



**North  
Central  
Florida  
Regional  
Planning  
Council**

**2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**D**uring this past year, the Council continued to be a very successful public agency that provides valuable services in fulfilling our mission 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 following pages summarize these accomplishments.

Our successes in these activities have been realized through the dedicated work of the Council staff under the guidance provided by our members and by the leaders of our affiliated agencies, including the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, **The Original Florida Tourism Task Force**, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc., the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the North Central Florida Regional HazMat Team. All of these groups remain committed to achieving excellence as they continue to pursue ways to improve our region.

Of particular note are the extremely important and beneficial services the Council provided to rural local governments in the areas of comprehensive planning, community development, grant procurement and grant administration. By combining their limited financial resources, small rural jurisdictions have been able to have access to these services of the Council

that they would have been unable to afford on an individual basis. Working together as partners, the Council, counties and cities have been able to improve the quality of life in rural north central Florida.

I hope that you find the discussion of our programs in this report to be informative. Also provided is a summary of our financial status and a brief look at the year ahead.

The Council members and staff are most appreciative of the support received from our member local governments and the region's citizens. We look forward to working together with you in the future for the betterment of north central Florida.

Sincerely,



Roy Ellis  
Chairman



## THE REGION

The north central Florida region includes 11 counties and 33 incorporated municipalities in the north central portion of Florida. Containing nearly 7,000 square miles of area, the region is characterized by its abundant natural resources, which include the world-famous Suwannee River, the marshes of the Gulf Coast, cypress swamps, upland forests, a large number of clear turquoise springs, and many other beautiful physical features.

Much of the region is sparsely populated, although this is changing as people from other parts of the world, nation and Florida are discovering the amenities of north Florida living. According to estimates by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, the population of the region in the year 2007 was 495,613, an increase of 78,748 people over the 1997 estimate of 416,865, representing a 18.9 percent increase for the past ten years.

The region's economic base relies heavily on the government and services sectors, with the University of Florida in Gainesville accounting for a major portion of the government employment. The City of Gainesville is the regional retail center and, together with Alachua County, accounts for 50 percent of the total population of the region.



North Central Florida Region

North Central Florida Counties



The Council is an association of 24 general purpose local governments. Membership includes all 11 counties and 13 of the region's municipalities. One-third of the total representatives are appointed by the Governor, with the remainder appointed by member local governments. Two-thirds of the representatives must be local elected officials.

All Council representatives sit collectively as the full Council which meets monthly. At its May meeting, this group adopts the annual budget and a work program. Also at this meeting, the Council elects the organization's officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer from among its ranks.

Council members serve on several standing and ad hoc committees appointed by the Chairman. One of the purposes of these various committees is to advise the Council on planning and development activities which come before the Council for review and comment. The Council serves as a forum for the coordination and review of federal/state/local government, and private sector planning and development programs and activities affecting the region.

In addition to the regional planning and review activities, the Council provides a large variety of services to benefit its local governments. These services, carried out by staff, include: technical planning assistance, grant and local planning assistance including grant administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities.

**ALACHUA COUNTY**

- Mike Byerly
- Cynthia Chestnut
- Paula DeLaney
- \* Eddie Martin
- \* James Painter
- Lee Pinkoson
- \* Vacant
- \* Vacant

**ALACHUA**

Gib Coerper

**ARCHER**

Paul Alcantar

**GAINESVILLE**

- Ed Braddy
- Rick Bryant
- Jack Donovan
- Scherwin Henry
- Jeanna Mastrodicasa

**HAWTHORNE**

Eleanor Randall

**HIGH SPRINGS**

Kirk Eppenstein

**NEWBERRY**

John Glanzer

**WALDO**

Louie Davis

**BRADFORD COUNTY**

- John Hersey
- \* David Dodge

**STARKE**

Carolyn Spooner

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

- Stephen Bailey
- \* Dixie Donovan
- Ronald Williams

**LAKE CITY**

Stephen M. Witt

**DIXIE COUNTY**

- Buddy Lamb
- \* Lorene Thomas

**GILCHRIST COUNTY**

- D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
- \* Vacant

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

- Lewis Vaughn
- \* Vacant

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**LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

- Donnie Hamlin
- \* Heather Neill

**MADISON COUNTY**

- Roy Ellis
- \* Tracy Reeves

**CITY OF MADISON**

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**SUWANNEE COUNTY**

- \* Sandra Haas
- Randy Hatch

**LIVE OAK**

Garth "Sonny" Nobles, Jr.

