North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Celebrating Our First Fifty Years
1969 - 2019

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Regional Planning Councils
Mission Statement

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.
The Region

- 12 counties and 40 municipalities (13 member cities)
- 8,000 square miles
- 560,000 population
The Council

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

- Counties Mandatory
  Cities Voluntary
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
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
  - Robert Wilford, Chair
  - Charles Chestnut IV, Vice-Chair
  - Thomas Demps, Secretary-Treasurer
  - Anthony Adams, Executive Committee Member
  - Louie Davis, Immediate Past Chair
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
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Local Government Assistance
Regional Planning Council Members

- Charter Member Local Governments
  - Alachua County - May 7, 1969
  - City of Alachua - May 7, 1969
  - City of Gainesville - May 7, 1969
  - City of Hawthorne - May 7, 1969
  - City of High Springs - May 7, 1969
Regional Planning Council Members

- Member Local Governments
  - Union County - November 9, 1974
  - Bradford County - December 11, 1974
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- Member Local Governments
  - Columbia County - June 1, 1975
  - Hamilton County - June 1, 1975
  - Suwannee County - June 1, 1975
  - Taylor County - June 1, 1975
  - City of Lake City - June 1, 1975
  - City of Perry - June 1, 1975
  - City of Starke - June 1, 1975
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- Member Local Governments
  - City of Live Oak - September 17, 1976
  - Madison County - December 1, 1976
  - Lafayette County - December 6, 1976
  - City of Madison - March 8, 1977
  - City of Waldo - February 9, 1978
Regional Planning Council Members

- Member Local Governments
  - Dixie County - February 16, 1981
  - Gilchrist County - March 2, 1981
  - City of Archer - September 12, 1983
  - City of Jasper - February 18, 1992
  - City of Newberry - January 1, 2000
  - Levy County - August 16, 2016
50 Years Ago - 1969

- Population and Government
- Florida Population - 6,000,000
- Region Population - 225,000
- President Richard Nixon
- Governor Claude Kirk, Jr.
50 Years Ago - 1969

- Walt Disney World Construction Begins
- Neil Armstrong Walks on Moon
- Boeing 747 Takes First Flight
50 Years Ago - 1969

Economy

- Gasoline (gallon) - $0.32
- Bread (loaf) - $0.23
- Milk (gallon) - $1.10
- Automobile - $2,000
- Income - $6,500
- House - $40,000
Entertainment and Sports

- Oscar - Midnight Cowboy
- Grammy - Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In (5th Dimension)
- World Series Champions - New York Mets
- Super Bowl III Champions - New York Jets
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History
Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services

First Decade (1969-1979)

- Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- Gainesville Metropolitan Area Stormwater Study
- Local Government Comprehensive Plans
- Community Development Block Grant Applications
- Economic Development District Designation
- Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History
Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services


- Overall Economic Development Program
- Research and Development Park Feasibility Study
- Suwannee River Committee
- Regional Inland Hurricane Shelter Study
- Coastal Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection Report
- Southeast Gainesville Commercial Revitalization Study
- Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan
- County Hazardous Waste Monitoring Program
- Job Training Partnership Act Administrator
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Agency
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services

- Third Decade (1990-1999)
  - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
  - Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance
  - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
  - Big Bend Tri-County Task Force
  - County Local Mitigation Strategies
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History
Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services

- Fourth Decade (2000-2009)
  - Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
  - Statewide Water Distribution Recommendation Review
  - Economic Impact Analysis Modeling Services
  - Interstate 75 Corridor Council
  - Interstate 75 Interchange Development Report
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History
Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services

- Fifth Decade (2010-2019)

- Regional Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study
- Statewide Evacuation Study
- Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Regional Pipeline Training Safety Project
- Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force
Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

- Executive Directors, Chairs and Elected Officials and Gubernatorial Appointees
  - 3 Executive Directors
  - 39 Chairs
  - 390 Elected Officials and Gubernatorial Appointees
Regional Planning Council Team

Team Leaders

Scott R. Koons, AICP
Executive Director

Dwayne L. Mundy
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director

Kevin D. Parrish
Information Technology and Property Management Director
Regional Planning Council Team

Team Members

**Michael Escalante**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Carmelita Franco**, Planning Administrative Assistant

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

**Sandra Joseph**, Senior Planner

**Tara Tucker**, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director

**Lauren Yeatter**, AICP, Senior Planner
Summary

- 50th Anniversary 1969-2019
- 10 Regional Planning Councils
- 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- Planning and Coordinating Role
- Programs
  - Regional
  - Public Safety
  - Transportation
  - Economic Development
  - Local Government Assistance