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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 **April 25, 2024**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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### MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

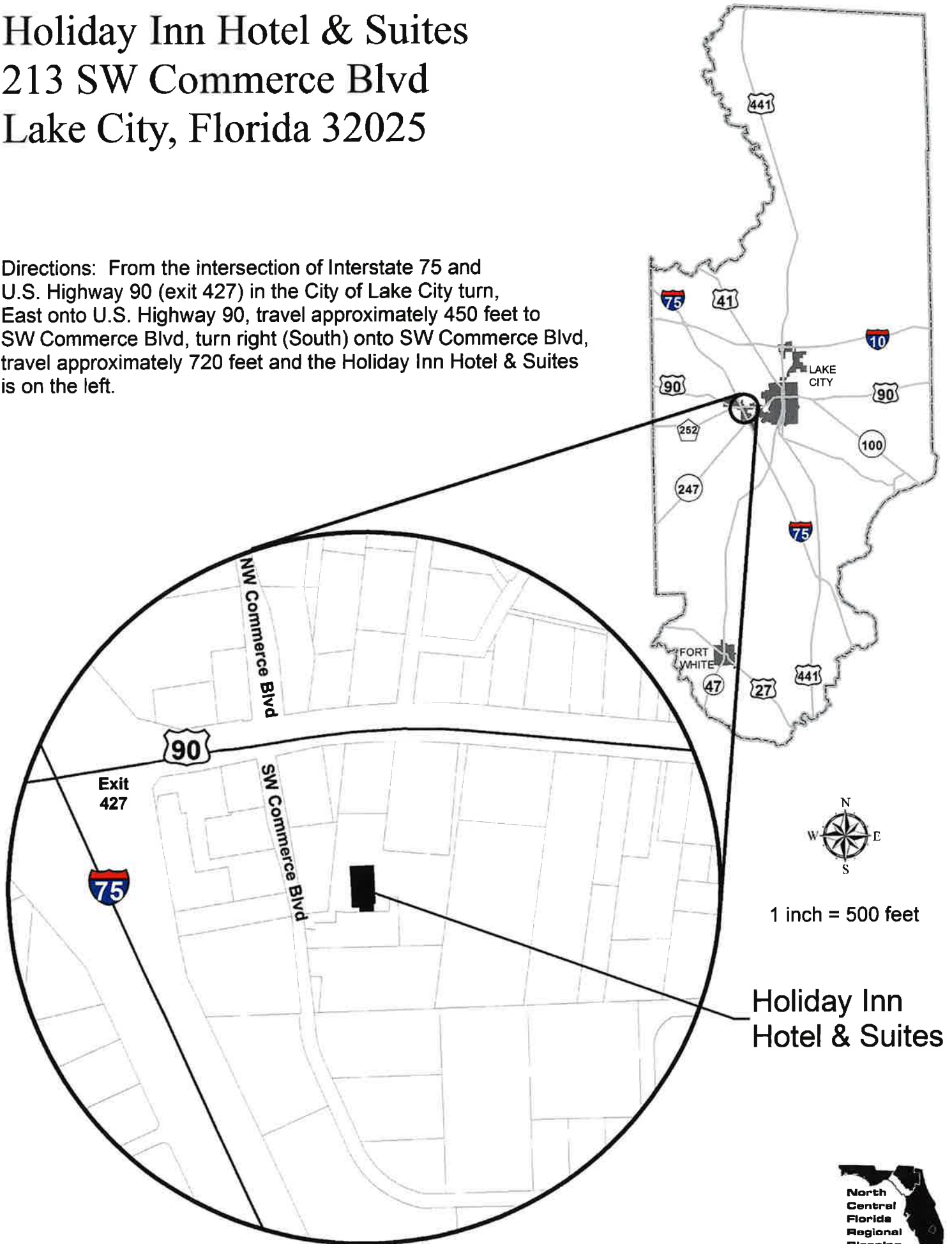
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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Hybrid Public Meeting  
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard  
Lake City, Florida and  
Via Communications Media Technology

