



North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



Overview

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- ❑ What We Do
- ❑ Summary



Regional Planning Councils

Florida Regional Planning Councils



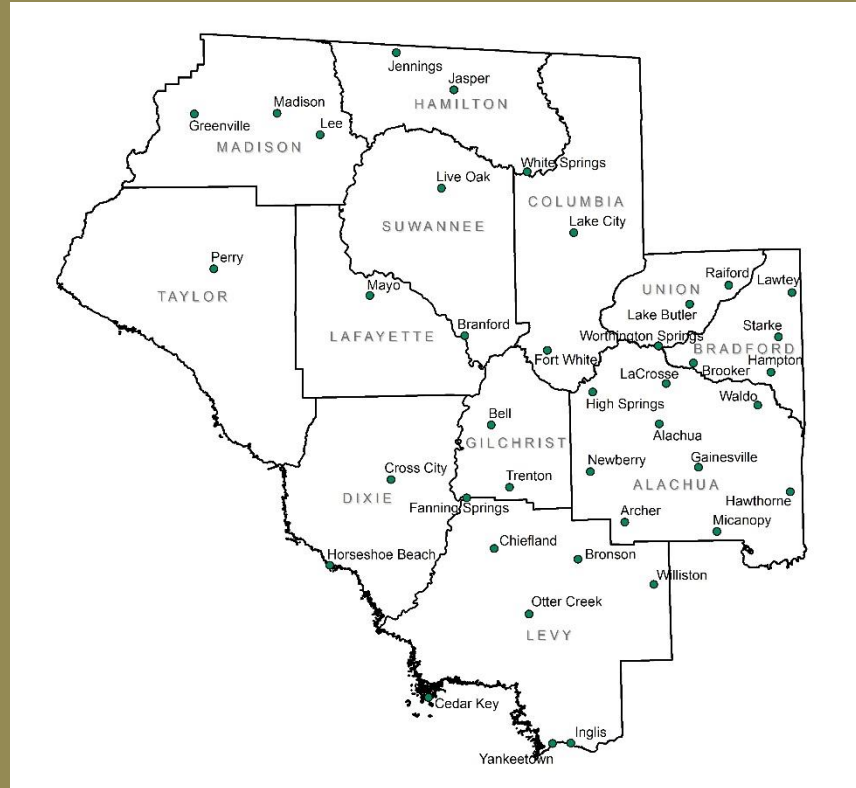
Mission Statement

*To improve the quality of life
of the Region's citizens,
by enhancing public safety,
protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and
providing technical services to local governments.*



The Region

- ❑ 12 counties and 40 municipalities (15 member cities)
- ❑ 8,000 square miles
- ❑ 609,000 population



The Council

- ❑ Created in 1969
- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Counties Mandatory and Cities Voluntary



The Council

❑ Member Counties

- ❑ Alachua County
- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County



The Council

□ Member Cities

- Alachua
- Archer
- Cross City
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Jasper
- Lake Butler
- Lake City
- Live Oak
- Madison
- Newberry
- Perry
- Starke
- Waldo



The Council

❑ Executive Committee Members

- ❑ Jhelecia Hawkins, Chair
- ❑ Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Vice-Chair
- ❑ Melissa McNeal, Treasurer
- ❑ Don Hale, Secretary
- ❑ Mary Alford, Immediate Past Chair



The Council

❑ Ex-Officio Members

- ❑ Florida Department of Commerce
- ❑ Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ❑ Florida Department of Transportation
- ❑ Southwest Florida
Water Management District
- ❑ St. Johns River
Water Management District
- ❑ Suwannee River
Water Management District



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Regional

❑ North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

- ❑ Affordable Housing
- ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ Emergency Preparedness
- ❑ Natural Resources of Regional Significance
- ❑ Regional Transportation



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Regional Review Activities
 - ❑ Council designated as areawide clearinghouse review agency

- ❑ Federally funded projects
- ❑ Other review activities



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional Review Activities

- 54 projects

- 34 local government comprehensive plan amendments



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional Review Activities

- 54 projects (Continued)

- 20 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications and environmental assessments



