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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **December 9, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

December 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

October 28, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Mark Clark, City of Newberry
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Ward Ketring, City of Perry
Travis Land, Suwannee County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
James Tallman, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE ABSENT

Kristin Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water
Management District
David Tyler, Florida Department
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Staci Bertrand
Diana Davis
Stephen Hofstetter
Stew Lilker
Bob Tancig

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Tara Tucker
Lauren Yeatter

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Thomas Demps called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Demps welcomed Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; Bob Tancig, North Central Florida Climate Action Team; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - September 23, 2021
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Staff Services Agreement
- C. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Madison County
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

Chair Demps asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Stegall to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Wheeler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Brown to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKERS - Stephen Hofstetter, Director
Alachua County Environmental Protection Department

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Stephen Hofstetter, Director of Alachua County Environmental Protection Department. Mr. Hofstetter gave a presentation to the Council concerning the Alachua County Resiliency Vulnerability Analysis. Chair Demps thanked Mr. Hofstetter for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

- A. New Member - Ward Ketring, City of Perry

Chair Demps welcomed new Council member City Councilman Ward Ketring, City of Perry.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None
- B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

- #69 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #2 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #3 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #4 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #5 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #6 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #7 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #69 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #2 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #3 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); Item #4 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); Item #5 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR); Item #6 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); and Item #7 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2020-21 Amended Budget

Mayor Mortimer, Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee had agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2020-21. She stated this budget amendment takes into account action taken by the Council during the past year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared as well as changes in anticipated revenues. Mayor Mortimer reported the proposed changes in the current year budget reflect an overall net decrease of (\$670,000), which represents (28.9) percent decrease. She also stated this includes both increases and decreases in various program areas with associated changes in Direct and Indirect expenses. Mayor Mortimer reported the Finance Committee finds that the Council remains in sound financial condition. Finally, she stated that the Committee recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 amended budget.

ACTION: Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 amended budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

Ms. Staci Bertrand, Vice-President for Economic Development for the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, stated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council includes representatives of the private sector, public officials and workforce development boards. She stated that the Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption. Ms. Bertrand stated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met virtually via communications media technology on October 20, 2021 to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

She also stated that the Committee met virtually on October 20, 2021 to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Strategy. Ms. Bertrand reported that the Committee does not recommend any amendments to the Strategy at this time and recommends that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022.

ACTION: Commissioner Stegall made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, stated that the District held a public hearing earlier in the day on October 28, 2021 concerning the Department's Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that springs cost share grant applications and alternative water supply cost share grant applications are due to the District by December 15, 2021.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Tancig of the North Central Florida Climate Action Team, a citizen organization in Alachua County, discussed activities being undertaken by the Team concerning resiliency.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning

councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the September 2021 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the September 2021 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the October 2021 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2022 Legislature Session will convene on January 11, 2022 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 11, 2022. He noted that 766 bills have been filed for consideration by the Legislature to date. Mr. Koons reported that the legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of September 20, 2021
- Week of October 11, 2021
- Week of October 18, 2021
- Week of November 1, 2021
- Week of November 15, 2021
- Week of November 29, 2021

D. Florida Economic Development Council Rural Deal of the Year Award- Suwannee County

Mr. Koons stated the Florida Economic Development Council is the professional association of economic, workforce and community developers. He noted that each year, the Council recognizes outstanding achievement in the location/expansion of business in the state of Florida. Mr. Koons stated awards are given annually to recognize the outstanding deal from a rural community, urban community and regional cooperative (multi-county) area. He reported Suwannee County was recently awarded the Rural Deal of the Year Award by the Council for the binderholz Group lumber company project at the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity Catalyst Site.

U.S. Economic Development Administration Good Jobs Challenge Grant

Mr. Koons stated Ms. Bertrand discussed a U.S. Economic Development Administration Good Jobs Challenge Grant application being prepared by Santa Fe College in partnership with the University of Florida, CareerSource North Central Florida and the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Louie Davis stated that a Car Show will be held in Waldo on December 11, 2021.

Commissioner Wheeler stated that a play to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Micanopy will be performed at the Micanopy Historical Society Museum on November 12, 2021.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Demps stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on December 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Thomas Demps, Chair

12/9/21
Date



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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - October 2021

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for October 2021. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of one month is 28 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of one month is five percent of budget.

Conclusion

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,200,100
Accounts Receivable	677,933
Other Current Assets	27,468
Total Current Assets	<u>2,905,501</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,905,501</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	24,266
Other Current Liabilities	356,091
Total Liabilities	<u>380,357</u>
Equity	<u>2,525,144</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,905,501</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2021

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	October 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,013,500	557,377	557,377	28%
Expenses	2,013,500	94,794	94,794	5%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2021

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	October 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	41,000	31,095	31,095	76%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	70,083	70,083	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	164,189	164,189	279%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,200	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	0	0	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	483,800	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	200,700	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	25,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	205,500	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	45,006	45,006	39%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	32,500	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	54,000	54,000	58%
Vision North Central Florida	0	2,500	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	19,929	19,929	100%
City & County Planning Services	237,200	107,126	107,126	45%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	80,000	63,449	63,449	79%
Total Revenue	2,013,500	557,377	557,377	28%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
October 31, 2021

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	October 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	160,000	2,951	2,951	2%
Contractual Services	118,000	5,773	5,773	5%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	55,000	300	300	1%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	0	0	0%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	544	544	5%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	0	0	0%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	162	162	1%
Personnel	1,286,400	82,172	82,172	6%
Postage	9,000	477	477	5%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	22,000	1,142	1,142	5%
Telephone	12,000	203	203	2%
Travel	80,000	1,070	1,070	1%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	0	0	0%
Contingency	51,600	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,013,500	94,794	94,794	5%



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2021-22 Town of Bronson

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2021-22 agreement with the Town of Bronson to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$7,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the Town of Bronson to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to prepare public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments. The amount of the agreement will be \$7,000.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Amendments Fiscal Year 2021-22
 Services Agreement - Town of Bell

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Town of Bell to provide technical assistance to prepare evaluation-based amendments for its comprehensive plan for a fixed fee amount of \$5,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has requested the Council assist them with the preparation of evaluation-based amendments of their comprehensive plan.

The amendments will be prepared pursuant to the guidelines provided by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Development and in accordance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes to address changes to statutory requirements.

The Council will be responsible for providing technical assistance to the Town to prepare the evaluation-based amendments of their comprehensive plan for a fixed fee amount of \$5,000.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Amendments Fiscal Year 2021-22
 Services Agreement - City of Trenton

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the City of Trenton to provide technical assistance to prepare evaluation-based amendments for its comprehensive plan for a fixed fee amount of \$5,000.

BACKGROUND:

The City has requested the Council assist them with the preparation of evaluation-based amendments of their comprehensive plan.

The amendments will be prepared pursuant to the guidelines provided by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Development and in accordance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes to address changes to statutory requirements.

The Council will be responsible for providing technical assistance to the City to prepare the evaluation-based amendments of their comprehensive plan for a fixed fee amount of \$5,000.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and
Public Transportation Coordination Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement among the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council provides professional staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to assist them with administering a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning program pursuant to a Federal Highway Administration and Florida Department of Transportation approved unified work program. In particular, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, serving as the designated metropolitan planning organization, is responsible for developing and maintaining a long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program.

According to Section 339.175 (10)(a)(2) Florida Statutes, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is required to execute “an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the metropolitan areas, specifying the means by which activities will be coordinated and how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensive planned development of the area.”

Please find attached a copy of the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area executed on January 26, 2007 and reaffirmed in 2012 and 2017, along with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. According to Section 339.175 (10)(a) Florida Statutes, the Agreement is to be reviewed and updated as necessary every five years.

There are no updates that need to be made to the Agreement at this time.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW
AND
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

THIS JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ by and between the State of Florida Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the Department; the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area; the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council; the City of Gainesville, hereinafter referred to as the City; and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the authority of 23 U. S. C. and any subsequent applicable amendments requires each metropolitan area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, to have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in designated metropolitan areas to develop and implement plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, 23 U. S. C. 134 (a) and (b), and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, provide for the creation of metropolitan planning organizations to develop transportation plans and programs for metropolitan areas;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned federal laws require that the State, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, and the operators of publicly owned transportation systems shall enter into an agreement clearly identifying the responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out such transportation planning (including corridor and subarea studies pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318) and programming;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20.23, Florida Statutes, the Department has been created by the State of Florida, and the Department has the powers and duties relating to transportation, all as outlined in Section 334.044, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, 49 United States Code 5303, 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.306, and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area has been designated and its membership apportioned by the Governor of the State of Florida, with the agreement of the affected units of general purpose local government, to organize and establish the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.175(9)(a)2., Florida Statutes, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall execute and maintain an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the Gainesville Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid agreement must describe the means by which activities will be coordinated and specify how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, the Council was established and operates under its Organization Policies with a primary purpose of intergovernmental coordination and review;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.505(24), Florida Statutes, the Council is authorized to review plans of metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Council, pursuant to Section 186.507, Florida Statutes, is required to prepare a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, which will contain regional goals and policies that address regional transportation issues;

WHEREAS, based on the Council's statutory authority to identify inconsistencies between plans of metropolitan planning organizations and applicable local government comprehensive plans, and required to prepare and adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, the Council is appropriately situated to assist in the intergovernmental coordination of the intermodal transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.509, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 29C-8, Florida Administrative Code, the Council has adopted a conflict and dispute resolution process;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the dispute resolution process is to reconcile differences in planning and growth management issues between local governments, regional agencies, and private interests;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that the voluntary dispute resolution process is useful in the process of resolving conflicts and disputes arising in the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310(b) and Section 339.175(9)(a)3., Florida Statutes, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area must execute and maintain an agreement with the operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, airports, and seaports, describing the means by which activities will be coordinated and specifying how public transit, commuter rail, aviation, and seaport planning (including corridor and subarea studies pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318) and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, port and aviation authorities, jointly pledge their intention to cooperatively participate in the planning and programming of transportation improvements within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, the undersigned parties have determined that this Agreement satisfies the requirements of, and is consistent, with 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.310, 450.312, 450.316 and 450.318 and Section 339.175(9)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement desire to participate cooperatively in the performance, on a continuing basis, of a coordinated, comprehensive transportation planning process to assure that highway facilities, mass transit, rail systems, air transportation and other facilities will be properly located and developed in relation to the overall plan of community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representation herein, the parties desiring to be legally bound, do agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1
RECITALS; DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Recitals. Each and all of the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and acknowledged to be true and correct. Failure of any of the foregoing recitals to be true and correct shall not operate to invalidate this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following words when used in this Agreement (unless the context shall clearly indicate the contrary) shall have the following meanings:

Agreement means and refers to this instrument, as amended from time to time.

