

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

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**2006 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## LETTER TO OUR CITIZENS

This past year has been a year of transition for the Council with the retirement of Charles Justice, who served as our executive director for 33 years. He provided many years of outstanding service that greatly enhanced the quality of life throughout the north central Florida region.

Following a national search, the Council selected Scott Koons to be our new executive director. Mr. Koons has been employed by the Council for 30 years in various capacities of increasing responsibility, and most recently as our assistant executive director. We are confident that he will provide the executive leadership to help us build upon the Council's traditional role of supporting local governments, implementing the regional responsibilities of the state's growth management laws and helping to expand the region's economy.

During this past year of transition, 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 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.

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

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

Sincerely,



Lorene J. Thomas  
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.

Much of the region is sparsely populated although this is changing as people from other parts of the world, nation and Florida are discovering the amenities of north Florida living. According to estimates by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, the population of the region in the year 2006 was 485,937, an increase of 78,840 people over the 1996 estimate of 407,097, representing a 19.4% increase for the past ten years.

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



North Central Florida Region

North Central Florida Counties



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

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

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

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

**ALACHUA COUNTY**

- Mike Byerly
- Paula DeLaney
- \* Eddie Martin
- \* Gerald O'Neil
- \* James Painter
- Lee Pinkoson
- \* Frank Urban
- Vacant

**ALACHUA**

- Gib Coerper

**ARCHER**

- Paul Alcantar

**GAINESVILLE**

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

**HAWTHORNE**

- John Martin

**HIGH SPRINGS**

- Kirk Eppenstein

**NEWBERRY**

- John Glanzer

**WALDO**

- Louie Davis

**BRADFORD COUNTY**

- John Hersey
- \* David Dodge

**STARKE**

- Carolyn Spooner

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

- \* Dixie Donovan
- Vacant
- Vacant

**LAKE CITY**

- Stephen M. Witt

**DIXIE COUNTY**

- Buddy Lamb
- \* Lorene Thomas

**GILCHRIST COUNTY**

- Vacant
- \* Vacant

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

- \* Martha Butler
- Lewis Vaughn

**JASPER**

- Matthew Hawkins

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

- Donnie Hamlin
- \* Heather Neill

**MADISON COUNTY**

- Roy Ellis
- \* Tracy Reeves

**CITY OF MADISON**

- Myra Valentine

**SUWANNEE COUNTY**

- \* Sandra Haas
- Randy Hatch

**LIVE OAK**

- Garth "Sonny" Nobles, Jr.

**TAYLOR COUNTY**

- \* Charles Maultsby
- Rudolph Parker

**PERRY**

- Emily Ketring

**UNION COUNTY**

- Melaine "Red" Clyatt
- \* Andrew Smith

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**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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

***Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens, by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.***

## REGIONAL PROGRAMS

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

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

### **Growth Management**

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

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

### **Fiscal Impact Analysis Model**

During 2006, the Council participated in the statewide introduction of the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model. The model is intended to determine the financial feasibility of comprehensive plans as well as the fiscal impact of comprehensive plan amendments.

The Council conducted a series of training sessions to introduce the model to local government staff. As a result of the training sessions, a users group was formed to assist north central Florida local governments using the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model. Finally, the Council prepared comprehensive plan analyses for two local governments using the model.



The Suwannee River is designated as a regionally significant natural resource in the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

## Review Activities

One of the ways the Council implements the regional plan is through its several review responsibilities. The Governor has designated the Council as the areawide clearinghouse for all federally-funded projects that affect the region, and several other review activities are undertaken as a result of state legislation. The Council's Clearinghouse Committee is responsible for overseeing these review activities. In the year 2006, the Committee conducted reviews of 101 different projects submitted by private development, private not-for-profit corporations, units of local government, as well as state and federal agencies. Reviews included the following types.

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

The Clearinghouse Committee reviews these projects to:

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



The Council reviewed the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan amendment designating a historic district designed to provide recognition of significant historic resources such as the Wardlaw-Smith mansion pictured above.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

### Hazardous Materials Response

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

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

The Local Emergency Planning Committee website ([ncflepc.org](http://ncflepc.org)) was maintained by the Council and received over 150,000 hits during 2006.

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. The Team has drastically reduced hazmat response times for large areas of the region.

