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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 **January 27, 2022**. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, 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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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

January 27, 2022
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

December 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
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
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Ward Ketring, City of Perry
Travis Land, Suwannee County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
James Tallman, Union County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristin Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Logan Benedict, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water
Management District
David Tyler, Florida Department
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
James Catron, City of Madison
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

OTHERS PRESENT

Christian Doolin

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 7:03 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 - None

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - October 28, 2021

B. Monthly Financial Report - October 2021

C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2021-22 - Town of Bronson

D. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Amendments Agreement
Fiscal Year 2021-22 - Town of Bell

E. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Amendments Agreement
Fiscal Year 2021-22 - City of Trenton

F. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Agreement

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

ACTION: Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant Florida Small County Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Christian Doolin, Legislative Consultant for the Small County Coalition of Florida. Mr. Doolin gave a presentation to the Council concerning the issues to be considered during the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session of interest to rural counties and communities. Chair Demps thanked Mr. Doolin for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT - None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Resolution No. 2021-19 Recognizing 50th Anniversary of the Town of Raiford

Mr. Koons stated that the Town of Raiford was incorporated in 1971. He noted that the County is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt a resolution congratulating the Town of Raiford on its 50th Anniversary.

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-19 recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Raiford. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Robert Brown, Vice-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.

- #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)

Commissioner Brown 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. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Brown made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #9 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); Item #10 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR); Item #12 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR); Item #13 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #14 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-7ESR); Item #15 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #18 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #19 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); Item #20 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); Item #21 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #23 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR) Item #24 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); Item #25 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #26 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); Item #27 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #28 - Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #29 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); and Item #30 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR). 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 is currently soliciting Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications, Small County Outreach Program grant applications, Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant applications and County Incentive Grant program grant applications until January 21, 2022. He also stated that the Department is currently soliciting Safe Routes to Schools grant applications for bicycle and pedestrian facilities until December 31, 2021 and the District is soliciting Transportation Alternatives grant applications for bicycle and pedestrian facilities until February 18, 2022.

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.

Logan Benedict, Climate Adaptation Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, stated the Commission is available to provide technical assistance to local governments and private landowners concerning wildlife conservation issues.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 October 2021 and November 2021 activity reports included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the October 2021 and November 2021 reports.

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 December 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. 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. American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Non-Entitlement Cities Fiscal Recovery Funds

Mr. Koons reported the American Rescue Plan Act will provide \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. He noted that 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. Finally, Mr. Koons reviewed the funding allocations for counties, metropolitan cities and non-entitlement cities with a population of less than 50,000 in the north central Florida region.

E. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Property Rights Element

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

Mr. Koons stated the property rights element must recognize and respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights. He stated 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.

Mr. Koons reported that Council staff is currently providing technical assistance to local governments throughout the north central Florida region to comply with the property rights element requirement. He stated 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 the adopted property rights element.

F. Annual Report

Mr. Koons stated that 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. He stated the annual report highlights accomplishments in the areas of regional activities, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation. Mr. Koons stated the annual report also provides a summary of the financial status of the Council and looks at the year ahead. Finally, he noted that a copy of the 2020 Annual Report was included in the Council meeting packet.

G. National Association of Development Organizations Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Council received an Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for The Original Florida Tourism Task Force website. He stated the awards this year once again are presented in honor of Aliceann Wohlbruck, who passed away in March 2018. Mr. Koons stated 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.

Mr. Koons also stated that the Task Force is a multi-county destination marketing organization promoting nature-based, heritage-based and cultural-based tourism in the north central Florida region. He noted that the area consists of 14 counties and covers approximately 10,000 square miles that the Task Force brands and markets as Visit Natural North Florida. Mr. Koons stated that the Council provides staff services to the Task Force to assist the Task Force implement its regional tourism marketing program.

Mr. Koons noted that the Task Force website has resulted in an increased awareness of the nature-, heritage- and culture-based tourism opportunities available in the north central Florida region. He stated that metrics used to evaluate the success of the website include website analytics and local tourism development tax, bed tax, revenue. Finally, Mr. Koons reported that over the past five years, tourism development tax revenue for the region increased at a higher rate than experienced statewide.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Mortimer stated that the annual Christmas Parade on Call Street in the City of Starke will be held on December 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that a F1 tornado touched down in the City of Starke earlier today and resulted in considerable property damage.

Commissioner Wilford stated the annual Christmas Parade will be held in the City of Alachua on December 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Louie Davis stated that a Car Show will be held in the City of Waldo on December 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wheeler stated the annual Christmas Parade will be held in the City of High Springs on December 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Alford thanked Mr. Koons for his assistance in promoting the establishment of the National Infrastructure Bank.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Demps stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on January 27, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Thomas Demps, Chair

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January 20, 2022

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

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for November 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 two months 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 two months are nine 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)
November 30, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,286,515
Accounts Receivable	502,150
Other Current Assets	29,357
Total Current Assets	<u>2,818,022</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,818,022</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	24,128
Other Current Liabilities	363,889
Total Liabilities	<u>388,017</u>
Equity	<u>2,430,005</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,818,022</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2021

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	November 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,013,500	1,041	558,418	28%
Expenses	2,013,500	95,191	189,985	9%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2021

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	November 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	41,000	41	31,136	76%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,083	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	164,189	279%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,200	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	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	0	45,006	39%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	32,500	1,000	1,000	3%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	0	54,000	58%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,929	100%
City & County Planning Services	237,200	0	107,126	45%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	80,000	0	63,449	79%
Total Revenue	2,013,500	1,041	558,418	28%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
November 30, 2021

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	November 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	160,000	5,051	8,002	5%
Contractual Services	118,000	3,964	9,737	8%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	55,000	5,435	5,735	10%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	1,141	1,141	5%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	377	921	8%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	1,158	1,158	17%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	734	896	3%
Personnel	1,286,400	70,876	153,048	12%
Postage	9,000	161	638	7%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	22,000	791	1,933	9%
Telephone	12,000	588	791	7%
Travel	80,000	1,192	2,262	3%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	3,723	3,723	4%
Contingency	51,600	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,013,500	95,191	189,985	9%



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FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - December 2021

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Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of three months is 43 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of three months are 15 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.

