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# **MEETING NOTICE**

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

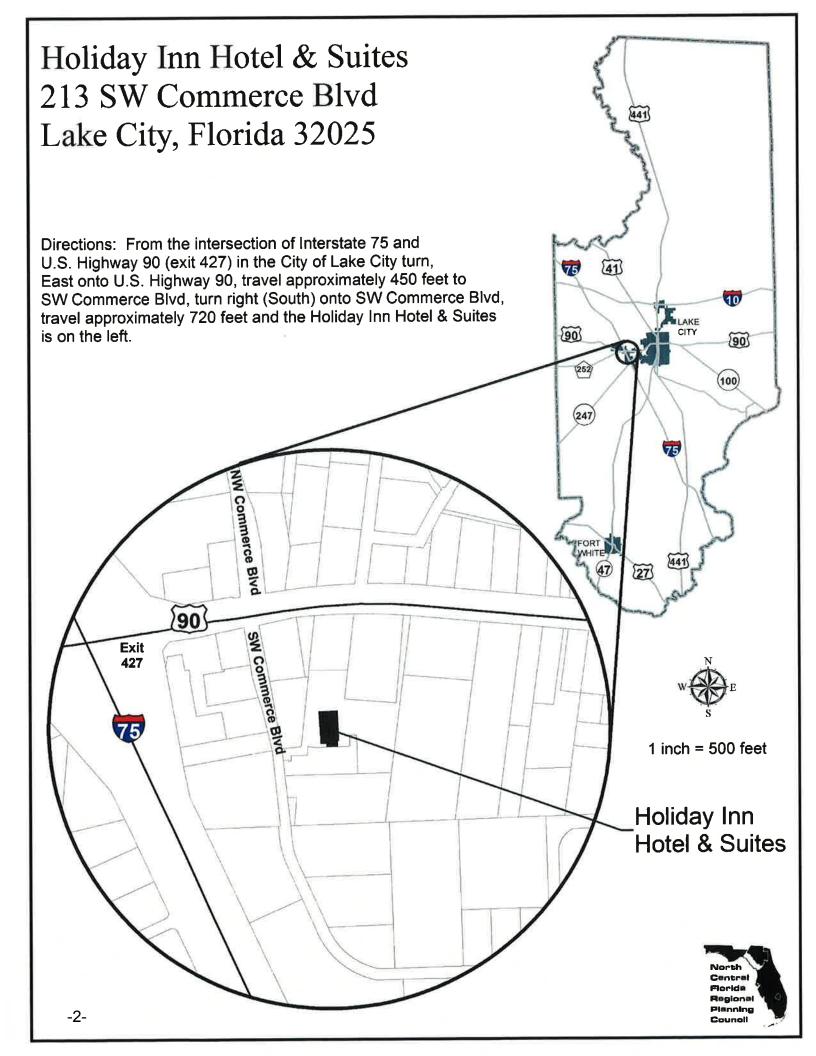
There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on July 26, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Please call the Council at 352.955.2200, or 800.226.0690, or email strong@ncfrpc.org by July 23, 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.

(Location Map on Back)

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# AGENDA NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Lake City, Florida

June 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County Patricia Bouie, City of Hawthorne Robert Brown, Hamilton County LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County Ken Cornell, Alachua County Louie Davis, City of Waldo Rick Davis, Madison County Thomas Demps, Taylor County Fletcher Hope, City of Archer John Meeks, Levy County Janice Mortimer, City of Starke Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak Larry Sessions, Suwannee County James Tallman, Union County Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County Lorene Thomas, Dixie County Helen Warren, City of Gainesville Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

## NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

# EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management Department

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
James Catron, City of Madison
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Browder
Josh Bryant
Diana Davis
Steve Hofstetter
Glenn Hunter
LJ Two Spirits Johnson
Stew Lilker
Fredrick McCall
Jerry Parrish
Mary Randi
Cindy Vasco
Doug Vasco

## COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Steven Dopp Scott Koons Jean Strong Tara Tucker

# Executive Members names are bolded Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

## I. INVOCATION

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Demps.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis stated there was a quorum of the Council, and welcomed and introduced Glenn Hunter, Economic Development Director from Columbia County; Steve Holstetter, Natural Resource Program Manager from Alachua County; LJ Two Spirts Johnson, member of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis from Waldo; Mary Browder, Josh Bryant, Mary Randi, Doug Vasco, and Cindy Vasco from the Alligator Warrior Festival; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

## IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes May 24, 2018
- B. Monthly Financial Report May 2018
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Program Administrative Support Grant Resolutions Fiscal Year 2018-19
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

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

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

# V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that Agenda Item IX.B.6. Item #46 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR) be added to the regular agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to add Agenda Item IX.B.6. Item #46 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Davis asked that the regular agenda be approved as amended.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

#### VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

VII. GUEST SPEAKER - Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research Florida Chamber Foundation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research Florida Chamber Foundation. Dr. Parrish's remarks provided Council members an overview of the Florida and north central Florida economies and an update on the Florida Chamber Foundation Cornerstone 2030 strategic planning process. Chair Davis thanked Dr. Parrish for his presentation.

#### VIII. CHAIR REPORT -

A. Resolution of Appreciation - Garth Nobles, Jr.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mayor Garth Nobles, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Davis presented a Certificate of Service plaque to Mayor Nobles recognizing his 25 years of service to the Council. In August 1992, Mayor Nobles began his service on the Council as a local elected official representing the City of Live Oak. He was very active in the organization. Mayor Nobles previously served two terms as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Council and Chair of the Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and Program Committee. He also served as a Council representative to the Florida Regional Councils Association.

B. 2018-19 Committee Appointments

Chair Davis asked that the recommended 2018-19 Committee appointments be approved.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis to approve the 2018-19 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair of the Council. The motion carried unanimously.

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee None
- 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.

#41 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#42 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#43 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#44 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#45 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Adams stated subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which required action prior to the next Council meeting Item #46 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment.

