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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 25, 2018**. The meeting will be held at the **Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at **7:00 p.m.**

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

*Please call the Council at 352.955.2200, or 800.226.0690, or email [strong@ncfrpc.org](mailto:strong@ncfrpc.org) by January 22, 2018 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

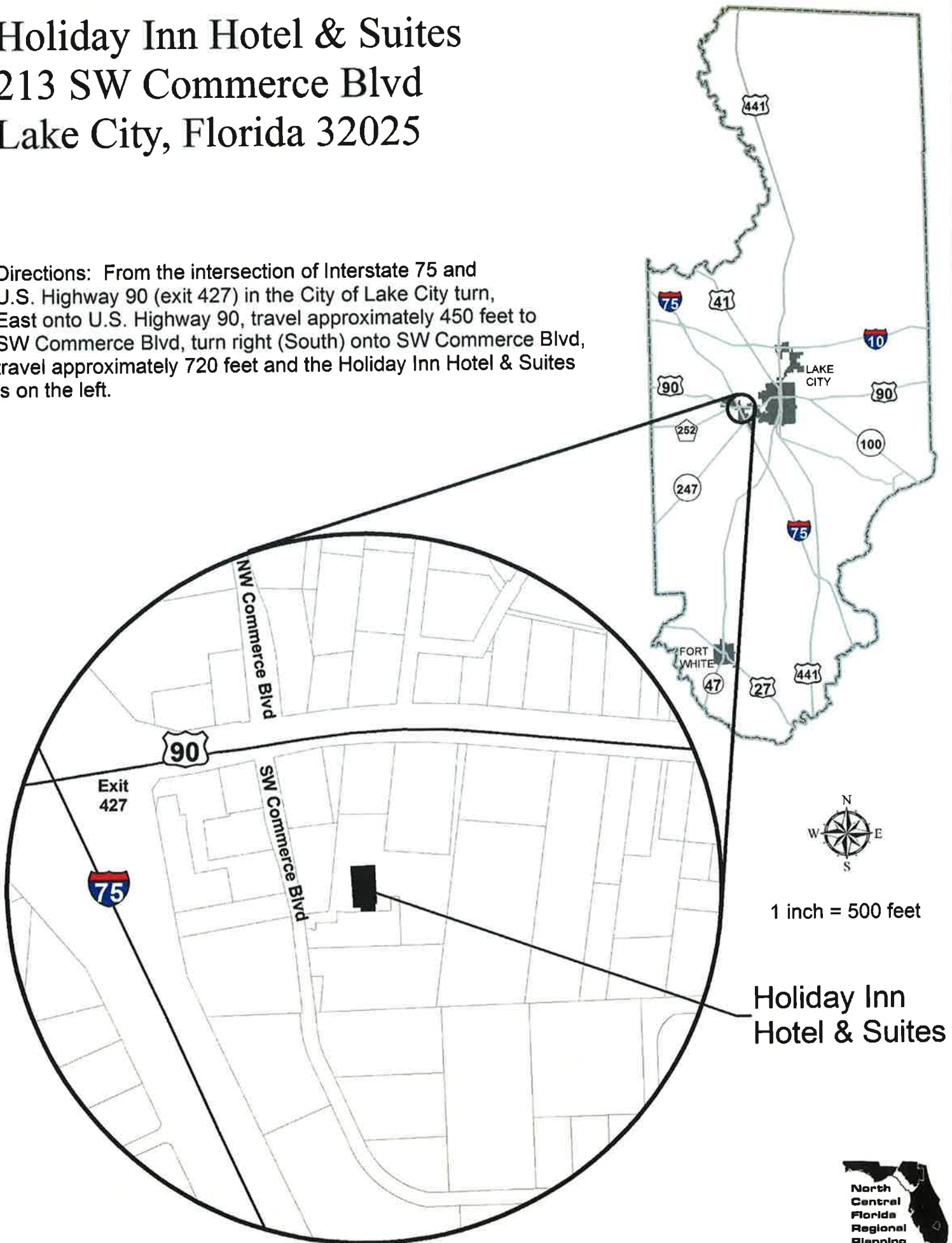
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*Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet.)*

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Lake City, Florida 32025

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## AGENDA NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard  
Lake City, Florida

January 25, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

December 14, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
James Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Ken Cornell, Alachua County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County  
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer  
*William Hunter, Hamilton County*  
John Meeks, Levy County  
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke  
Tim Murphy, Columbia County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
James Tallman, Union County  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville  
**Stephen Witt, City of Lake City**

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

William Whitelock, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Barney Bennette, Florida Department of  
Transportation  
Joel Carnow, Suwannee River  
Water Management District  
Sean Greene, Florida Fish and  
Wildlife Conservation Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville  
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville  
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry  
Mike Deming, City of Perry  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
**Larry Sessions, Suwannee County**  
*Daniel Webb, Union County*  
**Robert Wilford, City of Alachua**  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis  
LJ Two Spirits Johnson  
Ralph Kitchens  
Stew Lilker

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp  
Scott Koons  
Jean Strong  
Tara Tucker

**Board Members names are bolded**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Burnam and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced LJ Two Spirits Johnson and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Thomas asked that Items VII.D. Introduction of New Members; VIII.B.4. #6 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and VIII.B.5. #7 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to add Items VII.D. Introduction of New Members; VIII.B.4. #6 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and VIII.B.5. #7 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, gave a presentation on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Proposed Amendments. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Dopp for his presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 26, 2017

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - October 2017
- B. U.S. Economic Development Administration  
Economic Adjustment Assistance Program Grant Application 2018-2020
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

Chair Thomas asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

## VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

### A. Resolution of Appreciation - Jason Evans

**ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Jason Evans. The motion carried unanimously.**

### B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Anthony Adams

**ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Anthony Adams. The motion carried unanimously.**

### C. Certificate of Service for Council Employee - Jean Strong

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Jean Strong, who has been an employee of the Council for ten years and currently serves as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Chair Thomas presented a ten-year Certificate of Service and pin to her. Mr. Koons and Chair Thomas thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the Council.

### D. Introduction of New Members

Chair Thomas welcomed new Council member Commissioner Gene Higginbotham from Dixie County and Non-Voting Delegate Robert Whitelock, Building Official from the City of High Springs.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Executive Committee - Organizational Policies (Bylaws)

Mr. Koons stated that the member local governments of the Council adopted an amended interlocal agreement creating the Council effective January 1, 2016 and in order to bring the Organizational Policies (Bylaws) of the Council in conformance with the amended interlocal agreement, Council staff reviewed the Organization Policies (Bylaws) and prepared proposed amendments to the Organizational Policy (Bylaws). He stated that the Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Organizational Policies (Bylaws) and recommended that the Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Organizational Policies (Bylaws) dated December 14, 2017.

**ACTION: Mr. Hunter made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis, to approve Organization Policies (Bylaws) Proposed Amendments dated December 14, 2017 as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Adams, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

- #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #4 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #5 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated that the following items which were received following the distribution of the Council meeting packet and added to the agenda require action prior to the next meeting.

- #6 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #7 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated that the Committee finds that local government comprehensive plans as amended are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of 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 Adams made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #4 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #5 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #6 City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and #7 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan  
Proposed Amendments

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Chair, gave the Regional Planning Committee Report. She stated that as a result of the reassignment of Marion County by the Governor to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the recent adoption of the 2018-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy by the Council, the Regional Planning Committee is recommending revisions to the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Proposed Amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Commissioner Burnam stated the Committee is recommending that tables and maps related to Marion County be revised to remove Marion County from the proposed regional plan



amendments. She noted that the Committee is not proposing any changes to the goals and policies of the proposed amendments to the regional plan as a result of the reassignment of Marion County to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. She stated that the Committee is recommending that tables in the Affordable Housing Element and the Regional Transportation Element of the proposed amendments to the regional plan be updated using the most recent U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey data.

Commissioner Burnam also stated that the Committee is recommending changes to the Economic Development Element of the proposed amendments to the regional plan by replacing the 2013-17 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in the Economic Development Element of the regional plan with the recently Council adopted 2018-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Commissioner Burnam stated as a result of comments received from the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, the Committee is recommending adding Alachua County-owned conservation lands which are equal to or exceed 100 acres in size or are adjacent to other mapped Natural Resources of Regional Significance to Illustration III-D, Regionally Significant Natural Resources, Planning and Resource Management Areas.

Commissioner Burnam finally stated that the Committee recommends including these additional amendments to the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan and recommends authorizing the initiation of the rule making process pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to adopt the proposed regional plan amendments.

**ACTION: Commissioner Burnam made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to authorize the addition of the proposed amendments as described in the materials contained in the December 14, 2017 Council meeting packet and recommended by the Regional Planning Committee to the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and authorize the initiation of the rule making process pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to adopt the proposed amendments to the regional plan. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, stated that the District is accepting Small County Road Assistance Program, Small County Outreach Program and County Incentive Grant Program applications until December 29, 2017.

Joel Carnow, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District is accepting applications for 2018 springs and river projects until January 16, 2018.

