 10,000,000 passengers
- Constructed first Smart Bus Bay in Gainesville area



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## □ Transportation

### □ Metropolitan Transportation Planning

#### □ City of Gainesville Traffic Management System

- Makes real time adjustments to traffic signals resulting in increased capacity
- Installed on 214 of 230, 93% of traffic signals countywide



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Transportation

### ❑ Transportation Disadvantaged

- ❑ Provided access to employment, healthcare, education and other life-sustaining activities for elderly, disabled or low-income residents
- ❑ Provided over 791,000 trips in region
- ❑ Majority of trips were provided for medical purposes



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Transportation

### ❑ Transportation Disadvantaged

#### ❑ Council is official planning agency for

- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Union County



# Regional Planning Council Programs

## ❑ Transportation

### ❑ Transportation Disadvantaged

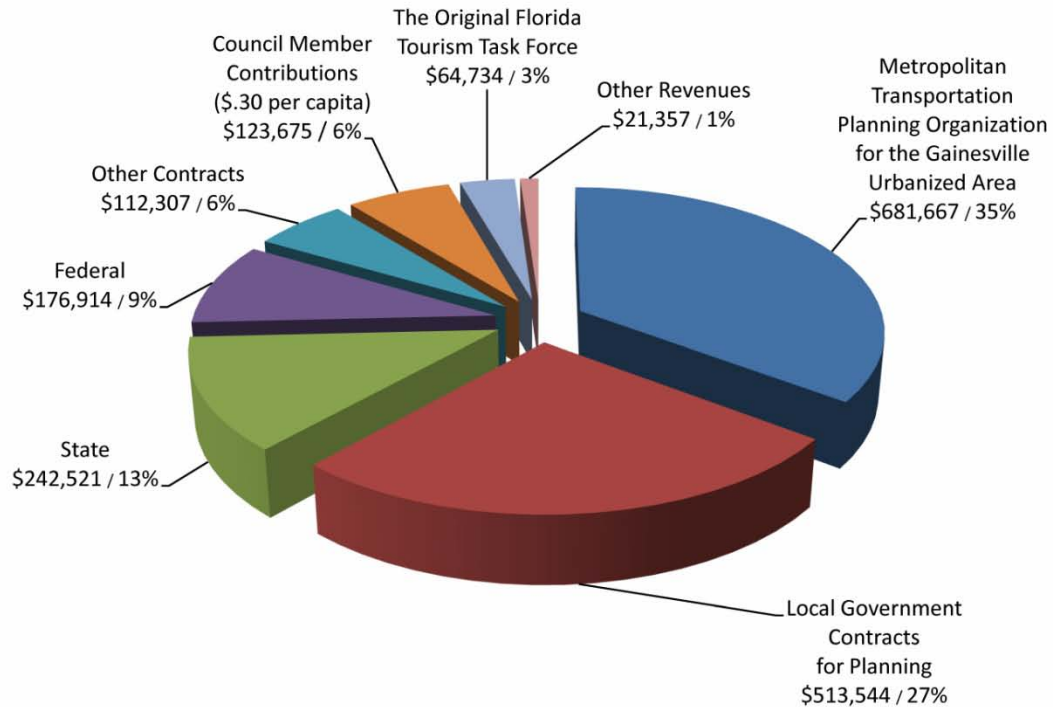
#### ❑ Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is the official planning agency for Alachua County



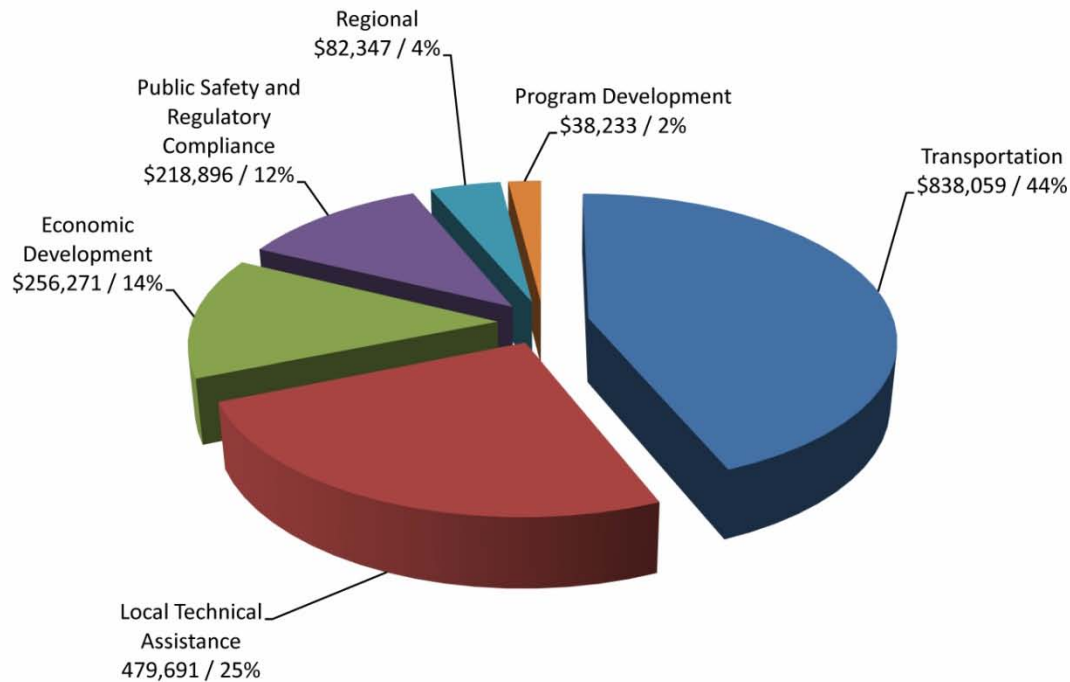
# Financial Report

□ Revenues \$1.9 million



# Financial Report

## □ Expenditures \$1.9 million



# Regional Planning Council Team

## Team Leaders

**Scott R. Koons, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Marlie J. Sanderson, AICP**  
Assistant Executive Director and  
Director of Transportation Planning

**Tony R. Marshall**  
Finance Director

**Dwayne L. Mundy**  
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance  
Program Director

**Kevin D. Parrish**  
Information Technology and  
Property Management Director

**Bryan S. Thomas**  
Economic Development Program Director



# Regional Planning Council Team

## Team Members

**Janice Carpenter**, Senior Accounting Clerk

**Michael DePalma**, Associate Planner

**Steven Dopp**, Senior Planner

**Michael Escalante**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Carmelita Franco**, Planning Administrative Assistant

**Lynn Franson-Godfrey**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Sandra Joseph**, Senior Planner

**Carol Laine**, Executive Assistant to the  
Executive Director

**Martha Orthoefer**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Jean Strong**, Secretary II



# Summary

- ❑ 11 Regional Planning Councils
- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Planning and Coordinating Role
- ❑ Programs
  - ❑ Regional
  - ❑ Public Safety
  - ❑ Economic Development
  - ❑ Local Government Assistance
  - ❑ Transportation





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