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. A sixth trailer was used to provide "HazMedic" support in case of exposure to

a toxic chemical by a responder or victim. This trailer also contains antidotes to some common toxic chemicals located in our area.

The Regional Hazmat Team saved its first life this past year. A chemistry experiment gone bad at the University of Florida exposed a graduate student to cyanide. This was the first time that the antidote kit was used in response to an incident

### Public Health Exercises

In 2006, the Council expanded its Public Safety programs to include assistance to county health departments for training and exercises. The Council provided exercise support for a "Disease Defenders" exercise that included participa-

tion from county health departments from across the region. This exercise helped test the training and equipment used by Public Health Strike Teams that will be deployed to disaster locations to stop outbreaks of disease.

### Emergency Response Training

The Council staff coordinated a variety of public safety training classes. In 2006, the Council conducted 17 classes for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A total of 190 emergency responders completed 1,974 hours of training. The Council office served as the home to a "Hazmat Boot Camp" to conduct advanced, hands-on training.



During the "Disease Defenders" exercise, Public Health Strike Team members put on protective clothing and interviewed a sick patient to discover the source of a simulated anthrax exposure.

## Hazardous Waste Compliance Assistance

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 2006, How-to-Comply seminars were held in Perry and Live Oak.

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

## Terrorism Preparedness

In Florida, terrorism preparedness is a regional effort. There are eleven regional planning councils and seven terrorism planning districts.

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

**Exercises** - In 2006, Council staff helped plan and conduct tabletop and functional exercises for Regional Domestic Security Task Force districts. Operation Special Response tested incident management and the activation of specialty law enforcement special weapons and tactics and bomb teams.

**Training** - Council staff taught seven classes on the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program. This new exercise methodology is required for any exercises funded

with federal Homeland Security funds. The methodology was used for evaluating the various terrorism exercises conducted in 2006.

## Public Education

During 2006, the Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted a series of outreach seminars. One seminar informed local fire departments how to efficiently and effectively work with the regional hazmat team. A second seminar provided How-to-Comply information to businesses to help them comply with complicated environmental regulations. The third seminar was an overview of the Public Safety Program at the Council and how organizations such as hospitals could take advantage of existing planning efforts.

## Hurricane Preparedness

Council staff led an evaluation team at the 2006 statewide hurricane exercise. This year the scenario involved the relocation of the State Emergency Operations Center to Camp Blanding for one week. This provided an opportunity for the State to evaluate its Continuity of Operations Plan while responding to a major hurricane strike on Florida.

Council staff taught an exercise evaluation class at the 2006 Governor's Hurricane Conference. The use of the new Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program methodology is required for all exercise and real event after action reports.



Hazardous materials response teams from Alachua County and the City of Gainesville participated in a press conference during Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Held annually during the last week of January, this event is an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of being prepared for an accidental or deliberate chemical release.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

### Economic Development Planning

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

In 2006, the Council worked with local economic development officials, the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to create an organization that will coordinate activities for the Governor's third Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. This group is in the early stages of development and it plans to provide support for local economic development organizations and practitioners of the north central Florida region. All of the rural counties within the Council's region are included in the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. The first major project will be to coordinate the Catalyst Project program being done in conjunction with Enterprise Florida. North central Florida's Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern will have two locations for project sites that will cater to construction and distribution industries.

### Rural Issues Summit— Tourism and Economic Development

The Council and *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force* co-hosted the statewide Rural Tourism and Economic Development Summit held in Lake City with the theme, "We're All In This Together."

This first ever joint meeting of tourism and economic development professionals in rural Florida had two main goals:

- Educate and inform rural professionals of best practices in rural development.
- Create action steps to move rural Florida forward.

Rural leaders came together to find common ground and to enhance tourism and economic development efforts. From creating a marketing or visioning plan with affordable

research, to building better chambers, to creating events or finding new grants, this educational conference provided real world examples to improve rural Florida.

Comments from participants were overwhelmingly positive, such as, "I learned a lot and now have greater resources to help me do my job better," and "I enjoyed the visible connection between tourism and economic development." The Summit was so successful that Enterprise Florida and VISIT FLORIDA have plans to make this an annual event that will move around the State's rural counties over time. Council staff will assist the new event organizers in the coming year.



Kerri Post from VISIT FLORIDA addresses the Rural Tourism and Economic Development Summit held in Lake City in May 2006.