Commissioner Adams stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Committee recommended 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 Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #41-Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #42 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #43 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #44 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #45 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #46 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee - North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Proposed Amendments

Commissioner Demps, Regional Planning Committee member, stated that two public workshops regarding the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan were held in Bronson and Gainesville in March 2018. He stated that public workshop comments were received from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, the Alachua County Growth Management Department, the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department and the Levy County Planner. Commissioner Demps stated that the Committee reviewed the comments and recommends several revisions to the proposed amendments to the regional plan as a result of these comments. He reported that the Committee recommends that the editorial changes noted by the Alachua County Growth Management Department and the Levy County Planner, and the Alachua County Growth Management Department recommended additional text to the Affordable Housing Element Conditions and Trends Statement be added to the proposed amendments to the regional plan.

Commissioner Demps further stated the Committee also recommends that local government-owned conservation and recreation properties either 100 acres in size or located adjacent to an existing Natural Resource of Significance in Levy County and Suwannee County, be added as Planning and Management Area Natural Resources of Regional Significance to the proposed amendments to the regional plan. He stated that the Committee further recommends that Policy 4.3.6, which is related to developments of regional impact, as well as other goals, polices and text related to developments of regional impact be deleted from the proposed amendments to the regional plan.

In addition, the Committee also reviewed a request from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners that all Priority 3 alternative corridor Florida Ecological Greenways or at least Priority 3 alternative corridors within Alachua County be added to the Regional Ecological Greenways Map of Regionally Significance Natural Resources in the regional plan. Commissioner Demps stated at its March 22, 2018 meeting, the Committee agreed to add only Priority 3 alternative corridors within Alachua County to the map.

However, Commissioner Demps stated that at its next meeting on May 24, 2018, the Committee voted to reconsider its action concerning this matter. At that meeting, Council Attorney advised the Committee that pursuant to Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, and Rule 27E-5, Florida Administrative Code, which govern strategic regional policy plans, the Council must be consistent regionwide in the identification of Regional Ecological Greenways as Natural Resources of Regional Significance. He further recommended that the Council either include all Priority 3 alternative corridor Regional Ecological Greenways within the region or only all Priority 1 and Priority 2 Regional Ecological Greenways within the region. Therefore, Commissioner Demps stated that the Committee voted to recommend that the Regional Ecological Greenways Natural Resources of Regional Significance Map only include all Priority 1 and Priority 2 Regional Ecological Greenways within the region.

In conclusion, Commissioner Demps stated that the Committee recommends that the Council authorize the advertising of a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to adopt the proposed amendments to the regional plan and to amend Rule 29C-9.001, Florida Administrative Code, as recommended by the Committee.

#### **ACTION:**

Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to authorize advertising a public heating pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to adopt the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as recommended by the Regional Planning Council. The motion passed with 18 yeas and 1 nay.

#### X. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District is currently preparing the five-year update of the District Water Supply Assessment. He stated that a public meeting concerning the Assessment will be held on July 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the District office in Live Oak. Mr. Glass further stated that the Assessment evaluates whether there will be enough water supply for the region in 20 years. He also noted that the Assessment would designate the counties lying east of the Suwannee River in the District as water supply caution areas. Finally, Mr. Glass noted that the Assessment is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the District Governing Board at their July 10, 2018 meeting.

#### 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. 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 May 2018 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

# B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard<sup>TM</sup>

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard<sup>TM</sup> 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 June 2018 Scorecard<sup>TM</sup> included in the Council meeting packet.

## C. Annual City-County Managers Meeting

Mr. Koons reported that each year, Council staff meets with city and county managers and their staffs from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs. He stated that the annual meeting for city and county managers this year was held on June 15, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City, Florida.

#### D. Alligator Warrior Festival

Mr. Koons reported the 2018 Alligator Warrior Festival will be held October 19, 2018 to October 21, 2018 at O'Leno State Park, High Springs. He stated the Alligator Warrior Festival is organized by Alligator Festival of Lake City Florida, Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit public charity dedicated to teaching and celebrating local history by experiencing it together. Mr. Koons stated the festival includes a reenactment of the 1836 Battle of San Felasco Hammock and the event is also a festival that celebrates Native American and immigrant American cultures with music and dancing, living history camps, demonstrations of historic skills, traders, craftspeople and food vendors. He also stated that the 2018 Alligator Warrior Festival will be held October 19, 2018 to October 21, 2018 at O'Leno State Park in High Springs.

# E. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated the financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfills this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.	I meeting will be held on July 26, 2018. The
Louie Davis, Chair	7/26/18 Date

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced agreement;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
- 3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all
  assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation
  Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 21st day of June 2018.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 COLUMBIA HAMILTON SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced agreement;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with Suwannee Valley Transit Authority;
- 3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all
  assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation
  Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Dixie County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

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- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
- 3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Gilchrist County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

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  Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Lafayette County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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  Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
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- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 21st day of June 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced agreement;
- 2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida;
- 3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- 4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
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- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BIG BEND TRANSIT, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009. Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Madison County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced agreement;
- 2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with Big Bend Transit, Inc.;
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- 4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
- 5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 21st day of June 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation
Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating
Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Union County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Administrative Support Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced agreement;
- 2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
- 3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required;
- 4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Administrative Support Grant agreement;
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- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 21st day of June 2018.

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Monthly Financial Report - June 2018

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for June 2018. 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 nine months is 80 percent of budget.

