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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **April 25, 2019**. 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.

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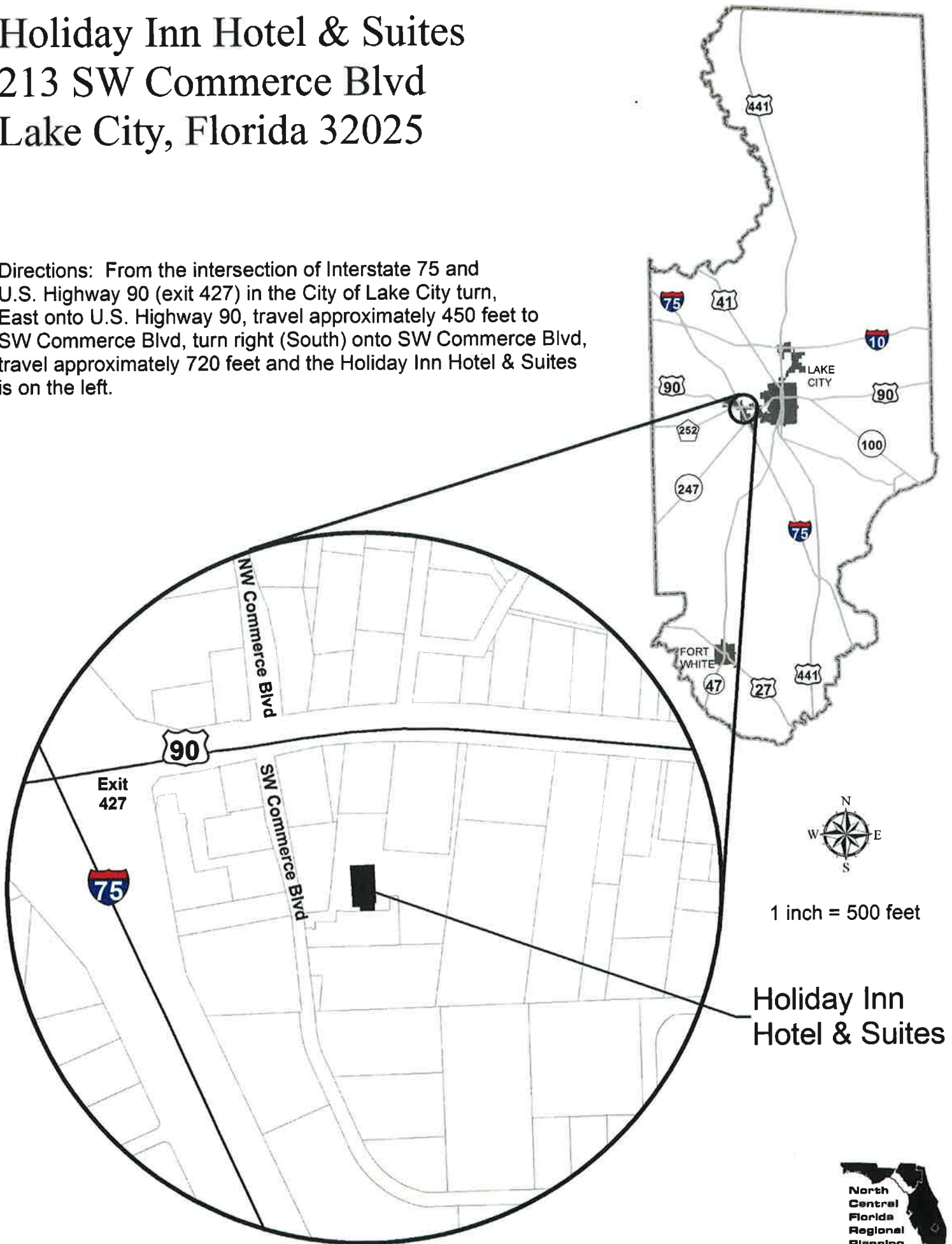
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by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources,
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AGENDA NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

April 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

March 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Matt Hersom, City of Newberry
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristina Wright

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennette, Florida Department of
Transportation
Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water
Management Water District
Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Rick Davis, Madison County
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Len Stapleton, Suwannee County
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
Britney Moore
DeLoris Roberts
Stew Lilker

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker
Lauren Yeatter

Executive Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Noting the presence of a quorum, Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes - February 28, 2019

B. Monthly Financial Reports - February 2019

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Membership Certifications

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

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

IV. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked for approval of the regular agenda.

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis welcomed DeLoris Roberts, City Commissioner of the City of Hawthorne and former Council Member; Sandra Buck-Camp, member of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson of Our Santa Fe River and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Britney Moore, Regional Coordinator
Office of Greenways and Trails
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Britney Moore, Regional Coordinator for the Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. Moore made a presentation concerning the Department's Trail Town Program. Chair Davis thanked Ms. Moore for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT - None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee -

1. Proclamation Declaring April 2019 as County Government Month

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 2019 as County Government Month in the north central Florida region. He further stated that County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to adopt the proclamation declaring April 2019 as County Government Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring April 22-26, 2019 as Community Development Week

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 22-26, 2019 as Community Development Week in the north central Florida region. He further stated that Community Development Week is to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Simmons, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 22-26, 2019 as Community Development Week, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Anthony Adams, Clearinghouse Committee 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.

- #36 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-1ESR)
- #37 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)
- #38 - Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ER)

Commissioner Adams stated that the Committee finds that local government comprehensive plans as amended are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Significance or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Thomas to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #36 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #37 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #38 - Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2019-20 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Robert Wilford, Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. He stated that the Program Committee met earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. He stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. He stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. Mr. Wilford finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 23, 2019 Council meeting.

D. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force

Commissioner Ken Cornell, Middle and Lower Suwannee and Withlacoochee River Task Force member, stated that Rick Davis, Chair of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force, along with representatives of the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Suwannee River Water Management District, testified before the Florida Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee on March 20, 2019. He stated that Chair Davis provided the Committee an overview of the City of Valdosta wastewater issue and actions taken to date by the Task Force, and asked for their assistance in addressing this issue.

In addition, Commissioner Cornell reported that Task Force Chair Davis and Council staff met on March 27, 2019 in Tallahassee with the Governor's staff and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstine to brief them on the City of Valdosta wastewater issue and ask for their support in addressing the issue.

He also reported that the Task Force will be meeting on April 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the City of Valdosta City Council for a Joint Workshop to discuss the issue of raw sewage spills by the City and how the Task Force can work together with the City to resolve this ongoing issue. Finally, Commissioner Cornell stated the next meeting of the Task Force will be held on April 25, 2019 prior to the Council meeting at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the Department has funding for trails through the federally-funded Transportation Alternatives Program and the state-funded Sun Trails Program.

Ben Glass, Community Affairs Manager, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated applications from local governments for river grants are due on April 16, 2019. Mr. Glass also stated that local government springs applications have been reviewed and will be presented to the District Governing

Board for their approval, and will then be forwarded to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for funding. He also stated tours of the North Florida Research and Education Center will occur prior to the annual County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CARES) Dinner hosted by the Suwannee River Partnership on May 2, 2019 in Live Oak.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, reiterated that the Department supports the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force in its efforts to address the City of Valdosta raw sewage spills.

Daniel Penninman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission North Central Region, stated that the Commission is available to provide technical assistance to wildlife conservation planning services, landowners and local governments throughout the region

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, invited Council members to attend the Our Santa Fe River Fest Songwriting Contest and Music Fundraiser on March 31, 2019.

Stew Lilker, from the Columbia County Observer, spoke about the lack of citizen appointees on rural transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards in the north central Florida region. He also spoke about the lack of notice concerning the March 20, 2019 Florida Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Workshop held in Tallahassee.

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 February 2019 activities report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2019 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars. Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the March 2019 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2019 Legislature Session convened on March 5, 2019 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2019. He reviewed bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on April 25, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Louie Davis, Chair

4/25/2019
Date



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby declares April 2019 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2019.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer

Louie Davis, Chair



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING APRIL 22-26, 2019 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 22-26, 2019 has been designated as National Community Development Week to recognize and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby declares April 22-26, 2019 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2019.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer

Louie Davis, Chair




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April 18, 2019

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2019

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2019. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of six months is 45 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months is 42 percent of budget.

Conclusion

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

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

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2019

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,236,999
Accounts Receivable	308,536
Other Current Assets	64,526
Total Current Assets	<u>1,610,061</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1,610,061

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	19,442
Other Current Liabilities	310,591
Total Liabilities	<u>330,033</u>
Equity	<u>1,280,028</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,610,061

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2019

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2018-19	March 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,144,600	403,378	960,706	45%
Expenses	2,144,600	176,608	896,977	42%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

March 31, 2019

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2018-19	March 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	35,600	2,334	34,622	97%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	80,000	0	79,981	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	23,293	40%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	136,500	35,274	55,924	41%
Hazards Analyses	18,800	0	0	0%
Public Safety Training Exercises	10,000	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	443,500	110,875	221,750	50%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,600	70,867	70,867	33%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	3,309	9,115	38%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,800	26,471	75,967	38%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	90,000	17,500	55,076	61%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Disaster	125,000	0	25,053	20%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	53,300	12,189	24,068	45%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	47,871	100,871	36%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	0	9,957	100%
City & County Planning Services	224,200	49,188	100,876	45%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	142,500	27,500	70,786	50%
Total Revenue	2,144,600	403,378	960,706	45%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

March 31, 2019

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2018-19	March 2019	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	16,000	0	16,267	102%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	33,000	3,129	18,205	55%
Contractual Services	143,300	11,920	62,924	44%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	3,452	27,241	54%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	21,000	0	5,599	27%
Legal Services & Public Notices	12,000	1,605	5,085	42%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	2,203	44%
Meeting Expenses	17,000	1,631	8,259	49%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	24,000	567	12,308	51%
Personnel	1,351,300	90,756	529,027	39%
Postage	7,000	451	2,402	34%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	15,000	366	5,666	38%
Telephone	5,000	395	2,921	58%
Travel	84,000	17,459	47,546	57%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	279,700	44,877	151,324	54%
Contingency	60,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,144,600	176,608	896,977	42%



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April 18, 2019

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Jeffrey Aboumrad as the voting Florida Department of Education Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Appoint Monica Caraway as the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Ralph Williams as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint John Wisker as the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Jeffrey Aboumrad be appointed the voting Florida Department of Education Representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Monica Caraway be appointed as the voting Local Medical Community Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Ralph Williams be appointed as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Finally, it is recommended that John Wisker be appointed as the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for P. Steven Futch.

