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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 **October 24, 2024**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

**<https://meet.goto.com/821246949>**

**DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free: 1.877.309.2073**

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

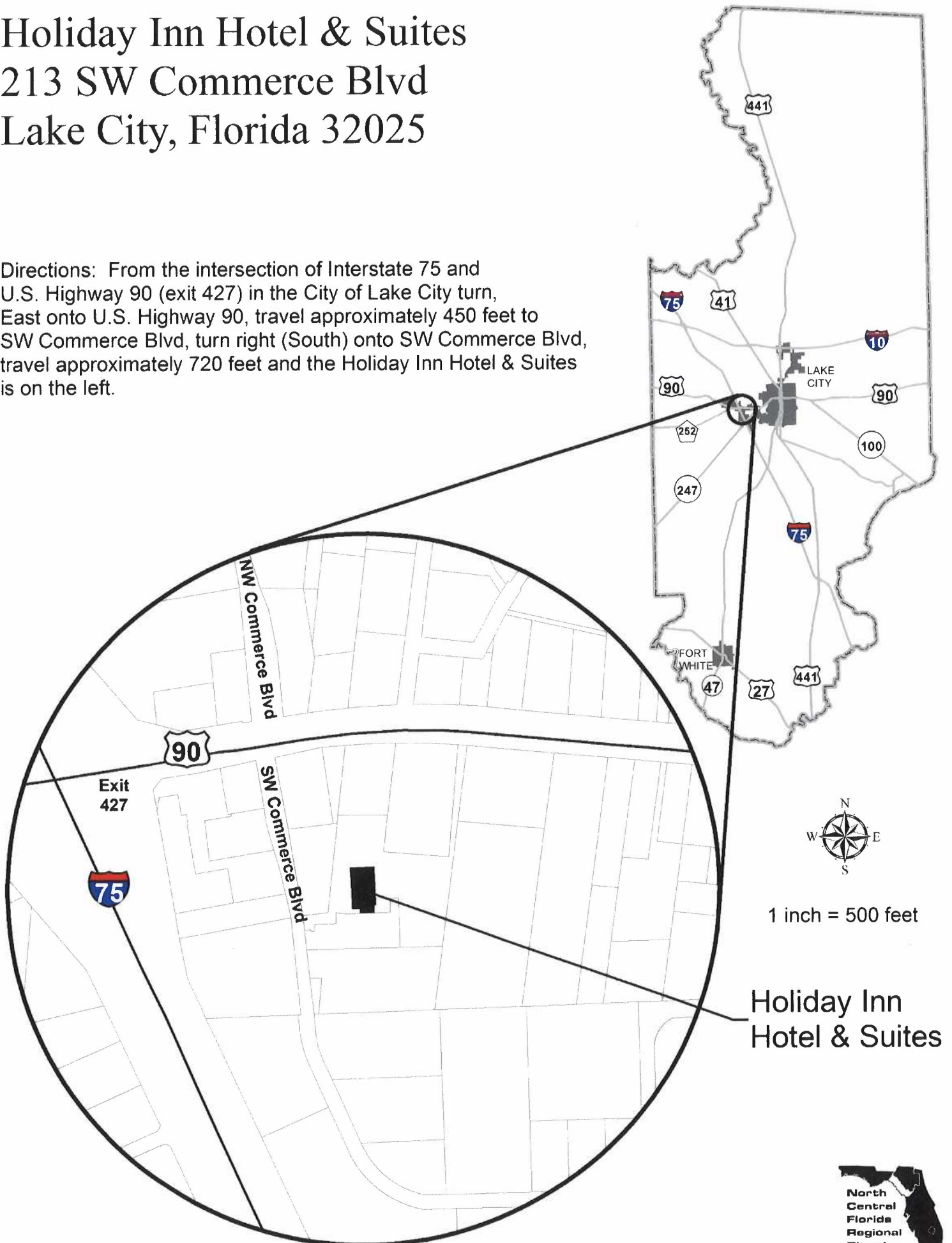
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*Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet.)*

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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

October 24, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources,  
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

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The Council welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Council. If you would like to address the Council, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