## **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of nine months is 68 percent of budget.

#### Conclusion

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

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

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

Attachment

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Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

## **BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	
Current Assets	1,491,789
Checking / Savings	258,096
Accounts Receivable Other Current Assets	57,369
	1,807,254
Total Current Assets	1,807,254
TOTAL ASSETS	1,001,201
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	90,540
Accounts Payable	
Other Current Liabilities	247,686
Total Liabilities	338,226
Equity	1,469,028
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,807,254

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

# **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	Adopted Budget FY 2017-18	June 2018	Year to Date	Percent of Budget	
Revenue	2,102,300	364,104	1,673,806	80%	
Expenses	2,102,300	139,523	1,420,472	68%	

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2018

## **REVENUE**

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2017-18	June 2018	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
7,000				
Program Development	37,300	846	34,878	94%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	110,000	0	67,028	61%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	133,600	52,225	121,153	91%
Hazards Analyses	18,500	0	16,954	92%
Public Safety Training Exercises	20,000	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	411,200	74,385	380,202	92%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	184,000	71,000	141,879	77%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,100	7,741	19,284	80%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	192,700	63,959	145,907	76%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	150,000	17,500	101,219	67%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	6,625	21,825	41%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	69,823	345,522	114%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	21,334	61%
City & County Planning Services	214,700	0	174,315	81%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	156,000	0	79,806	51%
Total Revenue	2,102,300	364,104	1,673,806	80%

# Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

## **EXPENDITURES**

	Adopted			
	Budget	June	Year to	Percent of
Account	FY 2017-18	2018	Date	Budget
Audit	16,000	0	15,801	99%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,490	24,083	
Contractual Services	150,000	34,417	128,857	86%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	54,000	805	46,355	
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance and Bonding	21,000	0	15,582	74%
Legal Costs	17,000	1,459	8,147	48%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	984	3,187	64%
Meeting Expenses	21,000	2,374	12,667	60%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	589	21,058	84%
Personnel Costs	1,211,700	86,067	835,952	69%
Postage	6,000	747	3,980	66%
Printing	2,000	0	1,650	83%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	18,000	344	12,570	70%
Telephone	7,000	466	3,843	55%
Travel	83,000	5,402	45,489	55%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	303,000	3,379	241,251	80%
Contingency	103,600	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,300	139,523	1,420,472	68%

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July 19, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Levy County

# RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2017-18 agreement with the Levy County to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$5,000.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the Levy County to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to update the Future Land Use Plan Map and prepare a Zoning Map. The amount of the agreement will be \$5,000.

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

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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Mission Statement

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Revise the Council mission statement to delete the phrase "coordinating growth management" and replace it with "enhancing public safety."

#### BACKGROUND:

During the 2018 Legislative Session, the Legislature repealed statutory language concerning regional planning councils coordinating the review and revision of developments of regional impact as part of a growth management process. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council revise its mission statement by deleting the phrase "coordinating growth management" and replacing it with "enhancing public safety."

The revised mission statement would read as follows: "To improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens, by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments."

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



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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Employee Health Insurance Proposal

# RECOMMENDATION:

Review health insurance alternative proposals and either select the replacement plan or select an alternative plan for employee health insurance, for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2019.

#### BACKGROUND:

United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with no change in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2018. The total change in the cost to the Council for the coming year would be \$0 per month, (0.0) percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$8,366.

United Healthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. United Healthcare is proposing to decrease the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year by (\$3) per month or a decrease of (4.0) percent. The resulting total monthly cost to employees would be \$65.

Staff has secured alternative proposals for health insurance from United Healthcare for your consideration. Attached is a summary of the renewal plan and two alternative plans with coverage and costs. The alternative proposals include changes to benefits for employees.

Also, please find attached for your information a graph showing the total cost to the Council and employees for health, life and dental insurance costs from Fiscal Year 2009-10 through Fiscal Year 2018-19.

The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Council at its July 26, 2018 meeting concerning employee health insurance, dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2018.

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

#### Attachments

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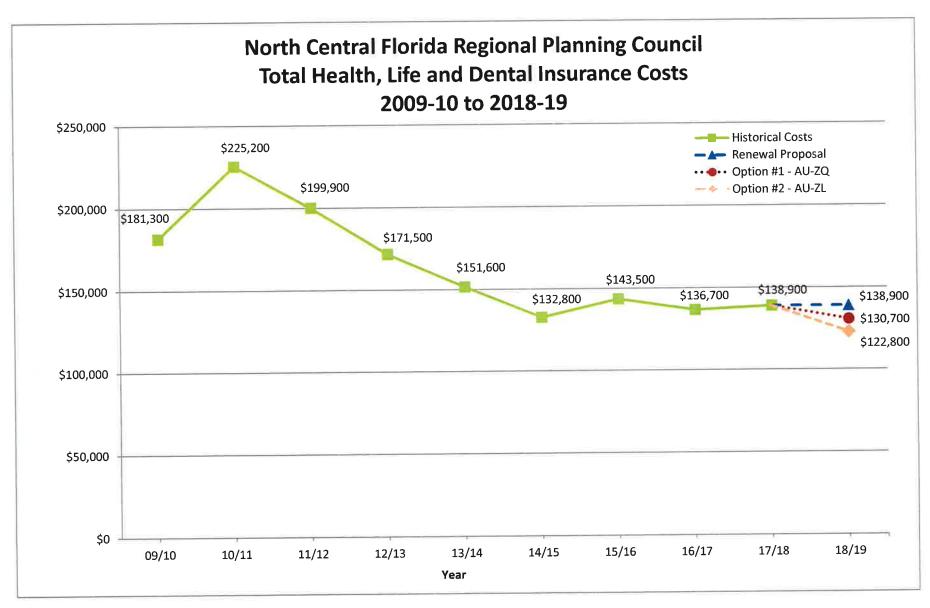
# SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLANS UNITED HEALTHCARE July 19, 2018

	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u> (Individual/Family)	<u>CO-INSURANCE</u> (In Network/Out Network)	OUT-OF-POCKET  MAXIMUM  (Individual/Family	PRESCRIPTIONS (Generic/Brand/ Non-Preferred)
CURRENT PLAN 8W-I/RX311	\$2,000/\$4,000	70%/50%	\$6,600/\$13,200	\$15/\$50/\$75
RENEWAL PLAN AU-XP/RX311	\$2,000/\$4,000	70%/50%	\$7,100/\$14,200	\$15/\$50/\$75
OPTION #1 AU-ZQ/RX310	\$4,500/\$9,000	95%/N/A	\$7,350/\$14,700	\$20/\$65/\$100
OPTION #2 AU-ZL/RX310	\$4,500/\$9,000	95%/75%	\$7,350/\$14,700	\$20/\$65/\$100

# Council Cost per Month/Annum

	Month / Annum	Annual Change	Percent Change
Current Plan - Existing Cost	\$8,363 / \$100,356	N/A	N/A
Renewal Plan - Proposed Cost	\$8,366 / \$100,392		0.0%
Option #1 - AU-ZQ/RX310	\$7,853 / \$94,236		(6.1%)
Option #2 - AU-ZL/RX310	\$7,363 / \$88,356		(12.0%)

N/A - Not Applicable



Note: Number of Council employees decreased from 16 employees to 13 employees during Fiscal Year 2013-14. Number of Council employees decreased from 13 employees to 9 employees during Fiscal Year 2014-15.



