



**North
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Florida
Regional
Planning
Council**

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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During 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 Central Florida 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.

We 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,



Myra Valentine
Chair



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.

According to estimates by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, the population of the region in the year 2008 was 504,105, an increase of 78,516 people over the 1998 estimate of 425,589, representing a 18.4 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 50.1 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: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer from among its ranks.

Council members serve on several standing and ad hoc committees appointed by the Chair. 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: community planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities.

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

ALACHUA

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- Rudolph Parker
- * Charles Maultsby

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Emily Ketring

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- Vacant
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- 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

Dealing 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 uniquely positioned 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 2008, the Council adopted an evaluation and appraisal report on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Florida law requires the Council to prepare an evaluation and appraisal report on the regional plan every five years.

The purpose of the report was 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 determined progress toward attainment of strategic regional policy plan goals. The report did not amend the regional plan. Rather, it will serve as a basis for future regional plan amendments.



Photo courtesy of Original Florida Tourism Task Force

The Big Bend Seagrass Beds are a Natural Resource of Regional Significance 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 2008, the Committee conducted reviews of 169 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
- Local comprehensive plans and plan amendments
- 10-year site plans of major electric utilities
- Environmental Impact Statements
- Local government comprehensive plan evaluation and appraisal reports
- Florida Communities Trust Florida Forever grant applications
- U. S. National Forest land and resource management plans and amendments

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.



Photo courtesy of Columbia County Emergency Management Department

The Council reviewed an emergency U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant application to assist low- to moderate-income families impacted by the March 7, 2008 Lake City tornado.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning

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.

Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team

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.

First Responder Training

The Council staff coordinated a variety of hazardous materials emergency response training classes. In 2008, the Council conducted 19 classes for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A total of 236 emergency responders completed 1,457 hours of training. The Council office served as the home to a "Hazmat Boot Camp" to conduct advanced, hands-on training.

Council staff continued to teach Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program classes. This exercise planning methodology is required for any exercises conducted using either state or federal funds.

Domestic Security

The Council region is divided between Jacksonville and Tallahassee Regional

Domestic Security Task Force regions used for domestic security planning. Council staff was involved in activities in both during 2008.

The Council assisted with a school shooting exercise with the North Florida Regional Domestic Task Force in February. Special Weapon and Tactics (SWAT) teams from Columbia and Suwannee County Sheriffs' Offices practiced for a multi-agency response to quickly neutralize the threat from an active school shooter.

Staff helped plan and conduct the Safe Swamp II terrorism response exercise held at the University of Florida in March. The scenario involved terrorists releasing toxic chemical in the stadium during a Gator football game.

In September 2008, Council staff assisted with a Violent Crimes Summit held by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and the Northeast Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force.



Planning for emergencies at places like the football stadium at the University of Florida takes a coordinated effort among a variety of agencies. The Safe Swamp II exercise conducted in 2008 identified improvements to increase both response capacity and capabilities.

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 2008, a How-to-Comply seminar was held in Lake City.

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 2008, Council staff member Dwayne Mundy won the Silver Medal in Florida's Annual Hazardous Waste Olympics. His team included state and county representatives.

Regional Evacuation Study

In 2008, the Council continued work on a major update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. 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 year, county emergency management staff were asked to provide local expertise on meeting local needs.

This past year, tasks included identifying demographics of populations potentially vulnerable to hurricane hazards. A telephone-based behavioral study was completed to predict when vulnerable citi-

zens 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.

Emergency Management

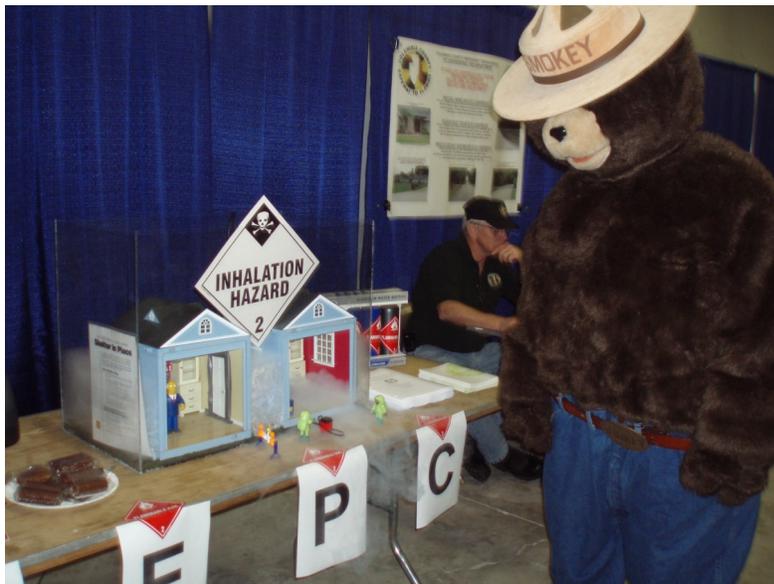
In January 2008, assistance was provided to the Florida Division of Emergency Management with conducting a Drought and Wildfire Summit in Tallahassee. The objectives of this summit included increasing coordination and cooperation among response agencies in the event of another severe wildfire season.