April 25, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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The Council welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Council on any matter not included on the agenda. This is not a question or answer time, it is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about Council personnel. If you would like to address the Council, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

**IV.A.**

Hybrid Public Meeting  
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida and  
Via Communications Media Technology

March 28, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
IN PERSON

**Anthony Adams, Lafayette County**  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne  
**Robert Brown, Hamilton County**  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry  
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper  
**Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer**  
**Janice Mortimer, City of Starke**  
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County  
Edward Potts, City of Alachua  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(FOR QUORUM)

Mary Alford, Alachua County  
Ed Book, City of Gainesville  
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak  
Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville  
Donna Jackson, Union County  
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County  
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry  
Rocky Ford, Columbia County  
**John Meeks, Levy County**  
Byron Poore, City of Madison  
Anna Prizzia, Alachua County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Byran Williams, City of High Springs  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Ben Glass, Suwannee River  
Water Management District - Virtual  
Amy Roberson, Florida Department of  
Transportation - In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Carr - In-Person  
Diana Davis - In-Person  
Stew Lilker - In-Person  
Amanda Starling - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In Person  
Lauren Yeatter - In Person

**Executive Committee Members names are bold**  
*Gubernatorial Members*

I. INVOCATION

Chair Janice Mortimer noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Brown gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mortimer welcomed Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer. Amanda Starling, Network Engagement Manager, Florida Makes, was also in attendance at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Mortimer asked that the consent agenda be approved.

**ACTION: Commissioner Waldrep made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

- A. Minutes - February 22, 2024
- B. Monthly Financial Reports - February 2024
- C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- D. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement Fiscal Year 2023-24 - City of Cedar Key
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Mortimer asked that the regular agenda be approved.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Stegall, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Kevin Carr, Chief Executive Officer  
Florida Makes

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Kevin Carr, Chief Executive Officer, Florida Makes. Mr. Carr made a presentation concerning the manufacturing sector in the Florida economy and Florida Makes initiatives. Chair Mortimer thanked Mr. Carr for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

A. Commissioner Catron Receives 40 Years of Service Award as an Elected Official

Chair Mortimer stated that City of Madison City Commissioner James Catron was the recent recipient of the John Land Award from the Florida League of Cities recognizing him for 40 years of service as a municipal elected official.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

1. Mac Johns

**ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Mayor Stegall to authorize the Chair to sign a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair Mac Johns. The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee -

1. Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 County Government Month

Chair Mortimer stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as County Government Month in the north central Florida region. She further stated that County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

**ACTION: Commissioner Perkins made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hampton to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as County Government Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 Springs Protection Awareness Month

Chair Mortimer stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Springs Protection Awareness Month in the north central Florida region. She further stated that Springs Protection Awareness Month is a month-long outreach initiative by water management districts to bring attention and awareness to one of Florida's most critical ecosystems and what is being done to protect them.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Stegall to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Springs Protection Awareness Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 Water Conservation Month

Chair Mortimer stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Water Conservation Month in the north central Florida region. She further stated that, during Water Conservation Month each April, water management districts join with local governments to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and the ways we can reduce our water use all year long.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stegall made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Water Conservation Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Proclamation Proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 Community Development Week

Chair Mortimer stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 as Community Development Week in the north central Florida region. She further stated that Community Development Week is to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

**ACTION: Commissioner Waldrep made the motion, with a second by Mayor Stegall, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 as Community Development Week, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Resolution Recognizing 100th Anniversary of the Town of Cross City

Chair Mortimer reported that the Town of Cross City is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2024. She stated that the Executive Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-09 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Town.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stephenson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Stegall, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Cross City, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Commissioner James Catron Receives 40 Years of Service as an Elected Official Award

Chair Mortimer stated that City of Madison City Commissioner James Catron was the recent recipient of the John Land Award from the Florida League of Cities recognizing him for 40 years of service as a municipal elected official.

