Overview

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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 (14 member cities)
- 8,000 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
- Levy County
- Madison County
- Suwannee County
- Taylor County
- Union County
The Council

Member Cities

- Alachua
- Archer
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Jasper
- Lake Butler
- 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
  - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan
    - 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**
  - 74 projects
  - Applications for federal assistance totaling $13.9 million
  - 48 local government comprehensive plan amendments
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional Review Activities
  - 74 projects (Continued)
    - 23 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications and environmental assessments
    - 3 Federal Transit Administration grant applications
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee

- Updated Regional Emergency Response Plan
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
  - First Responder Training

- Coordinated 18 hazardous materials emergency response training classes
  - Over 240 emergency responders completed over 5,700 hours of training

- Distributed copies of Emergency Response Guidebook to first responders
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

- Innovation Award

North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
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
Regional Planning Council Programs

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

- Economic Development
  - Economic Development Planning
    - 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 region
    - Completed ten economic development project impact analysis reports
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
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Promotes initiatives that support regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
    - Reported over 600 jobs created and over $67 million private investment leveraged
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
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
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
    - Created by Council in 1992
    - Promotes 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
    - 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
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
  - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
    - Maintained website
      VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com
    - Coordinated travel show participation
    - Distributed collateral materials
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 six counties
    - Bradford County
    - Columbia County
    - Dixie County
    - Lafayette County
    - Taylor County
    - Union County
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - Provided comprehensive planning assistance to 13 municipalities
      - Archer
      - Cedar Key
      - Chiefland
      - Fanning Springs
      - High Springs
      - Inglis
      - Lake Butler
      - Lake City
      - Madison
      - Mayo
      - Micanopy
      - Perry
      - Starke
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Comprehensive Planning
    - 129 development applications
      - 40 comprehensive plan map and text amendments
      - 70 land development regulation map and text amendments
      - 13 special exceptions and special permits
      - 6 other items
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
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 $58.1 million for 112 projects over 42 years
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
- Community Development Block Grants

- Applications for Housing, Commercial Revitalization, Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
  - Community Development Block Grants
    - Provided administrative assistance
      - Bradford County Housing - $750,000
      - City of Madison Neighborhood Revitalization - $700,000
Regional Planning Council Programs

- **Transportation**
  - **Metropolitan Transportation Planning**
    - **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**
      - Addresses highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs
    - **Transportation Improvement Plan**
      - Included $61.9 million of transportation projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19
Regional Planning Council Programs

- **Transportation**
  - **Metropolitan Transportation Planning**
    - State Road 24 (Archer Road)
      - Interstate 75 Interchange
      - Add Lanes
    - State Road 26
      - (West Newberry Road)
      - Add Turn Lanes
    - SW 62nd Boulevard Connector
      - Right-of-way Acquisition
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 92,000 trips in region
    - Majority of trips were provided for medical purposes
Regional Planning Council Programs

- Transportation
  - Transportation Disadvantaged
    - Council is official planning agency
      - Bradford County
      - Columbia County
      - Dixie County
      - Gilchrist County
      - Hamilton County
      - Lafayette County
      - Levy County
      - Madison County
      - Suwannee County
      - Union County
Regional Planning Council Programs

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

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Regional Planning Council Team

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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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