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

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,332,013
Accounts Receivable	633,231
Other Current Assets	<u>22,679</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,987,923</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,987,923</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	12,822
Other Current Liabilities	<u>342,665</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>355,487</u>
Equity	<u>2,632,436</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,987,923</u>

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	December 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,013,500	304,968	863,386	43%
Expenses	2,013,500	118,578	308,563	15%

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

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	December 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	41,000	54	31,190	76%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,083	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	164,189	279%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,200	7,300	7,300	5%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	483,800	54,056	54,056	11%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	200,700	62,964	62,964	31%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	25,600	3,846	3,846	15%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	205,500	78,185	78,185	38%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	62,506	54%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	15,000	15,000	8%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	32,500	5,000	6,000	18%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	0	54,000	58%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,929	100%
City & County Planning Services	237,200	61,063	168,189	71%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	80,000	0	63,449	79%
Total Revenue	2,013,500	304,968	863,386	43%

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Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
December 31, 2021

EXPENDITURES


Account	Adopted Budget FY 2021-22	December 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	160,000	3,045	11,047	7%
Contractual Services	118,000	1,075	10,812	9%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	55,000	832	6,567	12%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	5,158	6,299	25%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	564	1,485	14%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	0	1,158	17%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,869	2,765	11%
Personnel	1,286,400	89,562	242,610	19%
Postage	9,000	246	884	10%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	22,000	685	2,618	12%
Telephone	12,000	551	1,342	11%
Travel	80,000	838	3,100	4%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	92,500	14,153	17,876	19%
Contingency	51,600	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,013,500	118,578	308,563	15%



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for
Madison County

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Reject the Big Bend Transit, Inc. proposal submitted in response to Request for Proposals No. 2021-01 that was received at the office of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council after 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 7, 2022.**
- **Reject the Maruti Mobility Management, Inc. proposal as being nonresponsive to Request for Proposals 2021-01.**
- **Authorize the Executive Director to re-advertise Request for Proposals No. 2021-01 for the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Madison County.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2021-01 for the Madison County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 5, 2021. The following firms submitted proposals in response to the request for proposals: Big Bend Transit, Inc. and Maruti Mobility Management.

The Big Bend Transit, Inc. proposal was received at the office of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council after 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 7, 2022. Thus, it is recommended that the Big Bend Transit, Inc. proposal be rejected as being nonresponsive to Request for Proposals No. 2021-01.

As required by Rule 41-2.010 (4)(c) of the Florida Administrative Code, Request for Proposals No. 2021-01 specified that proposals must include a current audited financial statement prepared by a licensed independent certified public accountant that clearly shows that the proposer is financially capable of successfully performing the contract. Request for Proposals No. 2021-01 further specified that proposals without a current financial statement prepared by a licensed certified public accountant would be rejected without further consideration.

The Maruti Mobility Management, Inc. proposal did not include a current financial statement prepared by a licensed certified public accountant. Thus, it is recommended that the Maruti Mobility Management, Inc. proposal be rejected as being nonresponsive to Request for Proposals No. 2021-01.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Russell Meeks Jr. as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Commissioner Russell Meeks, Jr. be appointed Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for Charles Harris and Commissioner John Meeks.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Charles Harris served as the Central Florida Community Action Agency Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Commissioner John Meeks served as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles Harris has served as the Central Florida Community Action Agency Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since May 2018; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harris ably discharged the duties of the Central Florida Community Action Agency Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Charles Harris for dedicated service rendered to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Levy County and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Charles Harris.

Thomas Demps, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

January 27, 2022

Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner John Meeks has served as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since March 2021; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner John Meeks ably discharged the duties as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner John Meeks for dedicated service rendered to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Levy County and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Commissioner John Meeks.

Thomas Demps, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

January 27, 2022

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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022
Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. Public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has designated the week of February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. It is recommended that the Council join in this public outreach effort by proclaiming the week of February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week (see attached Proclamation).

One goal of Hazardous Materials Awareness Week is to let the public know that facilities, first responders and emergency management are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials. A second goal is to encourage local governments to take advantage of free hazardous materials training classes offered by the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2022 - FEBRUARY 27, 2022 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publicly promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments, regional planning councils and local emergency planning committees to work together to increase community safety by encouraging emergency responders to attend free training on how to safely respond to releases of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, citizens need to know that local governments, businesses, emergency responders and emergency planners are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022 as *Hazardous Materials Awareness Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Janice D. Mortimer, Secretary-Treasurer

Thomas Demps, Chair



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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting Creation of a Statewide Coordinated Planning and Prioritization Approach for Water Resource Investments Modeled on the Florida Transportation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt attached Resolution No. 2022-01 Supporting Creation of a Statewide Coordinated Planning and Prioritization Approach for Water Resource Investments Modeled on the Florida Transportation Commission.

BACKGROUND:

Florida needs a more effective comprehensive framework for coordinating and prioritizing funding for local water projects to address challenges such as but not limited to: algal blooms, water conservation, marine resources/habitat/coral reef protection, water quality protection, minimum flows and levels, stormwater management, and climate change adaptation and resiliency. Local governments need a framework for improving coordination and prioritization of funding for local and regional water projects similar to the organizational structure of the Florida Department of Transportation, which has proven successful for transportation planning.

The Department includes a Transportation Commission whose mission is to provide leadership in meeting Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance and by maintaining oversight, public accountability to the Department, and other statutorily specified transportation authorities. The Florida Transportation Commission was created in 1987, under Section 20.23, Florida Statutes, to serve as a citizen oversight board for the Department. The Commission is assigned to the Department for administrative and fiscal purposes; otherwise, it functions independently of the control and direction of the Department. Additionally, the Florida Transportation Plan, under Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, provides the framework for the development of the state long-range transportation goals and objectives to be updated every five years.

The Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Florida Association of Counties recently proposed modeling state water resource investment on the Florida Transportation Commission and Florida Transportation Plan approach for planning, prioritization, a predictable multi-year capital construction program and oversight which reliably delivers transportation improvements.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPORTING CREATION OF A STATEWIDE COORDINATED PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION APPROACH FOR WATER RESOURCE INVESTMENTS MODELLED ON THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibility in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's geographical area is comprised of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and the 40 municipalities contained therein and home to over one-half million people; and

WHEREAS, the coastal marshes, rivers, lakes, wetlands and aquifers of the Region are identified as Natural Resources of Regional Significance in the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, significant challenges face Florida in meeting the need for drinking water while also treating our sewage and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, a significant roadblock to effectively addressing the water challenges facing Florida is the fractured nature of responsibility for water and the uncoordinated investment of funds to meet our needs; and

WHEREAS, funding at the state level has been subject to shifting legislative priorities and local perspectives rather than a strategic approach, leading to inefficiencies and a growing backlog of needed infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this situation, the Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Florida Association of Counties recently proposed modeling state water resource investment on the Florida Transportation Commission and Florida Transportation Plan approach for planning, prioritization, a predictable multi-year capital construction program and oversight which reliably delivers transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, coordinated and efficient investment of sufficient state funding for regional systems in concert with local funding of local systems is needed in order to meet water needs and protect water resources and the environment now and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that:

Section 1. The above recitals are declared to be true and correct and are hereby made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. The Council expresses its support for statutory changes that will lead to coordinated and strategic investment of state funds for water resources using a structure modeled on the Florida Transportation Commission and Florida Transportation Plan.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities and all regional planning councils in Florida.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 27th day of January 2022.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Thomas Demps, Chair



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January 27, 2022

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., January 27, 2022. 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

- #32 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-4ESR)
- #35 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-8ESR)
- #36 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-9ESR)
- #37 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #38 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #39 - Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #41 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #42 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #44 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #45 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #47 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #48 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

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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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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 December 2021 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: December 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles for Holiday 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:
 - Florida Transportation Plan Implementation Committee Meeting
 - Coordination meetings with resiliency collaboratives statewide.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

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



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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Forum Report

Immediate Past Chair Charles Chestnut IV, Former Chair Lorene Thomas, Former Chair Robert Wilford and I attended the semi-annual forum of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held virtually via communications media technology on January 14, 2022.

