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North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

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Overview

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What is a Strategic Regional Policy Plan?

- ❑ A long-range guide for physical, economic, and social development of the region
- ❑ Focus on regional rather than local resources and facilities
- ❑ Strategic rather than comprehensive
- ❑ Must be consistent with and further the State Comprehensive Plan



North Central Florida Regional Plan History

- ❑ First Regional Plan adopted by the Council in 1979
- ❑ Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan adopted by the Council July 1, 1987
- ❑ North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan adopted by the Council May 23, 1996
- ❑ Amended August 28, 1997, February 27, 2003 and October 11, 2011



How is it Used?

- ❑ Basis for Regional Review of
 - ❑ Local Government Comprehensive Plans by the Council and by the State
 - ❑ Developments of Regional Impact
 - ❑ Federally Assisted Projects
 - ❑ Other Regional Comment Functions



Strategic Regional Subject Areas

- ❑ Affordable Housing
- ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ Emergency Preparedness
- ❑ Natural Resources of Regional Significance
- ❑ Regional Transportation



Strategic Regional Subject Areas

- ❑ Conditions and Trends
- ❑ Problems, Needs and Opportunities
- ❑ Regional Goals and Policies
- ❑ Regional Indicators



Affordable Housing

□ Goals and Policies

- Goal. To reduce the percentage of the region's very low-, low- and moderate-income households spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual household income on housing
- Goal. To mitigate significant affordable housing impacts associated with Developments of Regional Impact



Economic Development

- Economic Development Subject Area Contains Council-adopted Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies



Economic Development

□ Goals and Policies

- Goal. To diversify the economy of the region and thereby increase the level of employment opportunities and decrease out-migration of productive members of the labor force. This includes non-traditional job sectors and high-skill, high-wage job sectors



Economic Development

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Goal. To guide infrastructure to areas where needed, and where development would not strain already overloaded infrastructure
- ❑ Goal. To encourage regional or multi-county cooperation wherever possible to avoid duplication and to lower costs



Emergency Preparedness

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Goal. Improve emergency preparedness for coastal storms in the region.
- ❑ Policy. Establish National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio coverage for all of north central Florida.



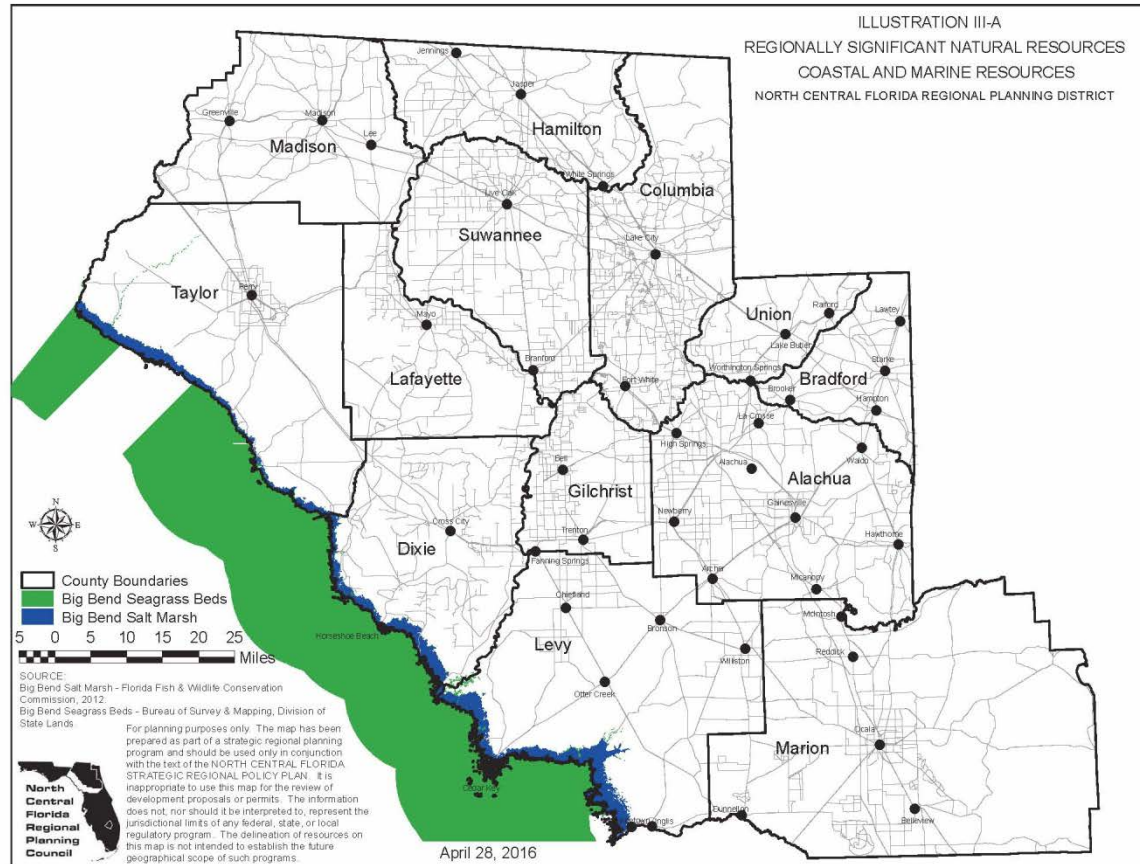
Natural Resources of Regional Significance