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July 19, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Anthony Adams, 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., July 26, 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

- #47 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-2ESR)
- #48 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-3ESR)
- #49 City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 17-1ER)
- #50 City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)
- #51 Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)

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

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July 19, 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 June 2018 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: June 2018**

#### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the May 2018 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA)
   Newsletter, FRCA Forward. Began collecting articles and formatting the June 2018
   Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Met 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 2,500 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 Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference
  - o Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting
  - Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference
  - Coordination Meeting with the Director of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), District Directors and Extension Agents
  - Resiliency Florida Board Meeting
  - Small County Coalition Board Meeting

#### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated in the June 28<sup>th</sup> Partners Meeting and the June 29<sup>th</sup> Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) held in conjunction with the FAC Annual Conference. Prepared for the August 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> EDAC and Policy Board Meetings being including developing agendas and securing presenters.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
  - Florida League of Cities, August 15 17<sup>th</sup>
  - o American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 11 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Future of Florida Forum, September 26 28th
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard<sup>TM</sup>

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard<sup>TM</sup> 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.

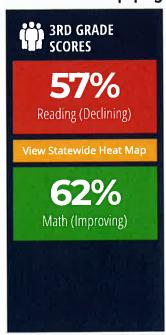
Please find attached the July 2018 Scorecard.

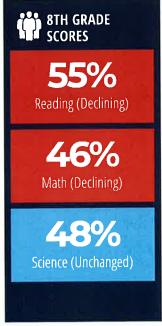
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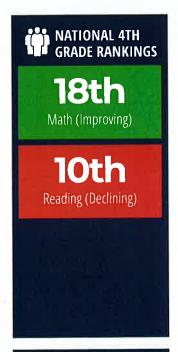
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# State of Florida Metrics Talent Supply & Education





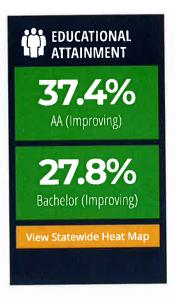


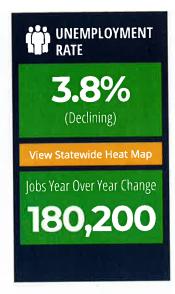












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## State of Florida Metrics

Innovation & Economic Development



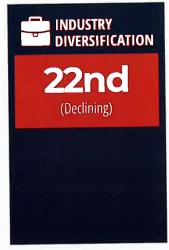
























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### State of Florida Metrics

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership



















### State of Florida Metrics

Business Climate & Competitiveness















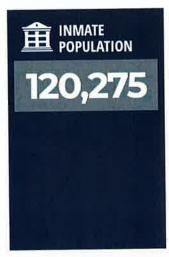




## State of Florida Metrics Civic & Governance Systems



















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### State of Florida Metrics Quality of Life and Quality Places















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TO:

**Executive Committee** 

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Economic Development District

Grantee Performance Report

for the Period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

As you know, the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council.

Please find attached the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. As indicated on the attached report, an estimated 329 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated \$35,149,000 in private investment and an estimated \$4,500,000 in public investment occurred on ten projects that implement the Strategy for the reporting period.

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

Attachment

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#### Economic Development Administration GPRA Data Collection Form

#### **Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes**

#### PART I

Date		December 1, 2017														
	pient Name	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council														
Full Address Authorized Contact Telephone Email (not optional) EDA Investment Investment Number		2009 NW 67th		Gainesville	FL	32653										
		Scott R. Koons (352) 955-2200 Fax (352) 955-2209														
		(352) 955-2200 Fax (352) 955-2209  koons@ncfrpc.org  Planning Partnership Investments  04-88-06491 Award Period 01-Jan-2017 to 31-Dec-2017														
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1.Ec	onomic Developn	nent Districts (E	DD) only													
a.	Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions eligible to participate in the EDD					52										
b.	Number of Sub-st or financially cont			ng by attending meeti	ings	25	_									
2.Ec	onomic Developn	nent Districts an	d Indian Tribes													
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b.	Categorize type of	f project(s):	Facility Construct Technical Assistan (total of these five		- -	Infrastructure Planning Other	Qty. 1 0 0									
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e.			nent initiatives repo l or other federal ag	orted in 2a. Identify tency(s).	the source	es of funding for	each									
f.	Estimated number	of jobs created	or retained as a resu	alt of projects in 2a	329	<u>-</u>										
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h.	Estimated amount	t of public sector	investment generat	ed by projects in 2a	\$4,50	0,000										

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July 19, 2018

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2017-18 Member Certificate of Outstanding Attendance

An essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. A Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings.

A Certificate of Outstanding Attendance will be awarded to the following members at the July 26, 2018 Council meeting in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2017-18.

#### City

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper

#### Gubernatorial

Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

Please join me in recognizing the service and commitment of these Council members as exhibited by their perfect attendance record.

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

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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Executive Director's Cup

In furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

For Program Year 2017-18, the Executive Director's Cup will be awarded at the July 26, 2018 Council meeting to city member, LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper and gubernatorial member Lorene Thomas, Dixie County. The Executive Director's Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

Congratulations to Councilman Bryant and Ms. Thomas for winning the Program Year 2017-18 Executive Director's Cup for the city members and gubernatorial members.

