North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Overview

- Who We Are
- What We Do
- Summary

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Regional Planning Councils

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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.

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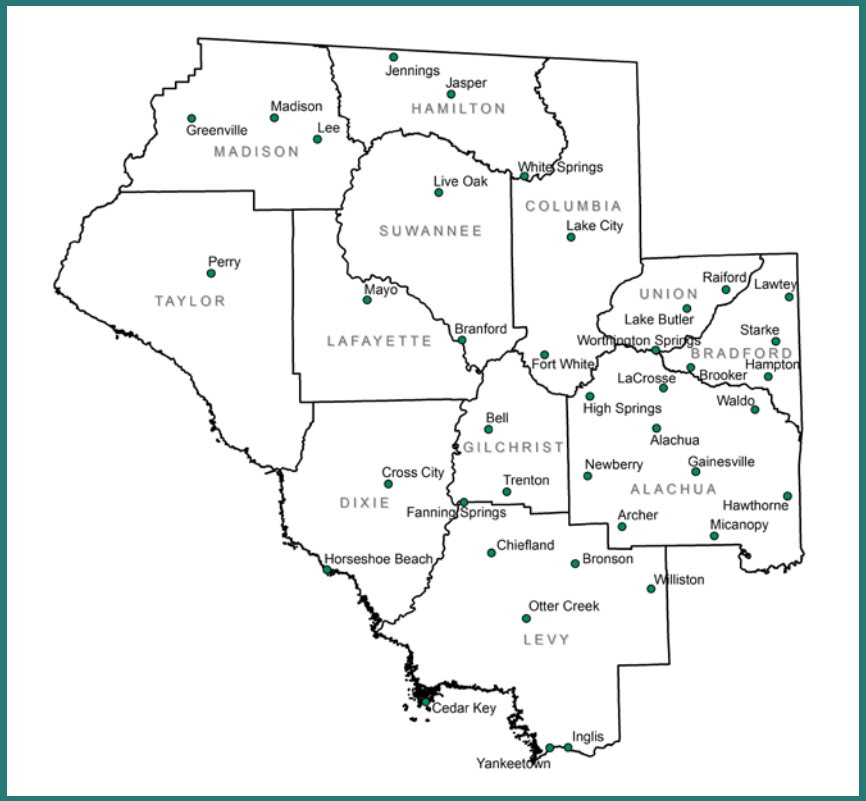
The Region

- 12 counties and 40 municipalities (13 member cities)
- 8,000 square miles
- 500,000 population



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The Council

- 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees

- Counties Mandatory and Cities Voluntary

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The Council

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

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The Council

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

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The Council

- Executive Committee Members
  - Lorene Thomas, Chair
  - Louie Davis, Vice-Chair
  - Robert Wilford, Secretary-Treasurer
  - Larry Sessions, Executive Committee Member
  - Rick Davis, Immediate Past Chair

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The Council

- Board of Directors
  - LaBarfield Bryant, Jasper
  - Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
  - William Hunter, Hamilton County
  - James Montgomery, Columbia County
  - Garth Nobles, Jr., Live Oak
  - Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
  - Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
  - Daniel Webb, Union County
  - Mike Williams, Madison County
  - Stephen Witt, Lake City

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The Council

- Ex-Officio Members
  - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
  - Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - Florida Department of Transportation
  - Southwest Florida Water Management District
  - St. Johns River Water Management District
  - Suwannee River Water Management District