The Policy Board heard presentations from Secretary Shawn Hamilton, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Director Kevin Guthrie, Florida Division of Emergency Management.

The Policy Board also heard reports on proposed building inspection legislation, a sentinel landscape project involving the Avon Park Air Force Range, a statewide water resource investment planning and programming proposal, and received the 2020-21 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. The Policy Board also heard a legislative report.

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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2020-21 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

The 2020-21 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association is attached for your information. The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all ten regional councils in Florida. It is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all ten executive directors.

The following members of the Council currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board.

Charles Chestnut IV, Immediate Past Chair
Lorene Thomas, Past Chair
Robert Wilford, Past Chair

Activities of the Council are featured on pages 2, 8, 10, 11 and 12. However, you are encouraged to review the document in its entirety to gain an understanding of the activities that are occurring on a statewide basis.

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

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2020 - 2021
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

**LOCAL
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**REGIONAL
SOLUTIONS**

**STATEWIDE
IMPACT**

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2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Commissioner Kristin Dozier
Apalachee RPC



2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Commissioner Robert Wilford
North Central Florida RPC



PAST PRESIDENT
Councilwoman Roxanne Horvath
Northeast Florida RC



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 will be known as a year of both *unprecedented uncertainties* and *unprecedented opportunities* for citizens and communities in Florida. The 10 regional planning councils, connected through the Florida Regional Councils Association, provided meaningful support for small businesses, local governments, and state programs to support economic recovery while leading statewide evacuation planning and creating new resiliency coalitions.

Leveraging federal funding provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, each RPC continues to implement economic development initiatives that assist business and government. RPCs play a pivotal role in ensuring economic development planning continues while focusing on recovery and maximizing innovation opportunities. Each region has supported increased collaboration between public and private investment partners by providing technical assistance and resources to local governments while widely disseminating information on new federal funding opportunities.

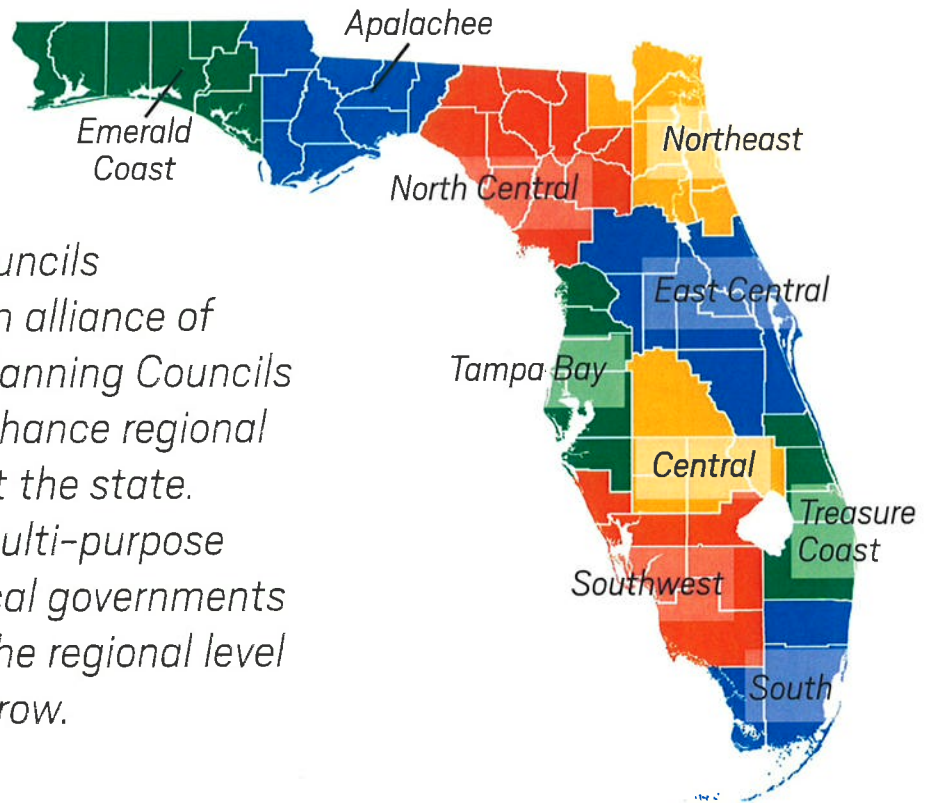
RPCs have advanced community collaboration during the pandemic by embracing rapidly expanding technology and using state-of-the-art virtual platforms to reach stakeholders. Adapting to the many challenges of 2021, work in our focus areas of transportation, economic development, quality of life, environmental stewardship, emergency preparedness, and serving as regional conveners continues.

The 10 RPCs, working with the Division of Emergency Management, successfully completed the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study update, ensuring Florida is better prepared for unpredictable events such as hurricanes. Most RPCs also formed or furthered regional resiliency coalitions to provide a platform for dealing with threats such as sea level rise, inland flooding, and other effects of extreme weather and climate change.

This Annual Report seeks to highlight some of the activities provided by the Regional Planning Councils of Florida during the last year. It was my pleasure to serve as President of FRCA during the past year, and I continue to support the RPCs as we all face new challenges together.

Peter O'Bryan, President
Florida Regional Councils Association

Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives of all Floridians...**THAT** is the mission of FRCA.













The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) is an alliance of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state. Planning Councils are multi-purpose entities comprised of local governments that solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

Through the Regional Planning Councils, FRCA creates partnerships statewide to support economic growth, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for all Floridians.



REGIONAL COUNCILS

	Date Established	2020 Regional Population ¹	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE) ²	Square Miles ³	Budget (in millions)
 <p>Apalachee Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla</p>	Aug. 23, 1977	490,324	27	18	6,757	\$3.1
 <p>Central Florida DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk</p>	July 1, 1974	926,561	18	22	5,287	\$4.9
 <p>East Central Florida Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia</p>	Feb. 22, 1962	4,313,600	35	16	9,244	\$2.3
 <p>Emerald Coast Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington</p>	Oct. 1, 1964	1,006,787	33	28	6,509	\$4.5
 <p>North Central Florida Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union</p>	May 7, 1969	573,084	45	8	8,660	\$1.5
 <p>Northeast Florida Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns</p>	Feb. 14, 1977	1,769,241	35	13	5,097	\$3.6
 <p>South Florida Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe</p>	July 1, 1974	4,842,829	19	13	7,492	\$2.6
 <p>Southwest Florida Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota</p>	Nov. 8, 1973	1,819,225	36	3	7,278	\$1.2
 <p>Tampa Bay Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas</p>	Feb. 16, 1962	3,745,523	44	13	4,998	\$2.4
 <p>Treasure Coast Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie</p>	Aug. 19, 1976	2,108,894	28	10	4,441	\$2.5

¹Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2020, Table 5, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2020.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

³Total land and water area.