BACKGROUND:

The attached is a resolution of appreciation regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. P. Steven Futch served as the voting Private Transit Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since February 1994.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, P. Steven Futch has served as the Private Transit Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since February 1994; and

WHEREAS, P. Steven Futch ably discharged the duties of the Private Transit Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

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

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

Louie Davis, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

April 25, 2019
Date



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Louie Davis, Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Elected Chair
University of Florida Urban and Regional Planning
Graduate Program Advisory Council

Our executive director, Scott Koons, has been elected Chair of the University of Florida Urban and Regional Planning Graduate Program Advisory Council. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide professional guidance to the students, faculty and curriculum of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida. More specifically, the primary functions of the Advisory Council are:

1. To act as a liaison between planning and related professions and the Department;
2. To offer advice and insight on practical issues and trends impacting the profession with relevance to urban planning education;
3. To assist with professional development and ethics training for students;
4. To serve as mentors to the students to better equip them for life after school as planning professionals;
5. To support development and fund-raising activities that position the Department as the top planning school in the United States and students as future leaders in the profession;
6. To provide proactive input to the curriculum of the Department to insure it prepares students to deal with urban and regional planning issues of the future;
7. To increase alumni engagement with the Department; and
8. To advocate and assist in Departmental re-accreditation activities and site visits as well as in significant college and university initiatives.

Congratulations to Scott.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring May 5-11, 2019 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 5-11, 2019 as Travel and Tourism Week.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 27 years ago. It is now a 14-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to "Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay." The goal is to enhance the area's economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.

The week of May 5-11, 2019 is *National Travel and Tourism Week* as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 5-11, 2019 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

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

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 5-11, 2019 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 126 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates \$111.7 billion in economic activity, over \$11.3 billion in annual sales tax revenues and employs over 1.4 million persons;

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby declares the week of May 5-11, 2019 as Travel and Tourism Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2019.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer

Louie Davis, Chair



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April 18, 2019

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., April 25, 2019 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires 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 Amendment

#40 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 19-2ESR)

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River

On September 19, 2018, Council staff convened and facilitated a meeting of county commissioners, and county administrators, coordinators and managers at the Madison County Agricultural Extension office in Madison. Representatives from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy and Madison Counties were in attendance at the meeting.

By consensus, the county commissioners present requested the Council to establish a task force comprised of a county commissioner from each of the following counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, in the Suwannee River Basin, including the Santa Fe River Basin, to address the issues of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. The county commissioners present also requested that the Council authorize its Executive Director to provide administrative support to the Task Force and to develop, in conjunction with county administrators, coordinators and managers, a strategic action plan to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia.

On October 25, 2018 the Chair appointed the following county commissioners to the newly formed Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force; Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County; Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County; Commissioner Ronald Williams, Columbia County; Commissioner Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County; Commissioner Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist County; Commissioner Beth Burnam, Hamilton County; Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Commissioner John Meeks, Levy County; Commissioner Rick Davis, Madison County; Commissioner Don Hale, Suwannee County; Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County; and Commissioner James Tallman, Union County; with Commissioner Rick Davis appointed Chair and Commissioner Beth Burnam appointed Vice-Chair.

On March 27, 2019, Task Force Chair Rick Davis and Council staff met with the Governor's staff and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstine to brief them on the continuing and repetitive spills of raw sewage into the Withlacoochee River and Mud Creek by the City of Valdosta, Georgia and request the support of the Governor and the Department in addressing the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia. A joint workshop between the Task Force and the City of Valdosta City Council was held in Valdosta, Georgia on April 10, 2019. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled to be held on April 25, 2019 prior to the Council meeting in Lake City. The Task Force will provide a status report to the Council at its April 25, 2019 meeting.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

Please find attached the March 2019 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2019

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the February 2019 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Began collecting articles and formatting the March 2019 Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Worked with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain the email lists for newly elected local officials and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain and enhance the FRCA website: www.flregionalcouncils.org.
- Participating with the legislative process to secure funding so that regional planning councils can update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.
- Facilitated a conference call with the Coordinators of the Local Emergency Planning Committees held on March 11th.
- Facilitated the monthly Disaster Recovery Coordinator Conference Call with the Economic Development Administration held on March 13th.
- Worked with the Economic Development Administration to develop and submit an application for a panel on Recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Michael for the American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference being held in Destin, September 10 – 13th.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated with the March Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for the April EDAC and Partners Meetings.
- Distributed 2019 Legislative bill tracking report.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
 - Florida Association of Counties, June 11 – 14th
 - Florida League of Cities, August 15 – 17th
 - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 10 – 13th
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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April 18, 2019

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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

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

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

Please find attached the April 2019 Scorecard.

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

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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

State of Florida Metrics

FLORIDA POPULATION 04/15/2019

21,535,174

 **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**


3.5%
(Increasing)

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Jobs Year Over Year Change

211,900

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 **3RD GRADE READING SCORES**

57%
(Declining)

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100%
2030 Goal

 **STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS**

\$111.7
Billion Visitor Spending

126.1
Million Visitors

 **STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES**

7,795
Starts (Improving)

18,966
Sales (Improving)