Sean Greene, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stated the Commission recently promoted deputy executive director Eric Sutton to replace departed agency executive director Nick Wiley. In addition, he reported that Commissioner Bo Rivard has been appointed chair to replace departed Commission Chair Brian Yablonski.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS -

LJ Two Spirits Johnson, citizen, Columbia County, spoke about the need to clarify the appropriate time during a Council meeting that the public can make comments to the Council.

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, stated that state law allows the public to comment on any proposition before a public body prior to the public body voting on said proposition.

Ralph Kitchens, citizen, Columbia County, suggested that the Citizen Comments item on the Council agenda be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 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. 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. He stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the October 2017 and November 2017 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that 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 develop 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. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics related to each of the Six Pillars. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 2017 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2018 Legislative Session is scheduled to convene on January 9, 2018 and adjourn on March 9, 2018. He reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments that have been filed for consideration during the 2018 Legislative Session.

D. Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Job Growth Fund provides \$85 million for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment in Florida's diverse industries. He noted that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has received 160 requests for over \$500 million. He noted that the requests are for public infrastructure and workforce grants.

E. Florida Competitive Communities

Mr. Koons stated that the City of Williston has recently been selected as one of the four rural communities to participate in the fifth year of the Competitive Florida Partnership Program. He stated that the cities of Chiefland, Madison, Newberry, Starke and White Springs were previously designated Complete Florida Partnership Program communities.

F. Florida Outdoor Writers Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, in conjunction with the Council, has received an Excellence-In-Craft Award from the Florida Outdoor Writers Association for their Experience North Florida by Bicycle Project consisting of bicycle route maps on their website with turn by turn Global Positioning System directions. He stated that Council staff served as the project manager for this project.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on January 25, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

1/25/18  
Date






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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - November 2017

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for November 2017. 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 nine 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 is 16 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)

November 30, 2017

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,269,747
Accounts Receivable	378,705
Other Current Assets	15,768
Total Current Assets	<u>1,664,220</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,664,220</u>

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	21,536
Other Current Liabilities	256,085
Total Liabilities	<u>277,621</u>
Equity	<u>1,386,599</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,664,220</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**November 30, 2017**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2017-18</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	2,102,300	75,351	192,850	9%
<b>Expenses</b>	2,102,300	109,259	332,094	16%



**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**November 30, 2017**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2017-18</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	37,300	921	7,150	19%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	110,000	0	16,757	15%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,600	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	18,500	0	0	0%
Public Safety Training Exercises	20,000	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	411,200	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	184,000	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,100	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	150,000	0	12,180	8%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	41,000	118,000	39%
Vision North Central Florida		2,500	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	5,333	15%
City & County Planning Services	214,700	17,999	17,999	8%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	156,000	12,931	12,931	8%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,102,300</b>	<b>75,351</b>	<b>192,850</b>	<b>9%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**November 30, 2017**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2017-18</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	16,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,410	6,052	15%
Contractual Services	150,000	14,898	39,936	27%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	54,000	4,529	15,735	29%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	21,000	0	6,022	29%
Legal Costs	17,000	476	825	5%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	984	984	20%
Meeting Expenses	21,000	0	1,350	6%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	1,541	2,724	11%
Personnel Costs	1,211,700	63,710	205,516	17%
Postage	6,000	513	779	13%
Printing	2,000	0	1,650	83%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	18,000	1,311	2,460	14%
Telephone	7,000	474	656	9%
Travel	83,000	3,592	6,570	8%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	14,821	40,835	13%
Contingency	103,600	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,102,300</b>	<b>109,259</b>	<b>332,094</b>	<b>16%</b>



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#### **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of three months is 21 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.

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**December 31, 2017**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,341,687
Accounts Receivable	374,594
Other Current Assets	22,264
Total Current Assets	<u>1,738,545</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,738,545</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	15,728
Other Current Liabilities	215,003
Total Liabilities	<u>230,731</u>
Equity	<u>1,507,814</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,738,545</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**December 31, 2017**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2017-18</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	2,102,300	291,157	484,007	23%
<b>Expenses</b>	2,102,300	118,762	450,856	21%

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

December 31, 2017

### REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2017-18	December 2017	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	37,300	782	7,932	21%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	110,000	0	16,757	15%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,600	35,659	35,659	27%
Hazards Analyses	18,500	0	0	0%
Public Safety Training Exercises	20,000	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	411,200	102,800	102,800	25%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	184,000	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,100	9,142	9,142	38%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	59,962	59,962	31%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	150,000	17,500	29,680	20%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	6,625	6,625	12%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	0	118,000	39%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	5,333	15%
City & County Planning Services	214,700	46,187	64,186	30%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	156,000	12,500	25,431	16%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,102,300</b>	<b>291,157</b>	<b>484,007</b>	<b>23%</b>

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

December 31, 2017

### EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2017-18	December 2017	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	16,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,322	8,374	21%
Contractual Services	150,000	13,255	53,191	35%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	54,000	409	16,144	30%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	21,000	0	6,022	29%
Legal Costs	17,000	290	1,115	7%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	984	20%
Meeting Expenses	21,000	2,105	3,455	16%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	569	3,293	13%
Personnel Costs	1,211,700	81,402	286,918	24%
Postage	6,000	146	925	15%
Printing	2,000	0	1,650	83%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	18,000	855	3,315	18%
Telephone	7,000	449	1,105	16%
Travel	83,000	3,511	10,081	12%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	13,449	54,284	18%
Contingency	103,600	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,102,300</b>	<b>118,762</b>	<b>450,856</b>	<b>21%</b>





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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for  
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2017-18

### RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for an amount of \$56,519 in training funds, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Fiscal Year 2017-18.**

### BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the United States Department of Transportation for hazardous materials training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees. This training includes basic awareness level through more advanced technician level training.

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

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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint Commissioner Lisa Walker as Chair of the Lafayette 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 that Commissioner Lisa Walker be appointed as Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair  
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Beth Burnam

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Beth Burnam.**

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for her service on the Council since January 2013 and in recognition of her commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.



# Resolution

## OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Beth Burnam has been representing Hamilton County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2013;

WHEREAS, Beth Burnam has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Beth Burnam for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Beth Burnam.

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Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Wilford, Secretary-Treasurer

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING  
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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair  
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Jason Holifield

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Jason Holifield.**

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for his service on the Council since December 2010 and in recognition of his commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.



# Resolution

## OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Jason Holifield has been representing Dixie County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since December 2010;

WHEREAS, Jason Holifield has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Jason Holifield for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region 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 region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Jason Holifield.

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Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

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Robert W. Wilford, Secretary-Treasurer

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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Woody Kitler.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Woody Kitler served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2014.

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

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Woody Kitler has served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Woody Kitler ably discharged the duties of the 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 Woody Kitler 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 Woody Kitler.*

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*Lorene J. Thomas, Chair*

*ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

*January 25, 2018*

*Date*







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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair  
SUBJECT: Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Ratify the appointment of Daniel Riddick to the Clearinghouse Committee, Thomas Demps to the Regional Planning Committee, Helen Warren as Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Tim Murphy as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee as recommended by the Chair.**

BACKGROUND:

Due to vacancies on the Clearinghouse Committee and Regional Planning Committee appointments to these committees need to be made.

In order to maintain a balance among city, county and gubernatorial representatives, I am recommending the appointment of Daniel Riddick to the Clearinghouse Committee and Thomas Demps to the Regional Planning Committee. Also, I am recommending the appointment of Helen Warren as Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Tim Murphy as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.

In addition to jurisdictional balance and geographic balance, attendance records at Council meetings were also considered in making these appointments.

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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: James Montgomery, 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 25, 2018 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. 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

- #8 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 17-1ER)
- #9 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 17-1ESR)
- #10 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)
- #11 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)

***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 18, 2018

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 2017 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 2017**

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

- Organized and distributed the November 2017 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter. Began collecting articles and formatting the December 2017 Newsletter. Maintained the FRCA Facebook page.
- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties regarding the maintenance and enhancement of the FRCA website and newsletter. Continued to update and maintain the email listserv for the more than 2,400 individuals who receive FRCA Forward.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - National Organization for Atmospheric Administration Sea Level Rise Meeting by Webinar, December 19<sup>th</sup>

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Prepared for and participated in the December 5 - 6, 2017 Executive Directors Advisory Council and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for the January 11, 2018, FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee meeting.
- Prepared for the January 12, 2018, FRCA Policy Board meetings including coordinating logistics, securing speakers, developing agendas and drafting meeting materials.
- Assisted with the review of the 2016-17 FRCA Annual Report.
- Distributed legislative updates, grant opportunities and information of interest from state and national organizations.








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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Chair Thomas, Immediate Past-Chair Rick Davis and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 12, 2018.

The Policy Board heard presentations from Leslie Wollack, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils; Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice-President, Florida Chamber Foundation; Lee Constantine, Seminole County Commissioner; Susan Harbin, Senior Associate Director, Florida Association of Counties; and David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities.