Regional Planning Councils Update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study

Continuing a longstanding partnership, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) worked with the 10 Regional Planning Councils to update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

FDEM contracted with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to coordinate the work among the Regional Planning Councils and the vendors needed to complete the update. In total, the funding was \$1.7 million, with \$1.2 million allocated from the Florida State Legislature for an updated Behavioral Analysis utilizing cell phone location data.

Regional Council staff coordinated with local Emergency Management (EM) Directors throughout the state to update components of the Study, including a Shelter Inventory, Storm Surge Analysis, and a Population & Demographics update. The timing of the update coincided with the long-term COVID-19 activation, which stretched emergency management staff thin. A steering committee of emergency management staff was formed to inform and guide essential items by those who use the operational Study.

The Storm Surge Analysis is often the most well-known part of the Evacuation Study. It provides the EM Directors the data to validate or update their specific evacuation zones. The new and updated data was then incorporated into the TIME (Transportation Interface for Modeling Evacuations) Model, providing detailed information on evacuation clearance times, vulnerable populations, and local shelter demand.

A new feature of the 2021 Regional Evacuation Study is an entirely online format with no printed volumes. The Study is available on a SharePoint site that is maintained by FDEM and is both user-friendly and data-driven. This format will make it readily available to share across the state and, most importantly, easy to update in future years.

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Includes the Following:

**Behavioral Analysis • Shelter Inventory
Population & Demographics Update
Storm Survey Analysis • Evacuation Zones
Population Risk Analysis & Clearance Times**

**COLLABORATING
TOGETHER**

Planning Councils are multi-purpose entities comprised of local governments that solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.



Apalachee RPC Establishes Resilience Collaborative



The Apalachee RPC established Apalachee Strong, a resilience collaborative, for the region. With funding made possible through a grant provided by the American Flood Coalition, all nine of the Apalachee Region’s member counties have joined the collaborative. The initiative started in November of 2020 with the adoption of a local Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the need for a collaborative approach in tackling resiliency issues. The goal of the collaborative is to achieve a return on investment in our communities and serve as a centralized forum for resilience-related initiatives across the region. By identifying the region’s resilience deficits, specific policies can be set to meet them, and funding and grant opportunities can be pursued.

East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Continues to Empower Communities



The East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative, known as R2C, was formed in 2019 and now includes 41 partners. The R2C’s mission is to empower the communities in East Central Florida to advance resilience strategies that strengthen and protect the built infrastructure and natural environment, enhance health and equity and ensure a thriving economy. In 2020–2021, the R2C conducted a regional greenhouse gas inventory and secured climate fellows from local universities for the region’s first cohort of 18 jurisdictions to better understand their operational greenhouse gas emissions. A number of other capacity-building opportunities were held, and the collaborative is now establishing climate indicators associated with extreme heat and precipitation.

Tampa Bay RPC Military Installation Resilience Review



The Tampa Bay RPC was awarded a grant to complete a Military Installation Resilience Review, a community-driven initiative to analyze risks and future climate conditions and implement actions to foster, protect, and enhance military installation resilience and sustainability. As part of the analysis, the Tampa Bay RPC will develop a framework on how to present, analyze, and support decision-making by local and regional officials on the best means to incorporate the Department of Defense’s military needs into existing resiliency and sustainability plans. Through the grant, the RPC will also develop a roadmap to enhance resiliency to natural hazards and man-made risks while directly addressing future conditions to support longer-term planning and mitigation efforts.

On May 12, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis traveled to Tarpon Springs in the Tampa Bay RPC region and signed into law Senate Bill 1954. This comprehensive legislation established a grant program at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure a coordinated approach to Florida’s coastal and inland resiliency. In response, regional planning councils across the State have organized and supported resiliency coalitions and look forward to partnering on future resiliency initiatives.



REGIONAL CONVENING



RPCs lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

TRANSPORTATION



Many RPCs serve as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Several RPCs serve as staff to their local Metropolitan or Transportation Planning Organizations, known as MPOs or TPOs. Planning services of RPCs also include Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, Greenways and Trails, and mobility and transit planning.

QUALITY OF LIFE



Through visioning and community planning efforts, RPCs assist local communities as they set goals to implement a vision and strategy for their communities and regions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



RPCs staff Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), identify hazardous materials and security threats, and organize and conduct local emergency operation exercises. RPCs also collaborate on statewide projects such as the award-winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



RPCs complete regional economic impact analyses using the nationally-recognized Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) software, facilitate post-disaster and redevelopment planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment. RPCs serve as Economic Development Districts for the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Commerce Department.

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METROPOLITAN/
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS STAFFED

52

NUMBER OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND
APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

63

ECONOMIC ANALYSES
COMPLETED (REMI)

756

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES
PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1,054

PLANNING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

1,094

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSPECTIONS OF
SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)

457,534

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
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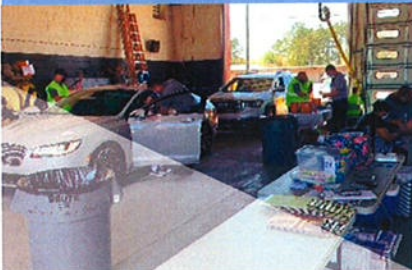
Emerald Coast RC Forms Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee

The Emerald Coast RC held the kick-off meeting for the newly established Emerald Coast Regional Council - Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee. Encompassing Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay counties, this group is the first of its kind to look at addressing connectivity, enhancing mobility and encouraging coordinated development of regionally significant shared-use paths and facilities across northwest Florida. In its first year, the group focused on regional connectivity lapses, economic and health benefits of shared-use paths to a community and region, and challenges they wish to address through their future work.



Apalachee RPC Staffs the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition

The Big Bend Healthcare Coalition serves as a multi-agency coordination group with over 100 different healthcare and emergency preparedness members, staffed by the Apalachee RPC since 2019, which spans an eight-county region. The Coalition assists the healthcare community with disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities and serves as a conduit between healthcare facilities and emergency management organizations during disasters.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Coalition played an active role in supporting its membership by sharing information and providing bi-weekly situation reports to the Coalition membership. The Coalition coordinated with local partners to provide webinars, assisted with alternate care site planning, distributed personal protective equipment, and filled in various support roles as needed.

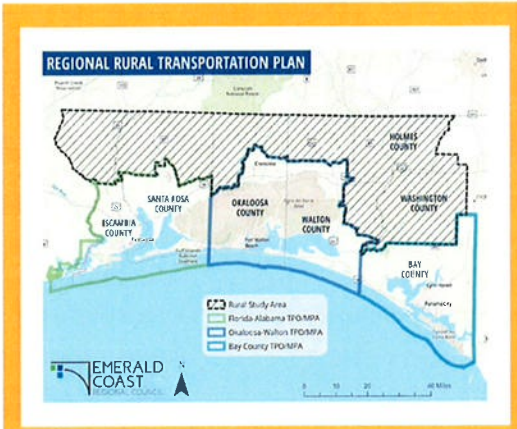
Central Florida RPC Revisits Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region

During a two year span, the Central Florida RPC convened hundreds of citizens, stakeholders, influencers, committed volunteers, and elected officials, to revisit Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region. Heartland 2060 is a grassroots regional visioning effort led by the Central Florida RPC for more than a dozen years. By convening stakeholders and the public in a collaborative environment, the Core Values were reaffirmed to guide the region in visioning, planning, and problem-solving to build community and regional resiliency. Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region—Revisited serves as a basis for thoughtful engagement with the conclusion that collaboration must continue to find opportunities and solve mutual concerns to become a more resilient region.