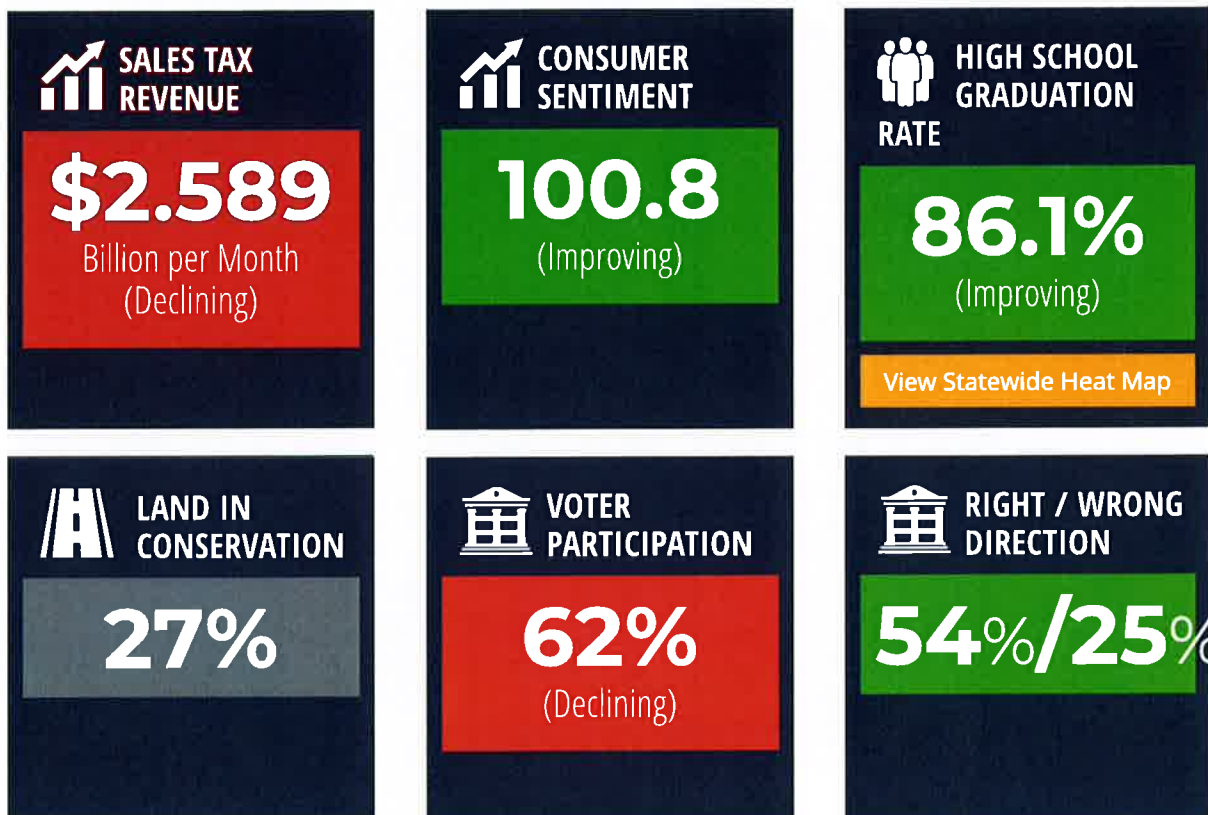
 **INCOME MIGRATION**

\$989K
Per Hour

 **POVERTY RATE**

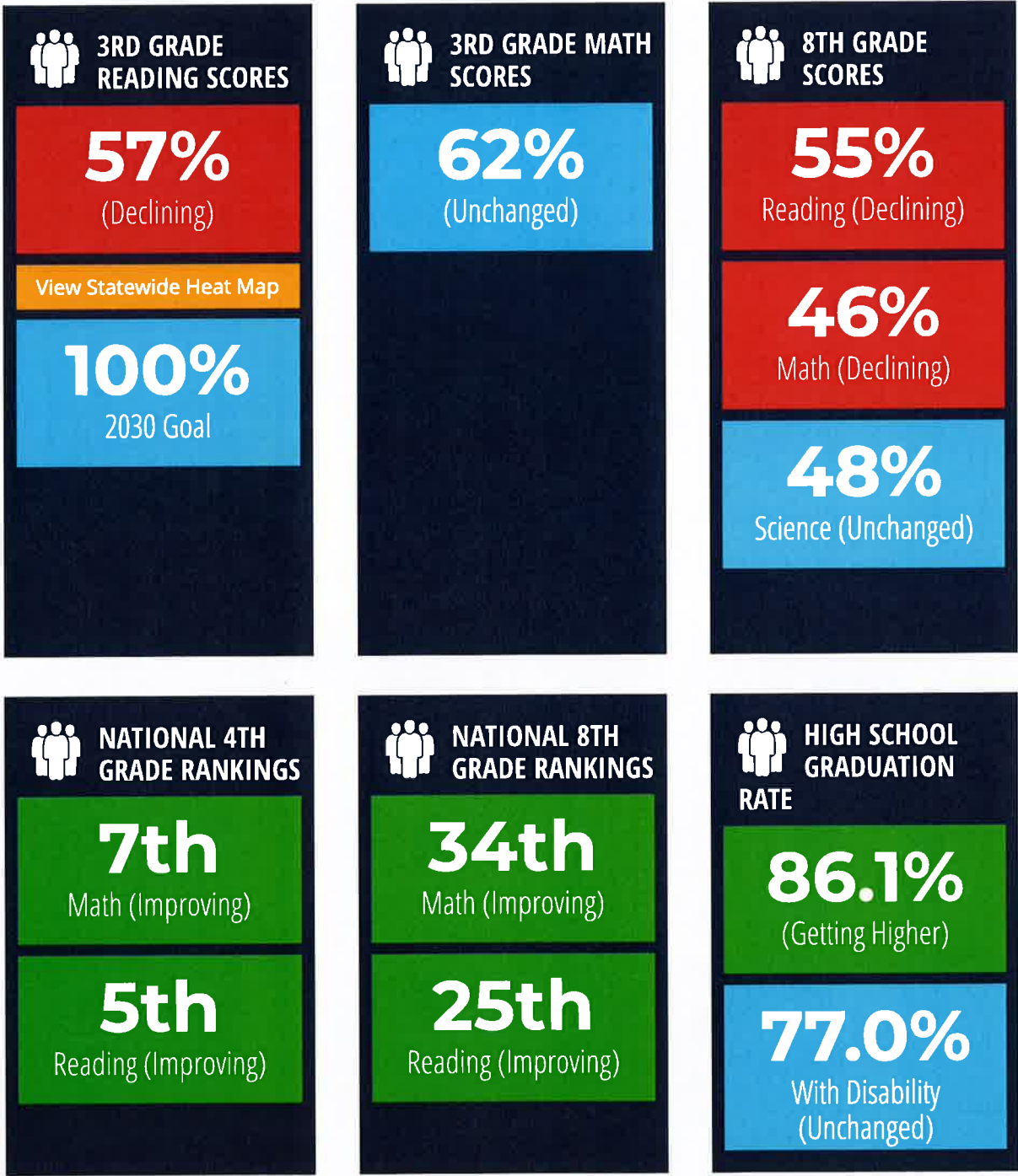
15.5%
(Worse)