The Policy Board heard reports on various projects of regional planning councils throughout the state and received the 2016-17 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. The Policy Board also heard a legislative report from its legislative advocate, adopted a 2018 Legislative agenda, and agreed to become a partner of the Resiliency Florida Partnership. In addition, the Policy Board reviewed a financial report, approved a certified public account agreement to prepare assembled financial statements and elected officers for the remainder of 2017-18 and appointed a Nominating Committee for 2018-19.

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January 18, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2016-17 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

The 2016-17 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.

Rick Davis, Immediate Past Chair  
Lorene Thomas, Chair  
Robert Wilford, Secretary/Treasurer

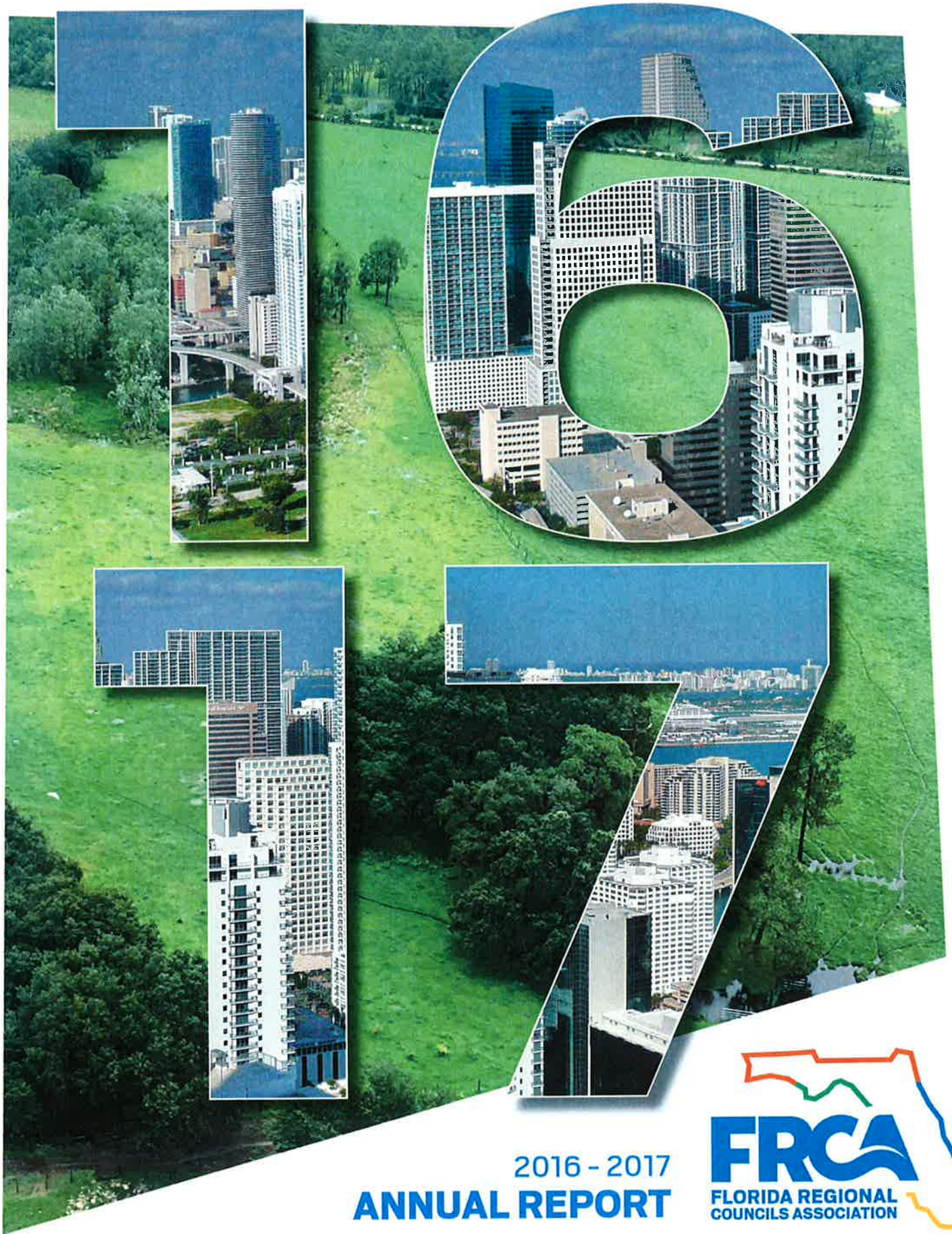
Activities of the Council are featured on pages 5, 7, 10 and 11. However, you are encouraged to review the document in its entirety to gain an understanding of the activities that are occurring on a statewide basis.

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

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2016 - 2017  
**ANNUAL REPORT**







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## THE POLICY BOARD

### APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Kristin Dozier, Leon County  
Ms. Lisa Miller, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Honorable Gene Wright, Town of Malone

### CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable W. Patrick "Pat" Huff, City of Bartow  
Honorable Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, DeSoto County  
Ms. Jacqueline Tucker, Gubernatorial Appointee

### EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Mr. John Lesman, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Honorable Leigh Matusick, City of DeLand

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Rick Davis, Madison County  
Ms. Lorene Thomas, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Honorable Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

### NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Honorable Roxanne Horvath, City of St. Augustine  
Mr. Darryl Register, Gubernatorial Appointee

### SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Mr. Mario Bailey, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Honorable Franklin Caplan, City of Key Biscayne  
Ms. Sandy Walters, Gubernatorial Appointee

### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Forrest Banks, City of Ft. Myers  
Honorable Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral  
Mr. Tommy Perry, Gubernatorial Appointee

### TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Scott Black, City of Dade City  
Honorable Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County  
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Gubernatorial Appointee

### TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Tod Mowery, St. Lucie County  
Mr. Reece Parrish, Gubernatorial Appointee  
Honorable Doug Smith, Martin County

### WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Honorable Kasey Cuchens, City of Freeport  
Honorable Kurvin Qualls, Town of Jay  
Mr. J.D. Smith, Gubernatorial Appointee

## A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICY BOARD

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In a year that saw the return of major hurricanes, the term “emergency preparedness” has never been higher on the minds of Floridians and in the plans and programs of Florida’s regional planning councils. As the planners for the Regional Statewide Evacuation Studies, the staff to all Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), assessing post disaster impacts, and developing economic post disaster recovery strategies, our RPCs are partners with state, federal, and local government agencies.

Serving as Economic Development Districts, all regional planning councils in Florida cooperate in updating the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for each region. This statewide coordination assures that each region is reporting on uniform performance measures and coordinating with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and the Florida Chamber Foundation.

Our Councils have continued to convene our communities in important conversations through workshops, summits, charrettes, and other forums. Topics for these have included multi-modal transportation including complete streets, urban and rural transit, transportation disadvantaged, passenger rail, and freight and logistics. Others involved quality of life issues such as affordable housing, challenges of infrastructure and sea level rise, economic development challenges in downtowns and in rural areas, and regional recognition for the leaders who guide us through these issues.

The Florida Regional Council’s Association (FRCA) works together to ensure statewide cooperation and effectiveness in the delivery of services to all our regions. In this spirit, we wish to thank our Immediate Past President Barbara Sheen Todd for moving our organization forward to pursue our mission of building a strong economy and improving the lives of all Floridians.

**Honorable Tod Mowery**  
President

**Honorable Roxanne Horvath**  
1st Vice-President

**Ms. Sandy Walters**  
2nd Vice-President

**Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd**  
Immediate Past President

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*FRCA is governed by a Policy Board that meets twice a year to discuss issues affecting the RPCs. Each RPC selects two elected officials and one gubernatorial appointee to serve on the FRCA Policy Board. Each of the 10 RPCs is represented by an Executive Director and they, collectively, serve as an advisory body to the FRCA Policy Board.*

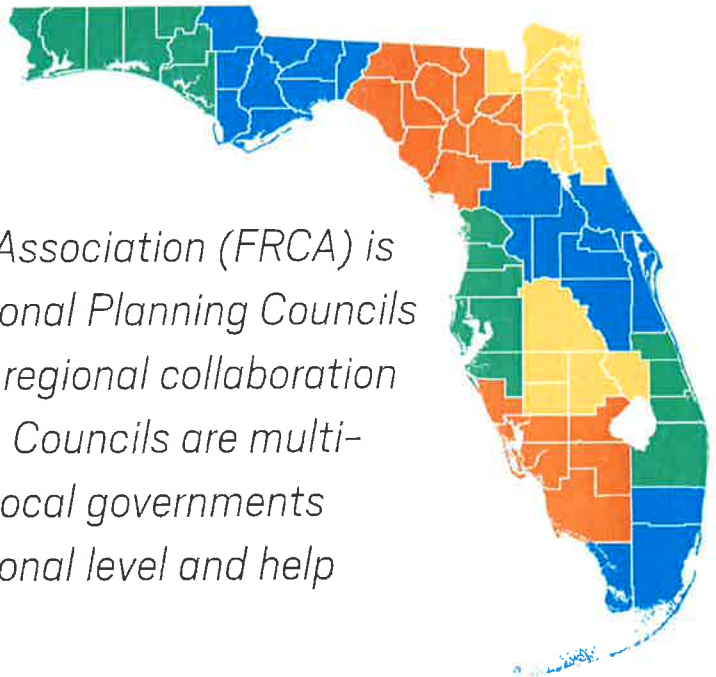
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## WHAT IS



*The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) is an alliance of Florida's 10 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.*



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***In our large and diverse state, there are challenges. Where others see obstacles, we see opportunities.*** FRCA, through the RPCs, leverages resources and expertise – based on more than 50 years of experience – to help small businesses, local governments and citizens address challenges and make the most of opportunities. RPCs play many roles. They are consensus builders and problem solvers, serving as regional conveners by helping to articulate and resolve multi-jurisdictional issues and by delivering proven programs and services.

