

## REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources are those facilities and resources identified by the Council as being of regional importance and meets one or more of the following criteria: (1) its uniqueness, function, benefit, service delivery area, or importance is identified as being of regional concern; (2) a facility or resource that requires the participation or involvement of two or more governmental entities to ensure proper and efficient management; or (3) a facility or resource that meets either criteria in 1 or 2 above and is defined to be of state or regional concern or importance in state or federal laws or rules of state or regional agencies adopted pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.<sup>130</sup>

Rule 9J-5.15.4(a), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), requires local government comprehensive plan intergovernmental coordination elements to determine if development proposals would have a significant impact on regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the strategic regional policy plan. Rule 9J-5 also requires local government comprehensive plans to identify all regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and establish a process for mitigating these impacts. Regionally significant facilities and resources to be identified in the local plan are those which are located within the local government's jurisdiction, beyond the local government's jurisdiction but within its area of concern as defined by Rule 9J-5.015(l), and beyond the area of concern, based upon the characteristics of the facility or resource, which could be reasonably expected to be significantly impacted by development within the local government's jurisdiction.

Local government comprehensive plan intergovernmental coordination elements must contain a definition of significant impact to each identified regionally significant facility and resource within the government's jurisdiction. The definition is to be designed to ensure that regionally significant facilities and resources are protected and/or maintained in a manner which is in accordance with the provisions and criteria of the regional plan.

Intergovernmental coordination elements are to undergo a process with adjacent local governments to insure the compatible coordination of the management of impacts upon regionally significant facilities and resources. Under Rule 9J-5.15.(4)(a)4.(a)(I), F.A.C., local governments are encouraged to demonstrate compatibility through incorporation of any relevant portions of the regional plan which includes the compatible identification of regionally significant facilities and resources, definition of significant impacts, and description of mitigation criteria or standards. If the regional plan contains an model intergovernmental coordination element, local governments can demonstrate compatibility by adopting it or the applicable portions of it as their intergovernmental coordination element.

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<sup>130</sup>North central Florida regionally significant facilities and resources, as defined in Rule 27E.005, F.A.C., consist of Regionally Significant Emergency Preparedness Facilities identified in Table 3.2, Natural Resources of Regional Significance identified in Table 4.1, Regionally Significant Transportation Facilities identified in Table 5.8, and Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources, identified in Section VI.

Facilities recognized by the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as regionally significant facilities and resources not addressed elsewhere are comprised of cultural facilities, educational institutions, electric power generation stations, hospitals, landfills, and state prisons.

Cultural Facilities recognized as regional facilities are those which are either owned or funded (at least in part) by the state or provide cultural opportunities to residents of multiple local jurisdictions.

Educational institutions recognized as regional facilities are those which provide either two or four year college degrees or technical training to residents of multiple local jurisdictions.

Electrical power facilities recognized as regional facilities are those facilities which provide electrical power to multiple local government jurisdictions.

Florida Greenways recognized as regional facilities are those greenways which have been formally recognized as such by the Florida Greenways Commission.

Hospitals recognized as regional facilities are those facilities which provide medical services to residents of multiple local government jurisdictions.

Landfills recognized as regional facilities are those facilities which provide solid waste disposal services to multiple local government jurisdictions.

State prisons are recognized as regional facilities as they hold prisoners whose place of residence is from outside the region. They also represent a significant source of employment for north central Florida residents. Since the majority of prisoners housed in north central Florida prisons are from outside the region, state prisons are considered to be a basic industry for north central Florida.

### **Cultural Facilities**

- Center for Performing Arts
- Florida State Museum
- Florida Trail
- Forest Capital Museum
- Hippodrome State Theater
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Historical Site
- Samuel P. Harn Art Museum
- Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center

### **Educational Institutions**

Bradford-Union County Vocational Technical Center  
Lake City Community College  
North Florida Junior College  
Santa Fe Community College  
Suwannee-Hamilton Vocational Technical Center  
Taylor Technical Institute  
University of Florida

### **Electric Power Facilities**

Electric Power Generating Stations  
Electric Transmission Lines of 500 KVA  
Electric Transmission Lines of Lesser Voltage That Serve Multi-County Jurisdictions  
Electric Substations to Support Above-Referenced Transmission Line Facilities

### **Florida Greenways**

Aucilla River Greenway (Madison and Taylor counties)  
Bell Central Rail Trail (Gilchrist County)  
Big Bend Coastal Greenway (Dixie and Taylor counties)  
Depot Rail Trail (Alachua County)  
Devil's Millhopper Bike Path/Transportation Corridor (Alachua County)  
Dixie-Levy Greenway (Dixie and Gilchrist counties)  
Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail (Alachua County)  
Hogtown Creek Greenway (Alachua County)  
Ichetucknee River Greenway (Columbia and Suwannee counties)  
Jasper Rail Trail (Hamilton County)  
Live Oak Rail Trail (Suwannee County)  
Lower Suwannee River Greenway (Dixie, Gilchrist, and Lafayette counties)  
Middle Suwannee River Greenway (Lafayette, Madison, and Suwannee counties)  
Newnans Lake/Lochloosa/Orange Creek Greenway (Alachua County)  
Osceola National Forest Florida National Scenic Trail (Columbia County)  
Pinhook Swamp/Okefenokee Greenway (Columbia County)  
Santa Fe River Greenway (Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Suwannee, and Union counties)  
Steinhatchee River Greenway (Dixie, Lafayette, and Taylor counties)  
Sweetwater Creek/Matheson Greenway (Alachua County)  
Upper Suwannee River Greenway (Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties)  
Suwannee River Greenway at Branford (Suwannee County)  
Waldo Road Rail Trail (Alachua County)

## **Historical Facilities**

All districts, buildings, and sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places  
All pre-historic sites listed in the Florida Master Site File

## **Hospitals**

North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville  
Shands Hospitals in Alachua County  
Veterans Administration Hospital, Gainesville  
Veterans Administration Hospital, Lake City

## **Landfills**

Alachua County Southwest Landfill (Alachua and Gilchrist counties)  
New River Solid Waste Management Association (Baker, Bradford, & Union counties)  
Suwannee Valley Solid Waste Management Association (Dixie, Jefferson, Madison, & Taylor counties)

## **Natural Gas Transmission Lines**

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## **State Prisons**

Columbia Correctional Institution  
Cross City Correctional Institution  
Florida State Prison, Bradford County  
Gainesville Community Correctional Center  
Hamilton Correctional Institution  
Lake Butler Reception and Medical Center  
Lake City Community Correctional Center  
Lancaster Correctional Institution  
Lawtey Correctional Institute, Bradford County  
Madison Correctional Institution  
Mayo Correctional Institution  
New River Correctional Institution  
Santa Fe Community Correctional Institution  
Union Correctional Institution