**ACTION: Commissioner Waldrep made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-10, Recognizing Commissioner Catron for 40 Years of Service as an Elected Official which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**



B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and 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.

#20 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

#21 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER)

#24 - Town of Bronson Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER)

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #20 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR); Item #21 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER); and Item #24 - Town of Bronson Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER). The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Program Committee - 2024-25 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Hope, Vice-Chair of the Council and Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. He reported that the Program Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. Commissioner Hope stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. He noted that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. Finally, Commissioner Hope stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 23, 2024 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Roberson, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the District will be hosting a Rural Transportation Planning Summit on August 24, 2024.

Ben Glass, Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Suwannee River Water Management District, thanked the Council for adopting proclamations proclaiming April 2024 as Springs Protection Awareness Month and Water Conservation Month.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed regional workforce and CareerSource Crown, regional rural transportation, Gateway College charter school and a public records request made to the City of Starke.

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 February 2024 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2024 report.

B. Florida Regional Council Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons reported that Chair Mortimer, Former Chair Lorene Thomas and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board virtually via communications media technology on January 26, 2024.

Mr. Koons stated the Policy Board heard presentations from Kate Doyle, Interim Deputy Secretary, FloridaCommerce and Tim MacGregor, Director, Office of Military and Defense, FloridaCommerce. He also stated that the Policy Board received the 2022-23 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. In conclusion, Mr. Koons stated the Policy Board heard a legislative report.

C. 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 March 2024 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2024 Legislative Session convened on January 9, 2024 and adjourned on March 8, 2024. He reported on bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

E. Federal Disaster Economic Recovery Support Function

Mr. Koons stated the 2024 Legislative Session convened on January 9, 2024 and adjourned on March 8, 2024. He reported on the status of bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

F. Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant Awards

Mr. Koons reported that awards through the Rural Infrastructure Fund were recently made for local government infrastructure projects. He noted a total of \$5,033,221 in funding was awarded to eight projects in the north central Florida region, including Lafayette County, Taylor County, Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Cross City, Jasper, Lee, Live Oak and Perry.

G. Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Awards

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Job Growth Fund is an economic development program that provides funds for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment. He noted that a total of \$9,217,633 in funding was recently awarded to local governments in the north central Florida region, including Big Bend Technical College in Perry, Madison County and Suwannee County.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Mortimer stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 25, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

4/25/24  
Date


**RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Mac Johns has served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2023; and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Mac Johns ably discharged the duties as Chair of the Union 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 Mac Johns for dedicated service rendered to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Union 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 Mac Johns.*

  
*Janice D. Mortimer, Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

March 28, 2024  
*Date*



# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, running election, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

WHEREAS, counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in effective and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, America's counties provide transportation and infrastructure services that play a key role in everything from daily commutes to shipping goods around the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has designated April as County Government Month and encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their programs and services to the public they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 2024 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

ATTEST:

SEAL

John M. Meeks, Secretary

Janice D. Mortimer, Chair



# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state;

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs;

WHEREAS, north central Florida region has the highest concentration of springs in the United States;

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs;

WHEREAS, groundwater in the north central Florida region is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy;

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species; and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.


NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2024 as *Springs Protection Awareness Month* throughout the north central Florida region.


DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John M. Meeks  
Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice D. Mortimer  
Chair



# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to north central Florida region residents, visitors, economy and environment;

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile;

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the north central Florida region;

WHEREAS, water conservation is a strategic priority;

WHEREAS, water conservation is encouraged and supported through public awareness efforts;

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources;

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, north central Florida local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures.

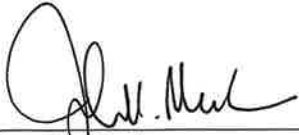
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2024 as *Water Conservation Month* throughout the north central Florida region.


DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John M. Meeks  
Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice D. Mortimer  
Chair



# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING APRIL 1-5, 2024 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-5, 2024 has been designated as National Community Development Week to recognize and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided funding and flexibility to local communities to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since, 1992, the HOME Investment Partnership Program has created and preserved affordable housing for low-income families; and

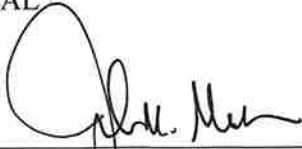
WHEREAS, communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these two programs.

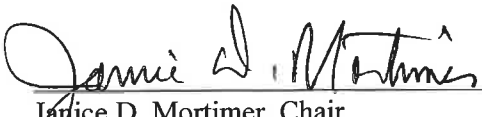
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 1-5, 2024 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

ATTEST:

SEAL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John M. Meeks, Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice D. Mortimer, Chair



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL  
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City, was incorporated on April 20, 1924; and

WHEREAS, the first settlers arrived in the Town of Cross City area from North Carolina in 1820; and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City took its name from the cross roads, where the Old Spanish Trail met the Old Salt Road that leads to Horseshoe Beach;

WHEREAS, the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, now transformed into the Nature Coast Trail, also crossed through the Town of Cross City; and

WHEREAS, the railroad played an important role in the forest economy of the Town of Cross City area; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the owner of the Putnam Lumber Company, specializing in cypress and longleaf pine timber milling, built the Putnam Lodge, a 36-room retreat in the Town of Cross City area; and

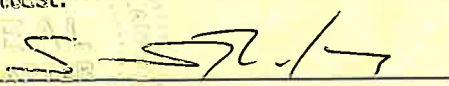
WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City annually hosts the Cross City Fly-In and Air Show.

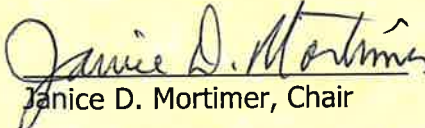
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the Town of Cross City on its 100th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 28th day of March 2024.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

  
Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

  
Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HONORING JAMES CATRON FOR 40 YEARS OF ELECTED SERVICE, RECOGNIZING HIS UNSELFISH COMMITMENT TO MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, America's municipal governments have long relied upon the unselfish leadership of their citizens for local self-government, and Florida's municipal governments share the time-honored role as the level of government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, this reliance places extraordinary responsibilities upon municipal elected officials as citizen legislators who make significant sacrifices of their time and energies on behalf of their citizenry, often for little to no compensation, making this commitment a true labor of love; and

WHEREAS, municipal leaders strive for excellence in the governance of their city, town or village, and commit themselves to providing quality services, governing effectively and working to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities presented the John Land Award to James Catron recognizing 40 years of elected service; and

WHEREAS, James Catron served on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as the representative for City of Madison for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, James Catron is the longest serving city commissioner in the history of the City of Madison.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates James Catron;

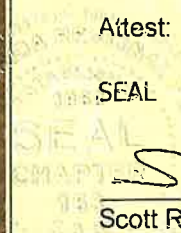
That James Catron is commended for his dedication to the City of Madison and is hereby recognized as an outstanding public servant in north central Florida.


DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH 2024.


Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL



  
Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

  
Janice D. Mortimer, Chair



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April 18, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2024

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2024. 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 six months is 55 percent of budget.