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



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July 19, 2018

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

2017 Annual Report

Each year, the Council publishes an annual report to review programs and services of the Council in fulfilling its mission to improve the quality of life of the regions citizens by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

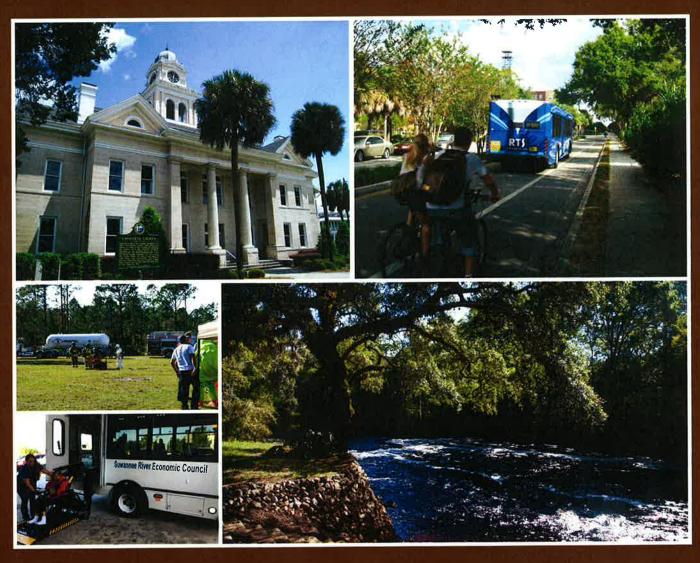
The annual report highlights accomplishments in the areas of regional activities, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation. The annual report also provides a summary of the financial status of the Council and looks at the year ahead. Please find attached a copy of the 2017 Annual Report.

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

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## 2017 Annual Report



North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



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## Letter To Our Citizens

uring 2017, the Council continued to be a very successful public agency that provided valuable services in fulfilling our mission to improve the quality of life of the region's citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments. The following pages summarize these accomplishments.

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

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

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

Our successes in these activities have been realized through the dedicated work of the Council staff under the guidance provided by our members and by the leaders of our affiliated organizations, including the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional

Hazardous Materials Team and *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*. All of these groups continued to remain committed to achieving excellence as they continued to pursue ways to improve the north central Florida region.

Of particular note are the extremely important and beneficial services the Council continued to provide to rural local governments in the areas of comprehensive planning, community development, grant procurement and grant administration. By combining their limited financial resources, small rural jurisdictions were able to have access to these services of the Council that they would have been unable to afford on an individual basis. Working together as partners, the Council, rural counties and small cities have been able to improve the quality of life in rural north central Florida.

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

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

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas

Chair



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

## The Region

he north central Florida region includes 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central portion of Florida. With over 8,000 square miles of area, the region is characterized by its abundant natural resources, which include the world-famous Suwannee River, the marshes of the Gulf Coast, cypress swamps, upland forests and a large number of clear turquoise springs.

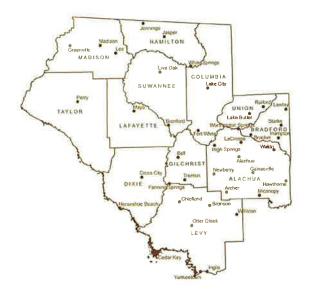
According to the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, the population of the north central Florida region in the year 2017 was 557,004, an increase of 21,346 persons over the 2007 population of 535,658, representing a 4.0 percent increase over the past ten years.

"The Council is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the region's citizens, by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments."

The economic base of the north central Florida region relies heavily on the government and services sectors with the University of Florida in Gainesville accounting for a major portion of the government employment. The City of Gainesville is the regional retail center and together with Alachua County accounts for 46.7 percent of the total population of the north central Florida region.



North Central Florida Region



North Central Florida Region
Counties and Municipalities



### The Council

he Council is an association of 25 general purpose local governments. Membership includes 12 counties and 13 of the municipalities in the north central Florida region. One-third of the representatives are appointed by the Governor with the remaining two-thirds of the representatives being local elected officials.

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

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

In addition to the regional planning and review activities, the Council provides a variety of services to benefit its local governments. These services include: community planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance and economic development activities.

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- \* Vacant

#### Alachua

Robert Wilford

#### **Archer**

Fletcher Hope

#### Gainesville

David Arreola Gigi Simmons Helen Warren

#### Hawthorne

Patricia Boule

#### **High Springs**

Linda Jones

#### Newberry

Rick Coleman

#### Waldo

Louie Davis

#### **BRADFORD COUNTY**

Daniel Riddick

k Vacant

#### **Starke**

Janice Mortimer

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Tim Murphy
James Montgomery

#### Lake City

Stephen Witt

#### **DIXIE COUNTY**

Gene Higginbotham

\* Lorene Thomas

#### **GILCHRIST COUNTY**

Kenrick Thomas

\* Vacant

#### **HAMILTON COUNTY**

Robert Brown

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#### Jasper

LaBarfield Bryant

#### **LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

Anthony Adams

\* Vacant

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John Meeks

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#### MADISON COUNTY

Rick Davis

Mike Williams

#### **City of Madison**

Jim Catron

#### **SUWANNEE COUNTY**

Larry Sessions

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#### **Live Oak**

Garth Nobles, Jr.

#### **TAYLOR COUNTY**

Thomas Demps

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#### Perry

Mike Deming

#### **UNION COUNTY**

James Tallman

\* Vacant

#### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Vacant, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Vacant, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Vacant, Florida Department of Transportation Vacant, Southwest Florida Water Management District

Vacant, Suwannee River Water Management District Vacant, St. Johns River Water Management District

\* Gubernatorial Appointee

Lorene Thomas, Chair Louie Davis, Vice-Chair Robert Wilford, Secretary-Treasurer



## Regional

uring 2017, the Council continued to work on updating the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and to provide comments concerning its review responsibilities.

#### **Regional Planning**

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

"The Council's regional plan is its primary policy document and is the basis for Council comments concerning its review responsibilities."

The Council considered review comments from state and regional agencies and local governments concerning proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan. The proposed amendments add natural resources of regional significance and regional facilities located in Levy County to the regional plan.

The Council also reviewed several local government comprehensive plan amendments which incorporated transportation planning best practices as policies in the Transportation Element of local government comprehensive plans.

#### **Review Activities**

One of the ways that the Council implemented the regional plan was through its review responsibilities. The Governor has designated the Council as the area-wide clearing-house for all federally-funded projects that affect the physical environment of the north central Florida region, and other review activities undertaken as a result of state legislation.

Reviews included the following types.