TRANSPORTATION

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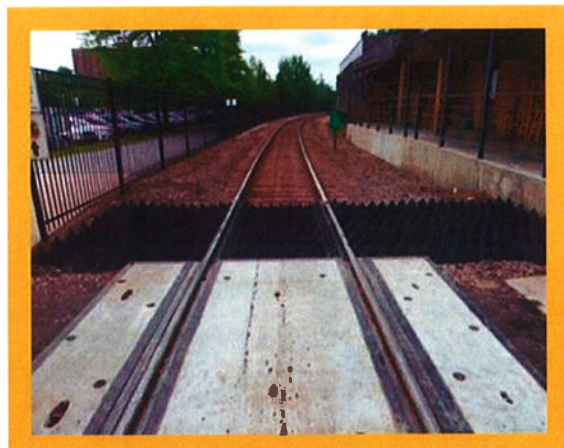


Emerald Coast Regional Council Conducts Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project

The Emerald Coast RC, through funding provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, conducted a Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project for Northwest Florida. The project provided an opportunity to assist the rural areas of the region and FDOT District 3 to identify needed transportation improvements and assist in planning for increasing populations, as well as economic opportunities to ensure connectivity of important regional and state transportation systems with a 20-year planning horizon. This pilot project creates a framework to establish a systematic process for rural communities that supports ongoing, collaborative dialogue with each other, the Emerald Coast RC, FDOT Headquarters, and FDOT District 3. The project may serve as a model for the state of Florida and FDOT.

South Florida RPC Assists with COVID-19 Travel Behavior Trend Analysis

The South Florida RPC undertook a COVID-19 Travel Behavior Trend Analysis for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). As a result of the pandemic, major shifts in economic activity affected Southeast Florida's economic sectors such as the hospitality industry. The nature of these shifts needed to be examined for the long-term effects on the transportation network and the ability of the regional economy to adapt and thrive. The Trend Analysis is multi-modal and includes an analysis of vehicular traffic, as well as pedestrian, bicycle, freight, seaport, and airport activity.



Treasure Coast RPC Facilitates FRA Railroad Trespass Summit

Responding to the extremely high number of injuries and fatalities occurring in Florida as a result of people being hit by trains, the Federal Railroad Administration launched their new Railroad Trespass Virtual Summit Series with an event hosted virtually on September 22, 2021, by the Treasure Coast RPC.

The Federal Railroad Administration, railroads, and local stakeholders such as municipalities and law enforcement, identified and shared leading industry practices and explored new and emerging strategies to reduce the number of right-of-way and trespasser incidents and fatalities. The Treasure Coast RPC was proud to help facilitate and promote this important life-saving event and to be deemed a "Safety Partner" of the Federal Railroad Association.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The RPCs assist local communities as they implement community visions and strategies. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.



Central Florida RPC Drafts Migrant and Farmworker Housing Study

The Central Florida RPC, through a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, developed a migrant and farmworker housing study of the Central Florida region examining housing demand and local regulations. By engaging stakeholders and providing an educational platform, the migrant, farmworker, agricultural communities, and local governments were able to work together to address concerns and misconceptions related to farmworker housing. As an additional resource for local communities with farmworker housing demands, a model ordinance was drafted that may be used by local governments to enhance their land development regulations.



North Central Florida RPC Administers Housing Rehabilitation Projects

The North Central Florida RPC assisted Bradford County and the Town of Mayo to address housing deficiencies resulting in safe, suitable and sanitary housing for the residents. The Council assisted the County and Town to identify needs, define the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepare Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant applications and provide grant administration services to implement the multi-year projects. Grant administration services provided by the Council included completion of environmental review and clearance, solicitation of applications, determination of eligibility, inspection of dwelling units, preparation of work write-ups to address deficiencies, procurement of contractors, and provision of project monitoring to ensure compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. In particular, grant funds fiscal management and fair housing activities were managed by the Council.

Southwest Florida RPC Developing a Waterfront Master Plan for Clewiston

The Southwest Florida RPC, partnering with the City of Clewiston in Hendry County, was awarded funds from the Florida Boating Improvement Program to create a development master plan. The parcel is on Lake Okeechobee and is leased to the City by the South Florida Water Management District. The City of Clewiston desires to develop its waterfront property to enhance boating access, encourage water related economic development and provide a safe harbor for boats during storm events. The first step in this development is to create a Master Plan that includes a market analysis and implementation strategy.

This plan will delineate what uses are needed, what uses can be supported on the site and a detailed layout of uses on the property. The Master Plan will also outline challenges and opportunities and will be adopted by the Clewiston City Council so that future funding can be secured for implementation.



EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS

Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.

South Florida LEPC Hosts Hazardous Materials Exercise

The South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, a program housed at the South Florida RPC, recently collaborated with regional emergency response agencies to develop the annual hazardous materials response exercise. The functional exercise, centered around a radiological event, included participants from the Hazardous Materials/Special Operations units of multiple fire departments in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The scenario of the exercise consisted of a multi-agency response to suspicious packages at six locations across two counties. The Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control provided "hot" radioactive samples at each of the exercise locations. This amplified the realistic theme of the exercise.

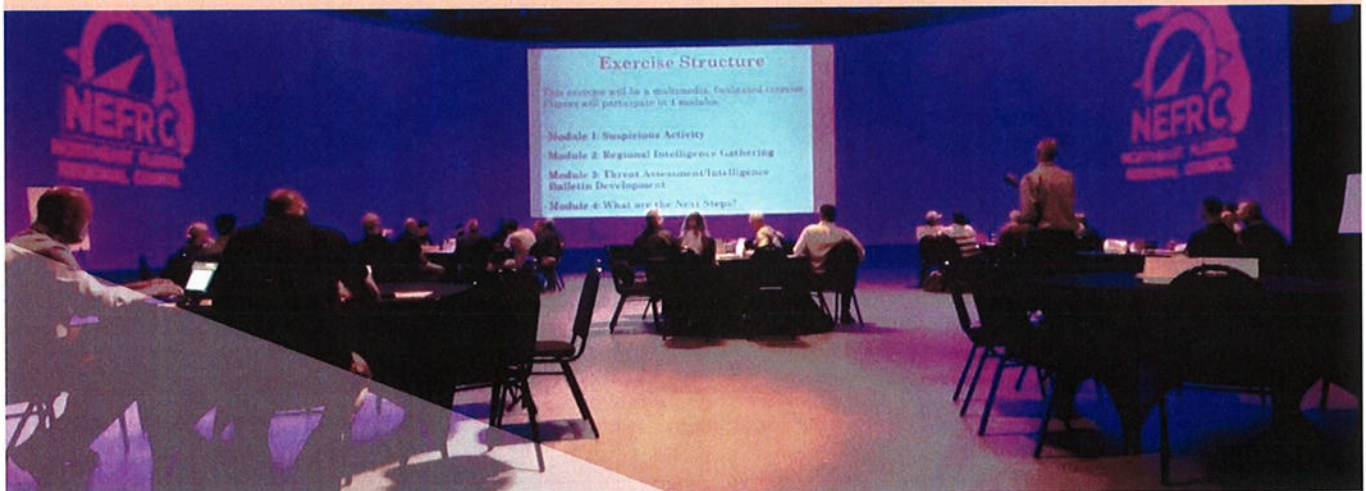


Participants were excited to pivot back into special operations training after a long and continuing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It's important to remember that emergencies relating to hazardous materials can happen at any time and are even more likely to occur during another disaster, such as a pandemic or natural disaster. Exercises are a great way to keep South Florida's responders' skills sharp for a real-world emergency.