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Public Safety

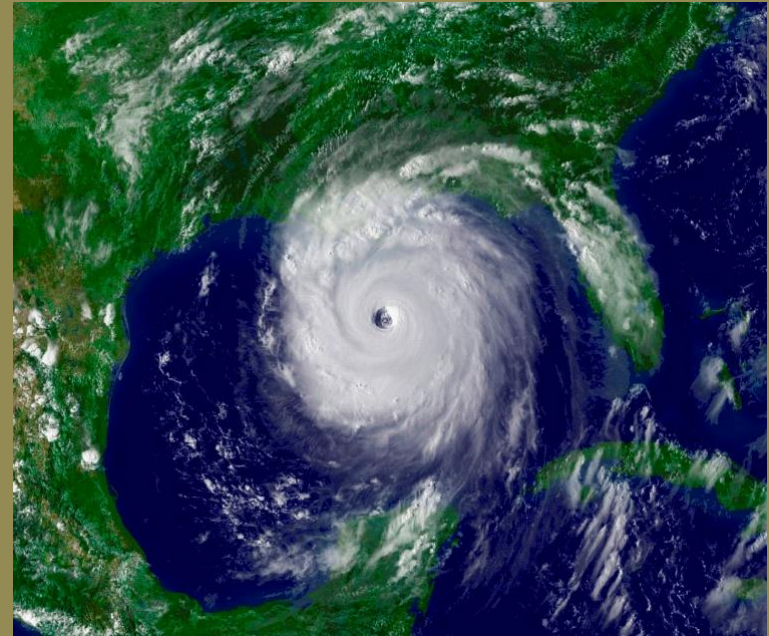
❑ Local Emergency Planning Committee

❑ Updated Regional Emergency Response Plan



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Public Safety
 - ❑ Emergency Management
 - ❑ Maintained Regional Evacuation Study



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Public Safety

❑ First Responder Training

- ❑ Coordinated eight hazardous materials emergency response training classes
 - ❑ 125 emergency responders completed 500 hours of training
- ❑ Distributed copies of Emergency Response Guidebook to first responders



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Public Safety

❑ Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

- ❑ Alachua County
- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Union County
- ❑ Gainesville
- ❑ Lake City
- ❑ Starke



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Public Safety

❑ Hazardous Waste

- ❑ Conduct hazardous waste compliance site visits for nine counties

- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Union County



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ Economic Development Planning

- ❑ Council designated Economic Development District in 1978 by U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
- ❑ Council serves as primary regional economic development planning organization for region

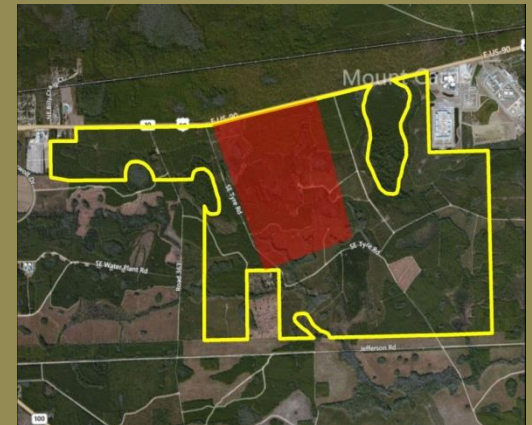


Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

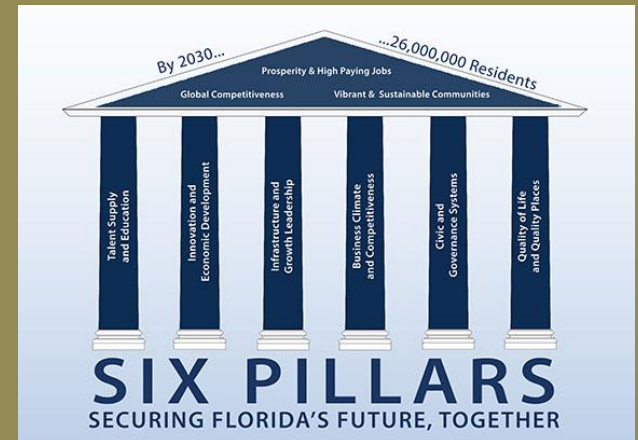
□ Economic Development Planning

- Provided technical assistance to local governments and economic development organizations to promote economic growth of region
- Maintained economic development project impact analysis model



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Economic Development
 - ❑ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - ❑ Uses Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars to Secure Florida's Future
 - ❑ Coordinates with other regional planning councils
 - ❑ Aligns with State Economic Development Plan and private business



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Economic Development
 - ❑ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - ❑ Promotes initiatives that support regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

North Central Florida
Comprehensive Economic
Development Strategy
2023-2027



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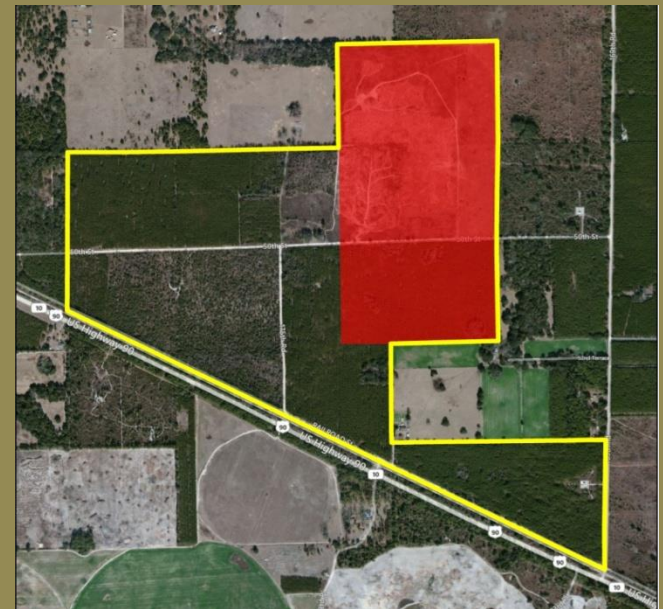


Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

- Support two rural economic development catalyst sites
- Promote regional tourism
- Create strategies to increase labor force in healthcare and life sciences industries



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

- ❑ Seek opportunities to improve multi-modal infrastructure
- ❑ Expand and support regional business incubators and research parks



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Created by Council in 1992
- ❑ Promotes nature, culture and heritage-based tourism
- ❑ Council provides staff services to Task Force



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Jefferson County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County
- ❑ Wakulla County



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Maintained website
VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com
- ❑ Coordinated
travel show participation
- ❑ Distributed
collateral materials



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Comprehensive Planning

- ❑ Assisted counties and cities in complying with Community Planning Act



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Comprehensive Planning

- ❑ Provided comprehensive planning assistance to five counties

- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Comprehensive Planning

❑ Provided comprehensive planning assistance to 13 municipalities

- ❑ Archer
- ❑ Cedar Key
- ❑ Chiefland
- ❑ Fanning Springs
- ❑ High Springs
- ❑ Inglis
- ❑ Lake Butler
- ❑ Lake City
- ❑ Madison
- ❑ Mayo
- ❑ Micanopy
- ❑ Perry
- ❑ Starke



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Comprehensive Planning

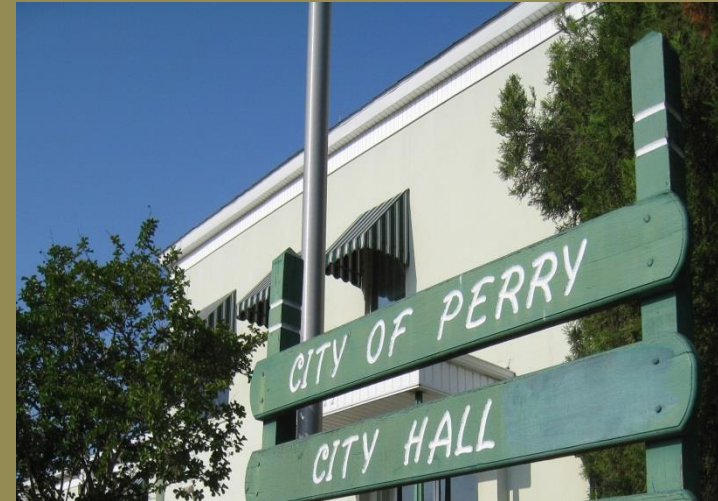
81 development applications

- ❑ 25 comprehensive plan map and text amendments
- ❑ 35 land development regulation map and text amendments
- ❑ 9 special exceptions and special permits
- ❑ 12 other items



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Local Government Assistance
 - ❑ Comprehensive Planning
 - ❑ Prepared concurrency assessments for roads, water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, storm water drainage and recreation facilities



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Community Development Block Grants

❑ Purpose

- ❑ Reduce and reverse community decline and restore community vitality

❑ Grants in four categories

- ❑ Housing
 - ❑ Neighborhood Revitalization
 - ❑ Commercial Revitalization
 - ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ Secured \$61.2 million for 116 projects over 48 years



Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Local Government Assistance
 - ❑ Community Development Block Grants
 - ❑ Applications for Housing, Commercial Revitalization, Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Community Development Block Grants

❑ Provided administrative assistance

- ❑ City of Madison
Neighborhood -
\$700,000
- ❑ Town of Mayo
Housing -
\$650,000



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Transportation

❑ Transportation Disadvantaged

- ❑ Provided access to employment, healthcare, education and other life-sustaining activities for elderly, disabled or low-income residents
- ❑ Coordinated over 51,000 trips in region
- ❑ Majority of trips were provided for medical purposes



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Transportation

❑ Transportation Disadvantaged

❑ Council is official planning agency

- ❑ Alachua County
- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Union County



Regional Planning Council Team

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Summary

- ❑ 10 Regional Planning Councils
- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Planning and Coordinating Role
- ❑ Programs
 - ❑ Regional
 - ❑ Public Safety
 - ❑ Economic Development
 - ❑ Local Government Assistance
 - ❑ Transportation





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