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# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## INTRODUCTION

An update of regional indicators suggests that housing affordability for north central Florida region very low-, low-, and moderate-income households declined between 2015 and 2018.

**REGIONAL GOAL 1.1.      REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REGION=S VERY LOW-, LOW-, AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING 30.0 PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON HOUSING.**

## **REGIONAL INDICATORS**

Table I-1 contains a comparison of regional indicators listed in the regional plan for Regional Goal 1.1 for the years 2015 and 2018 based on American Community Survey data. Regional Indicator 1 suggests that housing affordability for households earning less than \$34,999 per year declined between 2015 and 2018.

**TABLE I-1**

**A COMPARISON OF REGIONAL GOAL 1.1 INDICATORS, 2015 AND 2018**

<b>Regional Indicator</b>	<b>Year</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2018</b>
1. Percentage of the renter households of the region with annual incomes of less than \$20,000 spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	92.6	92.7
2. Percentage of the renter households of the region with annual incomes between \$20,000 and \$34,999 spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	71.0	73.8
3. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes of less than \$20,000 per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on housing.	59.0	61.7
4. Percentage of the homeowner households of the region with annual incomes between \$20,000 and \$34,999 per year spending 30.0 percent or more of their annual income on gross rent.	24.3	31.7

Source: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, December 2015 and 2018.

## **RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

It is recommended that Tables 1.1 through 1.12 be updated to reflect the most recent best available data from the American Community Survey.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## INTRODUCTION

The North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan contains goals and policies addressing Economic Development strategies.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.1. CONNECT AND ALIGN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP THE REGION'S CURRENT AND FUTURE TALENT SUPPLY CHAIN AND MEET EMPLOYER NEEDS.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. For the 2018-19 school year, the high school graduation rate of the region was 88.7 percent.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.3. GROW, SUSTAIN AND INTEGRATE EFFORTS RELATED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION, AND SEED CAPITAL, TO CREATE, NURTURE AND EXPAND REGIONAL INNOVATION BUSINESSES.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. In 2019, there were 18,607 jobs in the region in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Enterprises industry.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.4. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REGIONAL BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN SELLING GOODS AND SERVICES INTERNATIONALLY AND THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE MARKETS THEY SERVE.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. In 2015, the region experienced a net trade export deficit of goods and services of \$294 million.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.5. BRAND AND MARKET THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION AS THE BEST LOCATION FOR BUSINESS.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to be a member of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.6. PROMOTE THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to review local government comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and other items for adverse impacts to military installations either within or in close proximity to the region.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.7. MODERNIZE THE TRANSPORTATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY, WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OF THE REGION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND AND RESPOND TO CHANGING BUSINESS NEEDS.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of 2015, the nonresidential actual capital stock of the region was valued at \$19.6 billion.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.8. IMPROVE COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE, INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER, ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DECISION-MAKING AND INVESTMENTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to review local government comprehensive plans, applications for federal funds and direct federal actions for adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities, and affected local governments.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.9. STREAMLINE PERMITTING, DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER REGULATORY PROCESSES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO MEET CHANGING BUSINESS NEEDS AND PROVIDE A PREDICTABLE LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT IN THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan contains goals and policies encouraging the streamlining of permitting and regulatory processes.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.10. ENSURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PROVIDE COLLABORATIVE, SEAMLESS, CONSISTENT AND TIMELY CUSTOMER SERVICE TO REGIONAL BUSINESSES.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan contains goals and policies encouraging the streamlining of permitting and regulatory processes.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.11. EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE CYCLE.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the Council continues to review applications for federal grants and loans for projects that may reasonably be expected to have an impact on the physical environment.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.12. TO ENHANCE THE RESILIENCE OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ECONOMY IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL AND STATE ECONOMIES THROUGH INCREASED AWARENESS AND PREPARATION BY BUSINESSES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, all north central Florida local governments are signatories to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response and Recovery.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.13. SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCOMPLISH THE REGION'S ECONOMIC AND QUALITY OF LIFE GOALS.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to be a member of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership as well as the Florida Economic Development Council.
2. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to serve as staff to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.14. ENSURE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN SUSTAINING THE REGION'S ENVIRONMENT AND ENHANCING THE REGION'S ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to review local government comprehensive plans, applications for federal funds and direct federal actions for adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities, and affected local governments.