Northeast Florida RC Hosts Tabletop Exercise

The Northeast Florida Regional Council recently conducted an "intelligence" based tabletop exercise simulating an imminent threat to the JaxPort facility, Florida's largest container port. Agencies involved included the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, JaxPort and the Northeast Florida Fusion Center. A variety of local, state, and federal agencies participated in the first in-person exercise since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020. Over 30 participants were present to assess and evaluate inter-agency capabilities.

The exercise was designed to test the policies, procedures and communication flow between partners when investigating a suspected threat from an internal party. This is the first of a two-part exercise created to evaluate the response capabilities to an imminent attack at JaxPort. The second activity, a full-scale mass casualty exercise will be held at the Port of Jacksonville with all participating agencies.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster, Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.



East Central Florida RPC Partners with City of Winter Springs Parks

The East Central Florida RPC partnered with Winter Springs to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The project, funded by the Department of Economic Opportunity, comprises four elements: Existing Conditions Analysis, Economic Analysis, Public Engagement Report, and Recommendations. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is an excellent tool for local officials and planners to enhance the health and culture of the City of Winter Springs as funding opportunities become available.



North Central Florida RPC Assists City of Madison

The North Central Florida RPC (NCFRPC) assisted the City of Madison with a sanitary sewer upgrade project to address long-standing sanitary system deficiencies resulting in enhanced public health and safety for the residents of Madison. The NCFRPC identified project needs, conducted household surveys, defined the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepared a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application, and provided grant administration services to implement the multi-year project.

Treasure Coast RPC Assists Martin County with CRA Update

The Treasure Coast RPC was engaged by the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to simplify and clarify existing regulations to enhance ease of use, provide predictability, reduce conflicts, and align regulations with the current vision plan for each of the six CRAs.

After carefully analyzing the existing multi-layered regulations, Treasure Coast RPC and county staff determined that creating entirely new CRA-focused chapters in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations would be best. After two years of a team effort and extensive public and stakeholder engagement, the final code for the six CRAs was adopted in October 2020. The new clear, concise, and coordinated rules will lead to effective implementation of the community's redevelopment vision and improve the residents' quality of life.



AWARDS

2021 NADO Impact Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

- *US 90/Washington Street Streetscape Improvement Concept Plan (City of Chattahoochee, Florida)*

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region – Revisited*
- *Central Florida Migrant and Farmworker Housing Study and Model Ordinance*

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Sanford Resilience Element*

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Visit Natural North Florida Website*

Northeast Florida Regional Council

- *Northeast Florida COVID-19 Support, Recovery & Economic Resilience Planning*

South Florida Regional Planning Council

- *CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program*

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

- *Project Phoenix 2.0: The Recovery*

2021 NARC Regional Leadership Award

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region – Revisited

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Corporate Award

The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association recently awarded the Northeast Florida RC and its Chief Executive Officer, Beth Payne, the Corporate Award at its annual meeting held virtually in February. The Corporate Award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a substantial contribution to Emergency Management.



Chris Rietow and Caroline Smith, Apalachee RPC honored for NADO Impact Award



Central Florida RPC Receives Designated Planning Agency of the Year by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

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January 20, 2022

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 January 2022 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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FLORIDA POPULATION 01/18/2022

22,097,637

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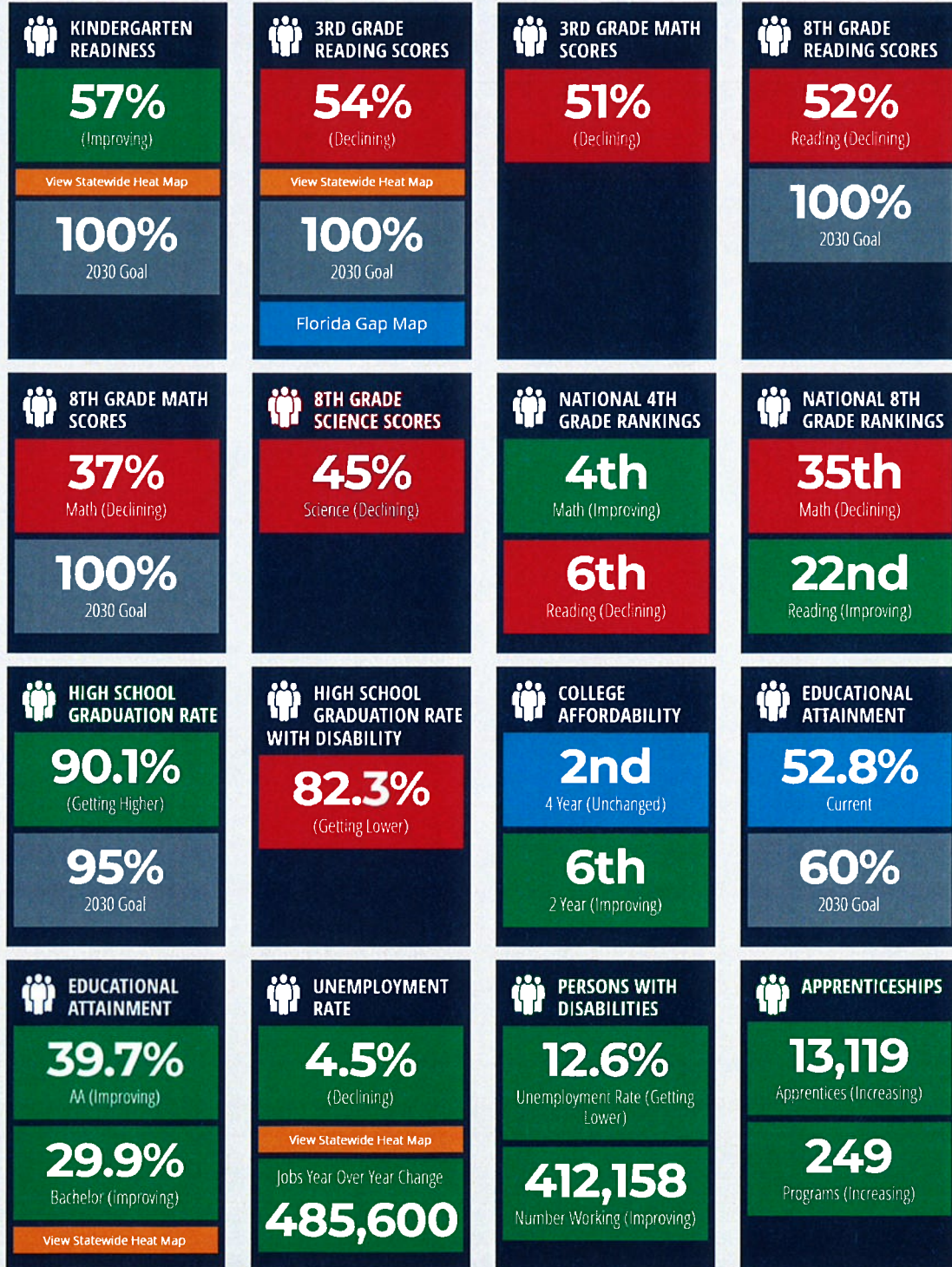


