



**North  
Central  
Florida  
Regional  
Planning  
Council**

**2009 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 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 continued to provide 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 citizens of the region. 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 and a large number of clear turquoise springs.

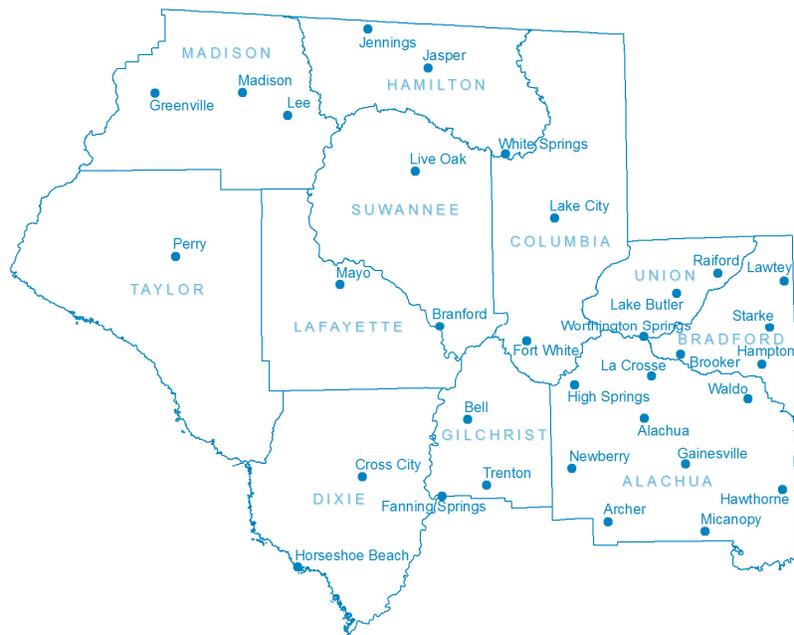
According to estimates by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, the population of the region in the year 2009 was 507,609, an increase of 73,081 people over the 1999 estimate of 434,528, representing a 16.8 percent increase for the past ten years.

The economic base of the region 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 50.5 percent of the total population of the region.



North Central Florida Region

North Central Florida Counties and Municipalities



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.

The Council meets monthly. At its May meeting, the Council adopts the annual work program and budget. 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. The purpose of these various committees is to advise the Council on administrative and programmatic matters, including 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 variety of services to benefit its local governments. These services 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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***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

**D**ealing with issues of growth provides 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 2009, the Council prepared Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Florida law requires the Council to update the regional plan every five years.

The purpose of the update process is to evaluate the successes and failures of the regional plan and to identify possible amendments, revisions or updates to the plan based on the evaluation. Based upon an evaluation and appraisal report adopted by the Council in 2008, amendments to the regional plan were prepared.



Photo courtesy of Bill Kilborn

Trails such as the Nature Coast Bike Trail are identified as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

## Review Activities

One of the ways the Council implements the regional plan is through its review responsibilities. The Governor has designated the Council as the areawide clearinghouse for all federally-funded projects that affect the region, and 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 2009, the Committee conducted reviews of 149 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
- 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.



The California Swamp in Dixie County is a Natural Resource of Regional Significance which is identified and mapped in the regional plan. In 2009, the Council reviewed local government comprehensive plan amendments to determine their impact to Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

**D**uring 2009, the Council continued working on ongoing public safety and regulatory compliance activities and also started some new projects.

### 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 was updated in 2009.

### 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 purchase, equip and deploy four hazmat response trailers in service in primarily rural areas. The Team provided training using a fifth training trailer which allowed local

delivery of advanced hazardous materials training.

### First Responder Training

The Council staff coordinated hazardous materials emergency response training classes. In 2009, the Council conducted 20 classes for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A total of 328 emergency responders completed 2,787 hours of 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. Staff also taught classes on Modeling Chemical Releases, Explosions and Fires, as well as on Hurricane Evacuation and Re-entry.