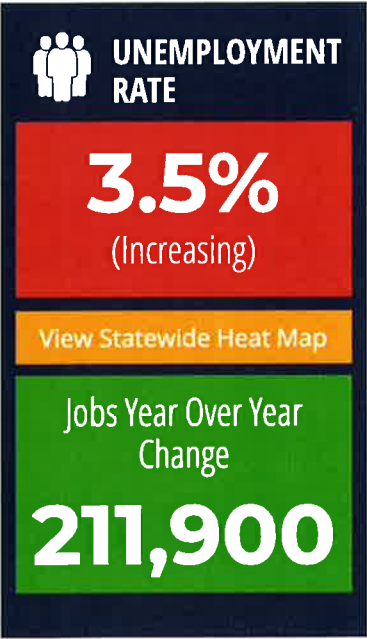
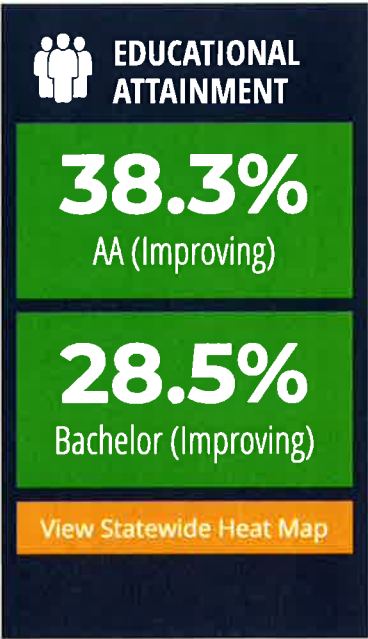
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Talent Supply & Education





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Innovation & Economic
Development



**INDUSTRY
DIVERSIFICATION****21st**

(Declining)

**INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS****14.378**

Million (Declining)

Top 10 Countries

**CRUISE
PASSENGERS****16.1**

Million (Improving)

**FLORIDA
EXCHANGE RATE****107.76****EMPLOYMENT BY
FOREIGN
COMPANIES****348.8**

Thousand (Improving)