**REGIONAL GOAL 2.15. PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND LEVERAGE THE REGION'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council continues to provides staff services to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO  
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It is recommended that the Regional Indicators be updated to reflect the most recent best available data and information.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## INTRODUCTION

An update of regional indicators suggests that the region is adequately prepared for weather-related emergencies; however, additional warning sirens are needed in coastal communities.

### **REGIONAL GOAL 3.1. IMPROVE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR COASTAL STORMS IN THE REGION.**

#### **Regional Indicators**

1. As of December 2020, two Coastal-Marine Automated Network coastal weather stations are located in Cedar Key and Keaton Beach, no weather buoys are located in the Gulf of Mexico between 10 and 50 miles of Steinhatchee, three weather buoys are located between 51 and 100 miles of Steinhatchee, two weather buoys are located between 101 and 150 miles of Steinhatchee, and four weather buoys are located in the Gulf of Mexico between 151 to 175 miles of Steinhatchee.
2. As of December 2020, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio transmissions covered approximately 97 percent of the region.
3. As of December 2020, eight National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio stations serve north central Florida.
4. As of December 2020, three north central Florida coastal communities (Dekle Beach, Keaton Beach and Steinhatchee) had emergency warning sirens.
5. As of December 2020, Dixie County had a Level E In-county clearance time of 13.0 hours.
6. As of December 2020, Taylor County had a Level E In-county clearance time of 14.5 hours.
7. As of December 2020 Levy County had a Level E In-county clearance time of 13.0 hours.
8. As of December 2020, the American Red Cross 4496-Compliant Risk Public Shelter Capacity for the region was 49,400.

### **REGIONAL GOAL 3.2. PARTICIPATION BY ALL NORTH FLORIDA GOVERNMENTS IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

1. As of December 2020, 44 of the 52 local governments in the region with mapped flood hazard areas within their jurisdictions participated in the National Flood Insurance Program.
2. As of December 2020, National Flood Insurance Rate Maps are available for all north central Florida local governments.
3. As of December 2020, two north central Florida local governments do not contain mapped flood hazard areas within their jurisdictions.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.3.        REDUCE RESPONSE TIMES OF REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAMS TO 60 MINUTES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES IN PERRY AND GREENVILLE.**

**Regional Indicators**

1.        As of December 2020, two hazardous materials commodity flow studies were completed to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via highways in the region.
2.        As of December 2020, North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team had four active hazardous materials response units located in the region.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.4.        IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS TO RESPOND TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES.**

**Regional Indicators**

1.        As of December 2020, two hazardous materials commodity flow studies were completed to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via highways in the region.
2.        As of December 2020, no commodity flow studies have been undertaken to determine the types and amounts of hazardous materials moving via railroads in the region.

**REGIONAL GOAL 3.5.        ALL NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE SIGNATORIES TO THE STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR CATASTROPHIC DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.**

**Regional Indicator**

As of December 2020, 52 of the 52 north central Florida local governments have adopted the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response and Recovery.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

No changes are recommended to the Goals and Policies of the Emergency Preparedness Element. With regards to the Conditions and Trends Statement, the following changes are recommended:

1.        Amend the Emergency Preparedness Regional Indicators as presented in this report and as new information becomes available prior to the adoption of any Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan.
2.        Tables 3.1 through 3.4 should be updated to reflect the most recent best available data.