Corridor or Subarea Study shall mean and refer to studies involving major investment decisions or as otherwise identified in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.316 and 450.318.

Department shall mean and refer to the Florida Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Florida, created pursuant to Section 20.23, Florida Statutes.

FHWA means and refers to the Federal Highway Administration.

Long-Range Transportation Plan is at a minimum a 20-year plan which: identifies transportation facilities and; includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented and assesses capital improvements necessary to preserve the existing metropolitan transportation system and make efficient use of existing transportation facilities and; indicates proposed transportation enhancement activities; all as required by 23 United States Code 134(g), 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.322 and Section 339.175(6), Florida Statutes.

Gainesville Metropolitan Area means and refers to the planning area as determined by agreement between the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and the Governor in the urbanized areas designated by the United States Bureau of the Census as described in 23 United States Code 134(b)(1) and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, which shall be subject to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's planning authority.

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area means and refers to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area formed pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement dated May 26, 2004 as amended or superseded from time to time.

Council means and refers to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council created pursuant to Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, and established to operate under its Organization Policies.

Transportation Improvement Program is the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan and developed pursuant to Title 23 United States Code 134(h), 49 United States Code 5304, 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.324 and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes.

Unified Planning Work Program is the annual program, developed in cooperation with the Department and public transportation providers, that lists all planning tasks to be undertaken during a program year, with a complete description thereof and an estimated budget, all as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations 420, Subpart A, and Section 450.314, and Section 339.175(8), Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE**

Section 2.01. Coordination with public transit operators. As set forth in Article 3 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for cooperation with the Department, the City, the Authority, and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area in the development and preparation of the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and any applicable Corridor or Subarea Studies.

Section 2.02. Intergovernmental coordination. As set forth in Article 4 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide a process through the Council for intergovernmental coordination and review and identification of inconsistencies between proposed Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area transportation plans and local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and approved by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Section 2.03. Dispute resolution. As set forth in Article 5 of this Agreement, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide a process for conflict and dispute resolution through the Council.

**ARTICLE 3
COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING
WITH OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

Section 3.01. Cooperation with operators of public transportation systems; coordination with local government approved comprehensive plans.

(a) The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall cooperate with the City, the Authority and the Department to optimize the planning and programming of an integrated and balanced intermodal transportation system for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

(b) The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall implement a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that is consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with aviation master plans, and public transit development plans of the units of local governments whose boundaries are within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

(c) The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall ensure that representatives of transit agencies and airports within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area are provided membership on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's Technical Advisory Committee.

Section 3.02. Preparation of transportation related plans.

(a) Although the adoption or approval of the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long-Range Transportation Plan is the responsibility of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, development of such plans or programs shall be viewed as a cooperative effort involving the Department, the City, and the Authority. In developing its plans and programs, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall solicit the comments and recommendations of the parties to this Agreement in the preparation of such plans and programs.

(b) At the commencement of the process of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, or the Long-Range Transportation Plan, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area), the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall extend notice to the Department, the City, and the Authority advising the scope of the work to be undertaken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall ensure that the chief operating officials of the Department, the City, and the Authority shall receive approximate 15 days written formal notice of all public workshops and hearings relating to the development of such plans and programs. It is stipulated by the parties to this Agreement that the failure by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to properly extend written or other notice shall not invalidate, or be lodged as a claim to invalidate, the adoption of the aforementioned plans and programs.

(c) Local government comprehensive plans.

(1) In developing the Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or a Corridor or Subarea Studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area), the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the City and the Authority shall analyze for each local government in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area: (i) the comprehensive plan future land use elements; (ii) the goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans; and (iii) the zoning regulations of each of the local governments in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other growth management factors, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the City and the Authority shall provide written recommendations to local governments in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area in the development, amendment, and implementation of their comprehensive plans and zoning regulations. A copy of the recommendations shall be sent to the Council.

(2) The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the project and project phases within the Transportation Improvement Program shall be consistent with the future land use element and goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans of local government in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. If the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area's Transportation Improvement Program is inconsistent with a local government comprehensive plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall so indicate, and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall present, as part of the Transportation Improvement Program, justification for including the project in the program.

(d) Multi-modal transportation agency plans.

(1) In developing the Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or a Corridor or Subarea Studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area), the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall analyze the affected master plans and comprehensive plans of the City and Authority. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation-related factors, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide recommendations to the parties to this Agreement as well as local governments within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, for the development, amendment, and implementation of their master, development, or comprehensive plans.

(2) In developing or revising their respective master or development plans, the parties to this Agreement shall analyze the draft or approved Unified Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, or Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation-related factors, the parties to this Agreement shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide written recommendations to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area with regard to development, amendment, and implementation of the plans, programs, and studies.

(3) The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the Transportation Improvement Program shall be consistent with the affected master plans and development plans of the parties to this Agreement.

(e) By letter agreement to be executed by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and the affected Authority and public transit providers represented by Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area members, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and the affected agency or authority shall mutually develop a process for planning coordination, forwarding recommendations, and project programming consistency to be referred to as the letter agreement. The parties to this letter agreement agree that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area need only include in the Transportation Improvement Program those state-funded airport projects that directly relate to surface transportation activities. The process agreed to in the letter agreement shall provide flexible deadlines for inter-agency comment on affected plans referenced in this section. This Agreement will be amended pursuant to Section 6.02 to incorporate this letter agreement. The signatories to the letter agreement may revise or terminate the letter agreement upon 30 days written notice to all other parties to this letter agreement but without approval of other parties hereto.

ARTICLE 4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW

Section 4.01. Coordination with Council. The Council shall perform the following tasks:

(a) Within 30 days of receipt, review the draft of the proposed Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto, as requested by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, to identify inconsistencies between the foregoing plans and programs and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for counties and cities within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and the adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

(1) The parties hereto recognize that, pursuant to Florida law, the Long-Range Transportation Plan of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area must be considered by cities and counties within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area in the preparation, amendment, and update/revision of their comprehensive plans. Further, the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the projects and project phases within the Transportation Improvement Program are to be consistent with the future land use element and goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans of local governments in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area to the maximum extent feasible. Therefore, promptly upon completion of its review of the draft proposal, the Council shall advise the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and each affected county or city of its findings;

(2) If, after completing its review of the draft proposal, the Council deems that the plans or programs submitted are not acceptable, the Council shall promptly advise the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area in writing of its concerns and identify those portions of the submittals which need to be reevaluated and potentially modified; and

(3) Upon final adoption of the proposed Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendment thereto, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area may request that the Council consider adoption of regional transportation goals, objectives, and policies in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan implementing the adopted Transportation Improvement Program, Long-Range Transportation Plan, Corridor and Subarea Studies, or amendments thereto. If the proposed plan, program, or study, or amendments thereto, was the subject of previous adverse comment by the Council, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will identify the change in the final adopted plan intended to resolve the adverse comment, or alternatively, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area shall identify the reason for not amending the plan as suggested by the Council.

(b) The Council and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area agree to use the conflict and dispute resolution process as set forth in Article 5 below.

ARTICLE 5 CONFLICT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

Section 5.01. Disputes and conflicts under this Agreement. This process shall apply to conflicts and disputes relating to matters subject to this Agreement, or conflicts arising from the performance of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Article 5, only representatives of the agencies with conflicts or disputes shall engage in conflict resolution.

Section 5.02. Remedies. The parties may seek to resolve their dispute by the informal dispute resolution procedures of the Council as set forth in Chapter 29C-8, Florida Administrative Code, or by mediation or such other procedures as mutually agreed to by all the parties. In the event the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, the parties shall retain their right to all available administrative and/or judicial remedies.

ARTICLE 6 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

Section 6.01. Constitutional or statutory duties and responsibilities of parties. This Agreement shall not be construed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of any of the parties. In addition, this Agreement does not relieve any of the parties of an obligation or responsibility imposed upon them by law, except to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by one or more of the parties to this Agreement or any legal or administrative entity created or authorized by this Agreement, in which case this performance may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility.

Section 6.02. Amendment of Agreement. Amendments or modifications of this Agreement may only be made by written agreement signed by all parties hereto with the same formalities as the original Agreement.

Section 6.03. Duration; withdrawal procedure.

(a) Duration. This Agreement shall have a term of five years and shall automatically renew at the end of said five years for another five year term and every five years thereafter. At the end of the first five year term and at least every five years thereafter, the parties hereto shall examine the terms hereof and agree to amend the provisions or reaffirm the same. However, the failure to amend or to reaffirm the terms of this Agreement shall not invalidate or otherwise terminate this Agreement.