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## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

FRCA encourages and promotes opportunities for RPCs to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments.

### The RPCs focus on:

- **Economic Development**
- **Transportation**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Serving as Regional Conveners**

FRCA also monitors substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promotes mutually-supportive policy positions among the RPCs.



## REGIONAL SOLUTIONS



## STATEWIDE IMPACT

*By the numbers, from 2005 to 2015*

**Through RPCs,  
the U.S. EDA\*  
Invested:**

**\$74.9M**  
IN 39 PROJECTS

<b>5.6K</b>	Jobs created
<b>10K+</b>	Jobs retained

**RPCs Contributed:**

**\$42.0M**  
VIA LOAN FUNDS

To grow and retain Florida  
businesses and jobs

**RPCs Trained:**

**38,000**  
FIRST RESPONDERS

And other emergency  
management personnel

**RPCs Reviewed:**

**12,600+**  
PROJECTS

Under the Federal  
Consistency Review Program

Equals hundreds of millions  
of investment dollars

\*Economic Development Administration

# 10 REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

## APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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## CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Executive Director: Patricia M. Steed

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## EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Garland Ave., Orlando, FL 32801  
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## NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Executive Director: Scott R. Koons

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## NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Executive Director: Brian D. Teeple

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Executive Director: Isabel Cosio Carballo

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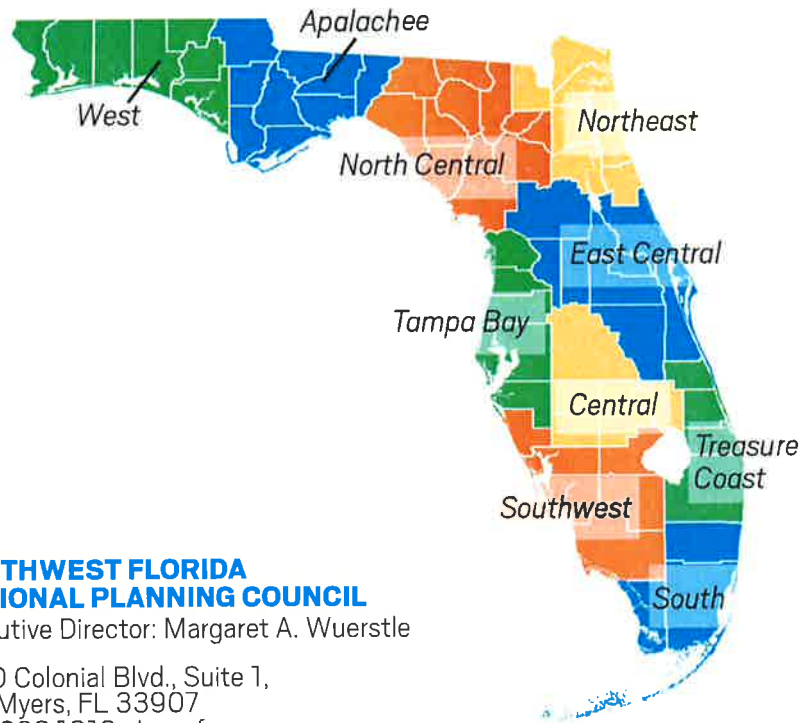
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...THAT is the  
mission of FRCA.*



## Regional Planning Councils

		Date Established	2017 Regional Population <sup>1</sup>	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE) <sup>2</sup>	Square Miles <sup>3</sup>	Budget (in millions)
	<b>Apalachee</b> Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Aug. 23, 1977	485,278	27	8	6,757	\$0.8
	<b>Central Florida</b> DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk	July 1, 1974	867,970	18	16.5	5,287	\$3.6
	<b>East Central Florida</b> Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia	Feb. 22, 1962	4,006,558	35	9	9,244	\$1.3
	<b>North Central Florida</b> Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union	May 7, 1969	557,004	44	11	8,660	\$1.9
	<b>Northeast Florida</b> Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns	April 14, 1977	1,661,055	35	9	5,097	\$1.5
	<b>South Florida</b> Broward, Dade, Monroe	July 1, 1974	4,693,954	19	10	7,492	\$2.2
	<b>Southwest Florida</b> Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota	Nov. 8, 1973	1,688,062	36	6.5	7,278	\$1.6
	<b>Tampa Bay</b> Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas	Feb. 16, 1962	3,541,479	44	8.5	4,998	\$2.3
	<b>Treasure Coast</b> Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie	Aug. 19, 1976	2,013,762	28	9	4,441	\$2.3
	<b>West Florida</b> Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington	Oct. 1, 1964	969,020	33	35	6,509	\$3.5

<sup>1</sup>Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2017, Table 1, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2017.

<sup>2</sup>FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

<sup>3</sup>Total land and water area. Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida



## 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.*

## Communities in Central Florida Benefit from Competitive Florida Grants

In 2016-17, the Central Florida RPC (CFRPC) facilitated the designation of the City of Frostproof and Polk City as Competitive Florida Communities through the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Through this program, the CFRPC has been able to assist these municipalities to identify strategies to build and enhance their local economies while staying true to what makes them unique and give them a competitive advantage.



The City of Frostproof launched Frostproof on the Move, a collaborative effort that enabled the City to identify key community assets and set goals to implement an economic vision and strategy for the City. Through community conversations, surveys, and a public workshop, information was collected from citizens, local businesses, and service organizations to shape the economic vision and strategy.

In Polk City, a mini-grant was awarded to further implement the recently adopted Polk City Vision Plan using innovative planning tools to enhance the local economy. A comprehensive GIS mapping database of all developed and developable commercial and industrial properties as well as an inventory of all vacant developable lands in the City was created. A familiarization tour was also hosted to gather input from local and regional business leaders to create an economic development information package. And, in June 2017, the CFRPC and Polk City facilitated the first WaterWise Expo to inform the community on best practices in water conservation and low impact development. The expo had a special focus on the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern as the City is located in this important water resource area.



## Apalachee RPC Revolving Loan Fund

In the fall of 2016, the Apalachee RPC, using its Revolving Loan Fund program, invested in the expansion of Pretty Girlz, a small women's clothing boutique in Blountstown located in Calhoun County. Loan proceeds allowed the owner to purchase and renovate a long-time vacant downtown building and more than double its capacity for inventory as well as the creation of four new full-time jobs.

Despite the high-risk nature of retail businesses in rural communities, Pretty Girlz is thriving in its new location and since the expansion gross sales have tripled. Through the use of a creative social media marketing campaign, the owner continues to draw clientele from over a 50-mile radius and has been a torch-bearer for the downtown improvement initiatives of the Blountstown Main Street program. Bay County's prestigious Holly Fair held annually in November, has announced that it will be featuring Pretty Girlz of Blountstown as its top new business at the 2017 event.

## Economic Development Activities of the RPCs:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) | Collaboration with Economic Development Organizations  
Economic Impact Analyses | Modeling (REMI) | Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning | Revolving Loan Funds



## REGIONAL

# CONVENERS

*RPCs lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans. In 2016-2017 RPCs across Florida hosted and convened meetings on topics including*

- Affordable Housing
- Census Participation
- Clean Energy
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Hazardous Materials Planning
- Infrastructure Priorities
- Mobility Planning
- Transportation
- Resiliency



## Tampa Bay RPC Hosts 25th Annual Future Region Awards

For the past 25 years the Tampa Bay RPC has hosted an annual spring awards event to honor innovative planning and to recognize notable achievement in resource planning and management in the six-county region comprised of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties. The Council's mission in recognizing excellence is to encourage future vision and cooperation within the community. The two highest honors of the competition include the The Herman Goldner Award for Regional Leadership and The One Bay McIntosh Award of Distinction. Twenty-eight applications were received this year in five separate categories.

## Original Florida Tourism Task Force

In many rural communities in North Central Florida, tourism is a primary component of economic activity. The Original Florida Tourism Task Force markets the 12-county "Natural North Florida" region by promoting the development of nature-, culture-, and heritage-based tourism. The Task Force comprises representatives from each of the participating counties in the region to support and direct the regional tourism development effort.

The North Central Florida RPC provides staffing to the Task Force to maintain the [www.VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com](http://www.VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com) website; coordinate consumer travel show participation; and create proactive publicity campaigns. Funding from a Rural Regional Development Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, as well as grants from VisitFlorida, has helped implement its marketing plan to build capacity in the rural communities. Recently, the Task Force also completed the launch of an updated mobile device friendly website and started the quarterly distribution of an e-newsletter. In partnership with VisitFlorida, the Task Force attended several international and domestic travel trade shows.