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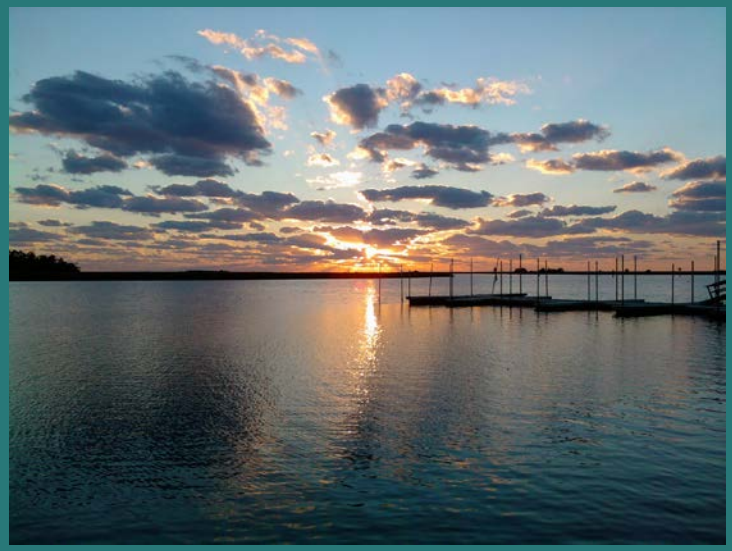
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional
  - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan contains goals and policies to assist in the preservation of the regional water supply
    - Affordable Housing
    - Economic Development
    - Emergency Preparedness
    - Natural Resources of Regional Significance
    - Regional Transportation



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Regional Planning Council Programs

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

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional Review Activities
  - 118 projects
    - Applications for federal assistance totaling $46.3 million
    - 61 local government comprehensive plan amendments
    - 21 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional Review Activities
  - 118 projects (Continued)
    - 19 Federal Transit Administration grant applications
    - 4 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant/loan applications
    - 13 other review items

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee
    - Updated Regional Emergency Response Plan
    - Completed Commodity Flow Study

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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

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
    - Completed three tabletop exercises for first responders
    - Innovation Award for Pipeline Safety Project

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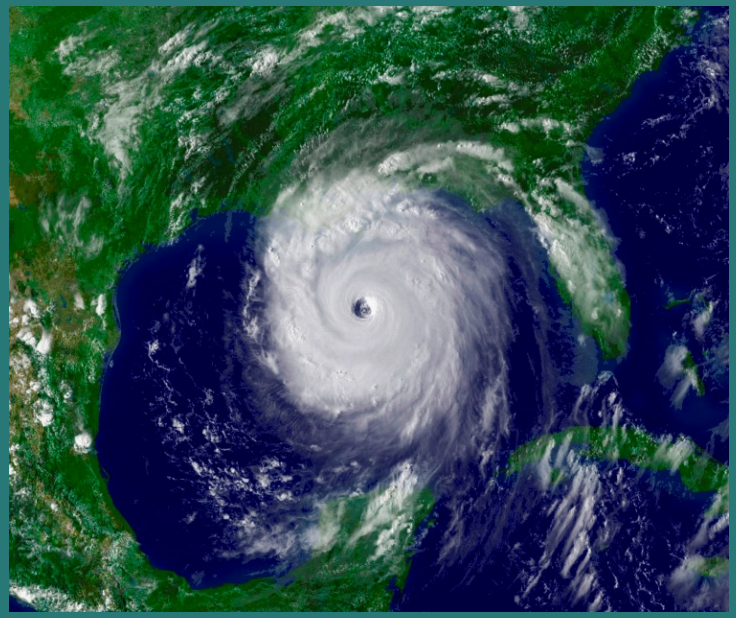
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - Emergency Management
    - Maintained Regional Evacuation Study



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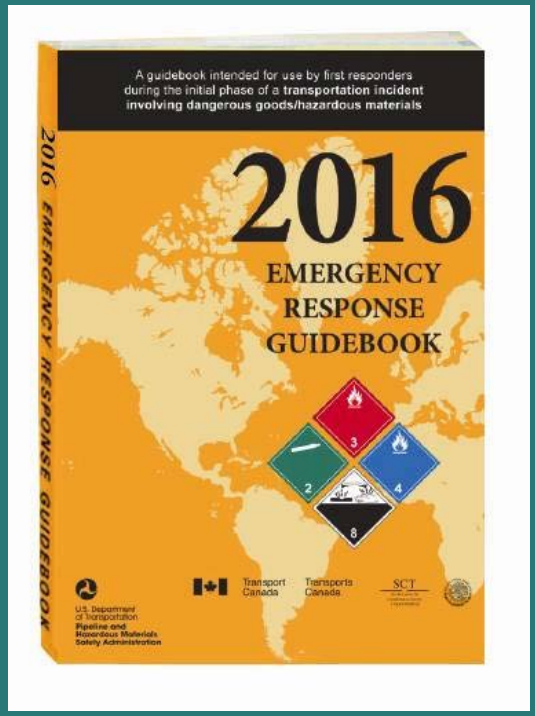
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - First Responder Training
    - Coordinated 15 hazardous materials emergency response training classes
      - Over 170 emergency responders completed over 4,500 hours of training
    - Distributed copies of Emergency Response Guidebook to first responders