❑ What is a Natural Resource of Regional Significance?

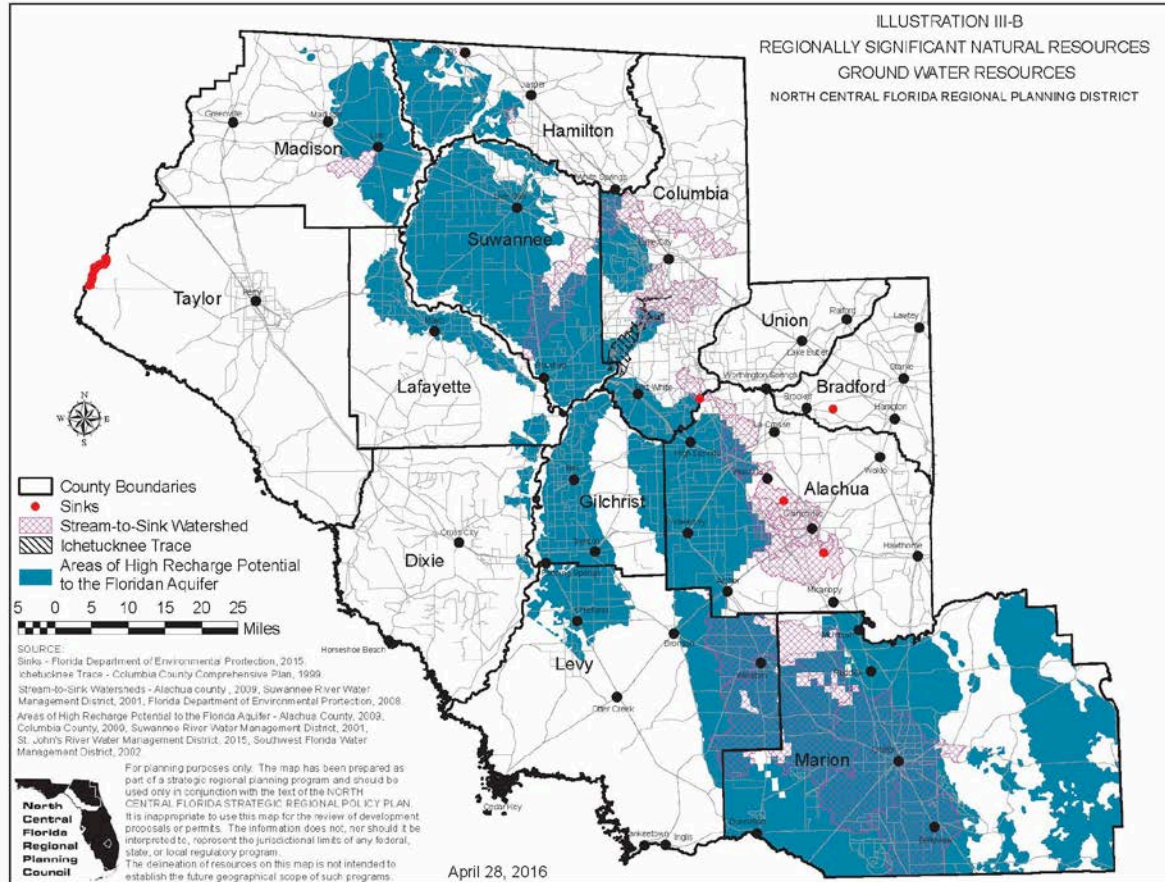
“... a natural resource or system of interrelated natural resources, that due to its function, size, rarity, or endangerment retains or provides benefit of regional significance to the natural or human environment.”
(27E-5.002(4), Florida Administrative Code)