(b) Withdrawal procedure. Any party may withdraw from this Agreement after presenting in written form a notice of intent to withdraw to the other parties to this Agreement and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, at least 90 days prior to the intended date of withdrawal; provided, that financial commitments made prior to withdrawal are effective and binding for their full term and amount regardless of withdrawal.

Section 6.04. Notices. All notices, demands and correspondence required or provided for under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in person or dispatched by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Notice is required to be given and shall be addressed as follows:

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Florida Department of Transportation, District 2
1109 South Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2000
Lake City, FL 32025-5874

City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32627-0490

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority
3880 NE 39th Avenue, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32609

A party may unilaterally change its address or addressee by giving notice in writing to the other parties as provided in this section. Thereafter, notices, demands and other pertinent correspondence shall be addressed and transmitted to the new address.

Section 6.05. Interpretation.

(a) Drafters of Agreement. All parties hereto were each represented by, or afforded the opportunity for representation by legal counsel, and participated in the drafting of this Agreement and in the choice of wording. Consequently, no provision hereof should be more strongly construed against any party as drafter of this Agreement.

(b) Severability. Invalidation of any one of the provisions of this Agreement or any part, clause or word hereof, or the application thereof in specific circumstances, by judgment, court order, or administrative hearing or order shall not affect any other provisions or applications in other circumstances, all of which shall remain in full force and effect; provided, that such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

(c) Rules of construction. In interpreting this Agreement, the following rules of construction shall apply unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) The singular of any word or term includes the plural;
- (2) The masculine gender includes the feminine gender; and
- (3) The word “shall” is mandatory, and “may” is permissive.

Section 6.06. Attorney’s Fees. In the event of any judicial or administrative action to enforce or interpret this Agreement by any party hereto, each party shall bear its own attorney’s fees in connection with such proceeding.

Section 6.07. Agreement execution; use of counterpart signature pages. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 6.08. Effective date. This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by all parties hereto.

Section 6.09. Other authority. In the event that any election, referendum, approval, permit, notice, or other proceeding or authorization is required under applicable law to enable the parties to enter into this Agreement or to undertake the provisions set forth hereunder, or to observe, assume or carry out any of the provisions of the Agreement, said parties will initiate and consummate, as provided by law, all actions necessary with respect to any such matters for required.

Section 6.10. Parties not obligated to third parties. No party hereto shall be obligated or liable hereunder to any party not a signatory to this Agreement. There are no express or intended third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

Section 6.11. Rights and remedies not waived. In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Department of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist on the part of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, and the making of any such payment by the Department while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Department in respect of such breach or default.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Joint Participation Agreement on behalf of the referenced legal entities on the date as first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the presence of:

ATTEST:

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE
URBANIZED AREA

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Attorney

ATTEST:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____
District 2 Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY

FDOT District 2 Attorney

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY

Council Attorney

ATTEST:

GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY

Authority Attorney

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor

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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of the Town of Raiford

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Raiford.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Raiford, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

The Town of Raiford, was incorporated in 1971. The Town was first settled in 1895 by Hunter Warren Raiford who was in the naval store business. With the construction of the Atlantic Coast Railroad connecting Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, in 1900, the Town became a railroad stop and trading center. Also, in 1900, a post office was established in the Town.

The Town is named in honor of the first Raiford United States Postmaster and town settler Hunter Warren Raiford. Logging, turpentine and saw milling were the main economy in the early days of the Town. A newspaper, the Raiford Weekly Tribune, was published for many years in the Town.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE TOWN OF RAIFORD

WHEREAS, the Town of Raiford, was incorporated in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Raiford was first settled in 1895 by Hunter Warren Raiford who was in the naval store business; and

WHEREAS, with the construction of the Atlantic Coast Railroad connecting Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, in 1900, the Town of Raiford became a railroad stop and trading center; and

WHEREAS, a post office was also established, in 1900, in the Town of Raiford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Raiford is named in honor of the first Raiford United States Postmaster and town settler Hunter Warren Raiford; and

WHEREAS, logging, turpentine and saw milling were the main economy in the early days of the Town of Raiford; and

WHEREAS, a newspaper, the Raiford Weekly Tribune, was published for many years in the Town of Raiford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the Town of Raiford on its 50th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 9th day of December 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Thomas Demps, Chair



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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., December 9, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be a virtual meeting conducted via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #9 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #10 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #12 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #13 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #14 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-7ESR)
- #15 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #18 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #19 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #20 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #21 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #23 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #24 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #25 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #26 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #27 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #28 - Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #29 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #30 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

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Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).

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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor’s Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the October 2021 and November 2021 Monthly Activity Reports highlighting the activities of the Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: October 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the September 2021 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,575 individuals who receive the *FRCA Forward* newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and conferences and shared information:
 - Economic Development Planners Coordination Call
 - Coordination meetings with resiliency collaboratives statewide, and
 - Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted the October Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) meeting.
- Organized upcoming EDAC Retreat and Winter 2022 Policy Board Meeting.
- Assisted with initial development of the FRCA 2021 Annual Report.
- Began preparations for the next FRCA Partners Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2021.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: November 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

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- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,575 individuals who receive the *FRCA Forward* newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and conferences and shared information:
 - Florida Resilient Coastline Program Quarterly Forum,
 - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting,
 - Infrastructure Bank Informational Webinar, and
 - Coordination meetings with resiliency collaboratives statewide.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted the November Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) meeting.
- Continued preparations for the next FRCA Partners Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2021.
- Organized EDAC Retreat being held December 13-14, 2021.
- Prepared for the Winter 2022 Policy Board Meeting scheduled for January 2022.
- Organized and hosted FRCA Policy Board Working Group Meeting on Building Inspections.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the December 2021 Scorecard.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 12/01/2021

22,038,851

<p> JOB CHANGE</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <h2>428,600</h2> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <h2>2 M</h2>	<p> CHILDREN IN POVERTY</p> <h2>20.1%</h2> <p>(Decreasing)</p> <h2><10%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p> <h2>829,342</h2> <p>(Decreasing)</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <h2>54%</h2> <p>(Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <h2>100%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> OPEN JOBS</p> <h2>520,100</h2> <p>(Declining)</p> <h2>491,000</h2> <p>Unemployed Persons (Declining)</p>
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<p> UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <h2>4.6%</h2> <p>(Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <h2>428,600</h2> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <h2>54%</h2> <p>(Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <h2>100%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p>	<p> STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</p> <h2>\$98.8</h2> <p>Billion Visitor Spending</p> <h2>86.7</h2> <p>Million Visitors</p>	<p> STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <h2>12,162</h2> <p>Starts (Declining)</p> <h2>28,302</h2> <p>Sales (Declining)</p>
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<p> INCOME MIGRATION</p> <h2>\$1.19M</h2> <p>Per Hour</p>	<p> POVERTY RATE</p> <h2>14.0%</h2> <p>(Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> CONSUMER SENTIMENT</p> <h2>69.8</h2> <p>(Declining)</p>	<p> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</p> <h2>90.0%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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<p> SALES TAX REVENUE</p> <h2>\$3.347</h2> <p>Billion per Month (Declining)</p>	<p> VOTER PARTICIPATION</p> <h2>77%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p>	<p> RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</p> <h2>48%/42%</h2>	<p> LAND IN CONSERVATION</p> <h2>28%</h2>
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Talent Supply & Education

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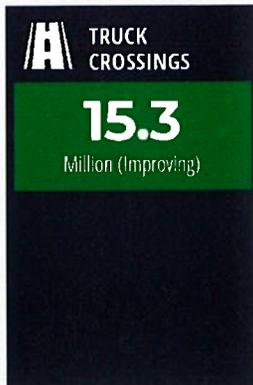
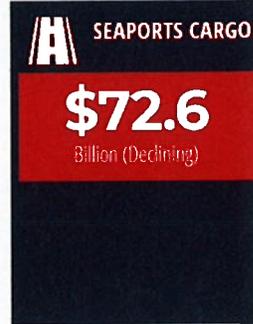
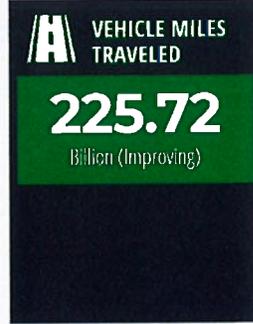
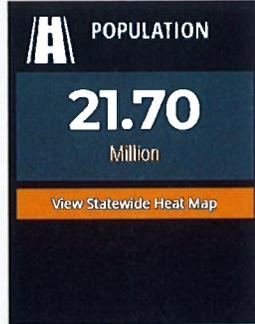
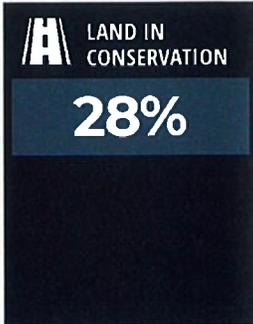


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VOTER PARTICIPATION

77%
(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

48%/42%

INMATE POPULATION

116,980

DEPENDENCY RATIO

2015
56.5%

2030 Estimate
70%

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

246.4
Thousand (State)

713.3
Thousand (Local)

VOLUNTEERISM

22.8%
of Floridians Volunteer

50th
Florida's Rank

Top 12
2030 Goal

STATE DEBT OUTSTANDING

\$19.2
Billion

CITIZENS INSURANCE EXPOSURE POLICIES

\$211.9
Billion Exposure

708,000
Policies

UNDERFUNDED STATE PENSION

\$1120.0
Million (Increasing)

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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2022 Legislature Session will convene on January 11, 2022 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 11, 2022. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of September 20, 2021
- Week of October 11, 2021
- Week of October 18, 2021
- Week of November 1, 2021
- Week of November 15, 2021
- Week of November 29, 2021

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Government Fiscal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act will provide \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs (see attached Fact Sheet, county and metropolitan city allocation list, and non-entitlement municipality allocation list). According to the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will provide eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger and more equitable economy as the country recovers.