**IV.A.**

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

August 22, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
IN PERSON

**Mary Alford, Alachua County**  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne  
Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Shirley Hampton, City of Perry  
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper  
**Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer**  
**Janice Mortimer, City of Starke**  
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County  
Edward Potts, City of Alachua  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville  
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County  
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak  
Tony Mazon, City of Newberry  
Byron Poore, City of Madison  
Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
NON-VOTING DELEGATE ABSENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
**Robert Brown, Hamilton County**  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville  
Rocky Ford, Columbia County  
Donna Jackson, Union County  
**John Meeks, Levy County**  
Anna Prizzia, Alachua County  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Byran Williams, City of High Springs  
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Roberson, Florida Department of  
Transportation - In-Person  
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River  
Water Management District- In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In-Person  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey - In-Person  
Lauren Yeatter - In-Person

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

I. INVOCATION

Chair Fletcher Hope noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Chair Hope gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hope welcomed Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the consent agenda be approved.

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

A. Minutes - July 25, 2024

B. Monthly Financial Report - July 2024

C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreements  
Fiscal Year 2024-25

D. Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements  
Fiscal Year 2024-25

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. PRESENTATION - Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Lynn Franson-Godfrey, Senior Planner. Ms. Franson-Godfrey made a presentation concerning Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Chair Hope thanked Ms. Franson-Godfrey for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Hope announced that Commissioner Meeks had recently been elected 2nd Vice-President of the Florida Association of Counties.

A. Florida Association of Counties - Election of Officers

1. John Meeks, 2nd Vice-President

Chair Hope welcomed the following new member to the Council.

B. New Member

1. Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Item

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#42 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

#43 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-2ESR)

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

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #42 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR; Item #43 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-2ESR; and Item #45 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Roberson, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department will be conducting a public workshop concerning the development of the Florida Transportation Plan 2055 at the District Urban Office in Jacksonville on September 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. She also stated that, due to Hurricane Debby impacts, the District has rescheduled the North Florida Transportation Planning Summit to October 8, 2024 in Live Oak. Ms. Roberson also noted that an online survey concerning the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail network is now available to trail users at locations along the SUN Trail network. Finally, she reported that the Department is removing Hurricane Debby storm debris along state and local roads in Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties.



Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported on the rainfall from Hurricane Debby that occurred in the western portion of the District and noted that the rivers that were impacted by the rainfall have crested at this time. He also stated that District owned-lands impacted by Hurricane Debby are still closed to the public.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in the north central Florida region, the Council Executive Committee and travel speeds on Interstate 75.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the July 2024 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the July 2024 report.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Report

Mr. Koons reported that Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tampa on August 9, 2024. He stated the Policy Board heard a presentation from Eric Frey, Director of Policy and Member Engagement, Florida Council of 100. Mr. Koons noted the Policy Board accepted Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and received a financial report. Finally, he reported the Policy Board also adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, received a legislative report, approved Articles of Incorporation for the Association and elected officers for the 2024-25 Policy Board Executive Committee.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the August 2024 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.



D. North Central Florida Regional Emergency Shelter

Mr. Koons announced that the State of Florida recently selected a 390-acre site located just north of Interstate 75 along U.S. Highway 129 in Suwannee County to house Project Summit, a regional emergency shelter for the north central Florida region. He stated that the shelter would serve north central Florida counties in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane impacting the region.

Mr. Koons noted that residents from surrounding counties, including Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison and Taylor Counties, could be housed at the site. He also stated that it will lessen the need for counties in the area to depend on school buildings as shelters during storm events. Finally, Mr. Koons stated that, during blue sky conditions, the facility could be used for other public purposes such as an indoor sports facility for basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and gymnastics events that could potentially provide beneficial economic impacts to the County and community.

E. Hurricane Debby Federal Disaster Declaration

Mr. Koons reported that, on August 5, 2024, Hurricane Debby made landfall near Steinhatchee in Taylor County as a Category 1 Hurricane with sustained winds of 85 miles per hour. He noted that the hurricane tracked north/northeast through the north central Florida region. Mr. Koons stated that heavy rainfall caused flooding throughout the area. He noted that some parts of Suwannee County received 18 inches of rain resulting in downtown Live Oak flooding.

Mr. Koons stated that, on August 10, 2024, the President declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Debby. He noted that Declaration No. DR-4806-FL makes Federal funding available to affected individuals and local governments in the north central Florida region counties of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee and Taylor.