- Applications for federal assistance totaling \$13,167,324;
- Local comprehensive plan amendments; and
- Environmental impact statements and assessments.



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

- The Council reviewed these projects in order to:
- Avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts to regionally significant natural resources, regionally significant facilities or neighboring communities or counties;
- Ensure coordination with local government plans; and
- Avoid duplication or conflict with other local or area plans and programs.



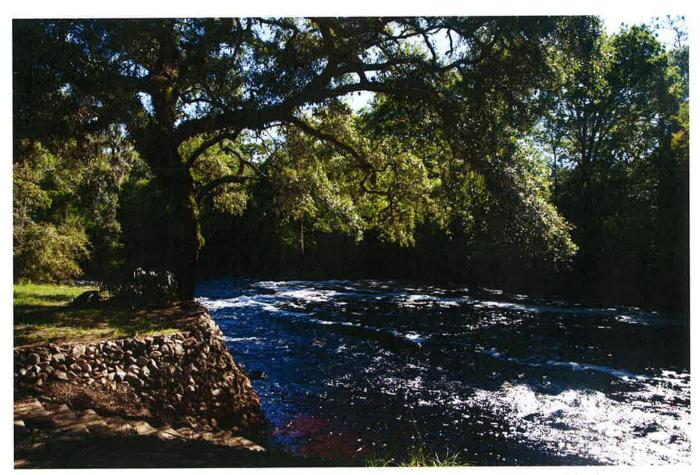
## Regional

The Council provided comments on 100 review items, including 58 amendments to local government comprehensive plans. The Council forwarded its comments on local government comprehensive plans to local governments under the expedited review process and to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for their consideration in determining the consistency of local government comprehensive plans with the State Comprehensive Plan and the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan under the coordinated review process.

The Council also reviewed 19 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications, 18 U.S. Federal Transit Administration grant applications for either capital assistance or operating assistance, four U.S. Department of Agriculture grant or loan applications and one other review item. The Council provided comments on applications for federal assistance to the Florida State Clearinghouse, which is housed in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The Florida State Clearinghouse administers the intergovernmental coordination and review

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

process of certain state and federal activities within the State of Florida which involve federal financial assistance and/or direct federal activity that affect the physical environment.



The Steinhatchee River is recognized as a Natural Resource of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

## Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

uring 2017, the Council continued to work on ongoing public safety and regulatory compliance activities and also started several new projects.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee**

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee continued its mission of increasing chemical safety in our communities. The Council has provided staff support to the Committee since 1989.

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

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

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

### **First Responder Training**

The Council coordinated hazardous materials emergency response training classes. A total of 29 classes were held, training 395 first responders for a total of 6,186 hours. Many classes were offered in a shift-friendly format where the same one-day class was repeated three consecutive days. This approach provided an opportunity for all three shifts at a fire rescue department to attend the class.

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

### **Hurricane Preparedness**

The Council continued its support of emergency managers by providing decision-making tools to assist in determining who and when to evacuate in response to an approaching hurricane. Hurricane Irma presented unique challenges to the north central Florida region in terms of shelter, evacuation and vulnerabilities. Local officials were able to use the decision-making tools to address these challenges.

Council staff served as lead evaluator for the Florida Division of Emergency Management Statewide Hurricane Exercise. The exercise was conducted at the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee with a scenario involving two hurricanes making landfall in a short period of time.

## **Natural Gas Pipeline Safety**

The North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant project consisted of purchasing equipment, public outreach and exercise components. The Team conducted a tabletop exercise in Suwannee County involving emergency response activities involving two natural gas pipelines.



A tabletop natural gas pipeline safety exercise provided an opportunity for responders and facility operators to meet and determine how to work together to respond to incidents using available resources.

This exercise was co-sponsored by the Local Emergency Planning Committee which contributed to the participation of additional counties. The exercise provided an opportunity for responders and facility operators to meet and determine how to work together to respond to incidents using available resources.



# Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

## Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team

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



First responders attended a training session at the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium to prepare for potential incidents involving anhydrous ammonia

Advance training continued to be a priority for Team members. The Council provided scholarships for 22 firefighters to attend the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium held in Daytona Beach. The Symposium offered a combination of both classroom and hands-on training for hazardous materials technicians.

#### **Hazards Analyses**

Hazardous materials emergency response planning continued to require an understanding of the chemical hazards and potential threats to nearby communities. Facilities reported the amounts of extremely hazardous substances which are stored in the north central Florida region. In addition, the Council continued to provide hazards analyses site visit assistance to counties throughout the north central Florida region.

Council staff continued to serve as Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission Hazards Analysis Working Group. The working group made progress in improving the overall process to ensure that emergency managers and first responders have access to critical emergency information.

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

#### **Hazardous Waste**

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

The Council continued to provide compliance assistance to mainly small businesses during the required verification site visits. The assistance helped facilities properly manage waste disposal in a cost efficient manner. The overall goal was to keep hazardous waste out of landfills and groundwater.



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

#### **Public Health**

Council staff assisted the Healthcare Coalition and Levy County Health Department with conducting a tabletop exercise. The scenario involved a disease outbreak where the Williston Regional Hospital needed to prescribe and dispense medications to every employee at the hospital as a Closed Point of Distribution.

Critical facilities such as hospitals and health departments need to treat their employees prior to establishing an Open Point of Distribution for all residents of a county. By conducting this exercise, emergency plans were tested, existing partnerships with community partners were strengthened and potential new partnerships were identified.

Florida

Planning

## Economic Development

uring 2017, the Council continued to promote longterm economic prosperity in the north central Florida region by conducting comprehensive economic development planning, assisting local governments and economic development organizations with implementation activities and by promoting tourism opportunities of the north central Florida region as an economic development strategy.

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

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

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

Council staff continued to promote initiatives that support the five regional priorities identified in the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of the North Central Florida Economic Development District, which was updated and submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The five priorities are: support the two Rural Economic Development Initiative Catalyst Sites in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity; promote regional tourism through *The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*; create strategies to increase the labor force in the healthcare and life science industries; seek opportunities to improve multimodal infrastructure of the north central Florida region; and expand and support regional business incubators and research parks.