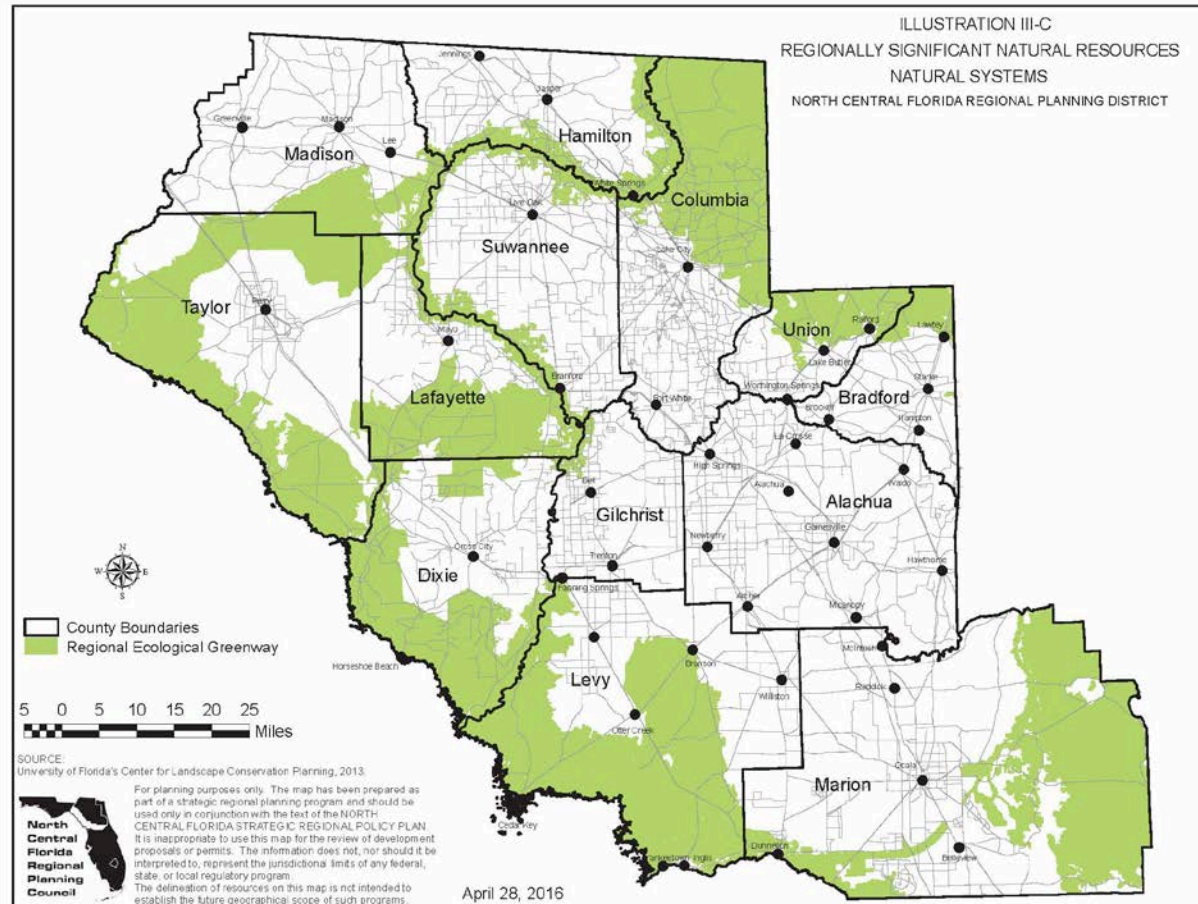
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