Commissioner Perkins reported on storm impacts in Suwannee County, Commissioner Demps reported on storm impacts in Taylor County and Commissioner Waldrep reported on storm impacts Madison County.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Alford discussed a proposal by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to add golf courses, pickleball courts and lodges to several Florida state parks.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hope stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on September 26, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

10/24/24  
Date





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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - August 2024

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for August 2024. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

#### **Revenue**

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of 11 months is 75 percent of budget.

#### **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of 11 months are 71 percent of budget.

#### **Conclusion**

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

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

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

Attachment

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# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

August 31, 2024

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Checking / Savings	2,160,893
Accounts Receivable	921,960
Other Current Assets	71,545

Total Current Assets	<u>3,154,398</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,154,398</u>
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	11,945
Other Current Liabilities	169,839

Total Liabilities	<u>181,784</u>
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Equity	<u>2,972,614</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,154,398</u>
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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**August 31, 2024**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>August 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,629,100	2,541	1,216,380	75%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,629,100	100,877	1,156,576	71%

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

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>August 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	61,700	2,541	64,133	104%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,065	100%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	102,800	0	3,200	3%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	70,000	0	14,600	21%
Hazards Analyses	0	0	0	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	234,000	0	517,143	221%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	248,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	26,000	0	18,874	73%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	216,500	0	187,296	87%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	97,493	85%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	14,866	41%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	0	74,101	108%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	0	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,921	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	0	134,688	55%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	0	0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>1,216,380</b>	<b>75%</b>



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

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>August 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	29,000	2,981	50,655	175%
Contractual Services	20,000	2,087	39,821	199%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	31,000	295	36,130	117%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	5,340	21%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	0	20,777	83%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	280	5,289	48%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	3,000	1,158	4,701	157%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,633	15,486	77%
Office Supplies	13,000	4,465	27,023	208%
Personnel	1,164,900	81,428	854,346	73%
Postage	5,000	288	3,668	73%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	10,000	0	3,245	32%
Telephone	4,000	416	4,613	115%
Travel	30,000	2,799	23,511	78%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	3,047	61,971	90%
Contingency	149,300	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>100,877</b>	<b>1,156,576</b>	<b>71%</b>



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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement  
Fiscal Year 2024-25 City of Lake City

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2024-25 agreement with the City of Lake City to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$23,500.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the City of Lake City to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to prepare public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments. The amount of the agreement will be \$23,500.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2022  
Administrative Services Agreement - Town of Mayo

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with the Town of Mayo to provide Community Development Block Grant administrative technical assistance services for their Hosing Rehabilitation Project for a fixed fee amount of \$92,500.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the Town of Mayo to provide assistance with the administration of their Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Project. This agreement will be funded with Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The amount of the administrative technical assistance services agreement with the Town will be a fixed fee amount of \$92,500.

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: Agreement with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for  
Regional Joint Resiliency Mitigation Project - Fiscal Year 2024-25

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the Regional Joint Resiliency Mitigation Project planning and design services for an amount of \$20,000.**

BACKGROUND:

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

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

As part of this project, the Council proposes to enter into an agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to have the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to provide planning and design services for small area mitigation project plans. These services will include the preparation of location maps, plan views and perspective views to conceptually depict two conceptual projects. The amount of the agreement will be \$20,000.

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: Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for  
Regional Resiliency Meetings - Fiscal Year 2024-25

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to conduct regional resiliency meetings for an amount of \$7,000.**

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to enter into agreements with the ten regional planning councils in Florida to conduct regional resiliency meetings. Each regional planning council will conduct meetings to coordinate with city and county governments and other entities across their region.

The meetings will serve to provide a forum for collaboration and communication, share best practices, and receive information related to program implementation. The regional planning councils will facilitate coordination on a variety of resilience priorities such as vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, and implementation projects through a minimum of four regional meetings with the local governments, working groups, and committees. The amount of the agreement will be \$7,000.