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Regional Planning Council Programs

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

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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

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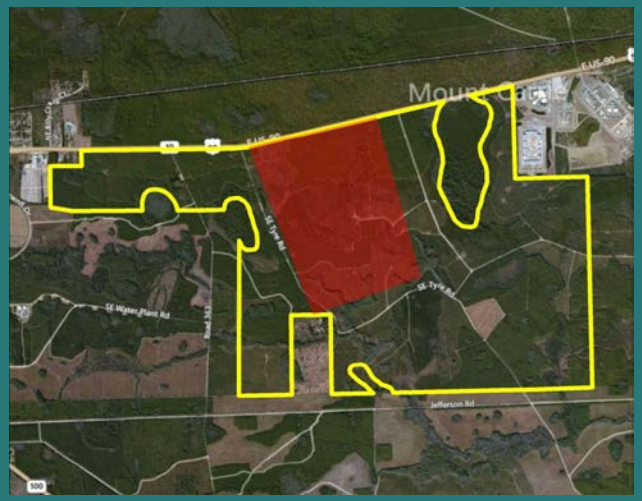
Regional Planning Council Programs

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



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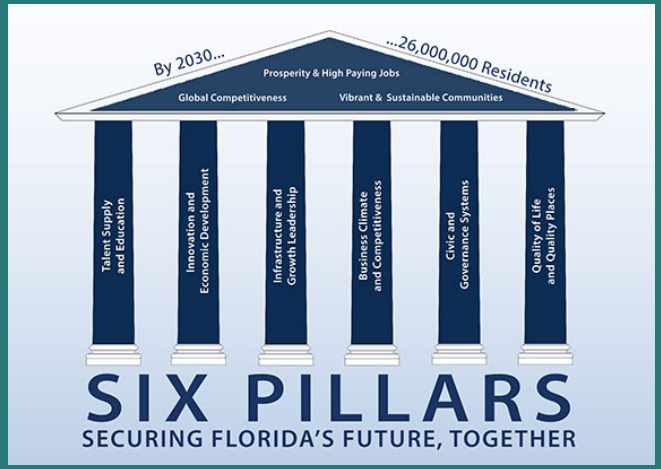
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Uses Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars to Secure Florida's Future
    - Coordinates with other regional planning councils
    - Aligns with State Economic Development Plan and private business



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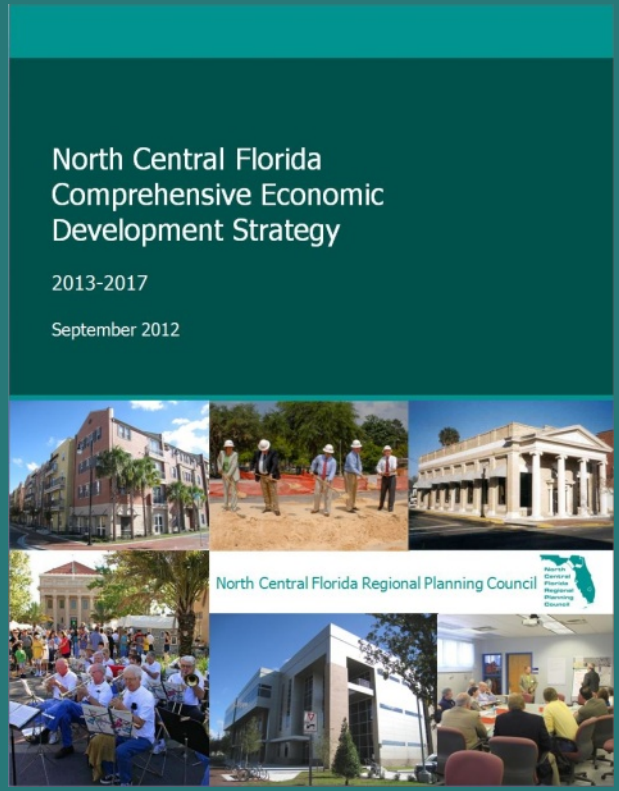
- Economic Development
  - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Promotes initiatives that support regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Reported over 1,000 jobs created and over $23 million private investment leveraged