**TAYLOR COUNTY**

- Rudolph Parker
- \* Vacant

**PERRY**

Emily Ketring

**UNION COUNTY**

- Melaine "Red" Clyatt
- \* Andrew Smith

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**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

- Gene Caputo, St. John's River Water Management
- Vacant, Department of Environmental Protection
- Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Charles Baldwin, Department of Transportation
- Kirk Webster, Suwannee River Water Management District

***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.***

## REGIONAL PROGRAMS

**D**ealing with issues of growth opens up opportunities for regional cooperation and planning.

Being an association of local governments with strong ties to state and federal agencies, the Council is in a unique position to coordinate the development and implementation of strategies designed to address the problems and opportunities created by growth.

### Growth Management

Pursuant to state growth management laws, the Council is responsible for preparing and adopting a Strategic Regional Policy Plan addressing five issue areas: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance and Regional Transportation.

Goals and policies contained in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan continued to provide guidance for the growth and development of the region. In particular, the Council used the Strategic Regional Policy Plan as the basis for reviewing local government comprehensive plan amendments during the year.

### Regional Planning

During 2007, the Regional Planning Committee of the Council worked on the preparation of an evaluation and appraisal report on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. State law requires the Council to prepare an evaluation and appraisal report on the regional plan every five years.

The purpose of the report is to evaluate the successes and failures of the regional plan and to identify possible future amendments, revisions or updates to the plan based on the evaluation. The evaluation and appraisal report is to determine progress toward attainment of strategic regional policy plan goals.

The assessments will identify plan amendments which may be necessary as a result of changing regional conditions, changes to the State Comprehensive Plan, or other statutory changes. The report will not amend the regional plan. Rather, it will serve as a basis for future regional plan amendments. The Committee is scheduled to forward its evaluation and appraisal report to the Council for its consideration during 2008.



(Photo courtesy of Visit Gainesville)

Paynes Prairie State Preserve is designated as a regionally significant natural resource in the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

## Review Activities

One of the ways the Council implements the regional plan is through its several review responsibilities. The Governor has designated the Council as the areawide clearinghouse for all federally-funded projects that affect the region, and several other review activities are undertaken as a result of state legislation. The Council's Clearinghouse Committee is responsible for overseeing these review activities. In the year 2007, the Committee conducted reviews of 110 different projects submitted by private development, private not-for-profit corporations, units of local government, as well as state and federal agencies. Reviews included the following types.

- Applications for federal assistance
- Developments of regional impact
- Local comprehensive plans and plan amendments
- Local emergency management plans
- 10-year site plans of major electric utilities
- Environmental impact statements, assessments, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit requests
- State agency functional plans, projects and proposed rules

The Clearinghouse Committee reviews these projects to:

1. Avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts that may be created by an activity in neighboring communities or counties;
2. Ensure coordination and consistency with local government and strategic regional policy plans; and
3. Avoid duplication or conflict with other local or area plans and programs.



The Council reviewed a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development community facilities loan application for an addition to the Suwannee County Courthouse.

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

## Hazardous Materials

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee continued its mission of increasing chemical safety in our communities. The Council has provided staff support to the Committee since 1989.

The Committee's tools included planning, training, reviewing, exercising, offering How-to-Comply assistance, and educating the public. The emergency response plan for the north central Florida region is updated every year and exercised biennially.

The Council provides staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Team is comprised of six counties and three municipalities which have joined together through an interlocal agreement.

Since August 2001, five grants have been used to provide \$676,240 in equipment and training to local government responders.

These funds have been used to place four hazmat response trailers in service in primarily rural areas. The Team provided affordable training using a fifth training trailer which allowed local delivery of advanced hazardous materials training.

## Public Health

In 2007, the Council expanded its Public Safety programs to include assistance to county health departments for training and exercises. The Council provided exercise support for a "Beleaguered Bus II"

exercise that included participation from numerous county health departments. This exercise involved the response to a busload of missionaries returning from Tanzania after being exposed to Avian Pandemic Flu.