## Regional Conveners Activities of the RPCs:

Federal Clearinghouse Review | Strategic Regional Policy Plan | Visioning and Sustainable Regional Plan Initiatives  
Developments of Regional Impact | Dispute Resolution | Regional Leadership | Public Engagement

# TRANSPORTATION

*Transportation is an integral part of the work of the RPCs. 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 the RPCs also include Compete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails planning.*



## Ciclovía Pensacola

Ciclovía (seek-low-vi-a), also known as Open Streets, was derived from an event held in Bogotá, Colombia in the 1970s. The initial event had grown into a worldwide practice by the 90s and made its way into the heart of Pensacola on March 25, 2017. Promising a unique opportunity to enjoy community space while taking part in special activities, Ciclovía was met with enthusiasm in the downtown areas that hosted Pensacola's first Open Streets event.

Based on the simple concept of closing streets to motor vehicles and opening them to biking, skating, skateboarding, walking, dancing and any activities that promote health and community, local resident, Sally Rosenthal, launched and organized the Pensacola event. Pensacola joined the global movement by closing five miles of downtown streets with an invitation from Mayor Ashton Hayward to "everyone with a heartbeat" to attend and enjoy the streets safely.

More than 10,000 people attended the overwhelming successful inaugural event. The West Florida RPC played a significant role in planning, promoting and hosting the event. During the event, the planning council staffed a free bicycle helmet-fitting and distribution booth to promote bicycle safety. This ensured a safe experience for attendees who were able to rent bicycles onsite and participate in the "slow ride" during the event.

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## South Florida RPC Hosts Meeting on Tri-Rail Coastal Link Project



Over 200 county leaders, regional stakeholders, and interested parties met in December 2016 for a project update and conversation about the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Project. Hosted by the South Florida RPC, participants left with a shared understanding of the Tri-Rail Coastal Link Project including status of the project and information and action needed to move the project forward.

The planned Tri-Rail Coastal Link service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) railway is a strategic investment for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. The project is expected to enhance regional mobility, spur economic development, provide opportunities for transit-oriented development, and contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of the region. Meeting participants were provided information on the regional context of the project, a project overview and update, and important project issues that must be addressed to move the Coastal Link Project forward in Broward County.

*"We need to be prepared to leverage these and other transportation investments to provide greater mobility options for residents within Broward County and throughout the region," said SFRPC member and Broward County Vice-Mayor Quentin "Beam" Furr.*



## Transportation Activities of the RPCs:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program | Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations  
Complete Streets Planning | Safe Routes to School Initiatives | Regional Greenways and Trails Planning

# PROGRAM MATRIX

PROGRAM	ARPC	CFRPC	ECFRPC	NCFRPC	NEFRPC	SFRPC	SWFRPC	TBRPC	TCRPC	WFRPC
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>										
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Support	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Emergency Management and Disaster-Related Training Exercises	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hazardous First Responder Training	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hurricane Evacuation and Shelter Planning	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Local Emergency Planning Committee	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Local Hazard Mitigation Strategies	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Regional Domestic Security Task Force Training and Exercises	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sea Level Rise/Climate Change Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator Monitoring	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Transportation Planning</b>										
Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning		•	•	•					•	•
Commuter Assistance Programs										•
Local Government Transportation Technical Assistance		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization		•		•						•
Modal Planning Initiatives		•	•			•			•	
Rural Transportation Planning Services	•	•			•					•
Safe Routes to School Initiatives		•	•				•			•
Transportation Disadvantaged Program	•	•		•	•		•			•
<b>Environmental &amp; Natural Resource Planning</b>										
Clean Cities Initiatives						•				•
Estuary/River/Bay/Ecosystem Initiatives	•		•			•	•	•	•	•
Springs Protection Initiatives			•							
Wildlife Habitat Initiatives		•	•				•		•	



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<b>Regional Planning</b>										
Broadband Planning		•					•	•		
Energy Initiatives	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Federal Clearinghouse	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Health Initiatives	•	•	•		•	•	•			
Military Base Compatibility		•	•	•	•	•		•		•
Strategic Regional Policy Plan	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
U.S. Housing & Urban Development Sustainable Communities Initiative		•	•			•				
Visioning Initiatives	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
<b>Economic Development</b>										
Brownfields Assessments	•	•							•	•
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/Economic Development District	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eco/Cultural/Heritage Tourism Development			•	•	•		•	•	•	
Economic Development Organization Collaboration	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Economic Impact Analyses Modeling	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Revolving Loan Fund (Business and/or Brownfields)	•	•				•			•	•
Rural Area of Opportunity	•	•		•	•		•		•	•
Rural Economic Technical Assistance	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Community Development</b>										
Affordable Housing Initiatives	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Areas of Critical State Concern	•	•	•			•	•	•		
Coastal Zone Planning			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Developments of Regional Impact	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dispute Resolution	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Downtown Redevelopment and Urban Design		•	•	•			•		•	•
Geographic Information Systems Mapping/US Census Data Center	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grant Writing and Administration	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Land Use and Community Planning	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Newsletter		•			•		•	•		•
Regional Leadership Training			•		•		•		•	
U.S. Census State Data Center Affiliate	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

## EMERGENCY

# PREPAREDNESS

One of the critically important focus areas of the RPCs is emergency preparedness. As partners and staff to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) they support first responders. Looking at hazardous materials and security threats, the RPCs organize, plan, conduct exercises, and then prepare post exercise reports.

## Treasure Coast RPC Hosts Full-Scale Terrorism and Mass Casualty Exercise

In April 2017, the Treasure Coast RPC hosted Operation Troubled Waters, a full-scale terrorism and mass casualty exercise which was jointly planned, conducted and funded through the Region 5 Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee. The exercise encompassed Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie Counties and included ten active incident response sites. Thirty-four federal, state and local agencies participated and 250 volunteers provided support.

*"Operation Troubled Waters" centered around a violent agricultural activist group with stolen toxic chemicals attempting to poison an irrigation water supply.*



Through a series of regional planning meetings, the exercise committee developed common incident response goals and objectives. The committee then designed a risk driven scenario engaging current response capabilities. The exercise scenario centered around a violent agricultural activist group with stolen toxic chemicals attempting to poison an irrigation water supply. The Florida National Guard/48th Civil Support Team landed a six-man special operations hazardous materials response team by Blackhawk helicopter. Incident sites included Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Tradition Irrigation Water Plant, Witham Field, Emergency Operations Centers, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, and Martin Health Systems Hospitals.

Operation Troubled Waters supported the public safety mission by exercising multi-jurisdictional communication and coordination, responder mutual aid, and resource management. It enhanced regional efforts to prevent, protect, mitigate and respond to acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

## Tampa Bay RPC Workshop Helps Cities and Counties to Comply with State's Peril of Flood Act

On March 3, 2017, the Tampa Bay RPC held its first Peril of Flood workshop at the organization's conference facility in Pinellas Park. Workshop participants heard a presentation from TBRPC staff about the 2015 Peril of Flood Act requirements for local governments. The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission staff presented an overview of the City of Tampa's sea level rise vulnerability assessment, which was developed to support Tampa's recently proposed Peril of Flood comprehensive plan amendment.

Participants also engaged in a facilitated discussion to share knowledge about how flood mitigation and adaptation strategies may be incorporated into comprehensive planning goals, objectives, and policies. The event was attended by nearly 60 people, including local government planners, building officials, floodplain managers, other public and private-sector stakeholders, and interested citizens. This event was the first of four TBRPC Peril of Flood workshops held in the spring of 2017.





## Northeast Florida Regional Council Hosts Hurricane Matthew Post Storm Forum

In February 2017, a Hurricane Matthew Post Storm Forum was held at the Thrasher Horne Center in Orange Park. The Forum featured the Director of the National Hurricane Center (NHC), Rick Knabb and Storm Surge Lead, Jamie Rhome. Over 75 participants heard the NHC speak on the track, forecast and impacts of Hurricane Matthew as well as new decision-making products in use by the NHC for the upcoming 2017 Hurricane Season. This event was held as the capstone to a year-long planning process for the creation of a Regional Evacuation Plan.



## Regional Planning Councils Assist with Statewide Hurricane Exercise

Staff from the North Central Florida RPC and Apalachee RPC assisted the Florida Division of Emergency Management with planning and evaluating the 2017 Statewide Hurricane Exercise which took place May 1 – 4, 2017 at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). RPC staff developed the Master Scenario Events List and facilitated coordination between the SEOC and the agencies involved in response and recovery.

## Central Florida RPC Drafts Post-Disaster Recovery Regulations

The Central Florida region was significantly impacted by three hurricanes in 2004 including Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne and was again impacted by Hurricane Irma in 2017. Thousands of Central Florida residents and businesses were displaced due to the hurricanes, and the situation was exacerbated by existing zoning regulations in which recreational vehicles, manufactured and mobile homes, and manufactured buildings were not permitted uses in several zoning districts for temporary accommodations during recovery periods.