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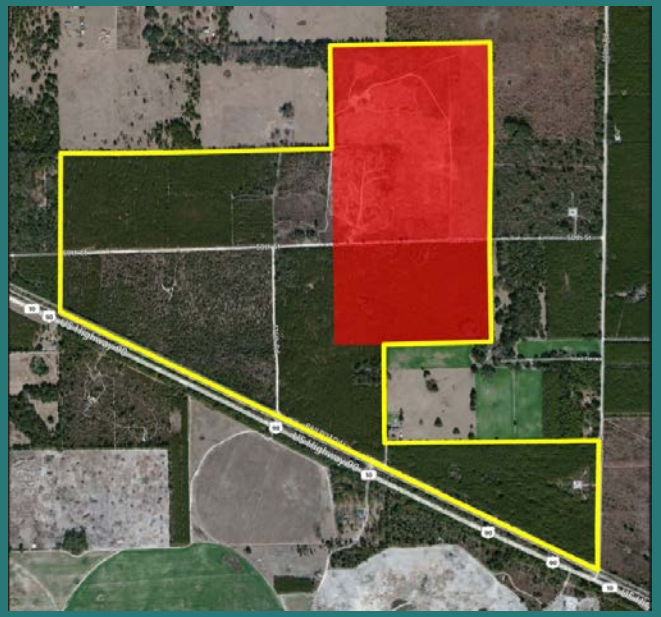
Regional Planning Council Programs

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



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Regional Planning Council Programs

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

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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

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
    - Alachua County
    - Bradford County
    - Columbia County
    - Dixie County
    - Gilchrist County
    - Hamilton County
    - Jefferson County
    - Lafayette County
    - Levy County
    - Madison County
    - Suwannee County
    - Taylor County
    - Union County
    - Wakulla County

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
    - Updated and maintained website VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com
    - Coordinated travel show participation
    - Distributed collateral materials to meet goals of Task Force

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Regional Planning Council Programs

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

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - Provided comprehensive planning assistance to six counties
      - Bradford County
      - Columbia County
      - Dixie County
      - Lafayette County
      - Taylor County
      - Union County

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - Provided comprehensive planning assistance to 11 municipalities
      - Archer
      - Chiefland
      - Dunnellon
      - Fanning Springs
      - High Springs
      - Inglis
      - Lake Butler
      - Madison
      - Perry
      - Starke
      - Williston

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - 108 development applications
      - 36 comprehensive plan map and text amendments
      - 64 land development regulation map and text amendments
      - 6 special exceptions and special permits
      - 2 concurrency assessments

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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

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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 $55.1 million for 108 projects over 40 years

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Community Development Block Grants
    - Applications for Housing, Commercial Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Community Development Block Grants
    - Provided administrative assistance
      - City of Madison
        Housing - $700,000
      - Town of Mayo
        Housing - $650,000

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Transportation
  - Metropolitan Transportation Planning
    - 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
      - Addresses highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs
    - Transportation Improvement Plan
      - Includes $41.3 million of transportation projects for Fiscal Year 2016-17

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Transportation
  - Metropolitan Transportation Planning
    - Celebration Pointe
      (SW 30th Place/Interstate 75)
      Bridge Project

    - State Road 24
      (Archer Road)
      Four-Lane Project Planning Study
    - State Roads 26 & 26A/State Road 121
      (West University Avenue/SW 34th Street)
      Safety Project Study

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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
    - Coordinated over 237,000 trips in the region
    - Majority of trips were provided for medical purposes

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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
      - Levy County
      - Madison County
      - Suwannee County
      - Union County

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Regional Planning Council Programs

- Transportation
  - Transportation Disadvantaged
    - Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is the official planning agency for Alachua County

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Regional Planning Council Team

Team Leaders

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Executive Director

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Finance Director

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Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director

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Information Technology and Property Management Director

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Summary

- 10 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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