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

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Christina Brown as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Kaysona Jones as the voting Veterans Representative on the Madison 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 Christina Brown be appointed the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Keysona Jones be appointed the voting Veterans Representative on the Madison 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 Anthony Jennings.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Anthony Jennings served as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Anthony Jennings has served as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since August 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, Anthony Jennings ably discharged the duties of the Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Anthony Jennings for dedicated service rendered to the Madison and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Madison and Lafayette Counties 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 Anthony Jennings.*

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*Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair*

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

October 24, 2024

*Date*







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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month in the north central Florida region.**

BACKGROUND:

The month of October 2024 has been designated to celebrate National Community Planning Month. The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment.

It is recommended that the Council join in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month to recognize the valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners and to extend its thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals (see attached Proclamation).

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

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# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October 2024 is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2024 as ***Community Planning Month*** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of October 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Mary C. Alford  
Secretary

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week in the north central Florida region.**

The Florida League of Cities has designated the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week. The League encourages cities to promote their cities through civic education activities.

Florida City Government Week is part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the League to raise public awareness about services that cities perform and to educate the public about how city government works. Cities are encouraged to involve their local schools, businesses, media and civic clubs in their Florida City Government Week activities.

It is recommended that the Council join in the recognition of city government by proclaiming the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week (see attached Proclamation).

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

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# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 21-27, 2024 AS FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to most citizens and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers important opportunity to spread the word to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of October 21-27, 2024 as ***Florida City Government Week*** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of October 2024.

Attest:

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2024-12 Recognizing 200th Anniversary of Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION:

**Adopt the attached resolution recognizing the 200th Anniversary of Alachua County.**

BACKGROUND:

Alachua County, originally part of the Spanish Arredondo Grant, was formed on December 29, 1824, being among the first six counties in the Florida Territory, stretching from the Georgia border on the north to Charlotte Harbor on the south. In recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of Alachua County, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

Alachua County, was named for the word Alachua of the indigenous Timucua people meaning big jug or sinkhole. In 1774, the British naturalist William Bartram visited the County and described the region's beauty and scenic wonders.

The Town of Wanton, present day Micanopy, the oldest inland European settlement in Florida, was the original county seat of Alachua County. In 1906, the County became the home to the University of Florida, a nationally recognized teaching and research public university. Today, the County is a tourist destination featuring both natural resources and cultural events "Where Nature and Culture Meet."

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL  
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
ALACHUA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Alachua County, originally part of the Spanish Arredondo Grant, was formed on December 29, 1824 being among the first six counties in the Florida Territory stretching from the Georgia border on the north to Charlotte Harbor on the south; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County, was named for the word Alachua of the indigenous Timucua people meaning big jug or sinkhole; and

WHEREAS, in 1774, the British naturalist William Bartram visited Alachua County and described the region's beauty and scenic wonders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wanton, present day Micanopy, the oldest inland European settlement in Florida, was the original county seat of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, in 1906, Alachua County became the home to the University of Florida, a nationally recognized teaching and research public university; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is a tourist destination featuring both natural resources and cultural events "Where Nature and Culture Meet."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates Alachua County on its 200th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of October 2024.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair





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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Areawide Development Co., Inc. Members

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint members for two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc.**

BACKGROUND:

The Articles of Incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., (ADCO) require that the Council make appointments of its members. These appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms.

A list of individuals to be considered for appointment is attached.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

October 24, 2024

MEMBERS

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
Mary Alford, Alachua County  
Edwin Book, Alachua County  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County  
Frank Davis, Suwannee County  
Louie Davis, Alachua County  
Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Rocky Ford, Columbia County  
Jhelecia Hawkins, Hamilton County  
Fletcher Hope, Alachua County  
Donna Jackson, Union County  
John Meeks, Levy County  
Janice Mortimer, Bradford County  
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County  
Byron Poore, Madison County  
Edward Potts, Alachua County  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
Kevin Sheilley, Marion County  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
Joe Stephenson, Union County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County  
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County  
Casey Willits, Alachua County





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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

The employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director. It further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. It also specifies that at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1st of each year.

The Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director. An evaluation form incorporating these performance standards was mailed to each Executive Committee member to be completed prior to the October 24, 2024 Council meeting. The results of this evaluation have been tabulated and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on October 24, 2024. The action of the Executive Committee concerning the Executive Director annual performance evaluation and merit pay adjustment will be reported to the Council at the October 24, 2024 meeting.