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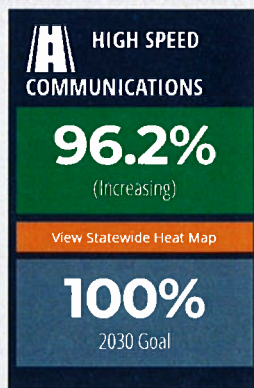
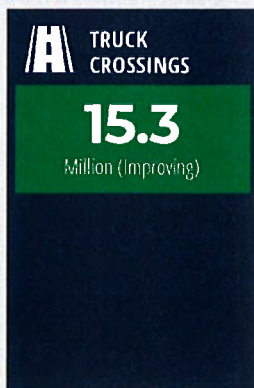
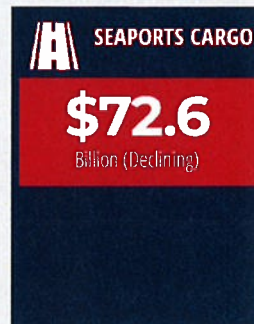
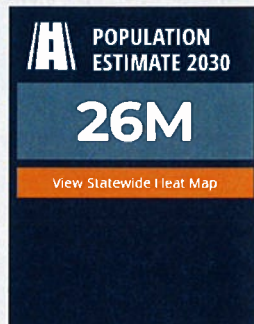
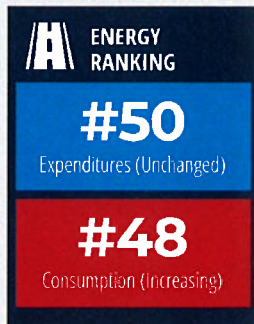
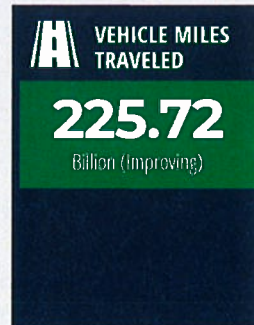
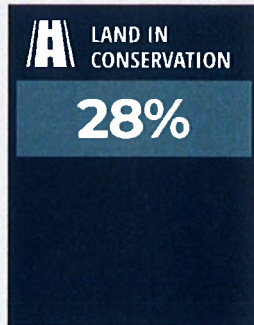


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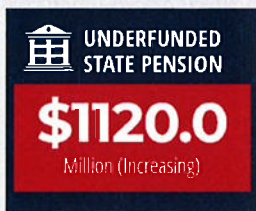
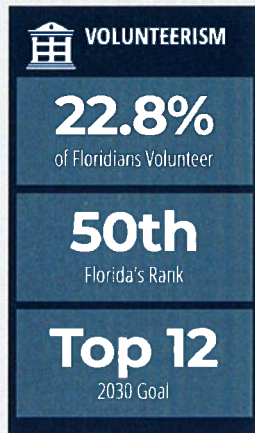
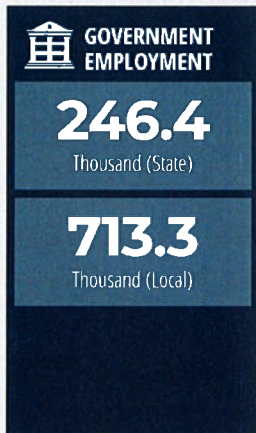
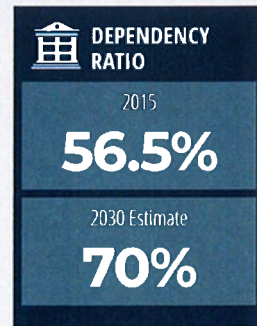
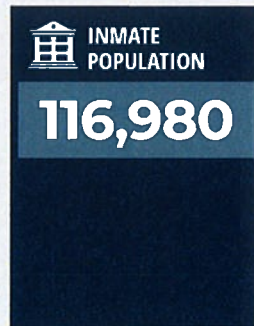
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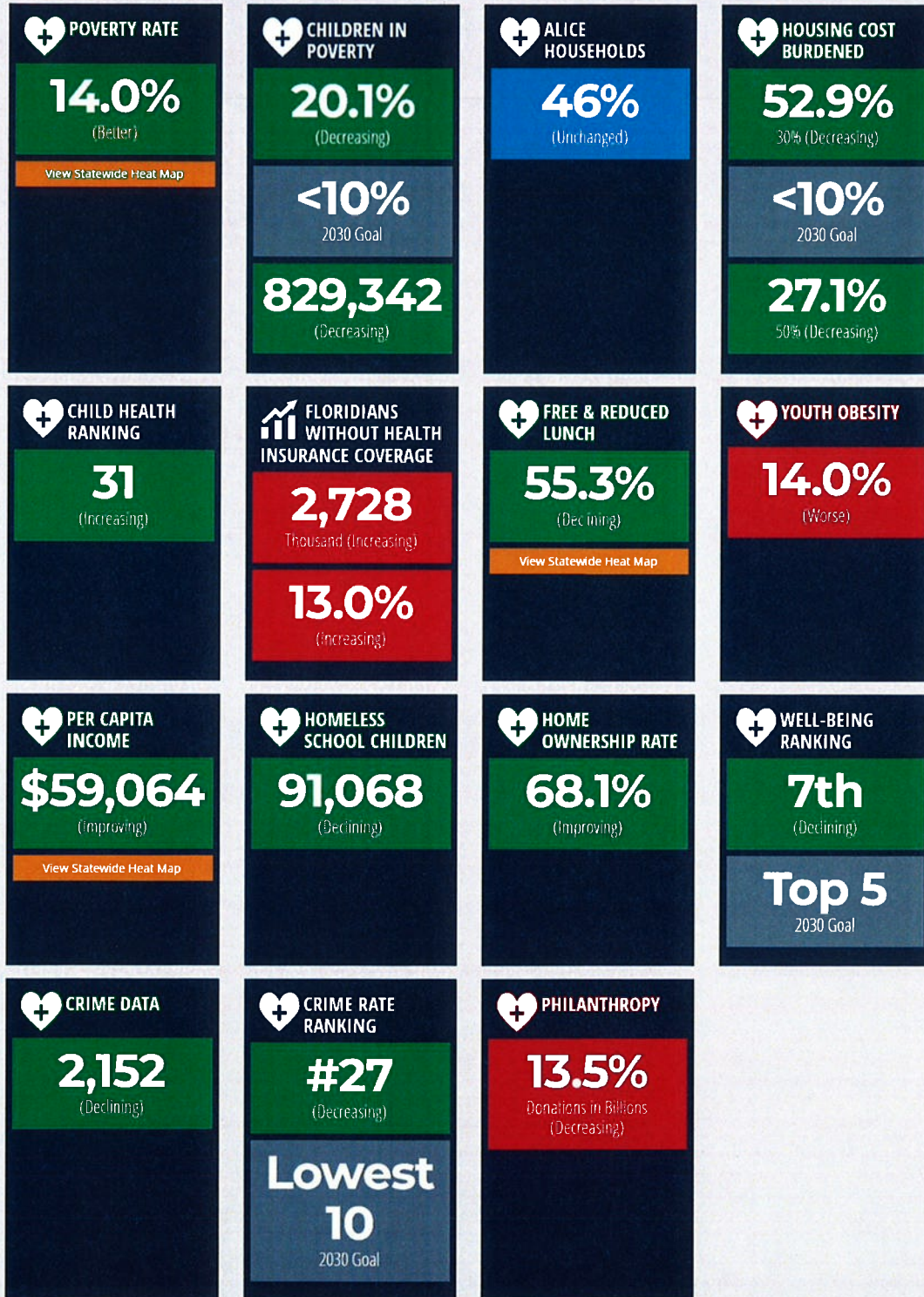
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January 20, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2022 Legislature Session convened on January 11, 2022 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 11, 2022. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, 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