During 2008, information was collected and compiled by the Council to support the development of a five-year Training and Exercise Plan for state and local governments. One goal is to make these ac-

tivities more affordable by combining training and exercises when feasible. A second goal is to help identify priorities so that limited resources do the most to improve the capabilities of responders.

Council staff gave a presentation on regional planning efforts at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV conference. North central Florida continues to be recognized for its innovative regional planning programs.

In April 2008, Council staff helped conduct a video teleconference emergency response exercise. This was a valuable experience in coordinating a multi-county response in a timely and cost effective manner.



The Local Emergency Planning Committee brought its Shelter In-Place demonstration house to the 2008 Columbia County Safety Expo. The house shows staying inside during a chemical release is often safer than being exposed to a higher concentration of the chemical outside.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During 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

In 1978, the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration designated the Council region as an Economic Development District. Since then, the Council has performed as the primary regional economic development planning organization. In 2008, the Council continued to maintain a high level of involvement by providing technical assistance to local governments and development organizations in order to promote the economic growth of the region.

The Council provided staffing services to the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc., the organization formed to coordinate activities for the Governor's third Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. During that time, the Council helped the Partnership complete its first Rural Leadership Academy, an educational resource and networking opportunity for area economic developers and elected officials. Forty current and future leaders attended the series of five workshops, which conducted leadership training exercises and provided an overview of development resources in the region.

During 2008, with Council staff assistance, the Partnership launched a website to promote regional economic devel-

opment efforts. Key features of the website were county profiles and statistics, local contact information, a searchable property database, and promotion of the two Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern catalyst sites in Columbia and Suwannee Counties.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Council staff continued to promote initiatives that support the five regional priorities identified in the Economic Development District's five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which was approved by the U. S. Economic Development Administration in 2007. Those five priorities are: support the catalyst sites for the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; improve infrastructure near I-10 and I-75 inter-

changes; 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*.

In 2008, Council staff continued to make progress on these priorities. Notable activities included working with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc., Enterprise Florida, Inc., and other State agencies, to assist in the ratification of an income distribution methodology for counties and municipalities participating in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern catalyst site project. Staff also assisted in the recertification of the North Central Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern by the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.



The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy identifies high-tech business incubators, such as the U. S. Economic Development Administration funded GTEC business incubator in Gainesville, as a vital component of diversifying the economy of the region.

“The Original Florida” Tourism Development Activities

Council staff continued to work with *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* to maintain its website, organize press familiarization trips, coordinate trade show participation, create proactive publicity campaigns and product collateral materials 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 respective county commissions to oversee and direct the regional tourism promotion effort.

In 2008, the Task Force group received two grants from VISIT FLORIDA’s Cultural Heritage and Nature Tourism grants program. The first was a Marketing grant to conduct a press familiarization trip of the area, and the second was an Image Development grant to augment the tourism photography library of the region.

During the past year, the Task Force conducted two press familiarization tours of the region. The first, titled, “Naturally Romantic,” highlighted romantic destinations from around the area. The second, titled, “Let’s Go Florida Springs Hopping!” provided nature writers an opportunity to explore the wonders of north Florida’s extensive variety of first magnitude springs. The result has been far reaching with several articles about the area published in magazines throughout the country.

The Task Force also hosted an Agritourism workshop for local farmers and tourism professionals. The workshop featured agritourism expert Jane Eckert, who described ways to create profitable farm and ranch based tourism venues in rural north Florida.



Agritourism expert Jane Eckert speaks to area farmers, ranchers, and tourism professionals from around the region about how to make agritourism a profitable endeavor at the “Cultivating Agritourism” workshop.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

During 2008, 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 2008, 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 271 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 109 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments in making 102 land development regulation map and text amendments, 32 land development regulation special exceptions and special permits, 28 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 adopting Public Schools Facility Elements of their comprehensive plans. The element established the new school concurrency requirements mandated by Senate Bill 360.

The Council also assisted 19 counties and municipalities prepare updated Capital Improvement Elements of their comprehensive plans. The annual update is also a require-

ment mandated by Senate Bill 360.

In addition, the Council assisted 2 counties prepare Evaluation and Appraisal Reports of their local government comprehensive plans. These reports evaluated the success of the plans and included recommendations for amendments to update their comprehensive plans.

Finally, the Council assisted Dixie County with the Jena Waterfront Community Project. This project developed plans to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the waterfront community by providing guidance for the revitalization of the area.



The Jena Waterfront Community Project in Dixie County addressed the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life in the waterfront community.