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair  
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

#### I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., October 24, 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

#### Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #48 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #49 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #50 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-3ESR)
- #51 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #52 - City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1 ER)

***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: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Amended Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 amended budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council takes action during each year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared. In addition, because the Council adopts the budget 16 months prior to fiscal year end, generally a number of conditions change which cause the expenditure levels to vary from the original figures.

To amend the budget, by taking into account both the contractual changes made during the year and variations in expenditure levels, the Council annually considers a fiscal year-end amendment. Consistent with that practice, staff has proposed budget changes for the current year budget. The Finance Committee will present a report at the October 24, 2024 concerning the amended budget.

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

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Annual Strategy Review

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.**

#### BACKGROUND

The Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District since 1978. As such, the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies by attracting private investment that creates jobs. The strategy must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee representing both the public and private sector, and must set forth the goals and objectives necessary to solve the economic development problems of the region.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council includes representatives of the private sector, public officials and workforce development boards. The Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption.

Based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2022. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met virtually on October 15, 2024 to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Committee does not recommend any amendments to the Strategy at this time and recommends that the Council adopt attached Resolution No. 2024-13 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023-2027; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration an economic development district; and

WHEREAS, economic development districts are required to prepare, adopt and maintain a comprehensive economic development strategy to guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of their region; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive economic development strategy qualifies the region and local governments located within the region for federal assistance under Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Act programs; and

WHEREAS, economic development districts are required to annually review their comprehensive economic development strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby affirms that its annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027, dated September 2022, did not result in any amendments to the Strategy being adopted by the Council; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all resolutions or portions of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of October 2024.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
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Attest:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

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 August 2024 and September 2024 Monthly Activity Reports highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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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.







## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: August 2024

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

- Composed and prepared the Summer (June, July & August) *FRCA Forward Newsletter* for distribution in September.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the FRCA website and social media sites.
- To enhance partnerships, share best practices and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - Resiliency Coordination Meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
  - Florida League of Cities Annual Conference as a sponsor and exhibitor, and
  - Florida Resilient Collaborative Coordinators Forum.

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Hosted the August FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting and organized the August FRCA Partners Meeting.
- Hosted the Summer Policy Board Meeting that took place August 9, 2024, at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Organized and attended a workshop for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule. Began planning process for the 2025 calendar year.
- Organized and participated in the interview process for the Association Director position.
- Prepared for the transition in position of Association Director.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national agencies and organizations.







## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: September 2024

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

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- Updated the FRCA website and social media sites.
- To enhance partnerships, share best practices and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee Coordinators Meeting
  - Resiliency Coordination Meeting with the Central Florida RPC,
  - American Planning Association Annual Conference as a sponsor and exhibitor,
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative, and
  - Partnership On Community Change grant proposal hosted by the Northeast Florida RC.

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Hosted the September FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting.
- Organized and attended meetings regarding a statewide resiliency grant opportunity and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule. Developed the meeting and conference calendar for 2025 and began the logistical planning process.
- Finalized the replacement of the Association Director and continued the transition process.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national agencies and organizations.





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TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

*SRK*

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 of 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 October 2024 Scorecard.