**GDP PER CAPITA****\$46,539**

Improving

**INCOME
MIGRATION****\$989K**

Per Hour

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Infrastructure & Growth

Leadership

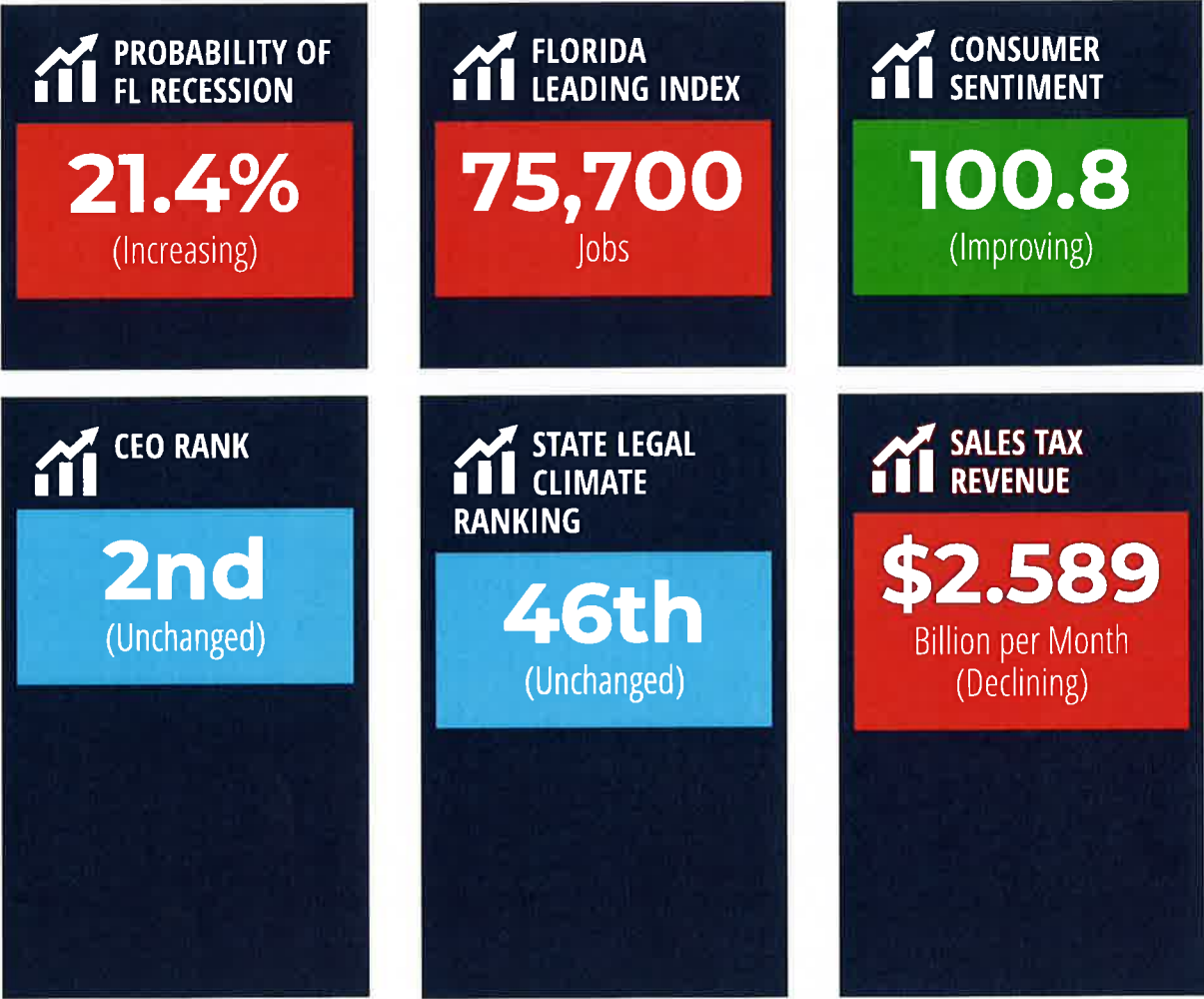


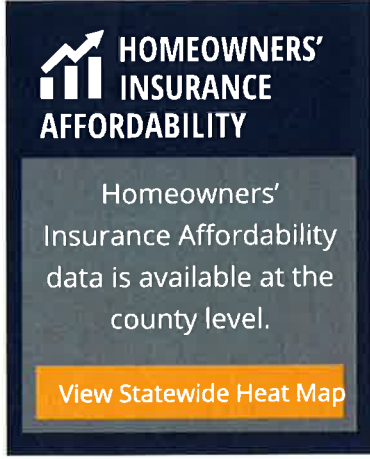
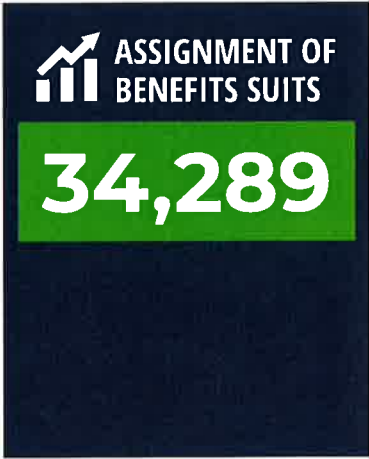


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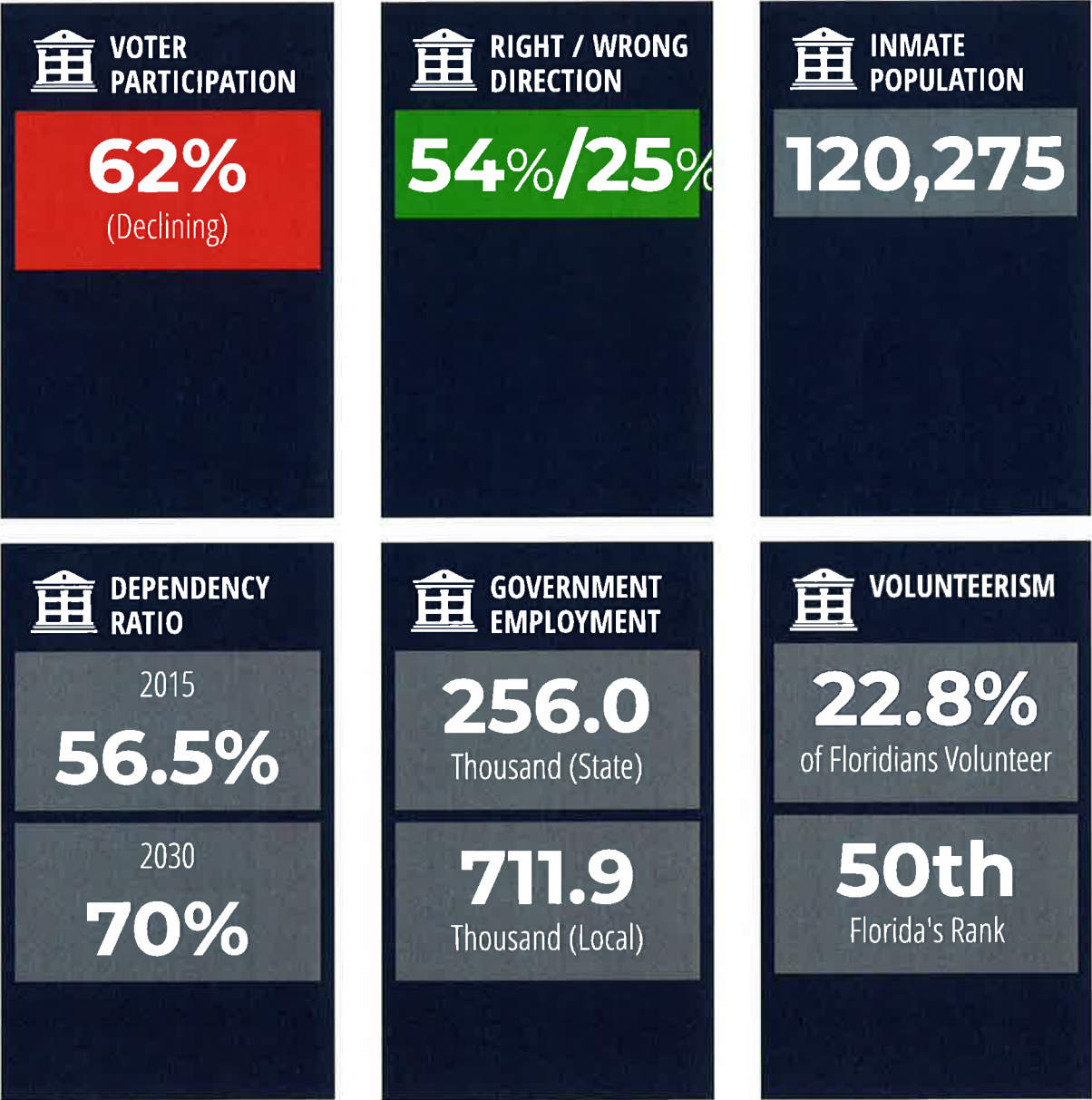
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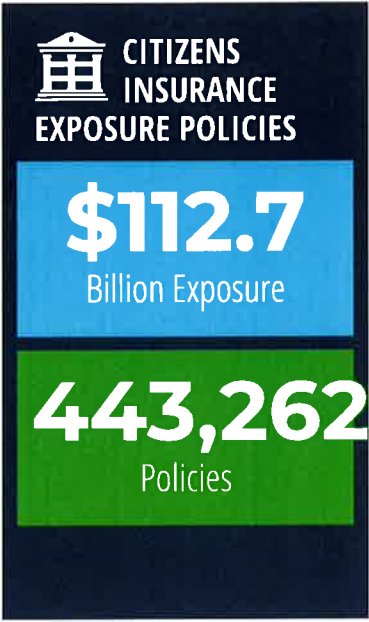