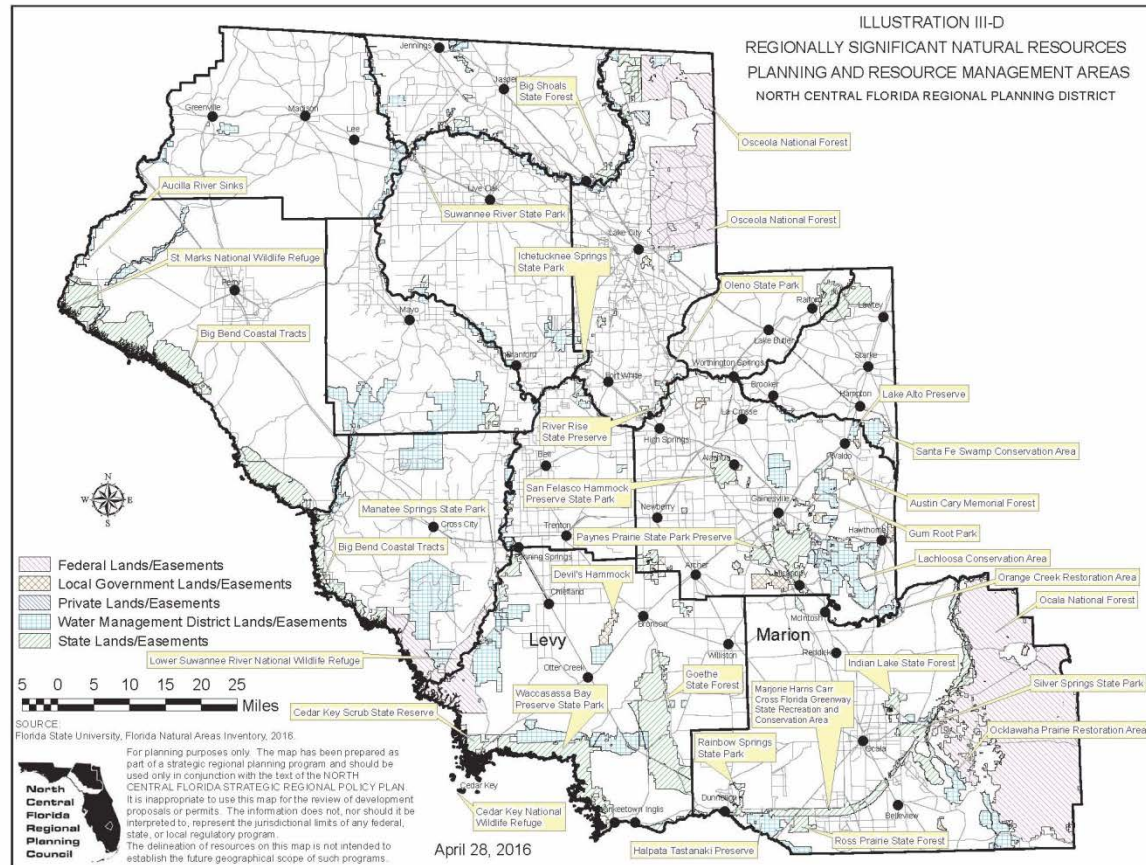
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