## Emergency Response

The Council staff coordinated a variety of public safety training classes. In 2007, the Council conducted 18 classes for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A total of 206 emergency responders completed 1,990 hours of training. The Council office served as the home to a "Hazmat Boot Camp" to conduct advanced, hands-on training.



Containerized chlorine used by many local governments in the region to purify their drinking water is a hazardous material. The Council offered free training classes for city and county staff on hazardous materials emergency response to potential events such as chlorine spills.

## Hazardous Waste

All counties in Florida are required by law to conduct annual site visits to verify the hazardous waste management practices of 20 percent of the businesses and government agencies in a county. In 2007, a How-to-Comply seminar was held in Live Oak.

The Council program continued to provide compliance assistance during the required verification visits. A goal of the program continued to be helping facilities properly manage its waste in a cost efficient manner.

During 2007, Council staff member Dwayne Mundy won the Bronze Medal in Florida's Annual Hazardous Waste Olympics.

## Terrorism Preparedness

The Planning Council district is divided between Jacksonville and Tallahassee Regional Domestic Security Task Force Districts used for terrorism response planning. Council staff was involved in activities in both.

**Exercises** - In 2007, Council staff helped plan and conduct tabletop and functional exercises for Regional Domestic Security Task Force districts.

**Training** - Council staff continued to teach Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program classes. This exercise methodology is required for any exercises funded with federal Homeland Security funds.

**Planning** - Staff assisted with conducting the statewide terrorism preparedness special teams procedures meeting.

## Regional Evacuation Study

In 2007, the Council started work on a major update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. A kick-off meeting was held to discuss study goals and give local government officials a chance to share any hurricane- or evacuation-related issues for their area.

Although hurricanes are a primary hazard in the study, this evacuation study is taking an all-hazards approach. This study is designed to be a valuable tool for helping make critical public safety decisions. During the next year, county emergency management staff will be asked to provide local expertise on meeting local needs.

This past year, tasks included identifying demograph-

ics of the populations potentially vulnerable to hurricane hazards. A telephone-based behavioral study was started to predict when vulnerable citizens will evacuate for a given storm and where they will go. Finally, the regional transportation network was identified to determine which roadways would be included in the statewide transportation model.



The Council started work on the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study during 2007. While the primary focus is on coastal hurricane evacuations, the impacts of evacuees seeking shelter in our inland counties will also be estimated.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**D**uring the past year, the economic development program of the Council consisted of economic development planning and implementation activities, and tourism promotion activities.

### Economic Development Planning

Since the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration designated the Council region as an Economic Development District in 1978, the Council has continued to maintain a high level of involvement in providing technical assistance to local governments and development authorities in order to promote economic growth.

The Council entered into a staffing agreement with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc.—the organization formed to coordinate activities for the Governor’s third Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. The Partnership launched its first Rural Leadership Academy as an educational resource and networking opportunity for area economic developers and elected officials. These workshops conducted leadership training and provided an overview of development resources in the region.

During 2008, the Partnership will create a website to promote area catalyst sites selected, in conjunction with Enterprise Florida. The North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern chose two locations of project sites that will cater to construction and distribution industries.

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Council staff conducted a series of public meetings and sought public input to prepare a revamped Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region. This document identified five regional priorities: support the catalyst sites for the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; improve infrastructure near I-10 and I-75 interchanges; create a strategy to increase labor force in health-care and life science industries; expand and support regional business incubators and research parks; and support ***The Original Florida Tourism Task Force***.

During 2007, Council staff made progress on each of these priority areas. They worked with statewide partners to identify catalyst sites for the

region and worked to make these sites shovel ready and marketable. Council staff assisted Lake City (located at the intersection of I-10 and I-75) to successfully apply for expansion of their wastewater facility in order to expand capacity necessary for economic development.

Council economic development staff also met with the Santa Fe Community College staff to coordinate discussions of grant applications for a capacity building grant in the life sciences industry.

In its support of regional business incubators and research parks, Council staff conducted a regional economic analysis using Regional Economic Models, Inc. software to identify the economic impacts of a proposed research park in the region. The park was specifically identified as a priority for the region as part of the revamped Comprehensive



Rural Leadership Academy participants conduct ropes course exercises to understand leadership styles.