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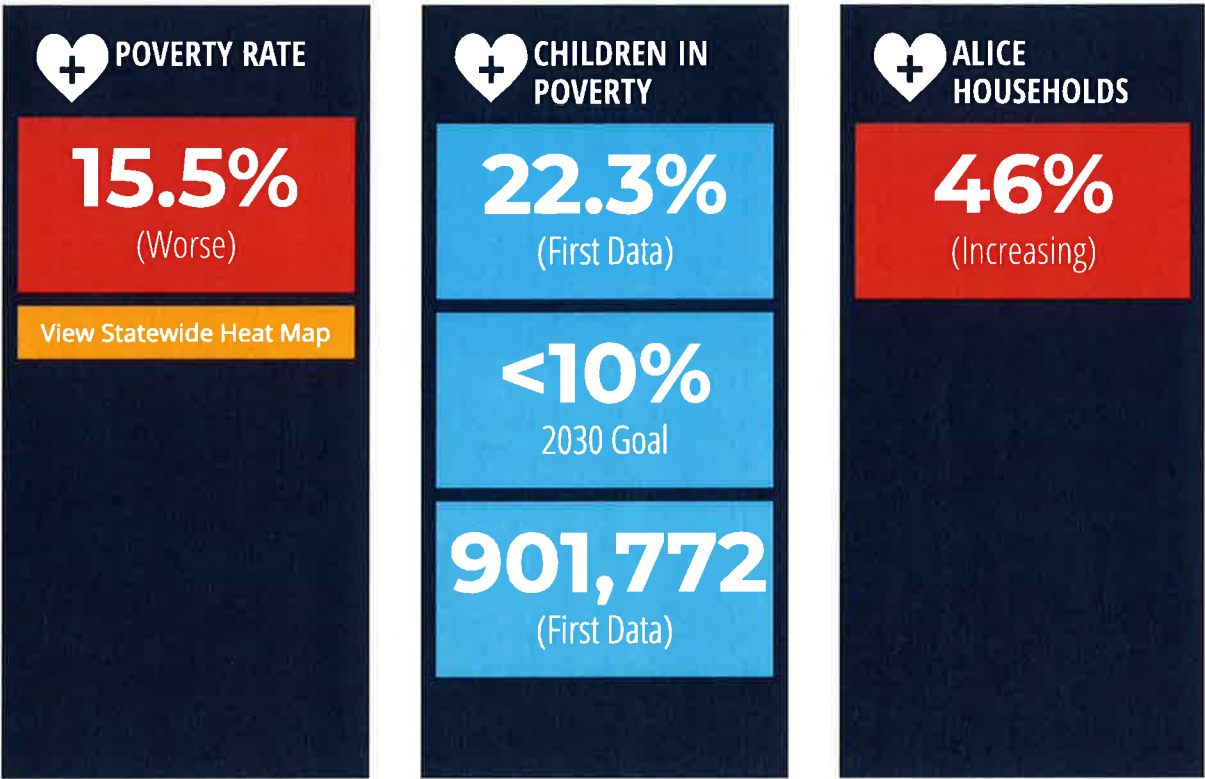
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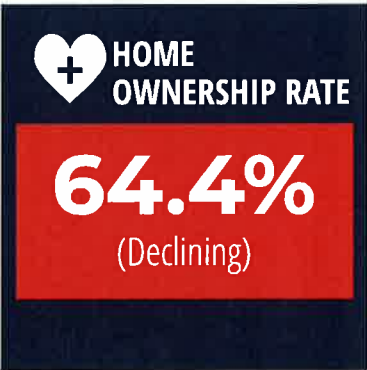
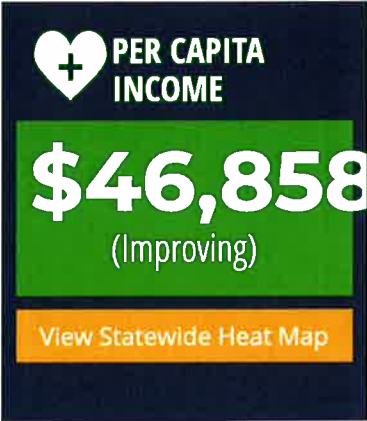
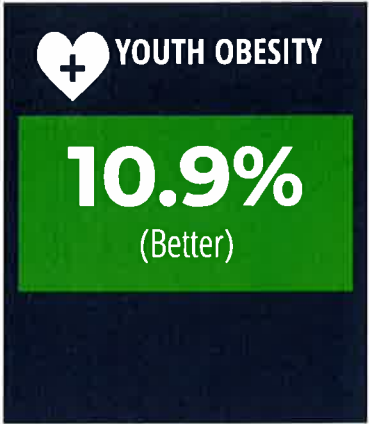
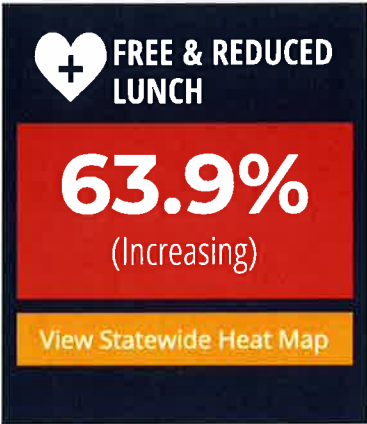
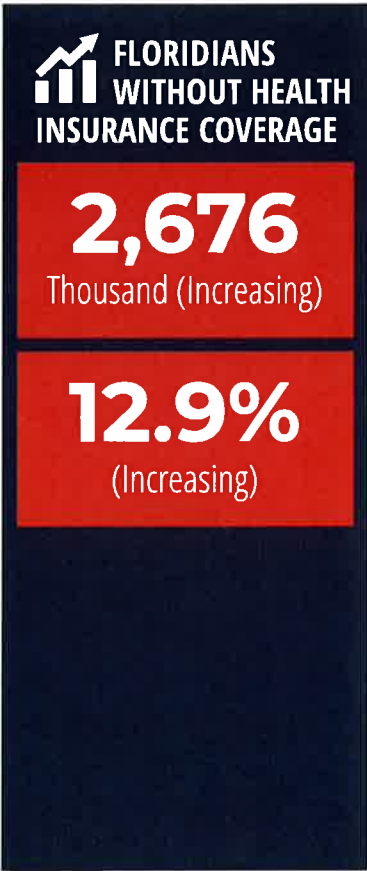