## “The Original Florida” Tourism Development Activities

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

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

Agritourism education was the topic of the third grant. A series of entrepreneurial development workshops are scheduled for late 2006 and early 2007 that will train farmers interested in this industry as a means to supplement family farm income and help maintain the rural character of north central Florida. The workshops are co-sponsored by the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS). Attendee Lei Lani Davis says, “My husband and I have been working to start our own business to eventually help supplement our retirement. The information needed is not all in one place. These workshops have been helping fill the gaps. We learn a bit of everything from zoning and insurance to marketing and value added ideas. We are looking forward to the third workshop.”

In 2006, the Task Force participated in several consumer shows and reached over 10,000 potential visitors at shows in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. VISIT FLORIDA continued to provide space,

free of charge, on a special kiosk in each of its five welcome centers for distribution of The Original Florida brochures. Visitation to north central Florida continues to increase according to VISIT FLORIDA research. The Original Florida will continue its sustainable economic development efforts by promoting the region as a tourism destination, both nationally and internationally.



An Original Florida Tourism promotion called “The Hidden Treasures of North Florida” created a multi-pronged media campaign, including a geocaching contest and three television shows. Contest winner Jim Bailey (center) stands with Original Florida members as he claims his prize.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**D**uring 2006, 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 2006, 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 336 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 78 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments in making 180 land development regulation map and text amendments, 27 land development regulation special exceptions and special

permits, 51 concurrency assessments 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 and school boards within those counties in updating their interlocal agreements for public school facility planning. The update consisted of adding the

new school concurrency requirements mandated by Senate Bill 360.

In addition, the Council also assisted 8 counties and 13 municipalities prepare updated capital improvement elements of their comprehensive plans. The updated elements were prepared to meet the new financial feasibility requirements of Senate Bill 360.



The Council provided assistance to school boards, counties and municipalities in updating their interlocal agreements for public school facility planning to incorporate school concurrency requirements for school facilities such as Melrose Park Elementary School in Columbia County.

## **Community Development Block Grants**

The Council assisted local governments in assessing their community development needs in 2006. These assessments addressed the need for housing rehabilitation, commercial revitalization, economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

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

## **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program**

The Council assisted Bradford County and the Town of Worthington Springs with the preparation of the following Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant application.

### **Park Development**

Bradford County - \$199,760

Town of Worthington Springs - \$167,385



Community Development Block Grant funds were used in Bradford County to demolish substandard owner-occupied housing and replace it with new single family homes.

## TRANSPORTATION

**T**hrough an interlocal agreement signed by the Florida Department of Transportation, Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization was formed to conduct transportation planning activities in the Gainesville metropolitan area. This coordinated planning program is required in order for the area to receive federal funds for transportation projects. The Council serves as staff, providing technical and administrative assistance in developing transportation plans and programs. Another major transportation planning activity is the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. This program is required in order for counties to receive state funds for transportation services to low income individuals, elderly individuals, persons with disabilities and children-at-risk.

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

In the year 2006, a number of transportation planning activities were conducted, including the following.

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

The Florida Department of Transportation has established a Transportation Regional Incentive Program for the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities. Over the last 12 months, Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the Metropolitan Transpor-

tation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area have approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan for Alachua County and Marion County. This Plan is required in order to apply for and receive Transportation Regional Incentive Program funds.

The top priority of this regional transportation plan for Alachua County is the updating and construction of a traffic management system on regionally significant roads. This system consists of existing traffic signals, traffic control equipment, and communication equipment to allow for real time monitoring of the transportation network and the coordination of traffic signals.

#### **Urban Village Action Plan**

During the past year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area prepared an action plan concerning the redevelopment of the area immediately west of the University of Florida and north of Archer Road (State Road 24). The overall intent of the plan is to create a dense, urban environment that supports transit-oriented development and that is also walkable and bikeable. Staff has been working with City of Gainesville, Alachua County and University of Florida officials to develop and test the transportation impacts of various land use scenarios. The results of this testing and evaluation is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2007.



Florida Department of Transportation matching funds are being requested to upgrade and coordinate all the traffic signals in Alachua County.

## **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. As the planning agency, the Council conducts planning studies to provide transportation services to individuals who are unable to transport themselves because of age, disability or income status. The Council and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area appoint and staff ten transportation disadvantaged boards in the region.