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

LOCAL ORDINANCES

Senate Bill 280 by Senator Hutson authorizes courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requires a board of county commissioners to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance; and requires a governing body of a municipality to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee (Yeas 6, Nays 2). **The bill is now in Rules Committee.**

House Bill 403 by Representative Giallombardo and Morales authorizes courts to assess and award attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requires local governments to prepare business impact statement before adoption of proposed ordinances; specifies requirements for posting and content of statement; requires counties and municipalities to suspend enforcement of certain ordinances subject of certain legal actions; requires courts to give priority to certain cases; and specifies factors court must consider in determining whether ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable; and provides declaration of important state interest. Referred to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. **This bill is now in Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senate Bill 620 by Senator Hutson authorizes certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if the county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; authorizes businesses to recover costs and fees in a specified manner and if certain requirements are met; requires courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance when assessing costs; specifies requirements for the courts in determining and awarding attorney fees; and requires attorneys and businesses to submit certain documentation relating to attorney fees. Referred to Judiciary Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Judiciary Committee (Yeas 7, Nays 4). **This bill is now in Appropriations Committee.**

House Bill 569 by Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee and Representative McClure authorizes businesses to claim business damages from county or municipality if county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; requires presuit procedures; authorizes recovery of costs and fees; specifies evidence relating to mediations and negotiations is inadmissible; and requires courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance. Referred to Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee; Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Judiciary Committee. Passed by Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee. **This bill has been laid on the table by rule and received 1st Reading.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill 800 by Senator Albriton authorizes municipalities to exempt by ordinance the public service tax that specified users would pay on electrical energy purchases; provides an exemption from the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions for building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property in an opportunity zone; revises the qualification criteria and tax credit amounts for new and existing businesses under the Rural Job Tax Credit Program; and establishes a rural opportunity tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses in rural areas. Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Finance and Tax Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Commerce and Tourism Committee (Yeas 10, Nays 0). **This bill is now in Finance and Tax Committee.**

House Bill 685 by Representative Drake and Morales authorizes charges for natural gas or propane used by qualified businesses in opportunity zones to receive specified sales tax exemption; revises criteria to qualify for Rural Job Tax Credit Program; removes match requirement from Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; increases percentage of grants Florida Department of Economic Opportunity may award; requires specified percentage of State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund be used for affordable housing; creates Florida Microfinance Corporation; provides purpose, powers, and duties of corporation; creates board of directors; specifies powers of board; requires appointment of president of corporation; requires board to create Florida Microfinance Corporation Guarantee Account; and requires annual report to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Referred to State Affairs Committee; Ways and Means Committee; Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill is now in State Affairs Committee.**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Senate Bill 962 by Senator Bradley authorizes counties and municipalities, respectively, to approve certain mixed-use residential development projects subject to certain conditions; and provides that approval for an affordable housing development or a mixed-use residential development project is self-executing. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Transportation Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee (Yeas 8, Nays 0). **This bill is now in Transportation Committee.**

House Bill 981 by Representative Payne authorizes counties and municipalities to approve certain mixed-use residential developments using specified approval process; and provides that approval for affordable housing development or mixed-use residential development is self-executing. Referred to Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. **This bill is now in Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.**

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Pursuant to Section 288.101, Florida Statutes, the Florida Job Growth Fund is an economic development program designed to build on Florida's success and economic prosperity. In its first year, Fiscal Year 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), the Florida Job Growth Fund provided \$85 million. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) state budget provides \$50 million for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment in Florida's diverse industries.

Public infrastructure projects can include transportation and utilities needed to support economic development. Workforce training projects will provide Floridians with transferable, sustainable workforce skills applicable to many employers.

Project proposals can come from local governments, community colleges, technical centers, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Florida Department of Transportation. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc. will make project recommendations to the Governor who can approve projects for funding based on local and regional needs.

Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry;
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity; and
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the public.

Workforce Training Grant Eligibility

- Support programs and associated equipment at state colleges and state technical centers;
- Provide participants with transferable and sustainable workforce skills applicable to more than a single employer;
- Are offered to the public;
- Are based on criteria established by the state colleges and state technical centers; and
- Prohibit the exclusion of applicants who are unemployed or underemployed.

On February 6, 2018, \$35 million in grant awards were announced for nine Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following three projects in the north central Florida region.

- **Columbia County** - \$3,135,600 for the construction of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Rail Project to construct a rail spur to allow access to an industrial park of more than 2,600 acres.
- **Suwannee County** - \$3,125,000 to provide water supply and fire protection to the Interstate 75 and County Road 136 interchange.
- **City of Alachua** - \$6,755,000 to construct the San Felasco Parkway and nearby utilities, connecting a large bioscience cluster, including the University of Florida Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute, to a shovel-ready site of 280 acres.

On March 6, 2018, an additional \$22.9 million in grant awards were announced for 11 Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following project in the north central Florida region.

- **Big Bend Technical College (Taylor County)** - \$100,000 to open a Diesel Mechanic Technician Program and a Diesel System Technical 1 Program that will train students for positions working with diesel transportation vehicles and diesel engines, along with purchasing equipment needed for the hands-on laboratory.

In December 2021, the Big Bend Technical College located in Perry, received the following Florida Job Growth Fund grant award.

- **Big Bend Technical College (Taylor County)** - \$90,000 for a Virtual Reality and High Tech Manikin Training Laboratory - The funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art programmable manikins and virtual reality equipment and software to replicate real-world scenarios to supplement clinical experiences, which with the pandemic is more crucial than ever to train nurses and patient care technicians

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