Recipients may use these funds to:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff;
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector;
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and
- **Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county and Tribal governments may now request their allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Treasury Submission Portal. Treasury will distribute funds to eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county and Tribal governments. American Rescue Plan Act funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

Eligible local governments that are classified as non-entitlement units will receive this funding through state government. Non-entitlement units are generally local governments with populations of less than 50,000.

Local governments will receive funds in two tranches, with 50 percent provided beginning in May 2021 and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later. For more information about this program, please email SLFRP@treasury.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 18, 2021

FACT SHEET: The American Rescue Plan Will Deliver Immediate Economic Relief to Families

The current public health crisis and resulting economic crisis have devastated the health and economic wellbeing of millions of Americans. From big cities to small towns, Americans – particularly people of color, immigrants, and low-wage workers – are facing a deep economic crisis. More than 9.5 million workers have lost their jobs in the wake of the pandemic, with 4 million out of work for half a year or longer.

The American Rescue Plan will change the course of the pandemic and deliver immediate and direct relief to families and workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis through no fault of their own. This law is one of the most progressive pieces of legislation in history, and will build a bridge to an equitable economic recovery.

Economic Impact Payments

Through this third round of Economic Impact Payments, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury Department) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are ensuring that Americans will receive fast and direct relief during the final phase of the COVID-19 crisis. As of yesterday, **approximately 90 million Economic Impact Payments had been disbursed**, thereby ensuring that **more than \$242 billion** of much-needed relief will be received by millions of Americans and their families within days of enactment of the American Rescue Plan. Unlike the prior rounds of Economic Impact Payments, the American Rescue Plan requires a 2021 “true-up” additional payment, when applicable, based on information (such as a recently filed 2020 tax return) that the IRS receives mid-year during 2021. This additional Economic Impact Payment will ensure that Americans and their families receive greater amounts of financial assistance during 2021, rather than waiting to claim a Recovery Rebate Credit on a tax return in 2022.

Those eligible will automatically receive an Economic Impact Payment of up to \$1,400 for individuals or \$2,800 for married couples, plus \$1,400 for each dependent. Unlike the prior rounds of Economic Impact Payments, families will get a payment for all their dependents claimed on a tax return, not just their qualifying children under 17.

Normally, a taxpayer will qualify for the full amount if they have an adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 for singles and married persons filing a separate return, up to \$112,500 for heads of household, and up to \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns and surviving spouses. Payment amounts are reduced for filers with incomes above those levels.

The Treasury Department and the IRS continue to expand outreach to the millions of homeless, rural poor, and other disadvantaged Americans to ensure that they receive Economic Impact Payments. This includes new and continued relationships with homeless shelters, legal aid clinics, and providing Economic Impact Payment information in more than 35 languages.

Child Tax Credit

The American Rescue Plan's expansion of the Child Tax Credit will substantially reduce child poverty by supplementing the earnings of families receiving the tax credit. Specifically, the Child Tax Credit has been revised in the following ways:

1. **The credit amount has been increased.** The American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under age 6, and \$3,000 for other children under age 18.
2. **The credit's scope has been expanded.** Children 17 years old and younger, as opposed to 16 years old and younger, will now be covered by the Child Tax Credit.
3. **Credit amounts will be made through advance payments during 2021.** Individuals eligible for a 2021 Child Tax Credit will receive advance payments of the individual's credit, which the IRS and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service will make through periodic payments from July 1, to December 31, 2021. This change will allow struggling families to receive financial assistance now, rather than waiting until the 2022 tax filing season to receive the Child Tax Credit benefit.
4. **The credit is now fully refundable.** By making the Child Tax Credit fully refundable, low-income households will be entitled to receive the full credit benefit, as significantly expanded and increased by the American Rescue Plan.
5. **The credit is now extended to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Territories.** For the first time, low-income families residing in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Territories will receive this vital financial assistance to better support their children's development and health and educational attainment.

To facilitate the disbursement of Child Tax Credit advance payments during 2021, the American Rescue Plan requires the IRS to establish an online portal for taxpayers to update relevant data for mid-year payment adjustments (for example, the birth of a child during 2021). In addition to this online tool, the Treasury Department and the IRS will carry out a sweeping public awareness campaign parallel to its Economic Impact Payment campaign to reach all Americans who may be eligible for this financial assistance.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

State, local and tribal governments across America have been under an unprecedented strain in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. While the need for services has increased—including setting up emergency medical facilities, standing up vaccination sites, and supporting struggling small businesses—state and local revenues have plummeted as a result of the economic fallout from the crisis. At the height of the fallout, public sector employment fell by around 1.4 million jobs, including layoffs of 1 million educators, compared to around 750,000 job losses during the Great Recession. As a result, communities have faced untenable choices, between laying off educators, firefighters and other frontline workers or failing to provide services that communities rely on.

The American Rescue Plan provides **\$350 billion dollars** in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to remedy this mismatch between rising costs and falling revenues. This includes:

- \$195 billion for states, (a minimum of \$500 million for each State);
- \$130 billion for local governments (a minimum of \$1.25 billion per state is provided by the statute inclusive of the amounts allocated to local governments within the state);
- \$20 billion for tribal governments; and
- \$4.5 billion for territories

The Rescue Plan will provide needed relief to state, local, and Tribal governments to enable them to continue to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery. In addition to helping these governments address the revenue losses they have experienced as a result of the crisis, it will help them cover the costs incurred due responding to the public health emergency and provide support for a recovery – including through assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries, and support for essential workers. It will also provide resources for state, local, and Tribal governments to invest in infrastructure, including water, sewer, and broadband services.

Capital Projects Fund

The COVID-19 crisis starkly illuminated key shortcomings – and inequalities – in U.S. infrastructure. While some communities were able to adapt to the pandemic with remote or socially-distanced options for work, education, and health care, others lacked the infrastructure needed to do so, compounding the disruptions of the pandemic and exacerbating existing inequalities, with long-term consequences for American families. One particularly salient infrastructure challenge has been the digital divide and the absence of foundational conditions that enable network connectivity and access. As more and more areas of work and education move online, this divide risks leaving many American families behind.

Recognizing these challenges, the American Rescue Plan provides **\$10 billion** for states, territories, and Tribes to cover the costs of capital projects like broadband infrastructure.

The Capital Projects Fund takes critical steps to addressing these challenges laid bare by the pandemic, especially in rural America and low- and moderate-income communities, helping to ensure that all communities have access to the high-quality, modern infrastructure needed to thrive, including internet access.

Homeowner Assistance Fund

As the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis took form, millions of Americans were faced with the pressures of having to decide between making mortgage payments and other essential obligations. This was especially true for the low-income communities and communities of color who bore the brunt of this crisis. Across the country, one in 10 homeowners with a mortgage are behind on payments. The law takes immediate steps to help Americans stay in their homes and keep a roof over their heads.

The American Rescue Plan provides nearly **\$10 billion** for states, territories, and Tribes to provide relief for our country’s most vulnerable homeowners. This includes:

- A minimum of \$50 million for each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico;

- \$30 million for the territories of Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- An explicit mandate to prioritize socially disadvantaged households;

The law prioritizes those homeowners that have experienced the greatest hardships, leveraging local and national income indicators to maximize intended impact. Applicable funding uses include delinquent mortgage payments, allowing Americans across the country to take a step in the right direction toward household stabilization. These necessary actions will minimize foreclosures in the coming months, alleviate emergency shelter capacity, and mitigate potential COVID-19 infections.

Emergency Rental Assistance

An underlying consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is that household stability is not just a financial security issue, but also a health concern. As the country entered the throes of the crisis, many cities and states began creating or expanding rental assistance programs to support at-risk households. The December appropriations bill provided \$25 billion of federal relief to be administered by the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program for disbursement to existing state and local government programs. The American Rescue Plan nearly doubles the initial funding to expand the reach and impact of the existing ERA program, taking additional steps to mitigate the financial harm caused by the pandemic and keeping Americans safe as the country addresses the virus.

The American Rescue Plan provides **\$21.6 billion** for states, territories, and local governments to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 crisis. This includes:

- A minimum of \$152 million for each state and the District of Columbia;
- \$305 million for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa;
- \$2.5 billion for payments to “high-need grantees,” locations with an urgent need for assistance when factoring conditions such as change in employment, concentration of very low-income renters, and rental market costs

As a result of the American Rescue Plan, states and localities across the country will be better armed to provide relief and assistance to those vulnerable households. The new funding will leverage existing program structures, allowing for money to be disbursed quickly and efficiently to on the ground emergency programs, and ensuring this country’s hardest-hit families to receive their equitable share of relief.

State Small Business Credit Initiative

It is no secret that the pandemic has disproportionately impacted small businesses across the country, particularly those owned and operated by women and minorities. Every community has had to face the unfortunate reality of local storefronts that are closing or have closed, resulting in friends and family members being furloughed or laid off. Nationally, small business revenue is down 32 percent, and at least 400,000 firms have permanently closed. After a year of the public health crisis, many businesses are hanging on by a thread. Within this law are plans to provide critical assistance to small businesses across the country, facilitating the urgent deployment of capital and support to help these organizations not just persevere, but recover on solid footing.