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

Council staff continued to support local economic development organizations throughout the north central Florida region by providing technical assistance in the form of economic impact analysis for potential economic development projects. Utilizing Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. Policy Insite<sup>+®</sup> software, Council staff provided estimated impacts to population, total employment, personal income and tax revenues, based on the industry sector, employment and average employee wages of the proposed project. These estimates are a valuable tool to local governments as they evaluate possible incentives to attract new and retain existing businesses in their communities.

## North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022









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



## Economic Development

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

In many rural communities, tourism is often the primary source of economic development activity. Visit Natural North Florida (*The Original Florida Tourism Task Force*) marketed the 14-county Natural North Florida region by promoting the development of nature-based, culture-based and heritage-based tourism.



Council officials received, on behalf of the Council, an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the Experience North Florida By Bike Project. Left to right, Lorene Thomas, Chair of the Council, Scott Koons, Executive Director of the Council, Lynne Keller Forbes, President of the National Association of Development Organizations and Louie Davis, Vice-Chair of the Council.

Visit Natural North Florida is comprised of representatives from each of the participating counties, appointed by their respective board of county commissioners, to support and direct the regional tourism development effort. Since 1993, the Council has provided staffing services to the Task Force. The Council continued to provide staff services to the Task Force in maintaining the VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com website, coordinating consumer travel show participation, creating proactive publicity campaigns and producing collateral materials to meet the goals of the regional marketing plan.

Visit Natural North Florida participated in both domestic and international consumer travel shows. Members actively engaged and provided collateral marketing material to thousands of show attendees.

Each county in the Natural North Florida region received exposure on the Visit Natural North Florida tourism website, www.VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com. Potential visitors could find events and festivals, attractions, accommodations and trails. In addition, each member county received exposure in digital as well as print media advertising campaigns. These advertisements were viewed by millions of potential visitors.

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

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

Visit Natural North Florida maintained several different forms of print media, including fold-out map brochures that are distributed at the VISIT FLORIDA Welcome Centers, statewide at American Automobile Association offices and at hundreds of private business locations along major highways in Florida and I-75 in Georgia.



The Original Florida Tourism Task Force promoted the Natural North Florida region for nature-based, culture-based and heritage-based tourism activities such as freshwater canoeing opportunities.

## Local Government Assistance

uring 2017, the Council continued to offer technical assistance to local governments which did not have available staff or expertise for these activities ranging from community planning to community development.

## **Community Planning**

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

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

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

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

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

In particular, the Council assisted six counties and 14 municipalities process 130 development-related applications. This assistance included the review and adoption of 50 comprehensive plan map and text amendments. The Council also assisted these local governments with 61 land development regulation map and text amendments, 13 land development regulation special exceptions and conditional use permits, four variances, one site and development plan and one subdivision plat.

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

The Council also assisted counties and municipalities in preparing concurrency assessments to evaluate the impacts of development on the level of service for roads, water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, storm water drainage and recreation facilities.



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



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## Local Government Assistance

## **Community Development**

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



Community Development Block Grant funds were used by the Town of Mayo to rehabilitate or replace low- to moderate-income owner-occupied dwelling units

The purpose of the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program is to help reduce and reverse community decline and restore community vitality. This is done by addressing housing stock, improving infrastructure and assisting private businesses with infrastructure needs so they can increase employment opportunities.

Though the program ultimately benefits local governments by providing grants to meet community development needs, the beneficiaries of this program are primarily residents whose incomes are within the low- to moderate-income range for their community. The Program has several categories which assist local governments with improving infrastructure in neighborhoods and downtowns, renovating housing, and creating jobs for low- to moderate-income residents.

The categories are Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, Commercial Revitalization and Economic Development. Housing is a direct benefit program, in which funds are used to rehabilitate or replace homes of low- to moderate-income families. This activity helps the individual family, but also helps the community by improving the local housing stock. Neighborhood Revitalization is both a direct benefit program and community-wide benefit program, in which funds are used to rehabilitate or provide new infrastructure to primarily

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

low- to moderate-income neighborhoods, such as paving streets, replacing or providing new potable water lines or sanitary sewer lines and providing connections to the lines.

Commercial Revitalization is also both a direct benefit program and a community-wide benefit program, in which funds are used to improve the public right-of-way through improving sidewalks and lighting as well as building facades of downtown areas or other commercial revitalization areas. This activity makes areas more attractive and safer, thereby making it more likely that private businesses will locate in the revitalized areas and hire local residents. Economic Development funds are used to provide necessary infrastructure for a private business to locate or remain open. Private businesses that directly benefit from economic development funds agree that a majority of new employees hired will be low- to moderate-income residents.

Council staff continued to provide administrative assistance for a project in the Town of Mayo.



Improvements such as renovated kitchen plumbing and new kitchen appliances to meet code requirements were made to low- to moderate-income owner-occupied dwelling units using Community Development Block Grant funds in the Town of Mayo.

## Transportation

uring 2017, the Council continued to provide staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to assist in developing transportation plans and programs. In addition, the Council, serving as the designated official planning agency, continued to provide staff services to transportation disadvantaged local coordinating boards in counties throughout the north central Florida region.

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

## **Metropolitan Transportation Planning**

Through an interlocal agreement entered into by the Florida Department of Transportation, Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area was formed in 1979 to conduct continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning activities in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. This planning program is required in order for the area to receive federal and state funds for transportation projects.

#### **Long-Range Transportation Plan**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area administratively modified its adopted multimodal Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition phases of the Southwest 62nd Boulevard Connector Project. Several other projects in the Long-Range Transportation Plan were at various stages of development. These projects included:



The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area adopted the 2017-18 to 2022-23 Transportation Improvement Program for highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

- State Infrastructure Bank loan-funded Archer Braid Trail extension;
- State Road 24 (Archer Road) Four-Lane Project, Development and Environment Study from the City of Bronson to SW 75th Street (Tower Road);
- State Roads 26/26A at State Road 121 (SW 34th Street)
   Safety Project Study; and
- State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) Left Turn Lanes project from NW 16th Avenue to U.S. 441.