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Quality of Life and Quality
Places





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2019 regular Legislature session is scheduled to convene on March 5, 2019 and adjourn on May 3, 2019. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of December 11, 2018
- Week of January 7, 2019
- Week of January 22, 2019
- Week of February 4, 2019
- Week of February 11, 2019
- Week of February 19, 2019

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TRUST FUND

Senate Bill 70 by Senator Mayfield exempting the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from a provision authorizing the Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Infrastructure and Security Committee; Appropriations Committee; Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations Committee.

House Bill 353 by Representative Polsky requires certain agencies to provide report to Legislature relating to use of specified transferred funds; requires repayment of funds. Referred to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Appropriations Committee. **This bill now in Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.**

ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Senate Bill 214 by Senator Gruters directs the Florida Department of Health to identify certain information for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, update the current database of such systems, and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; requires owners of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to have such systems periodically inspected; and requires an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system disclosure summary for certain properties before or at the execution of a contract for sale. Referred to Health Policy Committee; Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations Committee.

House Bill 85 by Representative Robinson directs Florida Department of Health to identify certain information for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, update database of such systems, and submit report to Governor and Legislature; requires periodic inspection of such systems; directs Florida Department of Health to administer onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspection program and adopt rules; provides inspection requirements; provides exceptions; requires owners to pay costs of inspections and pump-outs; requires that inspections and pump-outs be performed by certain registered contractors; provides notice requirements; and requires system disclosure summary for certain properties and acknowledgement of such disclosures by purchaser before or at execution of contract for sale. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. **Passed Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee. This bill is now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.**

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Senate Bill 428 by Senator Perry requires a local government comprehensive plan to include a property rights element; provides a statement of rights that a local government may use; and requires each local government to adopt a property rights element by a specified date. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. **Passed by Community Affairs Committee. This bill is now in Judiciary Committee.**

House Bill 291 by Representative McClain requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element; provides statement of rights that local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; and provides that local government property rights element may not conflict with statutorily provided statement rights. Referred to Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affairs Committee. **Passed Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affairs Committee. PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - YEAS 73, NAYS 42.**

STATEWIDE REGIONAL EVACUATION STUDY

House Bill 3235 by Representative Burton provides an appropriation of \$1.2 million for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Update. Referred to Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; and Appropriations Committee. **Passed Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill is now in Appropriation Committee.**

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 50th Anniversary of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The Council was formed in 1969 by Alachua County and the Cities of Alachua, Gainesville, Hawthorne and High Springs as the fourth regional planning council in Florida. Bradford and Union Counties joined the Council in 1974.

Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee and Taylor Counties, and the Cities of Lake City, Perry and Starke were added to the Council in 1975. Lafayette and Madison Counties and the City of Live Oak joined in 1976. Dixie and Gilchrist Counties were added in 1981. The City of Madison became a member in 1977 and the City of Waldo joined in 1978. The City of Archer was added to the Council in 1983. The City of Jasper became a member in 1992. The City of Newberry was added in 2000. The most recent addition to the Council was Levy County in 2016.

The Council now consists of 12 counties, Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties, and 13 municipalities the Cities of Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, Jasper, Lake City, Live Oak, Madison, Newberry, Perry, Starke and Waldo.

May 7, 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Council. In recognition of this event, every member local government of the Council has or is scheduled to issue a proclamation declaring May 7, 2019 as North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day in their jurisdiction.

At its January 24, 2019, the Council authorized staff to plan a celebration commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Council. On May 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City, the Council will hold a celebration in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Council.

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