The American Rescue Plan provides **\$10 billion** to state and Tribal governments to fund small business credit expansion initiatives. This program will build off the inaugural model developed in 2011 during the

Obama-Biden Administration, in which nearly \$1.5 billion in capital supported over \$8 billion in new lending and investing activity across 142 different programs in its first 5 years. The new iteration will expand in scale and include:

- \$1.5 billion for states to support businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people;
- \$1 billion for an incentive program to boost funding tranches for states that show robust support for such businesses; and
- \$500 million to support very small businesses with fewer than 10 employees;

This law will inject capital into state small business support and capital access programs, provide collateral support, facilitate loan participation, and enable credit guarantee programs. It will boost state venture capital programs and provide funding for technical support and assistance. This Administration recognizes that small businesses—enterprises that are responsible for two-thirds of net new jobs in this country—are the backbone of the American economy, and a bellwether of economic progress.

Employee Retention Credit and Paid Leave Credit Programs

In addition to the SSBCI, the American Rescue Plan extends a number of critical tax benefits to small businesses that are intended to help businesses through to the recovery while keeping up their payrolls and still taking steps to protect health outcomes for employees.

The American Rescue Plan extends the availability of the Employee Retention Credit for small businesses through December 2021 and allows businesses to offset their current payroll tax liabilities by **up to \$7,000 per employee per quarter**. This credit of up to \$28,000 per employee for 2021 is available to small businesses who have seen their revenues decline, or even been temporarily shuttered, due to COVID.

The American Rescue Plan also extends through September 2021 the availability of Paid Leave Credits for small and midsize businesses that offer paid leave to employees who may take leave due to illness, quarantine, or caregiving. Businesses can take **dollar-for-dollar tax credits equal to wages of up to \$5,000** if they offer paid leave to employees who are sick or quarantining. Paid Leave Credits are a powerful incentive to encourage the offer of paid sick and family leave, which will help keep the virus under control by ensuring sick employees can stay home.

Unemployment Compensation

Across the nation, millions of Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and, as a result, claimed unemployment benefits. The American Rescue Plan waives federal income taxes on the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits received in 2020 by middle- and lower-income taxpayers. The tax relief extends to both workers who received benefits through federal unemployment programs as well as those who received traditional benefits through their state unemployment insurance fund. This law will provide tax relief for Americans who lost their jobs and utilized unemployment benefits last year – allowing millions of workers to focus their benefits on covering essentials during the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOCATIONS
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION

Compiled by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
December 9, 2021

<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alachua County	\$52,258,449
Bradford County	5,477,714
Columbia County	13,924,165
Dixie County	3,268,253
Gilchrist County	3,609,336
Hamilton County	2,802,470
Lafayette County	1,635,875
Levy County	8,061,471
Madison County	3,592,048
Suwannee County	8,627,482
Taylor County	4,189,525
Union County	<u>2,959,609</u>
Total Counties	\$110,406,397

<u>METROPOLITAN CITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Gainesville	\$32,408,804

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
NON-ENTITLEMENT CITIES FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOCATIONS
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION (Continued)

Compiled by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
December 9, 2021

<u>NON-ENTITLEMENT CITIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alachua	\$4,957,950
Archer	600,022
Bell	249,425
Branford	366,625
Bronson	574,479
Brooker	168,287
Cedar Key	360,615
Chiefland	1,094,866
Cross City	857,962
Fanning Springs	515,879
Fort White	300,512
Greenville	412,703
Hampton	251,429
Hawthorne	762,299
High Springs	3,094,274
Horseshoe Beach	84,143
Inglis	674,650
Jasper	2,082,049
Jennings	431,736
LaCrosse	198,839
Lake Butler	903,540
Lake City	6,186,544
Lawtey	363,119
Lee	164,279
Live Oak	3,491,952
Madison	1,383,858
Mayo	635,583
Micanopy	318,042
Newberry	3,120,819
Otter Creek	67,114
Perry	3,445,372
Raiford	60,771
Starke	2,715,629
Trenton	1,081,844
Waldo	504,861
White Springs	383,654
Williston	1,369,835
Worthington Springs	102,146
Yankeetown	<u>264,952</u>
 Total Non-Entitlement Cities	 \$44,602,658

North Central Florida Region **\$187,417,859**

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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Plan
 Property Rights Element

The Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2021-195 concerning growth management during the 2021 Legislative Session. The legislation requires every local government to add a property rights element to its comprehensive plan. Until the property rights element is adopted by a local government, it is prohibited from adopting any other comprehensive plan amendments.

The property rights element must recognize and respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights. In particular, the local government must consider the following private property rights in local decision making.

- right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights;
- right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances;
- right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property; and
- right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

The Council is currently providing technical assistance to local governments throughout the north central Florida region to comply with the property rights element requirement. The assistance includes drafting the property rights element; preparing public hearing notices; drafting resolutions and ordinances subject to review by local government attorneys as to legal form and sufficiency; preparing and transmitting proposed comprehensive plan amendment packages to the state land planning agency, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and state and regional review agencies; preparing and submitting adopted comprehensive plan amendment packages to the state land planning agency, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and state and regional review agencies; and codifying comprehensive plan to include adopted property rights element.

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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2020 Annual Report

Each year, the Council publishes an annual report to review programs and services of the Council in fulfilling its mission 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.

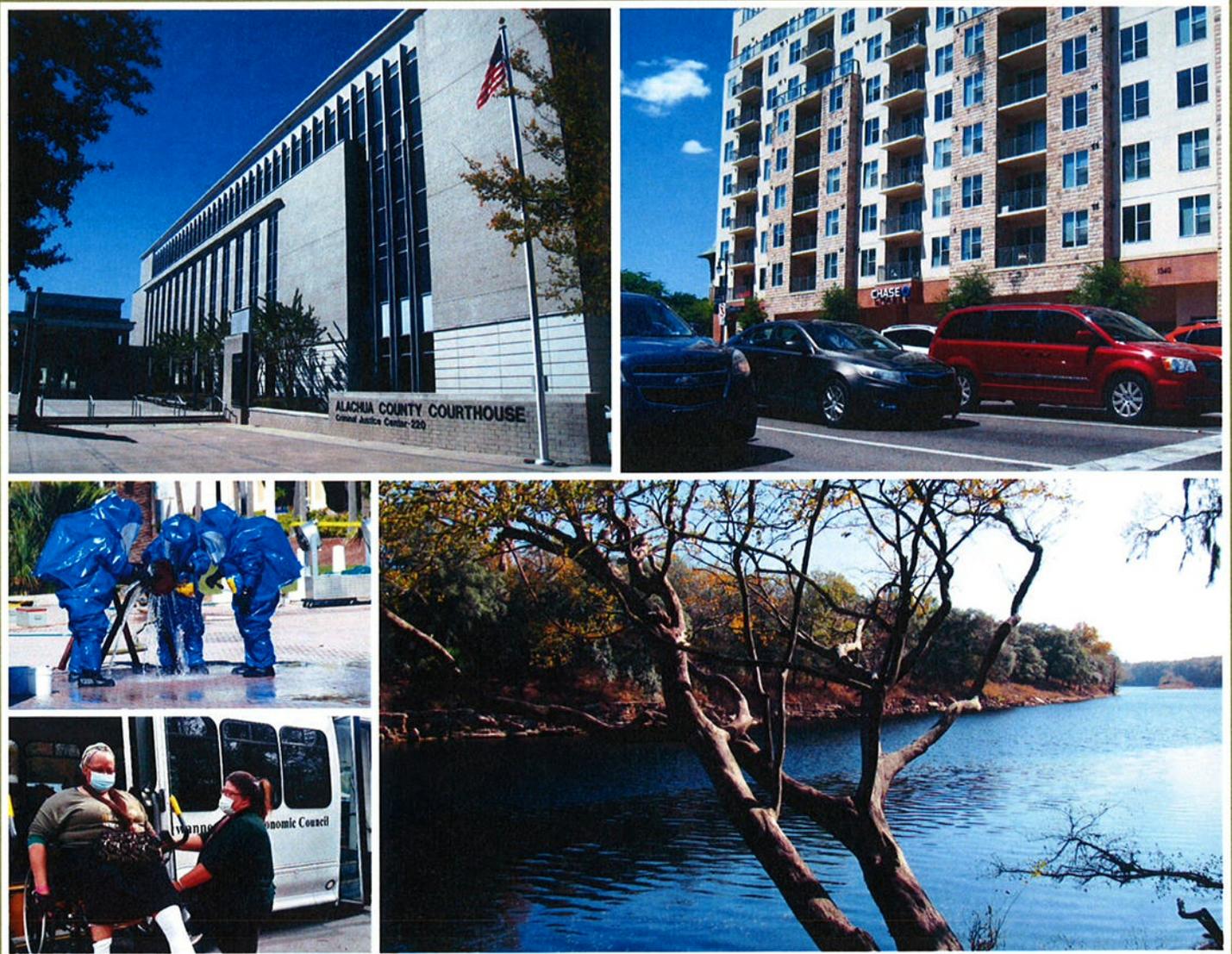
The annual report highlights accomplishments in the areas of regional activities, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation. The annual report also provides a summary of the financial status of the Council and looks at the year ahead. Please find attached a copy of the 2020 Annual Report.

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2020 Annual Report



North Central Florida
Regional Planning Council



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Letter To Our Citizens

During 2020, the Council continued to be a very successful public agency that provided valuable services in fulfilling our mission 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 following pages summarize these accomplishments.