### Domestic Security

The Council region is divided between Jacksonville and Tallahassee Regional Domestic Security Task Force regions used for domestic security planning.

In 2009, projects included assisting with a homeland security assessment of a football stadium as part of a Regional Domestic Security Task Force. Staff started work on the updates on Tactical Interoperable Communications plans for the north and northeast Regional Domestic Security Task Forces.

Council staff was selected as the Chief Evaluator for a week long tactical interoperable communications exercise to be held at Camp Blanding in February 2010. Council Staff prepared an evaluation plan and helped recruit evaluators.



The North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team supported the Hamilton County response to a major hazardous materials release that closed both northbound and southbound lanes on I-75 for eight hours in September 2009.

## 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.

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 waste in a cost efficient manner.

During 2009, Council staff member Dwayne Mundy won the Bronze Medal at Florida's Annual Hazardous Waste Olympics.

## Regional Evacuation Study

In 2009, 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 2009, a behavioral survey was completed. The survey will help emergency management know how the residents of each county may react when they are asked to evacuate from a hurricane. Items predicted include the destination -- public shelter, hotel, friend or relative or out-of-county. The survey also predicted what percentage of the vulnerable population would evacuate once an evacuation order is given.

The transportation network

was also completed. For the first time, emergency management in the north central Florida region will be able to estimate the timing and volume of traffic impacts that could evacuate out from Tampa Bay or Jacksonville. This is important for two reasons. First, we need to know how this impacts the clearance time for our coastal counties. Secondly, it helps inland counties predict traffic problems and the number of evacuees looking for shelters.

## Emergency Management

During 2009, 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 activities more affordable by combining training and exercises from different agencies when feasible. A second goal is to help identify priorities so that limited resources are focused where

they can achieve the greatest improvements to critical tasks.

Council staff served as Lead Evaluator for the 2009 Statewide Hurricane Exercise. The evaluation team consisted primarily of staff from regional planning councils around the state. The Lead Evaluator was responsible for combining individual evaluations into a unified report consistent with Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program methodology and format. An Improvement Plan Matrix was developed which included specific tasks to improve operation in the future.

In December 2009, Council staff helped conduct a video teleconference emergency response exercise. This was a valuable experience in coordinating a county response with the State Emergency Operations Center in a timely and cost effective manner.



Council staff served as the lead evaluator during the June 2009 Statewide Hurricane Exercise held at the State Operations Center in Tallahassee. The recommendations compiled during the exercise were used to improve State response to future events.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**D**uring the past year, the Council continued working on ongoing economic development planning and implementation, 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 2009, 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.

### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The Council 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 interchanges; create a strategy to increase labor force in healthcare and life science industries; expand and support regional business incubators and research parks; and support *The*

*Original Florida Tourism Task Force.*

In 2009, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee proposed a number of amendments to the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for consideration by the Council. These amendments were designed to highlight a number of priorities in the region and to position priority projects to qualify for federal funding when available.

The Council worked to make progress on the five regional priorities identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Council continued to support the development of the two regional catalyst sites in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern through participation on the North Florida Economic Development Partnership's Board of Directors. The Coun-

cil provided technical assistance to Santa Fe College in preparation of the College's application to the U. S. Economic Development Administration for a construction grant to complete the final phase of the Perry Center for Emerging Technologies in the City of Alachua. The Council also assisted the City of Newberry in their successful application to the U. S. Economic Development Administration for a \$2.1 million Economic Assistance grant to fund water and sewer infrastructure improvements.



The Perry Center for Emerging Technologies in the City of Alachua will serve as the hub for the new Clinical Laboratory Sciences Bachelor and Biotechnology Associate Degree programs at Santa Fe College. The Center will assist to fulfill the regional priority of increasing the labor force in the healthcare and life sciences professions.