*Post-Disaster Recovery Regulations will speed the rebuilding efforts and help to sustain the economic viability of a community after a disaster.*

Through a grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Central Florida RPC worked with the five counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk and the 25 municipalities within these counties to analyze the existing land development regulations and draft new regulations to address the needs of citizens, businesses, and local governments after a disaster. The Central Florida RPC is currently coordinating with the counties and municipalities throughout the region to amend their respective regulations allowing for temporary accommodations. These efforts will speed the rebuilding efforts, and help to sustain the economic viability of a community after a disaster.

## Emergency Preparedness Activities of the RPCs:

Emergency Management Planning and Exercises | Hazardous Materials | Training for First Responders  
Reporting | Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) | Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies

# QUALITY OF LIFE

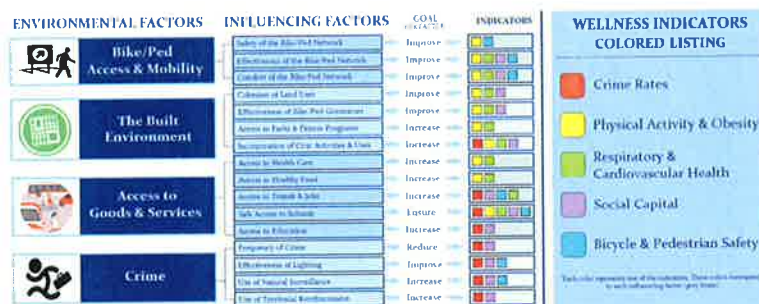
The RPCs improve the quality of life in Florida through a variety of services provided to local governments and programs operated through state and federal grant funding. Through visioning and community planning efforts, the RPCs assist local communities as they set goals to implement an economic vision and strategy. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites resulting in new economic development activities. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.



## Southwest Florida RPC Hosted a Workshop on Affordable Housing

A workshop was held on April 20, 2017 in Punta Gorda featuring Gladys Cook with the Florida Housing Coalition. Over 70 participants attended the workshop which addressed various housing classifications, offered examples of affordable housing projects in the region as well as provided an overview of housing funding sources.

## West Lakes Community Health Impact Assessment



A collaborative effort between Lift Orlando, the East Central Florida RPC, and the Winter Park Health Foundation began in 2016 to discuss the LIFT Orlando Strategic Plan and its focus on health in the built environment. The update of the strategic plan provided an opportunity to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for the West Lakes Community.

The West Lakes Community is one rich in African-American history, yet burdened with a high concentration of chronic poverty, unemployment, homelessness and crime. The main goal of a HIA is to assess potential health impacts of a proposed policy, program or project, in specific social and community contexts. The results provide evidence-based recommendations that serve to inform decision-makers, protect and improve community health and, in some cases, address health inequalities. The study also analyzes data and research on health factors, employment, economics, and the built environment. The West Lakes Community HIA aided in identifying gaps and strengthening the Health & Wellness component of the Lift Orlando Strategic Plan. The report aims to be an example for similar communities to follow.

## Quality of Life Activities of the RPCs:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping | US Census Data Center | Grant Writing and Administration | Visioning and Community Planning | Health Initiatives | Brownfields Programs | Affordable Housing Initiatives | Natural Resource Coordination Activities



# COOPERATIVE RPC PROJECTS

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

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update

**All 10 regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts (EDDs) by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. In working with private and public sector partners RPCs develop and track a five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, known as CEDS.**

For the 2017 update of the CEDS, the RPCs agreed to adopt a standard format, and to use uniform performance measures for all the regions' CEDS in order to provide consistency throughout the documents. Monthly working group conference calls among the EDDs allowed for coordination and mutual assistance.

The goals and objectives of the CEDS align with regional Visioning Plans, the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, the Chamber Foundation's Florida 2030, and the Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy. The development of the CEDS is guided by a CEDS Committee, which is comprised of members from the public and private sectors. Key issues, opportunities and investments in the region, and target industries are identified. The CEDS evaluates the regional economy through ongoing analysis of economic indicators and creates a roadmap to economic resiliency and diversity through private/public partnerships, investments in the regional economy, and ultimately employment growth.

## Northwest Florida Forward

Northwest Florida Forward, begun in 2015, drives economic vitality and growth for the region. Its partners include business, government, educational and community leaders, working together throughout the region to make this a reality. Apalachee RPC and West Florida RPC staff serves as the Co-Chairs for the Quality of Place and Infrastructure Councils in addition to serving on the Steering Committee for this strategic initiative.

### Northwest Florida Forward Guiding Principles

- Sustainable and enduring economic base
- Diversified industries and high wage employment growth
- Greater alignment of partner resources through regional collaboration
- Improving the vitality of all areas and populations in the region strengthen beyond traditional economic engine

In 2016, the Florida's Great Northwest and the University of West Florida received an U.S. Economic Development Administration grant. The Northwest Florida Forward Steering Committee members of the Apalachee RPC, Florida's Great Northwest, Gulf Power, University of West Florida Haas Center and the West Florida RPC worked closely with more than 860 business, government, educational and community leaders to identify the region's most promising opportunities for transformative economic growth. The regional strategy is built around five aspirational goals that serve as the key focus areas for economic vitality and growth for the region.

## South Florida Avenue (SR 37) Complete Street Charrette and Master Plan



At the request of the City of Lakeland, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One, in partnership with the Central Florida RPC and the Treasure Coast RPC, studied and developed ways to improve mobility, safety, quality of life, and economic vitality along the South Florida Avenue (SR 37) corridor between Ariana Street and Pine Street in Lakeland. A Master Plan was developed through community engagement with coordination from community partners that recommended a road diet to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety while fostering a more business-friendly atmosphere. The Plan includes priority action steps as well as a vision for potential catalyst projects in the corridor.

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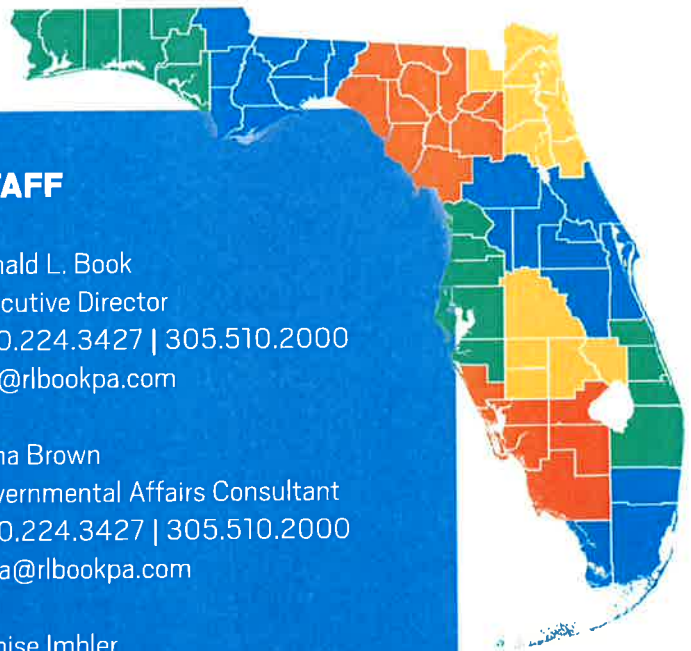
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# **RPC AWARDS**

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## **2017 Florida National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Awards**

### **Apalachee RPC**

- Chattahoochee to Bristol Trail Feasibility Study

### **Central Florida RPC**

- Avon Park Air Force Range Joint Land Use Study Public Awareness Videos
- Greater Auburndale JPA Overlay District Land Development Regulations

### **East Central Florida RPC**

- The Route Condition Tool
- Delivered Justice Full-Scale Exercise
- Kissimmee Medical Arts District Program

### **North Central Florida RPC**

- Experience North Florida by Bicycle

### **South Florida RPC**

- Infrastructure Protection Resources: Improving the Planning Process to Protect Infrastructure Emerging from Coastal Hazards

### **Treasure Coast RPC**

- Village of Tequesta U.S. 1 Master Plan and Complete Streets Project

### **West Florida RPC**

- rideOn Commuter Services
- Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium

## **2017 Florida National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Excellence in Transportation Awards**

### **Apalachee RPC**

- Strategic Planning for the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone

### **West Florida RPC**

- Interactive Project Priorities and Long-Range Transportation Plans

## **2017 Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) Outstanding Redevelopment Plan Awards**

### **Central Florida RPC**

- Greater Auburndale JPA Overlay District
- Sebring Airport Encouragement Zone/Spring Lake Mixed Use Development Area Overlay