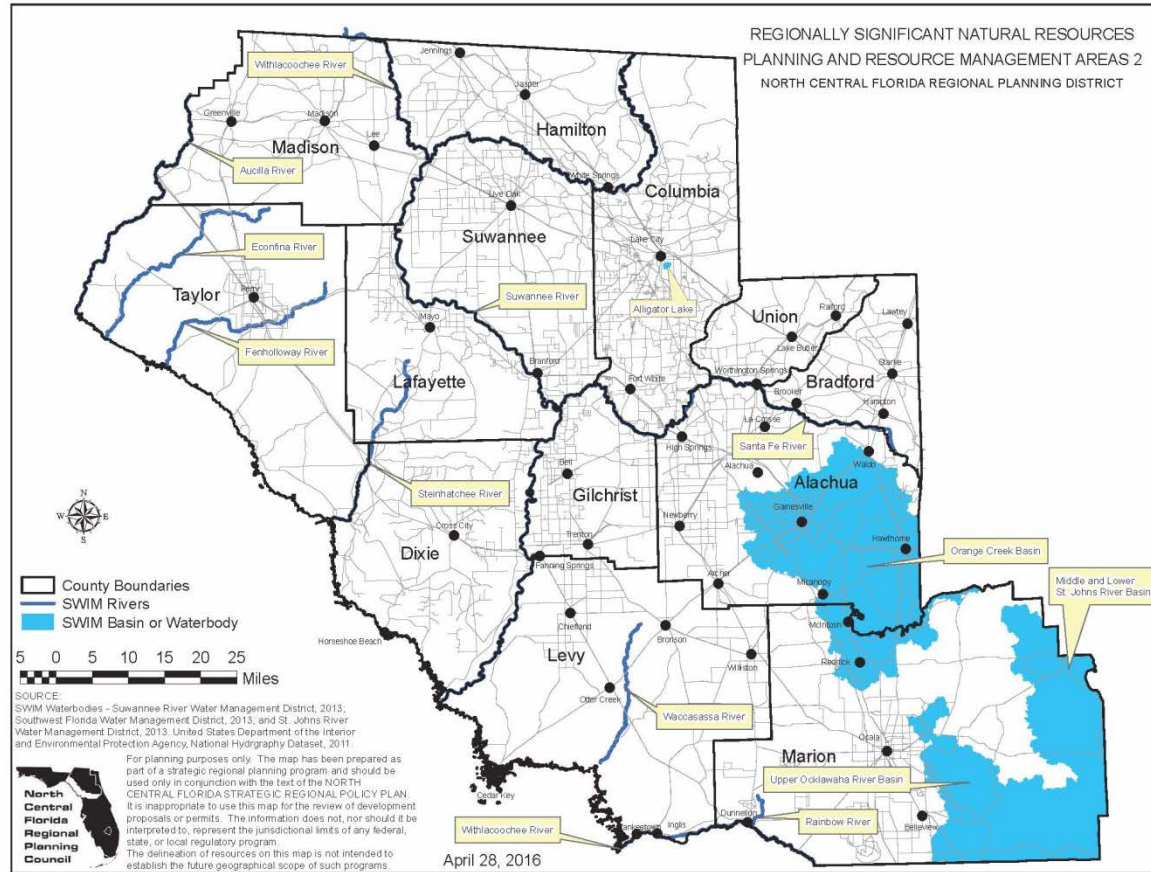
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