## “The Original Florida” Tourism Development Activities

*The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* promotes the development of rural tourism across a 12-county region in north central Florida. The Task Force is comprised of representatives from each of the participating counties who are appointed by respective county commissions to support and direct the regional tourism promotion effort. The Council continued to work with *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* to upgrade and maintain its website, organize press familiarization trips, coordinate trade show participation, create proactive publicity campaigns and produce collateral materials to meet the goals of its marketing plan.

In 2009, the Task Force, assisted by the Council, successfully applied for and was awarded two grants from VISIT FLORIDA’s Cultural Heritage and Nature Tourism grants program. The first was a Marketing grant to conduct an equestrian theme press familiarization tour of the area, and the second was an Image Development grant to augment the regional tourism photography library with photographs of equestrian events and facilities in the region.

During the past year, the Task Force conducted two press familiarization tours of the region which expose outdoor and travel writers to the amenities that the region has to offer. The first tour highlighted the recently updated “Hidden Treasures of Natural North

Florida” geocaching trail, which is a series of hidden caches designed to get “treasure hunters” to discover areas of the region that they might not otherwise visit. The second tour highlighted the numerous canoe and kayaking opportunities in the region, beginning with the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and concluding with the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. These tours provide journalists with a personal experience in which to write, report, publish or post. The impact of these tours is far-reaching as the participating journalists continue to publish articles about Natural North Florida for months after the tours have concluded in magazines, newspapers and internet blogs.

The Task Force also hosted a “Horse Camping”

workshop for area farmers whose properties are located near equestrian trail heads. The purpose of the workshop was to show participants how to generate additional revenue from their farms by providing overnight facilities to the growing numbers of traveling equestrian tourists. The workshop was held at the Black Prong Equestrian Center at the Goethe State Forest located in Levy County and featured speakers from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension Service, the Florida Division of Forestry, the Suwannee River Water Management District, VISIT FLORIDA and *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*.



Equestrian Beryl Bayer addresses local farmers at the Original Florida “Horse Camping” workshop at the Black Prong Equestrian Center in the Goethe State Forest located in Levy County. Creating horse friendly camping facilities attracts the traveling equestrian community to the region, thereby creating more tourism related jobs.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**D**uring 2009, 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 2009, 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, and concurrency assessments of plats and site and development plans.

In particular, the Council assisted eight counties and eight municipalities process 159 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 42 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments in making 90 land development regulation map and text amendments, 17 land development regulation

special exceptions and special permits, ten concurrency assessments for plats, variances, nonconforming use changes, 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 assisted four counties and one municipality prepare Evaluation and Appraisal Reports of their local government comprehensive plans pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act. These reports evaluated the success of the plans and included recommendations for amendments to update their comprehensive plans.



The Council provided assistance to Lafayette County and several other local governments in preparing Evaluation and Appraisal Reports of their comprehensive plans pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

## **Community Development Block Grants**

The Council assisted local governments in assessing their community development needs in 2009. 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 2009.

### Neighborhood Revitalization

City of Live Oak - \$700,000

City of Madison - \$700,000

### Housing

Bradford County - \$750,000

The Council continued to provide administrative assistance on two current projects for Lake City and a current project in Perry.

## **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program**

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

### Park Development

Bradford County - \$200,000

Lincoln City Recreation Park

Bradford County - \$155,000

Speedville Recreation Park



The City of Lake City used Community Development Block Grant funds to demolish uninhabitable substandard housing and provide new replacement housing for low- and moderate-income residents.

## 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 for the Gainesville Urbanized Area 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

In 2009, a number of transportation planning activities were conducted, which included the following.

#### Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

In 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area approved a vision statement, goals and objectives to guide the planning process in calendar year 2010 to update the community's long

range transportation plan. Also during 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's consultant continued work on updating the transportation computer model for the area that will be used to forecast future (Year 2035) traffic conditions.

In calendar year 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will use the updated model to test and evaluate future highway and transit networks that include bus rapid transit and streetcar. Based upon the results of the Year 2035 traffic assignments, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will update long range transportation project priorities for the Gainesville metropolitan area.