### **Treasure Coast RPC**

- Village of Tequesta US 1 Master Plan and Complete Streets Project

## **2017 America Planning Association (APA) Florida Award of Merit**

### **Treasure Coast RPC**

- Village of Tequesta US 1 Master Plan and Complete Streets Project



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January 18, 2018

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 2018 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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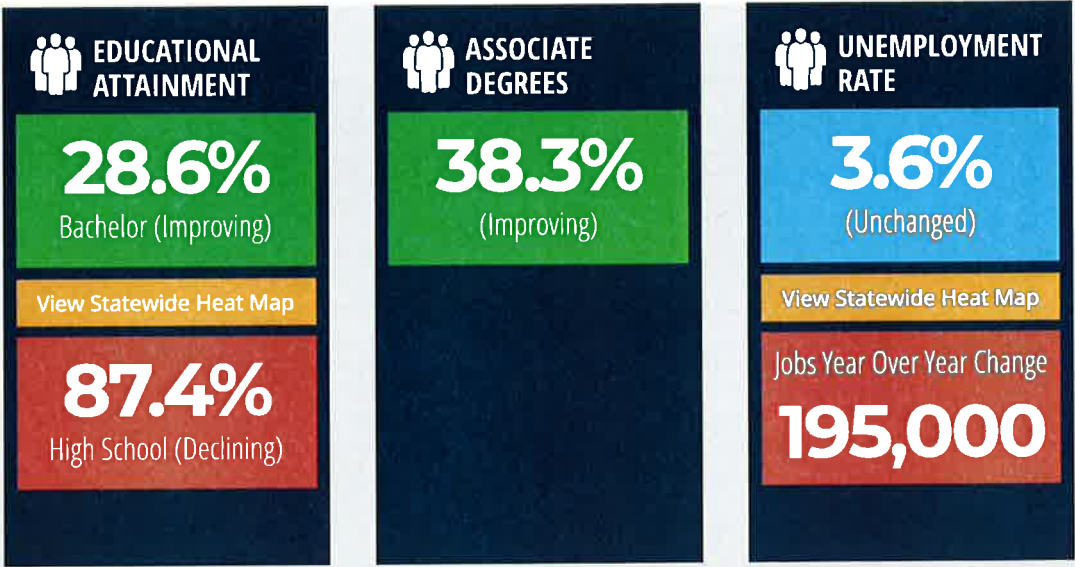


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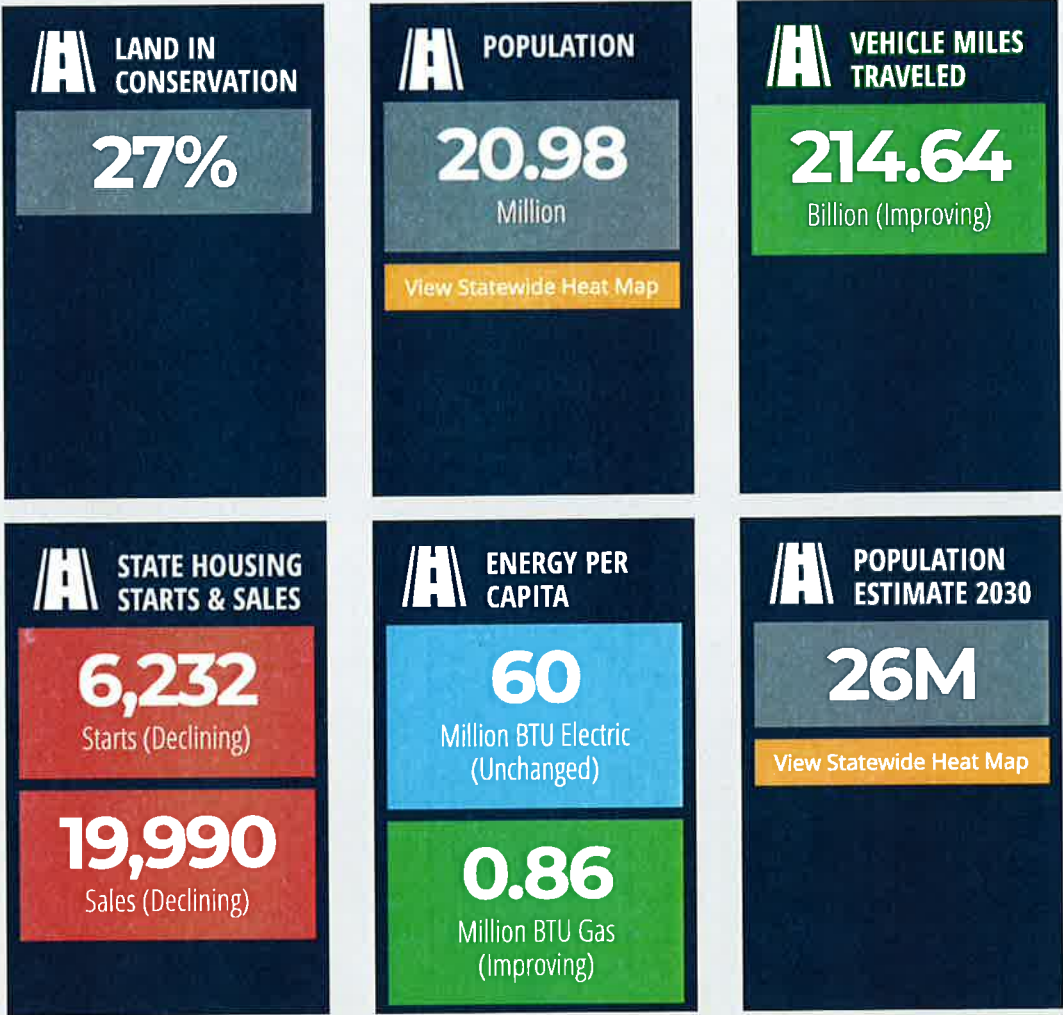
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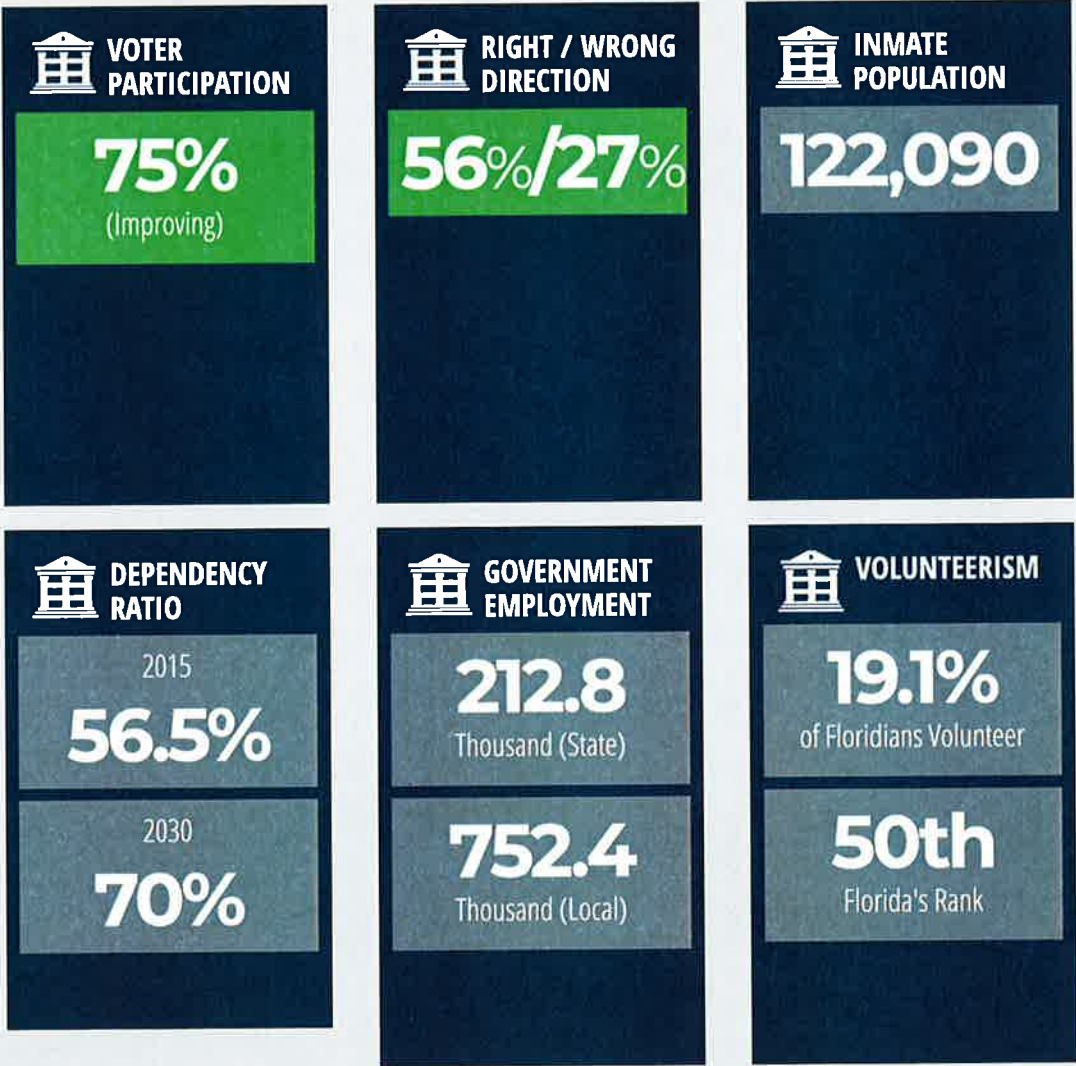
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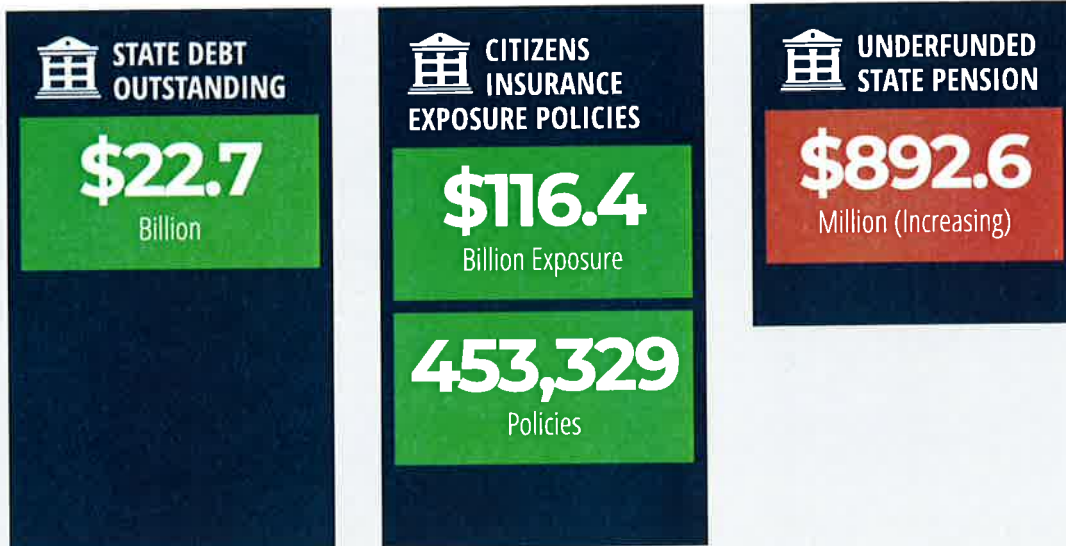
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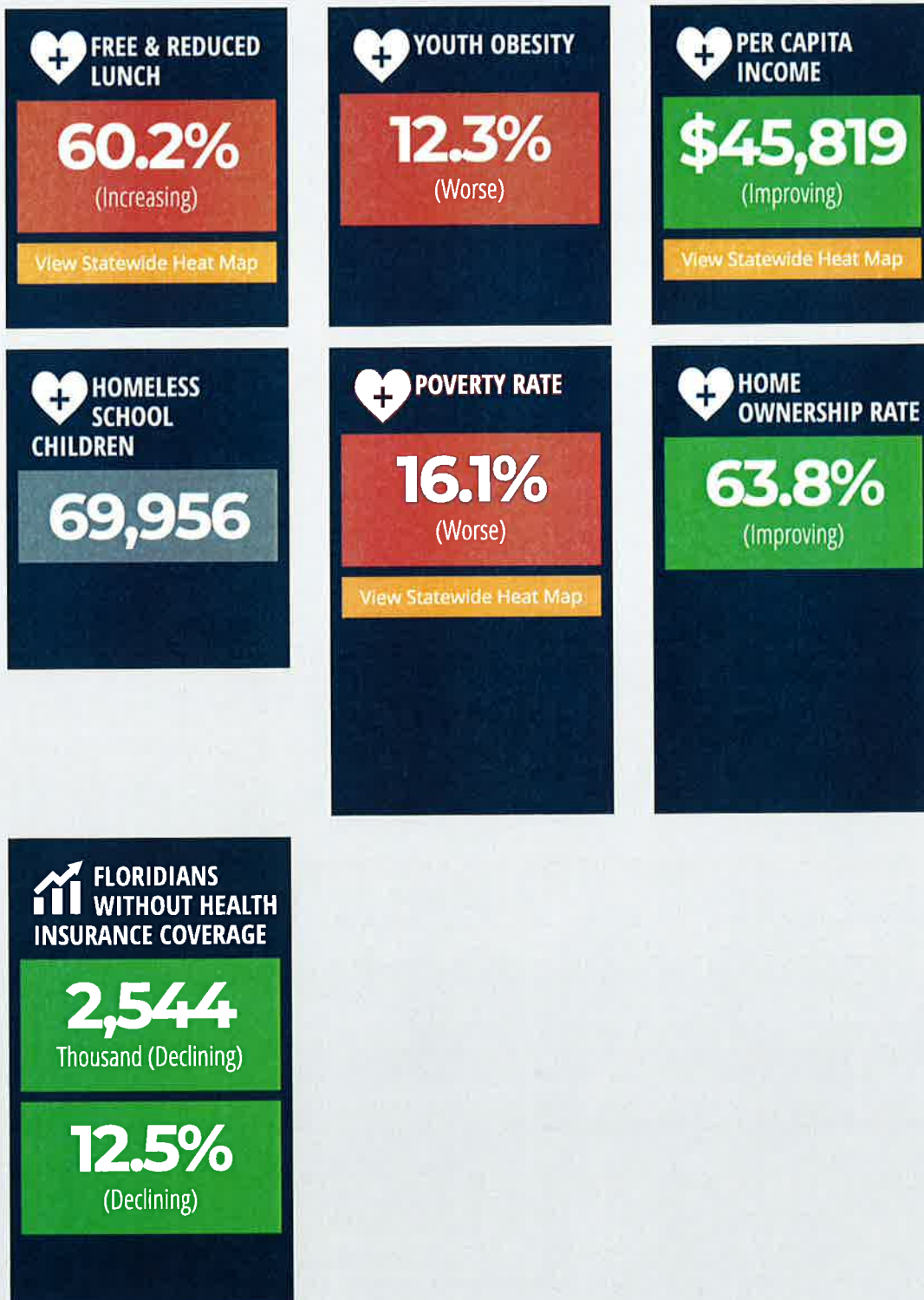