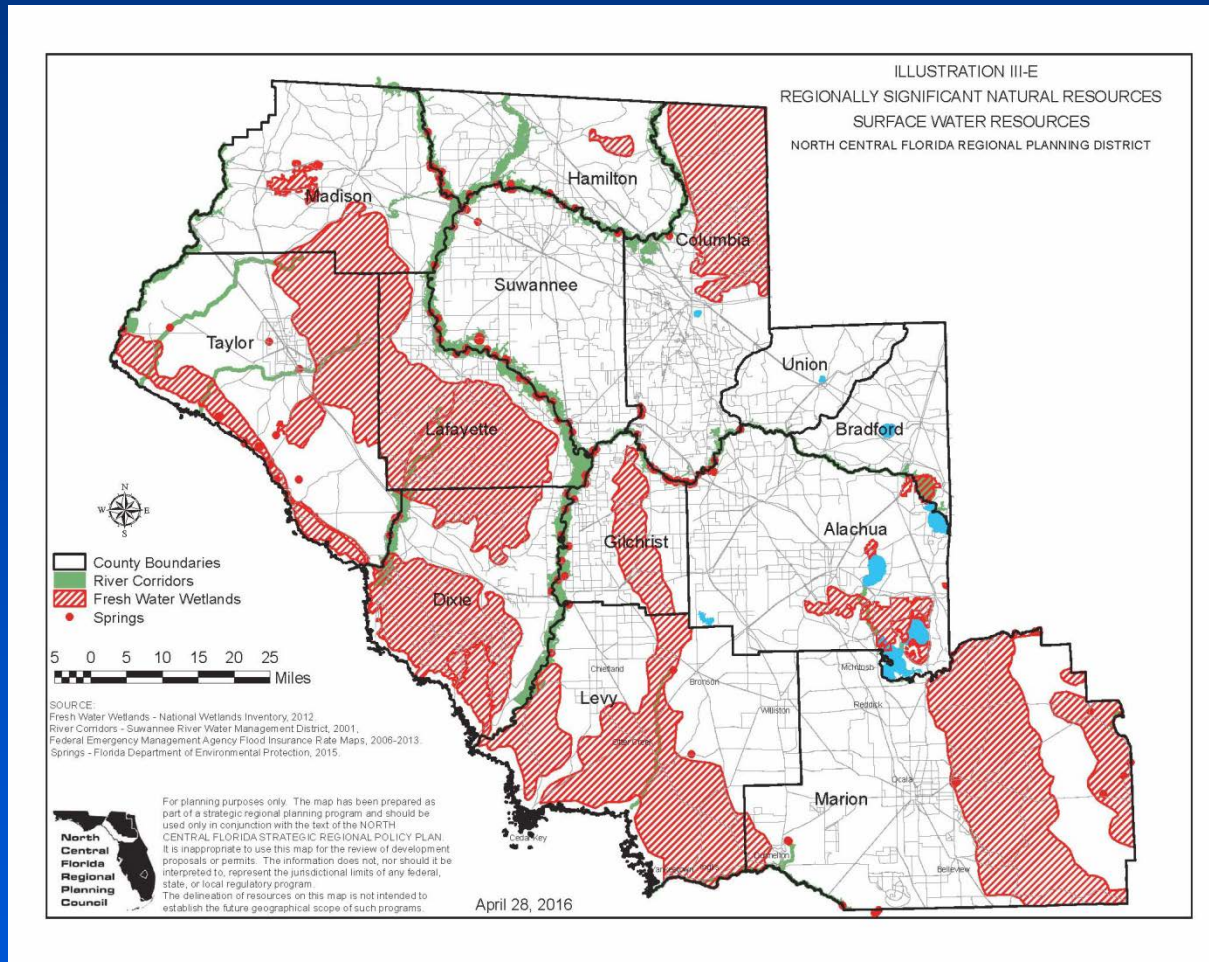
Planning & Management Areas - Proposed