Economic Development Strategy. The analysis will be used for grant statements and to determine local incentive rates for the park.

### **“The Original Florida” Tourism Development Activities**

Council staff has worked with **The Original Florida Tourism Task Force** to maintain its websites, press familiarization trips, trade show coordination, proactive publicity campaigns, and collateral material production to meet the goals of its marketing plan.

**The Original Florida Tourism Task Force** is comprised of representatives from each of the participating counties who are appointed by county commissions to oversee and direct the tourism promotion effort.

In 2007, the Original Florida group received three grants from VISIT FLORIDA. The first was to conduct a press familiarization (FAM) trip of the area, the second was to augment the tourism photograph library for the region.

Agritourism education was the topic of the third grant. A series of entrepreneurial development workshops were conducted in 2007 that trained farmers interested in this industry as a means to supplement family farm income and help maintain the rural character of north central Florida. The workshops were co-sponsored by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

In 2007, the Task Force was recognized by the Council for Sustainable Florida, for their agritourism education program and was a finalist for the prestigious Flagler Awards presented by VISIT FLORIDA for the Task Force’s Hidden Treasures Campaign, a geocaching adventure.



Harvey Campbell, Carol McQueen and Paulette Lord, The Original Florida Tourism Task Force members, along with Bryon Maxwell from the Florida Division of State Parks (pictured left to right) work the Original Florida booth at the I-75 Welcome Center Showcase.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**D**uring 2007, the Council offered technical assistance to local governments which do not have available staff or expertise for certain activities. These activities ranged from comprehensive planning to community development.

### Comprehensive Planning

In response to the requirements of Florida growth management legislation, the Council continued to place a significant emphasis on comprehensive planning assistance for local governments.

During 2007, the Council continued to assist the region's counties and cities in complying with the requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

Ongoing comprehensive planning assistance was provided to local governments to assist with interpretations of comprehensive plans and land development regulations, preparation of comprehensive plan and land development regulation amendments, concurrency assessments of plats, and site and development plans.

In particular, the Council assisted 9 counties and 10 municipalities process 381 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 160 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments in making 151 land development regulation map and text amendments, 39 land development regulation special exceptions and special permits, 31 concurrency as-

sessments for plats, variances, nonconforming use changes and development orders, and site and development plans.

The Council assisted municipalities and counties in preparing concurrency assessments to evaluate the impacts of development on the level of service for roads, water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, storm-water drainage, and recreation facilities.

The Council also assisted 10 counties and the municipalities within those counties in preparing Public Schools Facility Elements of their comprehensive plans. The element establishes the new school concurrency requirements mandated by Senate Bill 360.



The Council provided assistance to counties and municipalities in preparing Public Schools Facilities Elements of their comprehensive plans for school facilities such as Hamilton County High School in Hamilton County.

## **Community Development Block Grants**

The Council assisted local governments in assessing their community development needs in 2007. These assessments addressed the need for housing rehabilitation, commercial revitalization, economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

These community development needs assessments resulted in the Council assisting with the preparation of the following Community Development Block Grant applications in 2007.

### Housing

City of Lake City—\$750,000

### Neighborhood Revitalization

City of Perry—\$700,000

### Economic Development

City of Lake City—\$750,000

The Council continued to provide administrative assistance on current projects for Lake City, Live Oak and the City of Madison. In addition, the Council initiated administrative assistance for new projects in Lake City and Perry.

## **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program**

The Council assisted the City of Worthington Springs with the preparation of the following Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant application.

## **Park Development**

City of Worthington Springs—\$122,800

City of Worthington Springs—\$155,000

## **Enterprise Florida Rural Development Infrastructure Grant**

The Council assisted the City of Lake City with the preparation of the following grant application for a feasibility study to expand their wastewater treatment facilities.

### Enterprise Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant

City of Lake City—\$300,000



Mayor Emily Ketring and Councilman Don Cook of the City of Perry accept a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant check from Esrone McDaniels, Program Administrator of the Florida Department of Community Affairs. The Council assisted the City with the preparation of the grant application for this project.

## TRANSPORTATION

**T**hrough an interlocal agreement signed by the Florida Department of Transportation, Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization was formed to conduct transportation planning activities in the Gainesville metropolitan area. This coordinated planning program is required in order for the area to receive federal funds for transportation projects.