For over 50 years, the Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region. By bringing together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions, the Council has contributed to the enhancement of the north central Florida region.

"The Council promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions."

During the past year, the Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region. The Council, whose members are local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, continued to administer a variety of state and federal programs for the north central Florida region, including Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

Programs included the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; technical assistance to local governments in development of comprehensive plans, land development regulations and grant management; and administration of hazardous materials and economic development programs. In addition, the Council provided staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.

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 organizations, including the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville

Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Team and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force. All of these groups continued to remain committed to achieving excellence as they continued to pursue ways to improve the north central Florida 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 were 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, rural counties and small cities have been able to improve the quality of life in rural north central Florida.

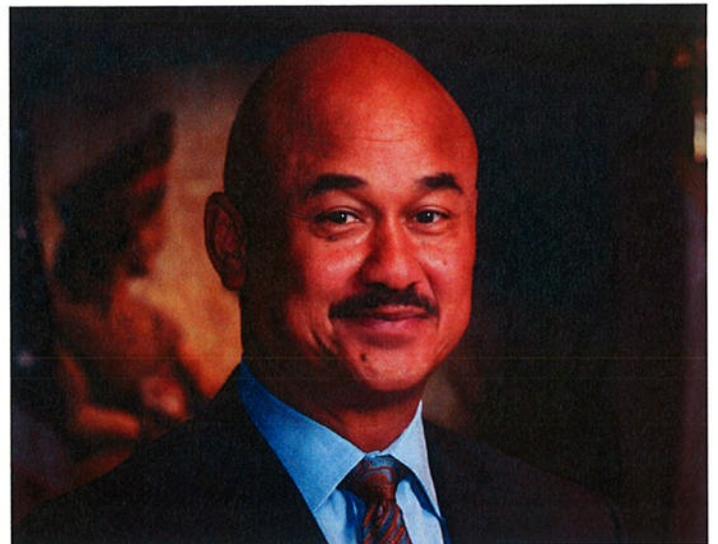
We hope that you find the report concerning our programs on the following pages to be informative. Also provided in this report is a summary of our financial status and a brief look at the year ahead.

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

Sincerely,



Charles S. Chestnut IV
Chair



Charles S. Chestnut IV,, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



The Council

The Council is an association of 26 general purpose local governments. Membership includes 12 counties and 14 of the municipalities in the north central Florida region. One-third of the representatives are appointed by the Governor with the remaining two-thirds of the representatives being local elected officials.

“The Council served as a forum for coordination and review.”

Each year, the Council adopts an annual work program and budget. Also each year, the Council elects officers for the organization: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer from among its ranks.

Council members serve on several committees appointed by the Chair. The purpose of these committees is to advise the Council on administrative and programmatic matters. The Council serves as a forum for the coordination and review of federal/state/local government community planning and community development programs and activities affecting the north central Florida 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.

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The Region

The north central Florida region spans over 8,000 square miles with 12 counties and 40 municipalities.



In 2020, the population of the north central Florida region was 573,084, an increase of 32,986 persons over the 2010 population of 540,098, representing a 6.1 percent increase.

The economic base of the north central Florida 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

“The Council is dedicated to improving 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.”

is the regional retail center and together with Alachua County accounts for 47.4 percent of the total population of the north central Florida region.



The north central Florida region spans over 8,000 square miles with 12 counties and 40 municipalities. Alachua County is located in the north central Florida region.



Regional

During 2020, the Council continued to use the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as the primary policy document and basis to provide comments concerning its review responsibilities.

Regional Planning

The North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan is a long-range guide for the physical, economic and social development of the north central Florida region. The regional plan contains regional goals and policies designed to promote a coordinated program of regional actions directed at resolving problems identified in the trends and conditions statements contained within each of the strategic regional subject areas: Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Emergency Preparedness; Natural Resources of Regional Significance; and Regional Transportation. The regional plan is the primary policy document of the Council and is the basis for Council comments concerning its review responsibilities.

"The Council used the Strategic Regional Policy Plan as the primary policy document and basis for Council comments concerning its review responsibilities."

Review Activities

One of the ways that the Council implemented the regional plan was through its review responsibilities. Since 1969, the Council has served as the area-wide clearinghouse for all federally-funded projects that affect the physical environment of the north central Florida region. In addition, the Council conducts other review activities undertaken as a result of state legislation.

Reviews included the following types:

- Applications for federal assistance totaling \$4,484,000;
- Local comprehensive plan amendments; and
- Environmental impact statements and assessments.

The Council reviewed these projects in order to:

- Avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts to regionally significant natural resources, regionally significant facilities or neighboring communities or counties;
- Ensure coordination with local government plans; and
- Avoid duplication or conflict with other local or area-wide plans and programs.



Coastal resources in the north central Florida region, such as the Big Bend Salt Marsh and Big Bend Sea Grass Beds, are recognized as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Council History

The Council was created on May 7, 1969. For over 50 years, the Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region. By bringing together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions, the Council has contributed to the enhancement of the north central Florida region.



Regional

The Council provided comments on 56 review items, including 49 amendments to local government comprehensive plans. The Council forwarded its comments on local government comprehensive plans to local governments under the expedited review process and to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for their consideration in determining the consistency of local government comprehensive plans with the State Comprehensive Plan and the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan under the coordinated review process.

The Council also reviewed two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications and five environmental assessments. The Council provided comments on applications for federal assistance to the Florida State Clearinghouse, which is housed in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Clearinghouse administers the intergovernmental coordination and review process of certain state and federal activities within the State of Florida. In particular, the Clearinghouse serves as the single point of contact for coordinating the review by the Council and other agencies of certain state

“The Council provided comments on applications for federal assistance ensuring that federal grants were consistent with regional and local plans and programs throughout the region.”

and federal activities which involve federal financial assistance and/or direct federal activities that affect the physical environment. Council comments address potential impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance.



Freshwater resources in the north central Florida region, such as the Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River are recognized as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The Council received an Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

During 2020, the Council continued to work on ongoing public safety and regulatory compliance activities in the north central Florida region.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee continued its mission of increasing chemical safety in communities throughout the north central Florida region. Since 1989, the Council has provided staff support to the Committee.

The tools used by the Committee include planning, training, reviewing, exercising, offering How-to-Comply assistance to business and industry and educating the public. An updated emergency response plan for the north central Florida region was also completed by the Committee.

"The Council provided staff support to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Sheltering In-Place seminars to increase public preparedness in case of a chemical release."

Sheltering In-Place seminars are held to assist public and emergency response agencies with increasing public preparedness in the case of a chemical release. Many releases are short in duration and it may be safer to stay inside and not be exposed to the full strength of a chemical plume by trying to evacuate through it. A webpage continued to be available to support local and emergency responder public outreach efforts.

First Responder Training

The Council coordinated hazardous materials emergency response training classes. A total of three classes were held, training 29 first responders for a total of 172 hours. Some classes are offered in a shift-friendly format where the same one-day class is repeated three consecutive days. This approach provides an opportunity for all three shifts at a fire rescue department to attend the class.

The use of on-line training is used as part of the 160-hour hazardous materials technician class. With the first 80 hours available online, it is more convenient for firefighters to attend advanced hazardous materials training. The additional

Hazardous Materials Training Exercises

The Committee plans and conducts field exercises and tabletop exercises concerning response to hazardous materials incidents in the north central Florida region. The exercises provide an opportunity for first responders to meet and determine how to work together to respond to such incidents using available resources.



Firefighters from the north central Florida region attend the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium and receive both classroom and hands-on training.

Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team

Since 2000, the Council has provided staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Member jurisdictions of the Team include Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union Counties as well as the following cities: Gainesville, Lake City, Madison and Starke.

Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium

Advanced training continues to be a priority for the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Response Team. The Council provides scholarships for firefighters to attend the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium. The Symposium offers a combination of both classroom and hands-on training for hazardous materials technicians.

Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

Hazards Analyses

The federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act requires hazardous chemical emergency planning by federal, state and local governments, and industry. The Act also requires industry to report on the storage, use and releases of certain hazardous materials.

Each year, pursuant to the Act, the Council, in partnership with the Committee, performs outreach activities to increase hazardous materials awareness, collects data on hazardous materials stored within the north central Florida region, develops hazardous materials emergency plans and provides the public with hazardous materials information upon request.

Hazardous materials emergency response planning continued to address chemical hazards in the north central Florida region. Facilities reported the amounts of extremely hazardous substances stored at their sites. In addition, the Council continued to provide hazards analyses site visit assistance to counties in the north central Florida region.

"The Council assisted counties with conducting hazards analyses and hazardous waste site visits."

Hazardous Waste

All counties in Florida are required by law to conduct annual site visits to verify the small quantity hazardous waste management practices of 20 percent of the businesses and government agencies in a county.

The Council continued to assist counties by providing compliance assistance to businesses during the required verification site visits. The assistance helped facilities properly manage waste disposal in a cost efficient manner.



The Council provided assistance to Dixie County and other counties throughout the north central Florida region with small quantity hazardous waste monitoring.

Economic Development

During 2020, the Council continued to promote long-term economic prosperity in the north central Florida region by conducting comprehensive economic development planning, assisting local governments and economic development organizations with implementation activities and by promoting tourism opportunities of the north central Florida region as an economic development strategy.

"The Council used the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars for Securing Florida's Future as the organizing framework for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy . "uses ."

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

In 1978, the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration designated the north central Florida region as the first economic development district in Florida. Since then, the Council has served as the primary regional economic development planning organization for the north central Florida region. The Council continued to provide technical assistance to local governments and economic development organizations in order to promote the economic growth of the north central Florida region.

