

# **2010 ANNUAL REPORT**



**North  
Central  
Florida  
Regional  
Planning  
Council**

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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,



Louie Davis  
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 the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of the region in the year 2010 was 499,297, an increase of 63,853 persons over the 2000 population of 435,444 representing a 14.7 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 49.5 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.

### ALACHUA COUNTY

- Susan Baird
- Mike Byerly
- \* Thomas Collett
- Paula DeLaney
- \* Eddie Martin
- Lee Pinkoson
- \* Vacant
- \* Vacant
- \* Vacant
- \* Vacant

### Alachua

Ben Boukari, Jr.

### Archer

Frank Ogborn

### Gainesville

- Thomas Hawkins
- Scherwin Henry
- Warren Nielsen
- Lauren Poe
- Randy Wells

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Eleanor Randall

### High Springs

Byran Williams

### Newberry

Harry Nichols

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Louie Davis

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- Daniel Riddick

### Starke

Carolyn Spooner

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

- Stephen Bailey
- Rusty DePratter
- \* James Montgomery

### Lake City

Stephen Witt

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- Jason Holifield
- \* Lorene Thomas

### GILCHRIST COUNTY

- \* David Biddle
- Kenrick Thomas

### HAMILTON COUNTY

- Ronny Morgan
- \* Charles Williams

### Jasper

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- \* Adeniyi Aderibigbe
- Donnie Hamlin

### MADISON COUNTY

- Roy Ellis
- \* Mike Williams

### City of Madison

Myra Valentine

### SUWANNEE COUNTY

- \* Sandra Haas
- Wesley Wainwright

### Live Oak

Garth Nobles, Jr.

### TAYLOR COUNTY

- \* Charles Maultsby
- Mark Wiggins

### Perry

Alphonso Dowdell

### UNION COUNTY

- \* Andrew Smith
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- Vacant, Florida Department of Transportation
- Vacant, 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

**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 2010, the Council approved proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan for distribution and review by state and regional agencies. The Regional Plan-

ning Committee of the Council revised the proposed amendments based on comments received from state and regional review agencies.

Also during 2010, the Council reviewed and prepared an assessment report on the SantaFe Village Development of Regional Impact Substantial Deviation. The Council report was forwarded for consideration by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in the preparation of a local government development order for the project.

Council staff also held a pre-application conference for a Master Development of Regional Impact located in Taylor County.



Members of the Ichetucknee Springs Working Group toured a dry sink in Columbia County with direct connection to Ichetucknee Springs, a Natural Resource 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 area-wide clearinghouse for all federally-funded projects that affect the region, and other review activities undertaken as a result of state legislation. The Council's Clearinghouse Committee is responsible for overseeing these review activities. In the year 2010, the Committee conducted reviews of 118 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
- U. S. National Forest land and resource management plans and amendments

The Clearinghouse Committee reviewed 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.



Hart Springs in Gilchrist County is identified as a Natural Resource of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. In 2010, 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 2010, the Council continued working on ongoing public safety and regulatory compliance activities and also started several new projects.

### Local Emergency Planning Committee

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 2010.

During 2010, the Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted a table top exercise of its plan. In a table top exercise, facility staff and fire department personnel sit at a table and discuss what actions they would take to manage a given situation. The scenario involved an anhydrous ammonia leak at a refrigerated warehouse. Between each module, groups report on their priorities.

During the first module, facility staff discovered the leak and made emergency notifications. During the second module, facility staff worked with fire department personnel to establish an incident command structure. The final module added regional hazmat team responders.

Safely disposing of compact fluorescent lamps was the theme for the 2010 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

### Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team

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

Suwannee County joined the Team this year and was presented with a response trailer. A decontamination trailer was also moved to Gilchrist County Fire Rescue. The Team continued using a training trailer which allowed local delivery of advanced hazardous materials training.

Other Team members include Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie and Union Counties as well as the following cities: Gainesville, Lake City and Starke. In 2010, Lafayette County began the process of joining the Team.

### First Responder Training

Council staff coordinated hazardous materials emergency response training classes. In 2010, the Council conducted 12 classes for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A total of 197 emergency responders completed 4,580 hours of training. This is an increase of 65 percent in the number of training hours from the previous year.

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. Council staff assisted with teaching Hurricane Evacuation and Re-Entry at the Governors Hurricane Conference. Council staff also assisted with a Special Weapons and Tactics drill at Camp Blanding.



In 2010, the Council assisted with a two-day domestic security training exercise at Camp Blanding.

## Emergency Management

Council staff served as the Chief Evaluator for “Operation Radar,” a week-long, statewide communications training exercise held at Camp Blanding in 2010. Council staff prepared an evaluation plan, recruited evaluators from other regional planning councils and prepared the After Action Report.

In 2010, Council staff assisted with the updates on Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans for the North and Northeast Regional Domestic Security Task Forces. The Council region is divided between Jacksonville (Northeast) and Tallahassee (North) Regional Domestic Security Task Force regions used for regional domestic security planning.

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

At the request of the Smithsonian Institution, Council staff helped review a training plan to help increase hazardous waste and materials safety in the country of India. The plan was similar to programs implemented by the Council approximately 20 years ago.