The Council serves as staff, providing technical and administrative assistance in developing transportation plans and programs. Another major transportation planning activity is the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. This program is required in order for counties to receive state funds for transportation services to low income individuals, elderly individuals, persons with disabilities and children-at-risk.

### **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES**

In the year 2007, a number of transportation planning activities were conducted, including the following.

#### **Transportation Regional Incentive Program**

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program was established by the Florida Department of Transportation to provide funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities. During the past year, the Florida Department of Transportation approved a \$9.1

million Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant application to match \$9.1 million provided by Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida.

This \$18.2 million project will update and construct a traffic management system on regionally significant roads. This system consists of existing traffic signals, traffic control equipment and communication equipment to allow for real time monitoring of the transportation network and the coordination of traffic signals. This grant application was made possible by supporting planning studies prepared by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

#### **University of Florida Health Center Campus Intersection and Roadway Modification**

To address traffic congestion and pedestrian safety on Archer Road (State Road 24) between the Shands Teaching Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Shands at UF Cancer Hospital (currently under construction), the University of Florida has proposed that the section of Archer Road (State Road 24) between Southwest 16th Avenue (State Road 226) and Southwest 13th Street (U.S. Highway 441) be removed from the State Highway System.

As a result, traffic would be rerouted to Southwest 16th Avenue. This section of Archer Road will be converted to a University of Florida campus road that primarily serves vehicles whose destination is the medical campus. This project implements recommendations developed in a *community charrette* conducted by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.



Shands Teaching Hospital at the University of Florida located on Archer Road (State Road 226).

## **Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Study**

Alachua County has received \$6.5 million in Federal funds for a proposed road construction project called the Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector. This project is located just east of Interstate 75 between State Road 26 (Newberry Road) and State Road 24 (Archer Road). The purpose of this project is to construct a north/south road in this area to provide traffic congestion relief to Interstate 75, Southwest 34th Street, Southwest 20th Avenue, Archer Road and Newberry Road.

This project is also being coordinated with significant proposed land use changes within the study area, including the development of a proposed urban village and a proposed development of regional impact called Butler Plaza North. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is responsible for approving one of four road alignments that are currently being considered.

## **TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM**

During the year, the Council continued to serve as the designated official planning agency for nine counties in the region for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area serves as the planning agency for Alachua County.

The Council was nominated to receive the 2007 Planning Agency of the Year Award.

This award recognizes a planning agency that went beyond the scope of their work to implement coordinated transportation.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was nominated to receive the 2007 Rural Community Transportation Coordinator of the Year award. This award recognizes a rural Community Transportation Coordinator who has performed in an outstanding manner for the community and the transportation disadvantaged population.

Mr. Ted Waters, Big Bend Transit, Inc. General Manager, received the 2007 Shelia Winitzer Shining Star Award. This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a long-term role working within the coordinated transportation system, has been successful in implementing programs to assist passengers and has coordinated grassroots support for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.



Ted Waters, Big Bend Transit Administrator, 2007 Shelia Winitzer Shining Star Award recipient.

## COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to the numerous planning and other technical studies prepared under contract with local governments throughout the region, the Council prepared the following materials in the year 2007.

### Regional Programs

- Evaluation Reports on Local Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and other Council review items

### Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program

- Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Update
- Hazards Analysis Updates for Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette and Taylor Counties
- Hazardous Waste Management Summary Reports for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties
- Situation Manual for Santa Fe Community College Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Table Top Exercise
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV Inaugural Hazardous Materials Conference CD-ROM Proceedings

- After Action Report for Alachua County Emergency Operations Center Terrorism Preparedness Exercise

### Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2008-2012
- *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* brochure and map

### Transportation

- Fiscal Years 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program
- Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Planning Work Program
- Annual Report for Regional Transit System Ridership
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects - 2007
- Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated Transportation Development Plans

### General

- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Annual Report
- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Overall Program Design

The Council also provides general planning assistance

and referral services to the public along with the following maps and information resources which are available at reproduction cost.

- Existing and Future Land Use Maps
- Census Information

In 2008, the Council will continue a number of programs started in the year 2007 or earlier, and initiate a number of new projects and activities as follows.

### **Regional Activities**

The Council will review federal grant and loan applications for consistency with area-wide plans.