# **NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, identifies and maps Natural Resources of Regional Significance and contains goals and policies addressing Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

### **REGIONAL GOAL 4.1. USE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REGION IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER.**

#### **REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans which encourage the use of silvicultural best management practices is unknown.
2. As of December 2020, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans Impact which encourage the use of low impact development practices is unknown.
3. As of December 2020, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans which encourage the use of energy conservation design principles is unknown.
4. As of December 2020, the number of north central Florida local government comprehensive plans which encourage the use of water conservation and reuse strategies is unknown.
5. As of December 2020, with the exception of intracounty groundwater transfer by Gainesville Regional Utilities, no interbasin transfer of water occurs in the region.
6. As of December 2020, north central Florida has 102.5 megawatts of electrical generation capacity using biomass as the primary fuel source.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.2. PRESERVE BIG BEND COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES IDENTIFIED AS NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RESIDENTS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the Big Bend Salt Marsh (Dixie, Levy, and Taylor County) coastline comprised 72,641.34 acres.
2. As of December 2020, that portion of the Big Bend Seagrass Beds extending six nautical miles seaward of the Dixie County, Levy County and Taylor County coastline was comprised of 102,530.5 acres of bays and estuaries, 63,992.3 acres of open water, 7,638.6 acres of tidal flats, 11,515.0 acres of patchy seagrass, 192,556.6 acres of continuous seagrass, and 108,423.7 acres which were unclassified.
3. As of December 2020, the Florida Middle Ground comprised 132,000 acres.
4. As of December 2020, the Fenholloway River was in violation of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency water quality standards for dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand, and un ionized ammonia.
5. As of December 2020, there were 60 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits in the Region.
6. As of December 2020, no offshore oil or natural gas wells are located within 100 miles of the Dixie, Levy and Taylor counties coastline.
7. As of December 2020, no offshore oil or natural gas wells are located within the Florida Middle Ground.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.3. MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY GROUNDWATER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RESIDENTS, IN RECOGNITION OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the quantity of potable water contained in the Floridan Aquifer underlying the north central Florida region, its average daily recharge and discharge was unknown.
2. In 2018, an estimated 236.7 million gallons per day of water were withdrawn from north central Florida groundwater sources.



3. As of December 2020, north central Florida contained 18 first-magnitude springs, 120 second-magnitude springs, and 82 third-magnitude springs.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.4. PROTECT ALL SOURCES OF RECHARGE TO THE FLORIDAN AQUIFER FROM ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD IMPAIR THESE FUNCTIONS OR CAUSE A DEGRADATION IN THE QUALITY OF THE WATER BEING RECHARGED IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF HIGH-QUALITY GROUNDWATER FOR THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District, Alachua County, and Columbia County had identified and mapped 1,180,502.52 acres of areas of high recharge potential to the Floridan Aquifer within north central Florida.
2. As of December 2020, eight sinks were delineated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.5. PROTECT ALL LISTED SPECIES WITHIN THE REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL GREENWAYS NETWORK.<sup>1</sup>**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the Regional Ecological Greenways Network comprised 1,861,136 acres in north Central Florida.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.6. PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IDENTIFIED IN THIS PLAN AS APLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREAS.@**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, north central Florida contained 5,861.31 acres of private conservation lands.
2. As of December 2020, north central Florida contained approximately 170,132.95 acres of federally-owned conservation lands.
3. As of December 2020, north central Florida contained 277,268.15 acres of state-owned conservation and recreation lands.
4. As of December 2020, north central Florida contained approximately 308,011.64 acres of water management District-owned conservation lands (including less than fee simple ownership).

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<sup>1</sup>Listed species means an animal species designated as Endangered, Threatened, or Species of Special Concern in Chapter 68A-27.003-68A-27.005, Florida Administrative Code; a plant species designated as Endangered, Threatened, or Commercially Exploited as designated in Chapter 5B-40, Florida Administrative Code, or an animal or plant species designated as Endangered or Threatened in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17.