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Surface Water Resources - Proposed



Natural Resources of Regional Significance

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Goal. To use the natural resources of the region in sustainable manner, such as:
- ❑ Policy. To encourage the use of low impact development techniques within Natural Resources of Regional Significance
- ❑ Policy. To encourage the use of energy conservation design principles



Natural Resources of Regional Significance

□ Goals and Policies

- Policy. To discourage the transfer of water between water management districts until receiving jurisdiction has implemented all practicable water supply alternatives and conservation measures
- Policy. To encourage cooperative efforts to develop local and regional water supplies within water management districts instead of transporting water across district boundaries, and use sources nearest the area of use whenever practicable



Natural Resources of Regional Significance

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Policy. To discourage transfer of groundwater and surfacewater across water management district boundaries where current and projected water needs of the transfer area cannot be met
- ❑ Policy. To encourage water management districts to take into account minimum flows and levels of adjoining districts

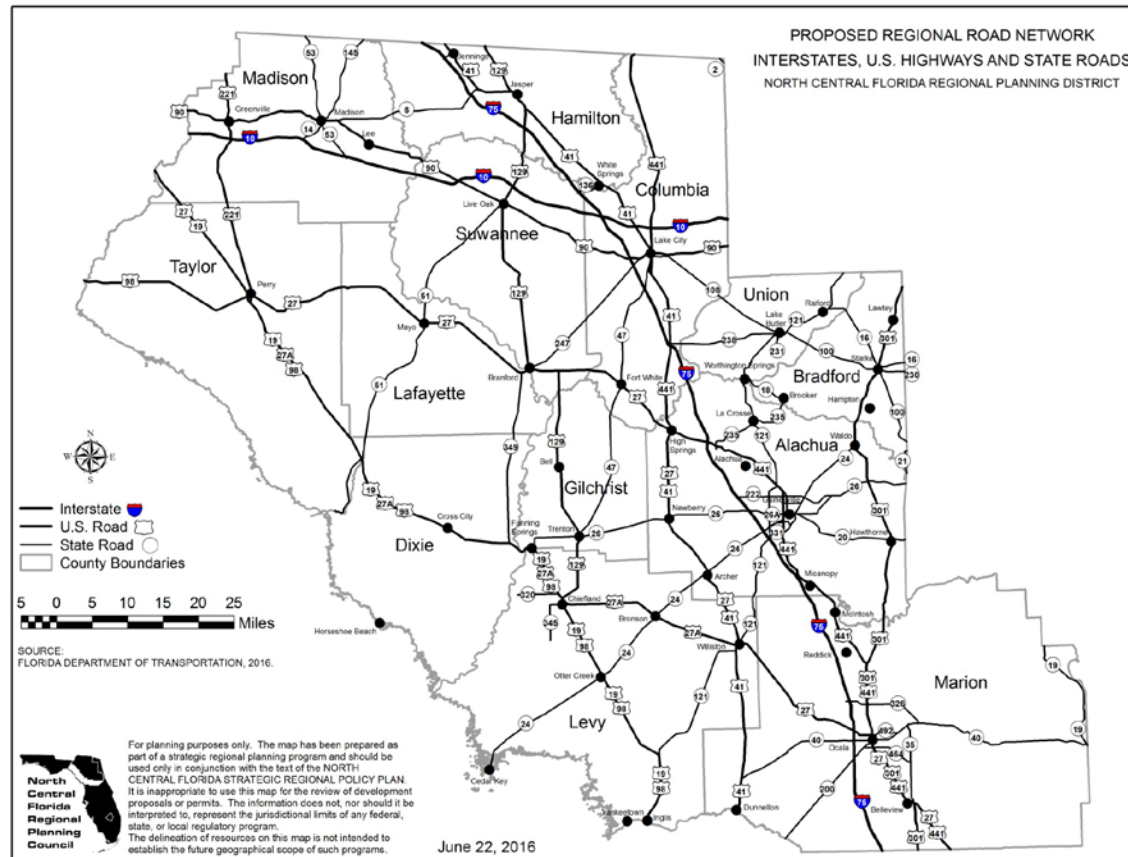


Regional Transportation

- ❑ Regional Transportation Facilities
 - ❑ Public Transit Service Providers
 - ❑ Regional Rail Lines
 - ❑ Gainesville Regional Airport
 - ❑ Regional Road Network



Regional Transportation Facilities - Proposed



Regional Transportation

- ❑ Transportation Planning Best Practices
 - ❑ Enhance Road Network Connectivity
 - ❑ Promote Access Management Strategies
 - ❑ Develop Multi-Modal Transportation Systems



Regional Transportation

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Goal. Mitigate the impacts of development to the Regional Road Network as well as adverse extrajurisdictional impacts while encouraging development within urban areas.



Regional Transportation

❑ Goals and Policies

- ❑ Policy. Within municipalities, urban service areas, or urban development areas where local government comprehensive plans include goals and policies which implement Transportation Best Management Practices, adverse impacts to the Regional Road Network are adequately mitigated.



Summary

- ❑ A Long-Range Guide for the Development of the Region
- ❑ Focus is Regional Rather than Local
- ❑ Basis for Council review of all Activities, Including Local Government Comprehensive Plans



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For more information

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