### **Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs**

The Council will assist with tabletop and full-scale exercises to be conducted by Regional Domestic Security Task Force districts. The Council will help conduct the statewide Drought/Wildfire Summit. The Council will teach classes on the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program.

### **Hazardous Materials**

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will continue to promote training. Hazards analyses will be updated for facilities that handle extremely hazardous substances. The Regional Emergency Response Plan will be updated. The Council will continue to provide staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.

### **Hazardous Waste**

The Council will continue to provide compliance assistance to facilities that generate hazardous waste while inspecting potential generators each year.

### **Hurricane**

The Council will continue to work on the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

### **Economic Development**

The Council will continue to provide assistance to local governments and area development authorities in securing grant funds to accommodate additional industrial and business growth.

### **The Original Florida Tourism Promotion**

The Council will continue to staff this organization in the implementation of its tourism plan.

### **North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc.**

The Council will continue to staff this organization in the implementation of its economic development plan.

### **Local Government Assistance**

#### **Community Development Block Grants**

Applications will be prepared for local governments in the region. Other community development assistance, including administrative services, will be provided as requested.

#### **Local Planning Assistance**

The Council will continue assisting the region's counties and cities in complying with the requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

### **Transportation**

#### **Fiscal Years 2008/2009 to 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Working in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, Council staff will update this five-year funding program of transportation projects for the Gainesville metropolitan area.

#### **Level of Service Studies**

Each year, Council staff update level of service information concerning the amount of traffic congestion on arterial and collector roads in the Gainesville metropolitan area.

#### **Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study**

Council staff will assist in the development of a Feasibility Study for implementing Bus Rapid Transit as part of an integrated multi-modal Bus Rapid Transit System Master Plan for Gainesville and the urbanized areas of Alachua County. This system will connect East Gainesville with downtown, the University of Florida and the Archer Road corridor as part of an integrated regional system.

#### **Transportation Disadvantaged Program**

The Council will continue to provide staff support to the local coordinating boards and technical support to the Community Transportation Coordinators. In 2008, the Council will recommend the designation of several Community Transportation Coordinators.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2006-2007 Revenues

### Sources

<b>Federal</b>			\$	<b>80,129</b>
<b>State</b>				<b>797,857</b>
<b>Local Government Contracts for Planning</b>				<b>659,358</b>
<b>Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area</b>				<b>425,382</b>
<b>North Florida Economic Development Partnership</b>				<b>15,620</b>
<b>The Original Florida Tourism Task Force</b>				<b>161,378</b>
<b>Council Members' Contributions (\$.30 per capita)</b>				<b>115,074</b>
<b>Other</b>				<b>57,844</b>
Interest	\$	26,241		
Miscellaneous		31,603		

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<b>Total Revenues</b>			\$	<b>2,312,642</b>
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## 2006-2007 Expenditures

### Programs

<b>Regional Activities</b>			\$	<b>259,086</b>
General Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination	\$	246,735		
Review Activities		515		
Other Regional		11,836		
<b>Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance</b>				<b>200,514</b>
Hazardous Materials Training and Planning		81,227		
Hazardous Waste Compliance		23,854		
Terrorism Preparedness and Exercises		13,760		
Regional (Hurricane) Evacuation Study		81,673		
<b>Economic Development</b>				<b>287,078</b>
Original Florida Tourism Promotion Program		114,911		
General Economic Development		66,001		
North Florida Economic Development Partnership		15,620		
Other Economic Development		90,546		
<b>Local Technical Assistance</b>				<b>475,528</b>
Community Development Block Grant Administration		78,149		
Comprehensive Planning		375,881		
Other Local		21,498		
<b>Transportation</b>				<b>612,285</b>
Comprehensive Transportation Planning		279,382		
Mass Transit Planning		96,690		
Transportation Disadvantaged Planning		222,109		
Other Transportation		14,104		
<b>Program Development</b>				<b>81,540</b>

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<b>Total Expenditures</b>			\$	<b>1,916,031</b>
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### **WEB PAGES OF INTEREST**

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council: [ncfrpc.org](http://ncfrpc.org)

The Original Florida: [originalflorida.org](http://originalflorida.org)

North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee: [ncflepc.org](http://ncflepc.org)

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