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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2018 regular Legislature session convened on January 9, 2018 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 9, 2018. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of September 11, 2017 (cancelled due to Hurricane Irma)
- Week of October 9, 2017
- Week of October 23, 2017
- Week of November 6, 2017
- Week of November 13, 2017
- Week of December 4, 2017

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest to date.

#### **REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING**

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

#### **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

**Senate Bill 170** by Senator Grimsley revises the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deletes a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deletes a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions. Referred to Commerce and Tourism Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Rules Committee. **Passed by Commerce and Tourism Committee and Agriculture Committee. This bill is now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.**

**House Bill 1403** by Representative Avila revises legislative intent; redefines term rural area of opportunity; revises duties, responsibilities, and membership of Rural Economic Development Initiative; deletes provision limiting number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deletes provision listing economic development incentives for which Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions; and deletes requirement that certain catalyst projects be identified as such by Enterprise Florida, Inc. Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill is now in Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee.**

### **DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT**

**Senate Bill 1244** by Senator Lee revises the statewide guidelines and standards for developments of regional impact; specifies that amendments to a development order for an approved development may not alter the dates before which a development would be subject to downzoning, unit density reduction, or intensity reduction, except under certain conditions; and requires local governments to file a notice of abandonment under certain conditions. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

**House Bill 1151** by Representative La Rosa repeals, creates, and revises provisions for statewide guidelines, standards, and requirements for developments of regional impact relating to authorizations to develop; applications for approval of development; concurrent plan amendments; pre-application procedures; preliminary development agreements; conceptual agency reviews; local notice and regional reports; developments inside and outside areas of critical state concern; local government development orders; construction of mitigation facilities; impact fee and exaction credits; comprehensive development applications and master plan development orders; abandonment of developments; dense urban land area exemptions; Florida Quality Developments and Quality Developments Review Board; Administration Commission guidelines and standards; state land planning agency agreements; Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission requirements; local government permit approvals and extensions, reviews and certifications; uniform reviews of developments by state land planning agency and regional planning agencies. Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **THIS BILL PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST READING.**

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES**

**Senate Bill 432** by Senator Lee prohibits a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist with that agency; authorizes community redevelopment agencies to adopt rules to govern the registration of lobbyists; requires ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations Committee; and Rules Committee. **Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.**

**House Bill 17** by Representative Raburn provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county and municipal government reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to report; requires Florida Department of Financial Services to provide report to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, no expenditures and no debts. Referred to Government Accountability Committee. **Passed by Government Accountability Committee. THIS BILL PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (YEAS 72, NAYS 32).**



### **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**Senate Bill 362** by Senator Perry requires local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; provides a deadline by which each local government must adopt a private property rights element; requires the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; and Rules Committee.

**House Bill 207** by Representatives McClain and Clemons requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include private property rights element; requires counties and municipalities to adopt and amend land development regulations consistent with private property rights elements; provides deadlines; requires state land planning agency to approve private property rights element if it is substantially in specified form. Referred to Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **THIS BILL PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST READING.**

### **STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TRUST FUND**

**Senate Bill 874** by Senator Passidomo (Co-Sponsors - Senators Farmer, Mayfield, Montford, Stewart, Taddeo, Torres and Thurston) exempts the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; and Appropriations. **Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.**

**There is no companion House bill.**

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