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects**

State Infrastructure Bank loan funding for the Archer Braid Trail extension provided for construction of the last segment of the trail. Once constructed, a cyclist will be able to ride from the City of Archer to the City of Hawthorne on offroad bicycle/pedestrian facilities. Other projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area included:



The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area addressed bicycle and pedestrian safety by planning and programing projects in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.



## Transportation

- Federal Transportation Alternatives Program-funded Northwest 19th Lane Bike/Pedestrian Facility Project;
- State Safe Routes to School-funded NE 18th Avenue (Metcalfe Elementary School) Sidewalk Project; and
- State Shared-Use Network Trail-funded State Road 24 (Archer Road) SW 75th Street (Tower Road) Bicycle/ Pedestrian Project.

### **Transportation Disadvantaged**

The Transportation Disadvantaged Program provided state funds for transportation services for low-income individuals, elderly individuals, persons with disabilities and childrenat-risk. Transportation disadvantaged services continued to be provided to older adults, persons with disabilities and persons with low-income transportation services to employment, health care, education and other life sustaining activities. Community transportation coordinators provided over 239,000 trips in the north central Florida region. Approximately 50 percent of these trips were for medical purposes.



Community transportation coordinators in the north central Florida region coordinated the provision of public transportation services for persons who were unable to transport themselves because of age, disability or income

#### **Mobility Enhancement Projects**

For the second consecutive year, the Florida Legislature authorized non-recurring funds to be competitively awarded by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged through the Mobility Enhancement Grant Program. The following community transportation coordinators in the north central Florida region were awarded funding through this grant program for the transportation disadvantaged.

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

- Alachua County MV Transportation, Inc. received funding to provide monthly reduced fare bus passes to clients residing at GRACE Marketplace homeless shelter. This project provided approximately 250 reduced fare bus passes each month.
- Bradford County Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. received funding to provide on-demand same day transportation services to designated stops in the City of Starke and surrounding area for medical, pharmaceutical and grocery shopping purposes.
- Columbia County Suwannee Valley Transit Authority received funding to provide on-demand same day transportation service to designated stops within the City of Lake City for medical, pharmaceutical and grocery shopping purposes.
- Dixie/Gilchrist Counties Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. received funding to provide on-demand same day transportation service to a designated stop within the City of Chiefland for pharmaceutical and grocery shopping purposes.



## Communications

uring 2017, in addition to the planning and other technical studies prepared under contract with local governments throughout the north central Florida region, the Council prepared or maintained the following materials.

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

### Regional

- Strategic Regional Policy Plan
- Reports on local comprehensive plan amendments and other Council review items

### **Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance**

- Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Update
- Hazards Analysis Updates for Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafavette, Madison and Taylor Counties
- Hazardous Waste Management Summary Reports for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties
- After Action Report for 2017 Statewide Hurricane/ Continuity of Operations Plan Exercise

### **Economic Development**

 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022

### **Transportation**

- Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program
- Fiscal Years 2019-2023 Metropolitan Transportation
   Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
   List of Priority Projects
- Annual Multimodal Level of Service Report for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area
- Annual Regional Transit System Ridership Report for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plans

#### General

- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Annual Report
- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Overall Program Design
- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Regional Directory



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

The Council also maintained and updated the following maps and information resources.

- Existing and Future Land Use Maps
- Zoning Maps
- Census Information



## Upcoming Activities

n 2018, the Council will continue existing programs and initiate new regional, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation projects and activities, as follows.

### Regional

The Council will review federal grant and loan applications for consistency with area-wide and local plans.

### **Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance**

#### **Emergency Management**

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

#### **Hazardous Materials**

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will continue to promote increasing public safety from chemical releases through planning, training, reviewing, exercising, offering How-to-Comply assistance and educating the public. Hazards analyses will be updated for facilities that handle extremely hazardous substances. The Regional Emergency Response Plan will be updated. The Council will continue to provide staff support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.

#### **Hazardous Waste**

The Council will continue to provide compliance assistance to facilities that generate hazardous waste while inspecting small quantity generators. The Council will notify businesses when hazardous waste collection events and compliance assistance workshops are scheduled.

### **Economic Development**

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

#### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

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

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

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

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

#### **Local Government Assistance**

#### **Community Planning Planning**

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

#### **Community Development**

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

### **Transportation**

#### **Transportation Improvement Program**

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

#### **Level of Service**

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

#### **Transit Ridership**

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

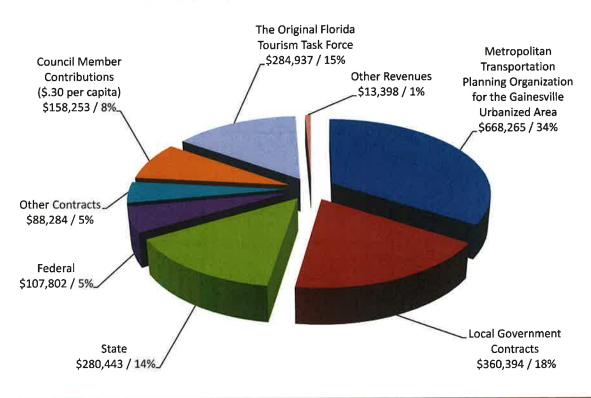
#### **Transportation Disadvantaged**

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

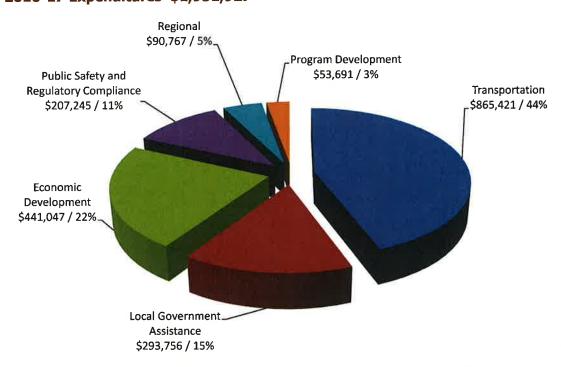


# Financial Report

## 2016-17 Revenues \$1,961,776



### 2016-17 Expenditures \$1,951,927



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