Council staff continued to promote initiatives that support the five regional priorities identified in the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of the North Central Florida Economic Development District. The five priorities are: support the two Rural Economic Development Initiative Catalyst Sites in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity; 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 multimodal infrastructure of the north central Florida region; and expand and support regional business incubators and research parks.

The five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018 to 2022 utilizes the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars for Securing Florida's Future principles as the organizing framework. The goals and objectives of the Strategy are also coordinated with the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development as developed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Economic Impact Analyses

Council staff continued to support local governments and local economic development organizations throughout the north central Florida region by providing technical assistance. In particular, Council staff prepared economic impact analyses for potential economic development projects.

North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

2018-2022



North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

September 2017



The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018 to 2022 for the north central Florida region uses the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars for Securing Florida's Future as the organizing framework.

Using Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. Policy Insight[®] software, Council staff provided estimated impacts to population, total employment and personal income, based on the industry sector, employment and average employee wages of the proposed project. These estimates are a valuable tool to local governments as they evaluate possible incentives to attract new and retain existing businesses in their communities.

Economic Development

Visit Natural North Florida (The Original Florida Tourism Task Force)

In many rural communities, tourism is often the primary source of economic development activity. Visit Natural North Florida (The Original Florida Tourism Task Force) marketed the 14-county Natural North Florida region by promoting the development of nature-based, culture-based and heritage-based tourism. Since 1993, the Council has provided staff support to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force to assist in implementing its annual marketing plan.

Visit Natural North Florida is comprised of representatives from each of the participating counties, appointed by their respective board of county commissioners, to support and direct the regional tourism development effort. The Council continued to provide staff services to the Task Force in maintaining the VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com website, coordinating consumer travel show participation and producing collateral materials to meet the goals of the regional marketing plan.

“The Council provided staff services to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force to promote the region for nature-based, culture-based and heritage-based tourism.”

Visit Natural North Florida members receive scholarships to attend the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College. Attendees are taught marketing techniques in all facets of the tourism industry and learn about the latest trends in tourism promotion.



The Original Florida Tourism Task Force promoted the north central Florida region for nature-based, heritage-based and culture-based tourism activities such as bicycling opportunities available in the north central Florida region.

Local Government Assistance

During 2020, the Council continued to offer technical assistance to local governments which did not have available staff or expertise for these activities ranging from community planning to community development.

Community Planning

Since 1975, in response to the requirements of Florida community planning legislation, the Council has placed an emphasis on community planning assistance to local governments. The Council continued to assist counties and cities throughout the north central Florida region in complying with the requirements of the Community Planning Act.

“The Council assisted counties and cities throughout the region in complying with the requirements of the Community Planning Act.”

The Act requires counties and cities to prepare, adopt, update and implement a comprehensive plan to guide future growth and development in their communities. The comprehensive plan must address future land use, transportation, housing, public facilities, including potable water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm water drainage, conservation of natural resources, recreation and open space, intergovernmental coordination, public school facilities and capital improvements. In addition, the comprehensive plan may include optional elements such as economic development, and public buildings and facilities.

The comprehensive plan must be implemented through the adoption of land development regulations governing the subdivision of land, use of land, protection of potable water well fields, regulation of areas subject to flooding, protection of environmentally sensitive lands, signage, public facility concurrency, and onsite traffic flow and parking. The Act also requires local governments to evaluate their comprehensive plan every seven years to determine whether it complies with all statutory and administrative rule requirements. Such evaluations may result in recommended amendments to the comprehensive plan.

The Council provided ongoing community planning assistance to local governments to assist with interpretations of comprehensive plans and land development regulations, preparation of comprehensive plan and land development regulation amendments, codification of comprehensive plans and land development regulations, and concurrency assessments

In particular, the Council assisted seven counties and 13 municipalities process 94 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 32 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments with 46 land development regulation map and text amendments, eight land development regulation special exceptions, six variances and two site and development plans.



The Council provided assistance to the Town of Micanopy and other local governments throughout the north central Florida region with comprehensive planning and land development regulation.

The Council assisted one county and three municipalities to prepare evaluations of their local government comprehensive plans pursuant to the Community Planning Act. The evaluation examined the success of the plans and included recommendations for amendments to update the comprehensive plans.

The Council also assisted counties and municipalities to prepare 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.

Local Government Assistance

Community Development

Since 1976, the Council has assisted local governments in the north central Florida region with filing applications and administering projects under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The Program is a federal program, which is part of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and is administered by the State of Florida. Eligible small cities and rural counties apply to the State for funding through a competitive process.

The purpose of the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program is to help reduce and reverse community decline and restore community vitality. This is accomplished by addressing housing stock, improving infrastructure and assisting private businesses with infrastructure needs so they can increase employment opportunities primarily for residents whose incomes are within the low- to moderate-income range for their community.

Though the program ultimately benefits local governments by providing grants to meet community development needs, the beneficiaries of this program are primarily resi-

“The Council assisted counties and cities identify community development needs, prepare grant applications and administer projects.”

dents whose incomes are within the low- to moderate-income range for their community. The Program has several categories which assist local governments with improving infrastructure in neighborhoods and downtowns, renovating housing, and creating jobs for low- to moderate-income residents.

In 2020, Council staff continued to provide administrative assistance for community development projects in Bradford County and the City of Madison, and initiated administrative assistance for a community development project in the of Town of Mayo.



The Council provided grant administrative services to Bradford County for a Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation project. The project resulted in providing safe, suitable and sanitary housing for low- and moderate-income persons residing in owner-occupied housing units.

Transportation

During 2020, the Council conducted a number of transportation planning activities throughout the north central Florida region.

Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Since 1978, the Council has provided staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to assist in developing transportation plans and programs.

Long-Range Transportation Plan

In 2020, several projects in the adopted multimodal Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan were at various stages of development.

“The Council provided staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to assist in developing transportation plans and programs.”

These projects included:

- SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Project - continuation of right-of-way acquisition;
- State Road 24 (Archer Road) Four-Lane Project from the City of Bronson to Southwest 75th Street (Tower Road) - completion of the project development and environment study;
- State Roads 26/26A at State Road 121 Safety Project - initiation of construction; and
- Federal Safety-Funded State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) Left Turn Lane Project from NW 16th Avenue to U.S. Highway 441 - initiation of construction.

In 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area adopted its Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update.

Activities included:

- Completion of a series of community workshops;
- Completion of a public hearing and adoption of the Needs Plan; and
- Completion of a public hearing and adoption of the Cost Feasible Plan.



The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area adopted the 2020-21 to 2024-25 Transportation Improvement Program for highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

In 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area approved federally-required transportation performance measures and targets for:

- Safety - all public roads; and
- Transit Safety Management - City of Gainesville Regional Transit System vehicle fleets and infrastructure.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

In 2020, the Florida Department of Transportation, City of Gainesville and University of Florida continued work on a Federal Highway Administration grant award for bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements using the intelligent transportation system. Other funded projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area included:

- Federal Transportation Alternatives Program-funded Southwest 27th Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Project construction;
- State Safe Routes to School-funded Northeast 18th Avenue (Metcalf Elementary School) Sidewalk Project construction; and
- State Shared-Use Network Trail-funded State Road 24 (Archer Road)/Tower Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Project - initiation of construction.

Additional pedestrian projects included:

- Federal Safety funded Southwest 20th Avenue Sidewalk Project - construction; and
- State Highway System funded State Road 26 (Newberry Road) Sidewalk Modification Project - construction.

Transportation

Transportation Disadvantaged

Since 1990, the Council has served as the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program official planning agency for counties throughout the north central Florida region. The Council provides staff support to local coordinating boards, prepares annual service plans and every five years recommends community transportation coordinators to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

In 2020, the Program provided state funds to counties to coordinate transportation services for older adults, persons with disabilities and persons with low income. The services were provided through a statewide network of community transportation coordinators for employment, health care, education and other life sustaining activities. Community transportation coordinators in the north central Florida region provided 68,294 trips sponsored by the Program. Approximately 50 percent of the trips were for medical purposes.

In addition, MV Contract Transportation, Inc. and Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. received Innovation and Service Development Grants. The funds were used to en-

“The Council provided staff support to transportation disadvantaged local coordinating boards to coordinate trips for access to employment, health care, education and other life-sustaining activities for residents of the region.”

hance transportation services in the north central Florida region.



Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette and Union Counties, provided public transportation services to persons who were unable to transport themselves because of age, disability or income status.

Upcoming Activities

In 2021, the Council will continue existing programs and initiate new regional, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation projects and activities, as follows.

Regional

The Council will review federal grant and loan applications for consistency with area-wide and local plans. In addition, the Council will continue preparation of the five-year Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the regional plan.

Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

Emergency Management

The Council will assist with a tabletop or full-scale exercise to be conducted in the north central Florida region and assist other regional planning councils with exercises as requested.

“The Council will continue existing programs and initiate new activities next year.”

Hazardous Materials

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will continue to promote increasing public safety from chemical releases through planning, training, reviewing, exercising, offering How-to-Comply assistance and educating the public. 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 assist counties by providing compliance assistance to facilities that generate hazardous waste while inspecting small quantity generators. The Council will notify businesses when hazardous waste collection events and compliance assistance workshops are scheduled.

Economic Development

The Council will continue to provide assistance to local governments and economic development organizations in securing grant funds to accommodate industrial and business growth. Council staff will also prepare economic impact analyses identifying the multiplier effect on employment and income of economic development projects.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The Council will assess progress toward implementing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Visit Natural North Florida (The Original Florida Tourism Task Force)

The Council will continue to provide staff services to Visit Natural North Florida (The Original Florida Tourism Task Force) with the implementation of its tourism marketing plan.