This year, the Council assisted the Transportation Coordinators in the region in applying for Rural Capital Assistance Grant funds. As a result of this coordinated effort, the Transportation Coordinators were awarded state grant funds to purchase new vehicles. The vehicle awarded to Alachua County is being used to provide the new shuttle service to City of Alachua residents.

At the 14th Annual Training and Technology Conference, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged awarded Suwannee Valley Transit Authority the 2006 Safety Award. This award recognizes a community transpor-

tation coordinator in the State of Florida that had an outstanding safety record. In addition, Jimmy Swisher, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Administrator, was awarded the 2006 William G. Bell Award. This award is in honor of Dr. William Bell whose vision in the 1970s of coordinated transportation was instrumental in the early development of Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Mr. Swisher received this award for his long-term leadership role in advocating transportation issues and in promoting the benefits of coordinated transportation.



Jimmy Swisher, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Administrator, received the 2006 William G. Bell Award.

## 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 2006.

### 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 Summary Reports for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties
- Exercise Plans support and After Action Reports for five Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Forces
- Exercise and After Action Report for Department of Health "Disease Defenders" Exercise

- Capability Assessments for Statewide Terrorism Strategy
- After Action Report for the week-long statewide hurricane exercise held at Camp Blanding
- Developed training class on modeling chemical releases, fires and explosions
- After Action Report for the Lake City "foot powder" Incident

### Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2005-2006 Annual Report
- ***The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*** brochure and map

### Transportation

- Fiscal Years 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
- Fiscal Year 2007 Unified Planning Work Program
- Annual Report for Regional Transit System Ridership
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects - 2006
- 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 2007, the Council will continue a number of programs started in the year 2006 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**

#### **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 help evaluate the statewide hurricane exercise. The Council will teach classes on the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program.

#### **Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste**

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. A regional hazardous materials emergency response exercise will be planned and conducted. Public seminars will be conducted concerning hazardous materials. The Council will continue to provide staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.

#### **Hurricane**

The Council will update the regional evacuation study for the region. The existing hurricane evacuation and shelter studies will be updated and expanded to include an all-hazards approach. This is a two-year project and for the first time, all regional plans in the State are being updated concurrently.

### **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 the 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 2007/2008 to 2011/2012 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.

#### **Regional Planning Task**

Council staff will create an existing and future land use map series of Alachua County and adjacent counties. In addition, a community vision for the area will be developed.

#### **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 2007, the Council will recommend the designation of several Community Transportation Coordinators.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2005-2006 Revenues

### Sources

<b>Federal</b>			\$	<b>63,324</b>
<b>State</b>				<b>814,827</b>
<b>Local Government Contracts for Planning</b>				<b>738,674</b>
<b>Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area</b>				<b>580,552</b>
<b>The Original Florida Tourism Task Force</b>				<b>167,436</b>
<b>Council Members' Contributions (\$.30 per capita)</b>				<b>113,326</b>
<b>Other</b>				<b>23,570</b>
Other Agencies and Organizations	\$	3,268		
Miscellaneous		20,302		

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<b>Total Revenues</b>			\$	<b>2,501,709</b>
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## 2005-2006 Expenditures

### Programs

<b>Regional Activities</b>			\$	<b>279,552</b>
General Planning and Intergovernmental Coordination	\$	217,852		
Review Activities		15,082		
Other Regional		46,618		
<b>Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance</b>				<b>182,448</b>
Local Emergency Planning Committee, Planning and Training		40,892		
Hazardous Materials Planning and Monitoring		67,795		
Terrorism and Exercises Support		70,006		
Hazardous Analyses		3,755		
<b>Economic Development</b>				<b>210,065</b>
Original Florida Tourism Promotion Program		93,230		
General Economic Development		116,835		
<b>Local Technical Assistance</b>				<b>503,664</b>
Community Development Block Grant Administration		128,706		
Comprehensive Planning		369,915		
Other Local		5,043		
<b>Transportation</b>				<b>774,874</b>
Comprehensive Transportation Planning		394,793		
Mass Transit Planning		122,589		
Transportation Disadvantaged Planning		169,660		
Other Transportation		87,832		
<b>Program Development</b>				<b>49,495</b>

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<b>Total Expenditures</b>			\$	<b>2,000,098</b>
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The Original Florida: [originalflorida.org](http://originalflorida.org)

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