## Regional Evacuation Study

In 2010, the Council completed a major update of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. This study is a valuable tool to be used for helping make critical public safety decisions. Taylor County has the largest potential hurricane storm surge in Florida at 38.5 feet above sea level. This is based on updated coastal elevation data and a refined grid for calculating potential surge height for over 16,000 different storms.

Each of the eleven regional planning councils in Florida collected data, analyzed it and produced the final study. Volume 1 of the Study is the Technical Data Report which includes an analysis of hazards, vulnerabilities, behavior, evacuation routes, clearance times, critical facilities and shelters.

Volumes 2 and 3 of the Study are Behavioral Analyses indicating when people will evacuate and where they will go. Volumes 4 and 5 of the Study are the Evacuation Transportation Analysis and the Supplemental Data Report, which detail the analysis, methodologies and inputs and outputs of the transportation model runs. Additional volumes include a Storm Tide Atlas for each county, an Emergency Managers Toolkit as well as a volume on transportation modeling documentation.

Use of the transportation evacuation modeling computer program will allow the Council to estimate the impacts of various changes to the evacuation process. For example, predictions can be made concerning local impacts on the roads and shelters in the region from a major hurricane making landfall in Jacksonville or Tampa Bay.



Filming for part of the 2010 update to the Florida Hazardous Materials Operations Level training package took place at the Council office.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The economic development program of the Council strives to promote sustainable, long-term economic prosperity in the region by conducting comprehensive economic development planning, assisting local governments and economic development organizations with implementation activities and by promoting the region's tourism opportunities as a means of economic development.

### 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. The Council continued to maintain a high level of involvement in 2010 by providing technical assistance to local governments and development organizations in order to promote sustainable economic growth of the region.

### 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 two Rural Economic Development

Initiative Catalyst Sites in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; promote regional tourism through *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*; create strategies to increase the labor force in the healthcare and life science industries; seek opportunities to improve the region's multimodal infrastructure; and expand and support regional business incubators and research parks.

In 2010, the Council adopted amendments to the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. These amendments were designed to focus the priority projects of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy on the current needs and opportunities in the region, and to position priority projects to qualify for federal funding if available.

In 2010, the Council was awarded a grant from the U. S. Department of Commerce Eco-

nomics Development Administration to conduct a disaster resiliency study in order to prepare the region to rebound economically from future natural disasters and to aid in a more rapid recovery effort. The study is designed to identify concentrations of housing, businesses, and critical infrastructures that may be located in hurricane/flood prone areas, allowing users to plan ahead and make more informed decisions.

The study is also designed to provide an economic analysis of the effects of a catastrophic event, evaluating the negative impacts (loss of employment, population and tax base) as well as potential positive impacts (spending on cleanup activities, reconstruction and the influx of federal funds) and the associated ripple effects across the region.



In 2010, federal, university and local officials broke ground for the Innovation Hub at University of Florida that will serve as the cornerstone of Innovation Square in downtown Gainesville. The Innovation Hub is a priority project in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of the region.

## Tourism Development Activities - The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

In many rural communities, tourism is often the primary source of economic development. *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* promotes the development of nature, culture and heritage-based tourism across Natural North Florida, a 12-county region in north central Florida.

The Task Force is comprised of representatives from each of the participating counties, appointed by respective county commissions, to support and direct the regional tourism development effort. Since 1993, the Council has provided staffing services for the Task Force.

Council staff assists the Task Force in upgrading and maintaining the VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com website, organizing a regional press familiarization trips, coordinating consumer travel show participation, creating proactive publicity campaigns, and producing collateral materials to meet the goals of the Task Force marketing plan.

In 2010, the Task Force, with technical assistance from Council staff, successfully applied for and was awarded a Rural Regional Development Grant from the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development. This grant provided funds to implement the Task Force's marketing plan in order to build capacity in the rural communities within the region, thus fostering additional economic development opportunities.

During the year, the Task Force hosted outdoor and travel writers on two themed press familiarization tours in the region to educate the writers about the numerous tourism related amenities that the region has to offer. While each tour followed a specific theme, along the way the writers were also exposed to other local attractions as well, provided a broad image of the region.

These tours provide journalists with a personal experience in which to write, report, publish or post. The stories and articles published by the writers after participating in these familiarization tours have proven to be a valuable tool in the promotion of the region as an alternative travel destination in the state, and the impact of these tours has far-reaching effect 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 first 2010 tour highlighted the recently created Natural North Florida Equestrian Trail, which is a series of equestrian trails and venues located throughout the region. Stops on the tour included the Mill Creek Horse Retirement Farm, Black Prong Equestrian Center, R. O. Ranch Equestrian Center, Honey Lake Plantation and culminated in a visit to the Red Hills Horse Trials, an Olympic qualifying event facility.

The second tour held in 2010 was designed to help combat the negative perceptions of the Florida Gulf Coast seafood industry that have persisted since the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The writers were shown how various kinds of gulf seafood is harvested, educated on Florida's water quality and safety testing programs and treated to some of the finest seafood cuisine that the Big Bend region of the Gulf has to offer.