Local Government Assistance

Community Planning

The Council will continue assisting counties and cities in complying with the Community Planning Act requirements.

Community Development

Community Development Block Grant applications will be prepared for local governments. Other community development assistance, including administrative services, will be provided as requested.

Transportation

Transportation Improvement Program

Working in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, Council staff will assist the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area with updating the five-year funding program of transportation projects for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Level of Service

Council staff will update level of service information concerning the amount of traffic congestion on arterial and collector roads in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Transit Ridership

Council staff will update level of transit ridership on the Regional Transit System in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Transportation Disadvantaged

Council staff will prepare and update transportation disadvantaged service plans and continue coordinating transportation services to disadvantaged individuals in conjunction with transportation disadvantaged local coordinating boards.

Communications

During 2020, the Council prepared or maintained the following planning and technical studies.

Regional

- Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

- Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Update;
- Hazards Analysis Updates; and
- Hazardous Waste Management Summary Reports.

Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Transportation

- Gainesville Area Transportation Improvement Program;
- Gainesville Area List of Priority Projects;
- Gainesville Area Multimodal Level of Service Report;
- Regional Transit System Ridership Report; and
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plans.

"The Council prepared planning and technical studies concerning regional, public safety, economic development, transportation and general program activities."

General

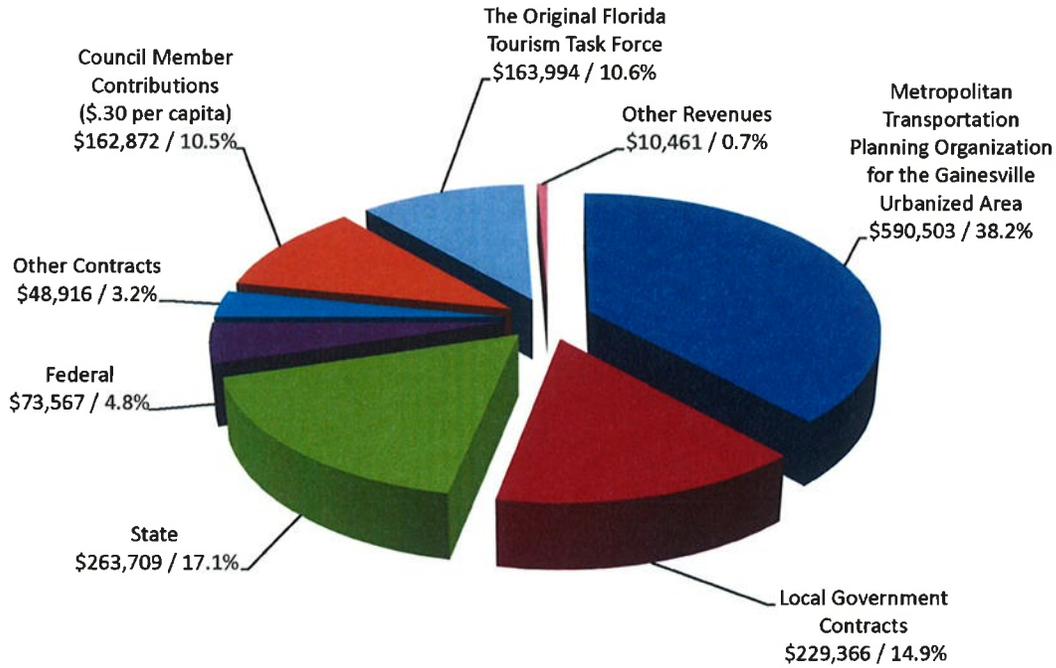
- Annual Report;
- Census Information;
- Existing and Future Land Use Maps;
- Overall Program Design;
- Regional Directory; and
- Zoning Maps.



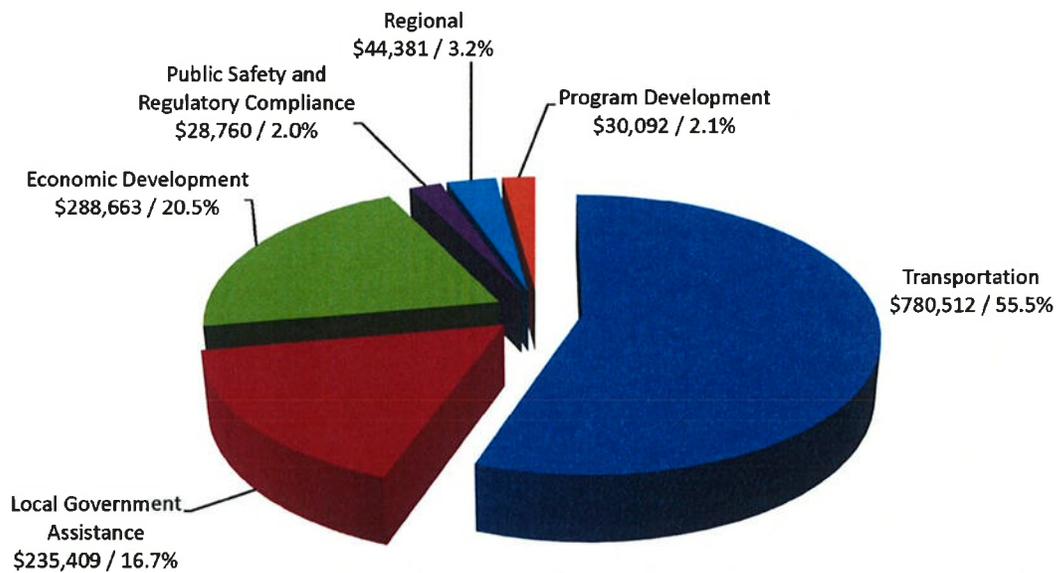
The Council prepared planning and technical studies concerning regional, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, transportation, and general program activities throughout the north central Florida region.

Financial Report

2019-20 Revenues \$1,543,388



2019-20 Expenditures \$1,407,817



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December 2, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: National Association of Development Organizations
 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award

The National Association of Development Organizations is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The Association’s Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of local communities throughout their region.

The Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council a 2021 Impact Award. (see attached Impact Award). The award was for The Original Florida Tourism Task Force website (see attached summary). The 2021 slate of awardees includes 102 projects spanning 24 states.

Each year, the Association recognizes member organizations that demonstrate impactful approaches to regional economic and community development with an Impact Award. More than 1,900 Association member projects have been recognized since 1986 for their creative efforts in advancing economic development. The breadth and scope of the winning projects is impressive and far reaching and illustrates the important role the Association members have across their regions, as well as on the national landscape.

The Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Awards program recognizes the important and wide-ranging work of regional development organizations. These awards demonstrate the value of regional development organizations and highlight their critical role in promoting economic development for the nation’s rural and small metropolitan communities.

The awards this year once again are presented in honor of Aliceann Wohlbruck, who passed away in March 2018. Wohlbruck was the Association’s first executive director, serving 24 years as a tireless champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural and small metropolitan communities.

“During the past 20 months, regional development organizations across the country have shown just how valuable they are in supporting the local communities they serve,” said 2019-2021 NADO President Kevin Byrd, executive director of the New River Valley Regional Commission, located in Radford, Virginia. “From COVID-19 response and recovery initiatives, to workforce and economic development projects, to social services programs and much more, the 2021 NADO Impact Awardees highlight the many ways our members work on the ground every day to improve quality of life in their regions.”

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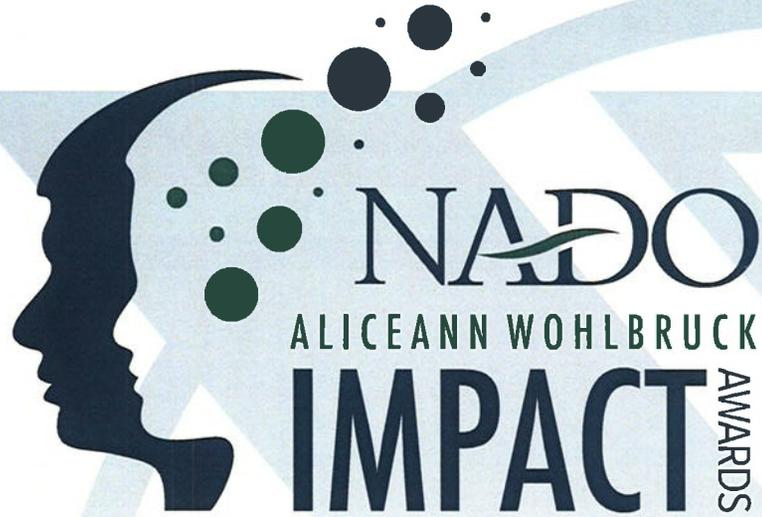
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This project is an innovative regional partnership approach to tourism promotion. By combining the expertise and leveraging the resources of the Council and county tourism development councils participating in The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, counties throughout the north central Florida region are able to reach a much larger market to promote their nature-based, heritage-based and culture-based tourism opportunities. By working together through this partnership, the tourism and hospitality industry sector of the regional economy is enhanced and strengthened in a sustainable manner.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kevin Byrd, President

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Joe McKinney, Executive Director

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Marketing activities of the Task Force include a website, digital and print advertising campaigns, distribution of brochures and a quarterly electronic newsletter, and attendance at travel shows. Part of the staff support services provided by the Council included content management of the website. In particular, Council staff compiled and updated information and photographs for the Places To Go, Things To Do, Places To Eat, Places to Stay, Blogs and Event sections of the website.

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