**REGIONAL GOAL 4.7. MAINTAIN THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THE REGION'S SURFACE WATER SYSTEMS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. As of December 2020, the water management districts had identified 1,363,761.27 acres of fresh water wetlands within the region.
2. As of December 2020, 13 north central Florida lakes were identified as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
3. As of December 2020, 14 river corridors were designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
4. As of December 2020, 139,918.29 acres of river corridor were designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
5. As of December 2020, 138 North central Florida springs were listed as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
6. In 2020, 18 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Large-mouth bass.
7. In 2020, 18 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Redbreast Sunfish and Redear Sunfish.
8. In 2020, five north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Brown Bullhead.
9. In 2020, nine north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Black Crappie.
10. In 2020, 14 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Bluegill.
11. In 2020, three north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Channel Catfish.
12. In 2020, six north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for White Catfish.
13. In 2020, 10 north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Spotted Sunfish.
14. In 2020, one north central Florida Natural Resource of Regional Significance was under a consumption advisory for Chain Pickerel.

15. In 2020, no north central Florida Natural Resource of Regional Significance was under a consumption advisory for Striped Bass.
16. In 2020, six north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Warmouth.
17. In 2020, three north central Florida Natural Resources of Regional Significance were under a consumption advisory for Spotted Bullhead Catfish.
18. As of December 2020, minimum flows and levels have been established for the Aucilla River, Ecofina River, Upper Santa Fe River, Lower Santa Fe River, Lower Suwannee River, Steinhatchee River, Waccasassa River, Wacissa River, Falmouth Spring, Lafayette Blue Spring, Madison Blue Springs, Peacock Springs and Troy Spring.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO**  
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It is recommended that the Natural Resources of Regional Significance Element Tables 4.1 through 4.7 be updated to reflect the most recent best available data.

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# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

## INTRODUCTION

The North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, identifies regional transportation facilities and contains goals and policies addressing these facilities.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.1. MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT TO THE REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK AS WELL AS ADVERSE EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS WHILE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN URBAN AREAS.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. In 2020, the Regional Road Network consisted of 216.8 miles of Interstate highways, 993.4 miles of U.S. Highways and 678.9 miles of State roads.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.2. COORDINATE WITH AND ASSIST STATE AGENCIES, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT, INTERAGENCY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. As of December 2020, the Council continues to provide staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.3. MITIGATE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.**

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

1. During the fall 2020 semester, the University of Florida had no off-campus park-and-ride lots.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.4. MAXIMIZE THE USE OF THE GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE DEVELOPING A NEW REGIONAL AIRPORT.**

### REGIONAL INDICATOR

1. For the 12 months ending in December 2019, Gainesville Regional Airport had a total of 558,246 enplanements and deplanements.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.5. INCLUDE RAIL LINES AND RAILROADS AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF THE REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK, REGIONAL AIRPORTS AND TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

**REGIONAL INDICATOR**

1. As of 2020, north central Florida has 394.7 miles of rail lines.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.6. REDUCE THE UNMET GENERAL TRIP DEMAND OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED POPULATION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. In Fiscal Year 2018-19, 76,038 Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program funded paratransit trips occurred in the region by north central Florida paratransit service providers.

**REGIONAL GOAL 5.7. INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RESIDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS A PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**REGIONAL INDICATORS**

1. For the 12 months ending in September 2019, Gainesville Regional Transit System fixed route ridership was 9,212,465.

**RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO  
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It is recommended that the Regional Indicators be updated to include the most recent best available data and information. Finally, it is recommended that Tables 5.1 through 5.8 be updated to reflect the most recent best available data.

## **REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

The list of regionally significant facilities and resources contained in the regional plan recognizes those regionally significant facilities and resources not identified in the Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or Regional Transportation Elements. The regional plan does not contain a map of these facilities and resources. Rather, a listing is included, based on type of facility and resource. Types of regionally significant facilities and resources consist of cultural facilities, educational institutions, electric power facilities, Florida greenways and trails, historical facilities, hospitals, landfills, natural gas transmission lines and state prisons.

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