Community Development Block Grants

The Council assisted local governments in assessing their community development needs in 2008. 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 2008.

Emergency Set-aside

City of Lake City - \$1,483,365

The Council continued to provide administrative assistance on current projects for Lake City and Perry. In addition, the Council initiated administrative assistance for a new project in Lake City.

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program

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

Park Development

City of Lake City - \$200,000



The City of Lake City used Community Development Block Grant funds to construct a deceleration lane and sanitary sewer lift station to enable a Target/SuperValu Logistics regional distribution warehouse to locate in the city and create jobs for low- and moderate-income residents.

TRANSPORTATION

Through 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 2008, a number of transportation planning activities were conducted, including the following.

MTPO Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

In 2008, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization selected The Renaissance Planning Group to assist in updating the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. This planning effort will take all of calen-

dar years 2009 and 2010 to complete and will result in updated transportation project priorities through the Year 2035.

Interstate 75 Master Plan

In 2008, the Florida Department of Transportation initiated the Interstate 75 Master Plan. The study area includes Alachua, Columbia, Suwannee and Hamilton Counties. The purpose of this study is to improve travel along this portion of Interstate 75 by identifying potential modifications that are needed through the Year 2035.

The Master Plan is being developed in three phases. Phase 1 is concerned with the number, type and configuration of the interstate travel lanes. Phase 2 studies the interchanges, including changes that are needed to existing interchanges and where new interchanges may be needed in the future. Phase 3 develops

the recommended plan by combining the preferred alternatives of Phases 1 and 2.

Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Study

Federal legislation identified the need for an improved north-south corridor between State Road 24 (Archer Road) and State Road 26 (Newberry Road) along Interstate 75. This improved corridor is intended to provide traffic congestion relief to Interstate 75, Southwest 34th Street, Southwest 20th Avenue, Archer Road and Newberry Road. This project is 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, Butler Plaza North.



The Florida Department of Transportation initiated the Interstate 75 Master Plan in 2008 to identify potential modifications needed through the Year 2035.

During 2008, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved a specific alignment for extending Southwest 62nd Boulevard south of Southwest 20th Avenue to Archer Road. This approved alignment parallels Interstate 75 immediately south of Southwest 20th Avenue and connects to State Road 24 (Archer Road at Southwest 37th Boulevard).

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 2008 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 River Economic Council was nominated to receive the 2008 William G. Bell Award recognizing a long-term leadership role in advocating for transportation issues and an interest in improving the accessibility of transportation services. The Rural Community Transportation Coordinator of the Year award recognizes a rural coordinator who has performed in an outstanding manner for the community and the transportation disadvantaged population.



MV Transportation, Inc. serves as the community transportation coordinator and service provider for the transportation disadvantaged program in Alachua County.

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 2008.

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, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV Hazardous Materials Conference Proceedings
- After Action Report for Alachua County Emergency Operations Center Terrorism Preparedness Video Teleconference Exercise

- After Action Report for Regional Domestic Security Task Force School Shooting Full-Scale Exercise

Transportation

- Fiscal Years 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
- Fiscal Year 2009 Unified Planning Work Program
- Annual Report for Regional Transit System Ridership
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects - 2009
- 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 2009, the Council will continue a number of programs started in the year 2008 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 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.

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 2009/2010 to 2013/2014 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.

Long Range Transportation Plans

Council staff will assist in the updating of the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area to result in updated transportation project priorities through the Year 2035.

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 2009.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2007-2008 Revenues

Sources

Federal			\$	85,934
State				485,001
Local Government Contracts for Planning				747,197
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area				431,543
North Florida Economic Development Partnership				72,447
The Original Florida Tourism Task Force				110,424
Council Members' Contributions (\$.30 per capita)				115,339
Other				35,584
Interest	\$	17,239		
Miscellaneous		18,345		

Total Revenues			\$	2,083,469
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2007-2008 Expenditures

Programs

Regional Activities			\$	286,097
General Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination	\$	234,662		
Review Activities		41,512		
Other Regional		9,923		
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance				258,787
Hazardous Materials Training and Planning		78,270		
Hazardous Waste Compliance		57,685		
Terrorism Preparedness and Exercises		65,462		
Regional (Hurricane) Evacuation Study		57,370		
Economic Development				283,475
Original Florida Tourism Promotion Program		88,774		
General Economic Development		78,965		
North Florida Economic Development Partnership		72,447		
Other Economic Development		43,289		
Local Technical Assistance				488,016
Community Development Block Grant Administration		107,454		
Comprehensive Planning		363,012		
Other Local		17,550		
Transportation				541,936
Comprehensive Transportation Planning		229,942		
Mass Transit Planning		133,597		
Transportation Disadvantaged Planning		174,642		
Other Transportation		3,755		
Program Development				76,313

Total Expenditures			\$	1,934,624
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