### **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months are 41 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)**  
**March 31, 2024**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,410,659
Accounts Receivable	838,485
Other Current Assets	57,237
Total Current Assets	<u>3,306,381</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>3,306,381</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	25,949
Other Current Liabilities	162,649
Total Liabilities	<u>188,598</u>
Equity	<u>3,117,783</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>3,306,381</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**March 31, 2024**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,629,100		320,510	893,740	55%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,629,100		144,600	669,277	41%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**March 31, 2024**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>March 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	61,700	2,729	51,733	84%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,065	100%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	102,800	0	3,200	3%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	70,000	7,300	14,600	21%
Hazards Analyses	0	0	0	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	234,000	187,141	356,123	152%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	248,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	26,000	2,532	9,425	36%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	216,500	28,796	109,337	51%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	79,993	70%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	7,098	14,866	41%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	23,101	74,101	108%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	0	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,921	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	44,313	90,376	37%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	0	0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>320,510</b>	<b>893,740</b>	<b>55%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**March 31, 2024**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>March 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	29,000	4,138	27,442	95%
Contractual Services	20,000	3,456	28,542	143%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	31,000	719	23,776	77%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	6,530	14,247	57%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	753	2,776	25%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	3,000	0	2,385	80%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,633	8,035	40%
Office Supplies	13,000	481	13,694	105%
Personnel	1,164,900	116,524	484,052	42%
Postage	5,000	220	2,466	49%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	10,000	774	1,319	13%
Telephone	4,000	449	2,460	62%
Travel	30,000	2,763	12,499	42%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	6,160	45,584	66%
Contingency	149,300	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>144,600</b>	<b>669,277</b>	<b>41%</b>





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April 18, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement  
 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Suwannee County

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2023-24 agreement with Suwannee County to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$11,750.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with Suwannee County to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to prepare public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments. The amount of the agreement will be \$11,750.

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April 18, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 6-10, 2024 as Economic Development Week

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming May 6-10, 2024 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.**

BACKGROUND:

The International Economic Development Council has designated May 6-10, 2024 as Economic Development Week. The Council assists local governments and economic development organizations in promoting economic well-being and quality of life for communities create, retain and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base.

The International Economic Development Council is encouraging local governments and other organizations to recognize Economic Development Week.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming May 6-10, 2024 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

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

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# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING MAY 6-10, 2024 AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an economic development district designated by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers working in the north central Florida region support the expansion of career opportunities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 6-10, 2024 as *Economic Development Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL

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John M. Meeks, Secretary

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Janice D. Mortimer, Chair





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April 18, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 19-25, 2024 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

**Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 19-25, 2024 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region.**

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 31 years ago. It is a 14-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to “Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay.” The goal is to enhance the area’s economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.

The week of May 19-25, 2024 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 19-25, 2024 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

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

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# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING MAY 19-25, 2024 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 137 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates an estimated 105 billion dollars in economic activity, estimated eight billion dollars in annual sales tax revenues and employs over one million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 19-25, 2024 as *Travel and Tourism Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

SEAL

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John M. Meeks, Secretary

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Janice D. Mortimer, Chair





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April 18, 2024

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., April 25, 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and 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

- #26 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #27 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-4ESR)
- #28 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-5ESR)
- #29 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ESR)
- #32 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

***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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April 18, 2024

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 March 2024 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: March 2024

### **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH**

- Composed and distributed the February *FRCA Forward Newsletter*, collected articles for the March newsletter.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the FRCA website and social media sites.
- 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 shared information:
  - Mitigate Florida Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management,
  - RPC Economic Development coordination meeting,
  - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Coordination Meetings hosted by The Nature Conservancy,
  - March Rural Economic Development Initiatives Meeting hosted by Florida Commerce,
  - Florida Resilience Collaborative Coordinators Forum.
  - RPC rainfall and inundation modelling coordination meeting.

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Hosted the March FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting.
- Developed and distributed the final 2024 FRCA Bill Report.
- Continued development of Articles of Incorporation for the Association.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.







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April 18, 2024

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 April 2024 Scorecard.