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

In February 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area approved highway and transit priorities for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 projects for the Gainesville metropolitan area. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was a job creation and economic stimulus package enacted in 2009 by the 111th United States Congress. In 2009, Alachua County received a total of \$8.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.



The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, in cooperation with the Regional Transit System in Gainesville, developed plans to evaluate the feasibility of bus rapid transit service.

## Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Interim Projects

During 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area reviewed plans for three interim projects as part of the Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Project. Two projects consist of intersection modifications on Southwest 20th Avenue at Southwest 43rd Street and Southwest 40th Boulevard at Archer Road.

The third project is the Southwest 20th Avenue Smart Bus Bay. This project is an off-street bus bay on both sides of Southwest 20th Avenue. The Smart Bus Bay includes a pedestrian crossing and a traffic signal that will “turn red” to allow buses to safely and quickly reenter Southwest 20th Avenue. When actuated, this traffic signal will also allow pedestrians to safely cross Southwest 20th Avenue.

## TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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

The Council was nominated to receive the 2009 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, Inc., the community transportation coordinator for Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette Counties, was awarded the 2009 Rural Community Transportation Coordinator of the Year award. 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.



Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette Counties, provided transportation to a congregate meal site in Trenton.

## COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to the planning and other technical studies prepared under contract with local governments throughout the region, the Council prepared the following materials in the year 2009.

### Regional

- Evaluation Reports on Local Comprehensive Plans and other Council review items

### Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

- 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 and Union Counties
- After Action Report for Video Teleconference Emergency Response Exercise
- After Action Report for the State Hurricane Evacuation Exercise
- Demographics, hazards and behavioral analysis chapters for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study

### Transportation

- Fiscal Years 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program
- Annual Report for Regional Transit System Ridership
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area List of Priority Projects - 2010
- 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 the cost of reproduction.

- Existing and Future Land Use Maps
- Census Information

In 2010, the Council will continue programs started in 2009 or earlier, and initiate new projects and activities, as follows.

### REGIONAL

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

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

#### Homeland Security

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.

Tactical interoperable communications plans will be developed and exercised. Council staff will serve as Chief Evaluator at the Statewide Interoperable Communications drill being held at Camp Blanding.

#### 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 complete 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 industrial and business growth.

#### The Original Florida Tourism Promotion

The Council will continue to staff *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* 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 2011 to 2015 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 Study

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

#### Long Range Transportation Plan

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

The Council will continue to provide staff support to the local coordinating boards and technical support to the Community Transportation Coordinators.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2008-09 Revenues

### Sources

Federal		\$	113,441
State			405,463
Local Government Contracts for Planning			549,354
Other Contracts			174,756
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area			530,514
The Original Florida Tourism Task Force			86,684
Council Members' Contributions (\$.30 per capita)			116,543
Other Revenue			9,890
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Total Revenues		\$	1,986,645

## 2008-09 Expenditures

### Programs

Regional		\$	216,290
General Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination	\$	170,553	
Review Activities		35,737	
Other Regional		10,000	
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance			254,456
Hazardous Materials Training and Planning		87,020	
Hazardous Waste Compliance		53,047	
Terrorism Preparedness and Exercises		23,045	
Regional (Hurricane) Evacuation Study		68,678	
Statewide Hurricane Preparedness Exercise		22,666	
Economic Development			271,298
Original Florida Tourism Promotion		107,220	
General Economic Development		76,652	
Other Economic Development		87,426	
Local Technical Assistance			514,795
Community Development Block Grant Administration		156,940	
Comprehensive Planning		350,000	
Other Local		7,855	
Transportation			643,838
Metropolitan Transportation Planning		279,586	
Mass Transit Planning		167,827	
Transportation Disadvantaged Planning		180,194	
Other Transportation		16,231	
Program Development			72,314
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Total Expenditures		\$	1,972,991

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The Original Florida Tourism Task Force: **naturalnorthflorida.com**

North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee: **ncflepc.org**

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