In 2010, Leslie Sturmer of Florida Sea Grant discusses clam farming from incubation to harvest and the rigors of the clamming industry with travel writer Rose Derkay during the Florida Gulf Coast Seafood industry-themed familiarization tour.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**D**uring 2010, 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 2010, 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 107 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 33 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments in making 48 land development regulation map and text amendments, 15 land development regulation

special exceptions and special permits, 11 concurrency assessments for plats, variances, nonconforming use changes, development orders and site and development plans.

The Council assisted counties and municipalities 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 three municipalities 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 the City of Lake City 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 2010. 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 2010.

### Housing

Bradford County - \$750,000  
Columbia County - \$750,000

### Emergency Set-Aside

Bradford County - \$800,000

The Council continued to provide administrative assistance on two current projects for Lake City, a current project in Perry and initiated administrative assistance on new projects in Live Oak and Madison.

## **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



Community Development Block Grant funds were used by the City of Madison to replace a sanitary sewer lift station to address public health needs in a low- to moderate-income neighborhood.

## TRANSPORTATION

**T**hrough an interlocal agreement entered into 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 continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning activities in the Gainesville metropolitan area. This planning program is required in order for the area to receive federal funds for transportation projects.

The Council serves as staff for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, 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 2010, a number of transportation planning activities were conducted, which included the following.

#### Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

In 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville

Urbanized Area used an updated transportation model to test and evaluate future highway and transit networks that included a bus rapid transit system and a streetcar system. Based upon the results of the Year 2035 traffic assignments, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area updated long range transportation project priorities for the Gainesville metropolitan area. This included priorities for the following different types of transportation projects - bicycle, intelligent transportation system, roadway, pedestrian and transit. The transit portion of the long range plan supports the efforts of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to implement a bus rapid transit system in the Gainesville metropolitan area.

#### Future Land Use and Transportation Scenarios to Mitigate the Effects of “Peak Oil”

As part of the update of the *Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan*, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area tested and evaluated the effects of a decline in oil production over the next 25 years. In particular, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area tested peak oil production and decline variables to determine potential future transportation and land use scenarios necessary to mitigate local effects. As a result of testing these scenarios, the *Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan* supports efforts to link transpor-



In 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area assigned a high priority to the construction of a bus rapid transit system in the *Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan*.

tation and land use strategies to reduce vehicle miles of travel, such as encouraging more compact urban forms and transit-oriented developments.

### **State Road 226 (S.E. 16th Avenue) Scoping Alternatives**

In 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area approved scoping plans for the State Road 226 (S.E. 16th Avenue) project from Main Street east to Williston Road.

The approved plan includes major intersection modifications at both Main Street and State Road 331 (Williston Road) and has a total estimated cost of \$2.2 million. This project was recently approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area as the number one State Highway System roadway project priority in the *Year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan*.

### **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 2010 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, and A & A Transport, the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County, were nominated for the 2010 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.



Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program coordinated over 700,000 trips for disadvantaged residents in the region in 2010.

## 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 2010.

### Regional

- Evaluation Reports on Local Comprehensive Plan Amendments 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
- Exercise Evaluation Plan and After Action Report for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Exercise "Operation Radar."
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Study for the North Central Florida Region

### Transportation

- Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program
- Fiscal Years 2012-2016 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area List of Priority Projects
- Annual Report for Regional Transit System Ridership
- Annual Multimodal Level of Service Report for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area
- 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 2011, the Council will continue programs started in 2010 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 exercised and updated.

**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 assist with training on using the State-wide 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 2012 to 2016 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.

**Transportation Disadvantaged**

The Council will continue to provide staff support to the local coordinating boards and technical support to the Community Transportation Coordinators in 2011.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2009-10 Revenues

### Sources

Federal		\$	143,630
State			390,393
Local Government Contracts for Planning			463,809
Other Contracts			181,071
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area			554,780
The Original Florida Tourism Task Force			84,821
Council Members' Contributions (\$.30 per capita)			118,950
Other Revenues			20,883
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Total Revenues		\$	1,958,337

## 2009-10 Expenditures

### Programs

Regional		\$	218,593
General Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination	\$	156,655	
Review Activities		43,353	
Other Regional		18,585	
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance			267,023
Hazardous Materials Training and Planning		83,474	
Hazardous Waste Compliance		52,417	
Terrorism Preparedness and Exercises		62,383	
Regional (Hurricane) Evacuation Study		68,749	
Economic Development			257,456
Original Florida Tourism Promotion		132,205	
General Economic Development		54,078	
Regional Disaster Economic Resiliency Study		59,291	
Other Economic Development		11,882	
Local Technical Assistance			418,090
Community Development Block Grant Administration		105,658	
Comprehensive Planning		306,972	
Other Local		5,460	
Transportation			705,442
Comprehensive Transportation Planning		366,870	
Mass Transit Planning		155,580	
Transportation Disadvantaged Planning		177,186	
Other Transportation		5,806	
Program Development			39,771
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Total Expenditures		\$	1,906,375

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