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

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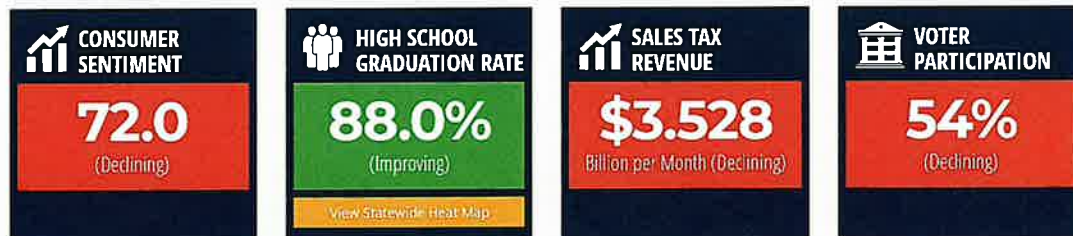
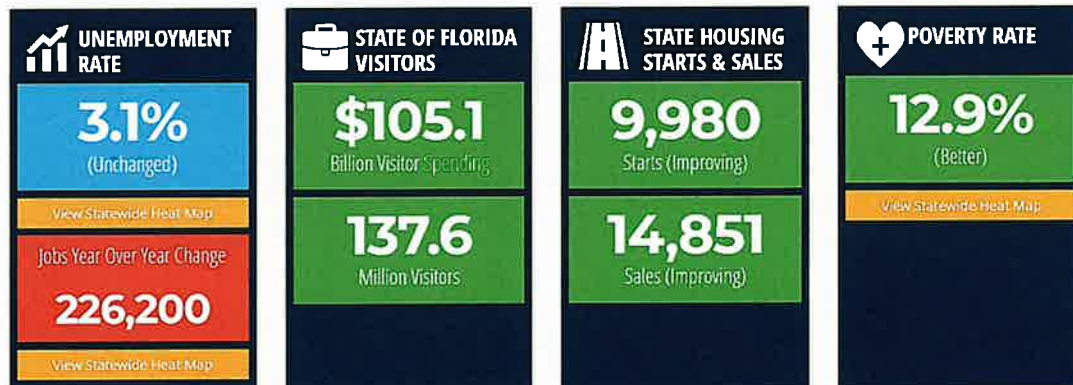
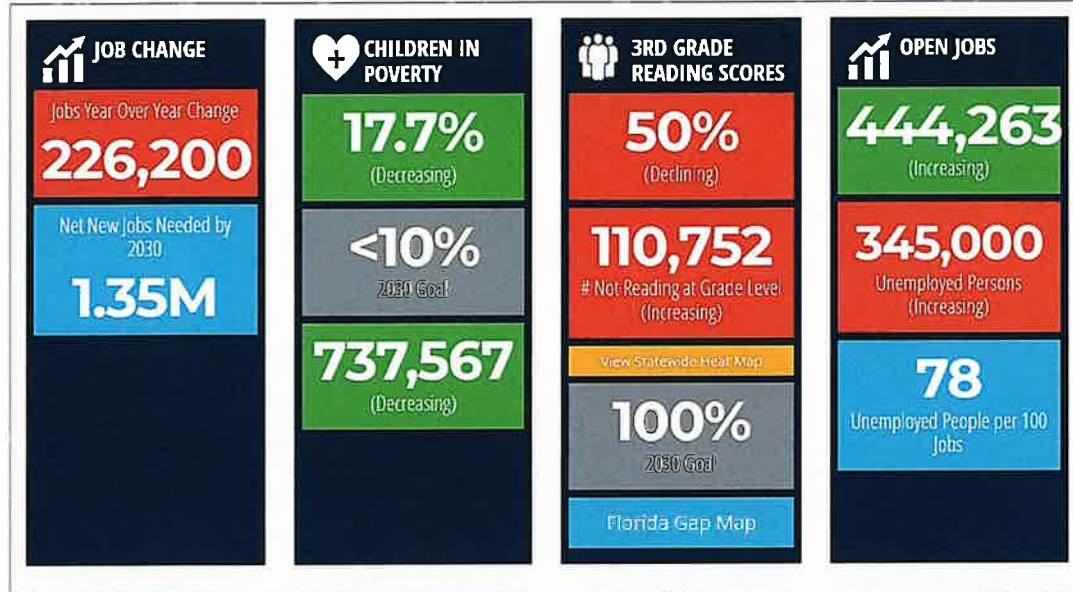
## State of Florida Metrics