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

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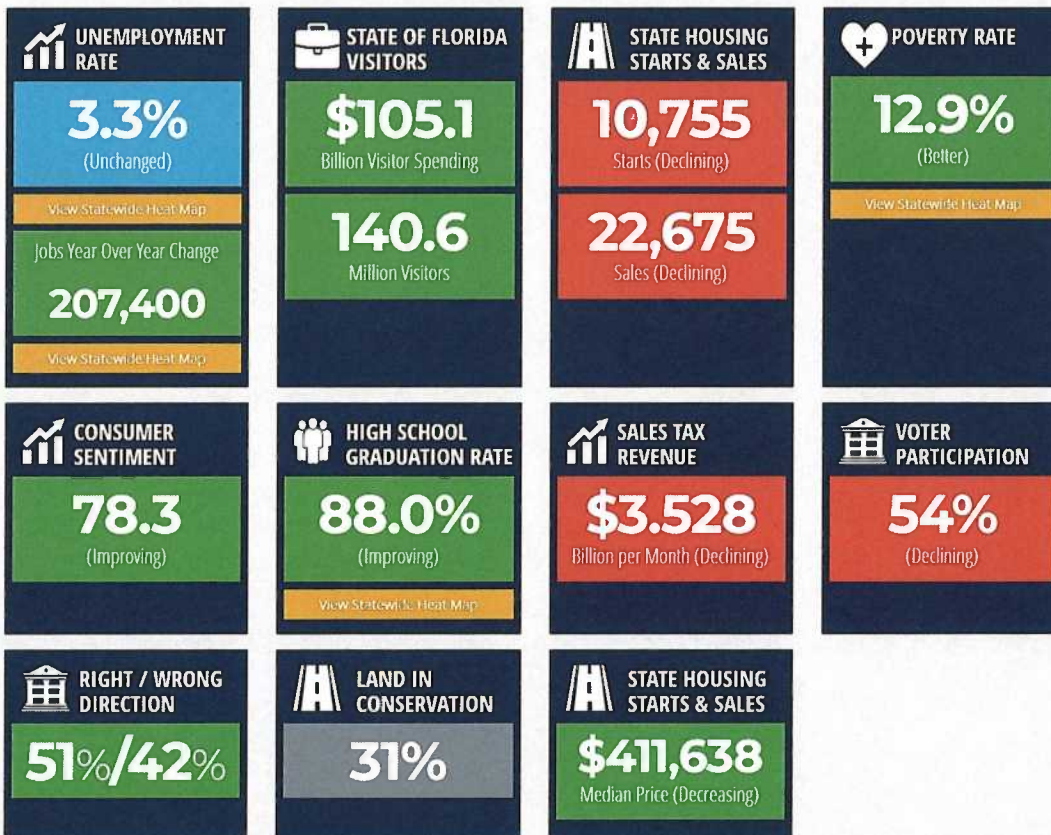
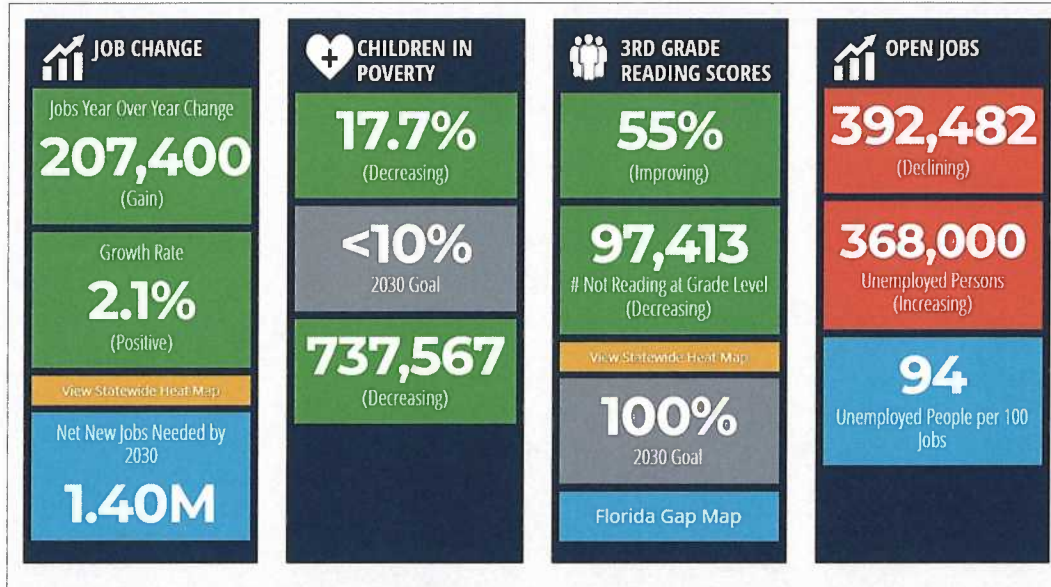
## State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (what is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 10/14/2024