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FLORIDA POPULATION 04/17/2024

**23,118,399**

Florida FutureCast





## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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### Talent Supply & Education

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## State of Florida Metrics (March 15, 2019)

### Innovation & Economic Development

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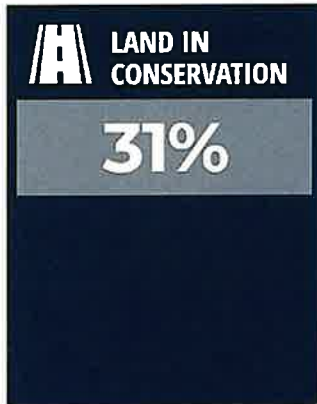


## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

### Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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### Business Climate & Competitiveness

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<b>INFLATION RATE</b> <b>3.5%</b> National (Increasing) <b>3.8%</b> Southern Region (Increasing)	<b>CONSUMER SENTIMENT</b> <b>72.0</b> (Declining)	<b>CEO RANK</b> <b>2nd</b> (Unchanged)	<b>STATE LEGAL CLIMATE RANKING</b> <b>46th</b> (Unchanged) <b>Top 12</b> 2030 Goal
<b>SALES TAX REVENUE</b> <b>\$3.528</b> Billion per Month (Declining)	<b>BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE</b> <b>4th</b> <b>#1</b> 2030 Goal	<b>OPEN JOBS</b> <b>444,263</b> (Increasing) <b>345,000</b> Unemployed Persons (Increasing) <b>78</b> Unemployed People per 100 Jobs	<b>STATE RANKING FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY</b> <b>#49</b>
<b>HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY</b> Homeowners' Insurance Affordability data is available at the county level. <a href="#">View Starewide Heat Map</a>	<b>ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS SUITS</b> <b>34,289</b>		

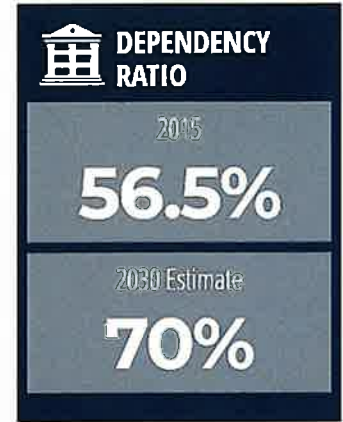


## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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### Civic & Governance Systems

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### Quality of Life and Quality Places

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April 18, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Regional Joint Mitigation Resiliency Project

The FloridaCommerce has awarded a \$1.499 million Rebuild Florida Community Development Block Grant General Planning Support Program grant to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to complete a Regional Joint Mitigation Resiliency Project.

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has entered into interagency agreements with the regional planning councils that have counties that were declared federal disaster areas as a result of Hurricane Irma to assist in completing the project. These regional planning councils include Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Northeast Florida Regional Council, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

The regional planning councils are engaging in cross collaboration to provide a seamless network of community partners setting forth a single consistent methodology for vulnerability, risk analysis and assessments with reduced focus on county boundaries in order to identify potential multi-jurisdictional or multi-county solutions. The project will fill an identified gap in resilience efforts by focusing on the impacts of flooding hazards to the inland counties in Florida.

The scope of work includes the following activities.

- Future Extreme Rainfall Modeling;
- Mitigation Needs Assessment, Template and Mitigation Priority Areas and Project List;
- Small Area Mitigation Plans;
- Regional Resilience Exposure Tool;
- Interactive Best Practice Application; and
- Stakeholder Engagement.

Year Two of this three-year project concludes this month.

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

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