**23,321,814**





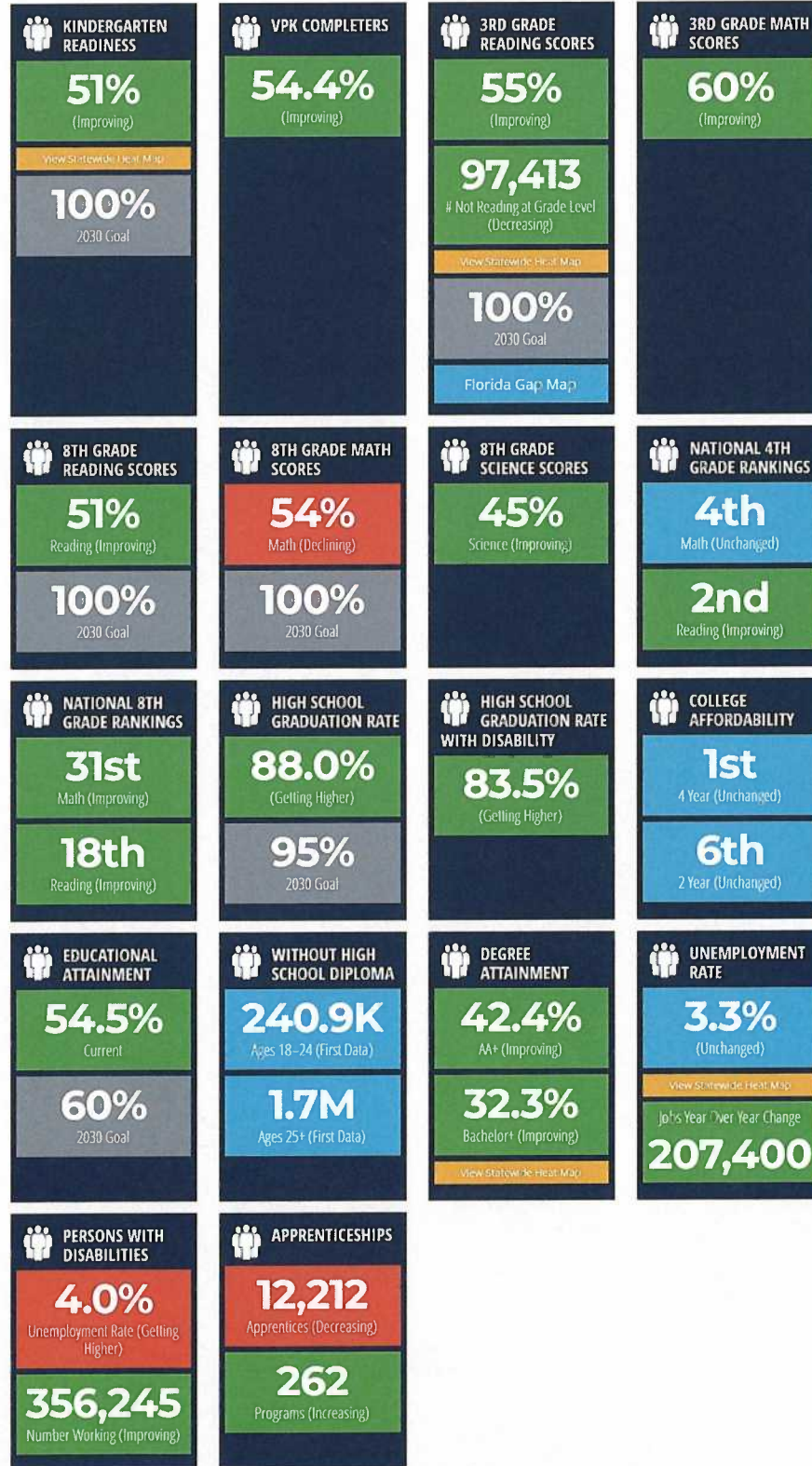


## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

### Talent Supply & Education

Click any metric to get more information!



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

### Innovation & Economic Development

Click any metric to get more information

State of Florida Fiscal Year







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

### Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

Click any metric to get more information!

State of Florida FutureCast



LAND IN  
CONSERVATION

**31%**



APRIL 1, 2022  
POPULATION

**22.28**

Million

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)



VEHICLE MILES  
TRAVELED

**227.75**

Billion (Improving)



STATE HOUSING  
STARTS & SALES

**10,755**

Starts (Declining)

**22,675**

Sales (Declining)

**\$411,638**

Median Price (Decreasing)



ENERGY  
RANKING

**#50**

Expenditures (Unchanged)

**#45**

Consumption (Decreasing)



POPULATION  
ESTIMATE 2030

**25.57M**

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)



SEAPORTS CARGO

**\$72.6**

Billion (Declining)



CONTAINERS  
(TEUS)

**4.31**

Million (Declining)



TRUCK  
CROSSINGS

**15.3**

Million (Improving)



HIGH SPEED  
COMMUNICATIONS

**96.3%**

(Unchanged)

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

**100%**

2030 Goal



MEDIAN RENT

**\$1,543**

(First Data)



# THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

## METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

View County Data...



TALENT SUPPLY  
& EDUCATION



INNOVATION &  
ECON. DEVELOP.



INFRASTRUCTURE &  
GROWTH LEADERSHIP



BUSINESS CLIMATE &  
COMPETITIVENESS



CIVICS &  
GOVERNANCE



QUALITY  
OF LIFE

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

State of Florida FutureCast

### Business Climate & Competitiveness

Click any metric to get more information!



INFLATION RATE

**2.4%**

National (Decreasing)

**2.1%**

Southern Region (Decreasing)



CONSUMER  
SENTIMENT

**78.3**

(Improving)



CEO RANK

**2nd**

(Unchanged)



STATE LEGAL  
CLIMATE RANKING

**46th**

(Unchanged)

**Top 12**

2030 Goal



SALES TAX  
REVENUE

**\$3.528**

Billion per Month (Declining)



BUSINESS TAX  
CLIMATE

**4th**

**#1**

2030 Goal



OPEN JOBS

**392,482**

(Declining)

**368,000**

Unemployed Persons  
(Increasing)

**94**

Unemployed People per 100  
Jobs



STATE RANKING  
FOR AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE  
AFFORDABILITY

**#49**



HOMEOWNERS'  
INSURANCE  
AFFORDABILITY

Homeowners' Insurance  
Affordability data is available  
at the county level.

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ASSIGNMENT OF  
BENEFITS SUITS

**34,289**

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## METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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TALENT SUPPLY  
& EDUCATION



INNOVATION &  
ECON. DEVELOP.



INFRASTRUCTURE &  
GROWTH LEADERSHIP



BUSINESS CLIMATE &  
COMPETITIVENESS



CIVICS &  
GOVERNANCE



QUALITY  
OF LIFE

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

### Civic & Governance Systems

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State of Florida FutureCast



VOTER  
PARTICIPATION

**54%**  
(Declining)



RIGHT / WRONG  
DIRECTION

**51%/42%**



INMATE  
POPULATION

**112,659**



DEPENDENCY  
RATIO

2015  
**56.5%**

2030 Estimate  
**70%**



GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYMENT

**237.3**  
Thousand (State)

**704.8**  
Thousand (Local)



VOLUNTEERISM

**22.8%**  
of Floridians Volunteer

**50th**  
Florida's Rank

**Top 3**  
2030 Goal



STATE DEBT  
OUTSTANDING

**\$16.3**  
Billion



CITIZENS  
INSURANCE  
EXPOSURE POLICIES

**\$520.3**  
Billion Exposure

**1,213,495**  
Policies



UNDERFUNDED  
STATE PENSION

**\$1120.0**  
Million (Increasing)

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### Quality of Life and Quality Places

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October 17, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2025 regular Legislature Session will convene on March 4, 2025 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 2, 2025. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of December 2-6, 2024 (House)
- Week of December 9-13, 2024 (Senate)
- Week of January 13-17, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of January 21-24, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 3-7, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 10-14, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 17-21, 2025 (House/Senate)

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

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TO: Council Members

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SUBJECT: Hurricane Helene Federal Disaster Declaration

On September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall east of the Aucilla River in Taylor County as a Category 3 Hurricane with sustained winds of 140 miles per hour. An estimated 17-foot storm surge caused catastrophic damage in the coastal communities in Dixie County, Levy County and Taylor County. The hurricane tracked north/northeast causing significant damage to the agriculture, aquaculture and silviculture industries in the north central Florida region.

On September 28, 2024, the President declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Helene beginning on September 23, 2024, and continuing. Declaration No. DR-4828-FL makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the north central Florida region counties of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union,

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work in the counties of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can apply for assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the Federal Emergency Management Agency App. Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, can give the Federal Emergency Management Agency the number for that service.

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