

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



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- Who We Are
- What We Do
- Summary



Regional Planning Councils



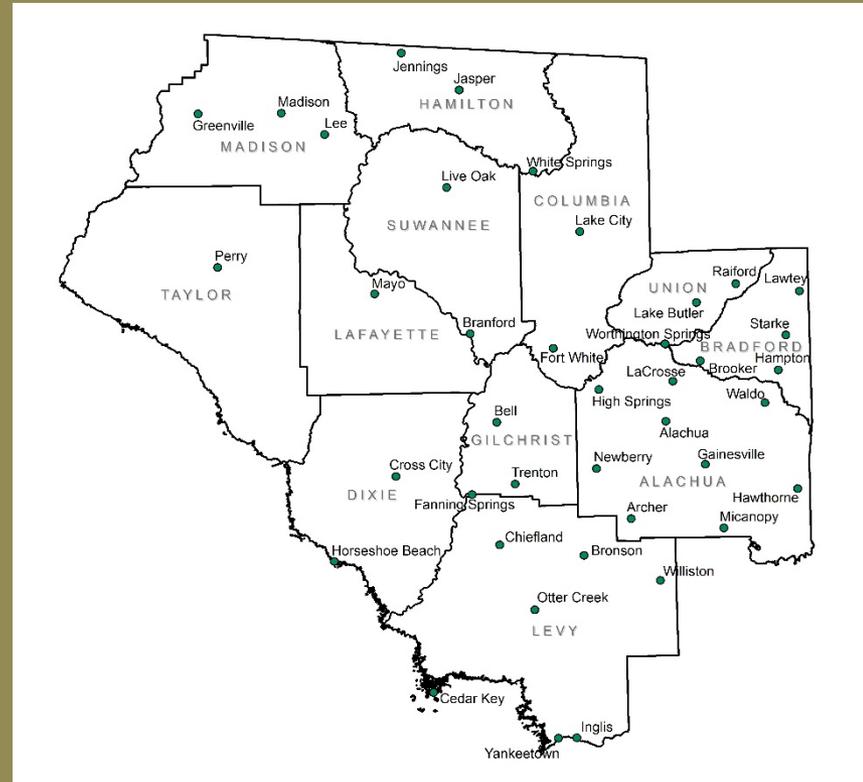
Mission Statement

*To improve the quality of life
of the Region's citizens,
by enhancing public safety,
protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and
providing technical services to local governments.*



The Region

- ❑ 12 counties and 40 municipalities (14 member cities)
- ❑ 8,000 square miles
- ❑ 500,000 population



The Council

- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Counties Mandatory and Cities Voluntary



The Council

□ Member Counties

- Alachua County
- Bradford County
- Columbia County
- Dixie County
- Gilchrist County
- Hamilton County
- Lafayette County
- Levy County
- Madison County
- Suwannee County
- Taylor County
- Union County



The Council

□ Member Cities

- Alachua
- Archer
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Jasper
- Lake Butler
- Lake City
- Live Oak
- Madison
- Newberry
- Perry
- Starke
- Waldo



The Council

❑ Executive Committee Members

- ❑ Charles Chestnut IV, Chair
- ❑ Thomas Demps, Vice-Chair
- ❑ Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer
- ❑ Janice Mortimer, Executive Committee Member
- ❑ Robert Wilford, Immediate Past Chair



The Council

❑ Ex-Officio Members

- ❑ Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- ❑ Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ❑ Florida Department of Transportation
- ❑ Southwest Florida Water Management District
- ❑ St. Johns River Water Management District
- ❑ Suwannee River Water Management District



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional

□ North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Emergency Preparedness
- Natural Resources of Regional Significance
- Regional Transportation



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional

□ Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force

□ National Association of Development Organizations Impact Award

Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force



Regional Planning Council Programs

- Regional Review Activities
 - Council designated as areawide clearinghouse review agency

- Federally funded projects
- Other review activities



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional Review Activities

- 56 projects

- Applications for federal assistance totaling \$3.0 million

- 49 local government comprehensive plan amendments



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Regional Review Activities

- 56 projects (Continued)

- Seven U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications and environmental assessments



Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
 - Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - Updated Regional Emergency Response Plan



Regional Planning Council Programs

- Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance
 - Emergency Management
 - Maintained Regional Evacuation Study

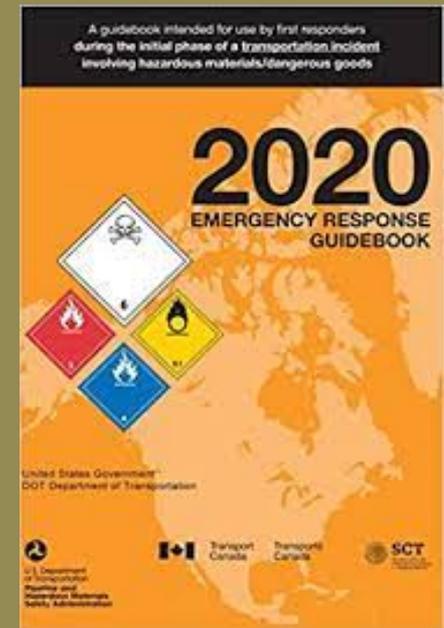


Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

□ First Responder Training

- Coordinated three hazardous materials emergency response training classes
 - Over 29 emergency responders completed over 172 hours of training
- Distributed copies of Emergency Response Guidebook to first responders



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

□ Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

- Alachua County
- Bradford County
- Columbia County
- Dixie County
- Gilchrist County
- Lafayette County
- Suwannee County
- Union County
- Gainesville
- Lake City
- Starke



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance

❑ Hazardous Waste

❑ Conducted hazardous waste compliance site visits for ten counties

- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Union County



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Economic Development Planning

- Council designated Economic Development District in 1978 by U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
- Council serves as primary regional economic development planning organization for region



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Economic Development Planning

- Provided technical assistance to local governments and economic development organizations to promote economic growth of region
- Completed four economic development project impact analysis reports

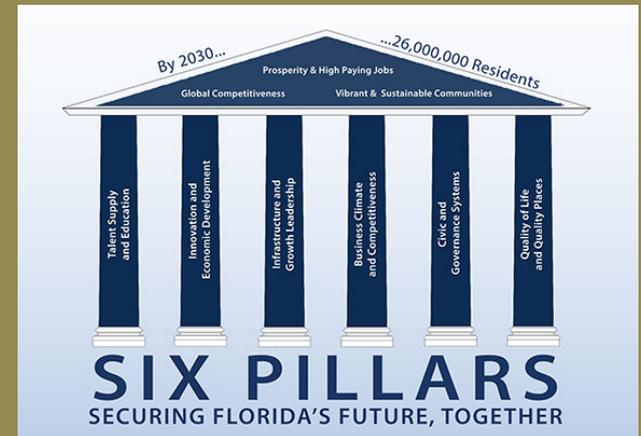


Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

- Uses Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars to Secure Florida's Future
- Coordinates with other regional planning councils
- Aligns with State Economic Development Plan and private business



Regional Planning Council Programs

- Economic Development
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - Promotes initiatives that support regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - Reported 300 jobs created

North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

2018-2022



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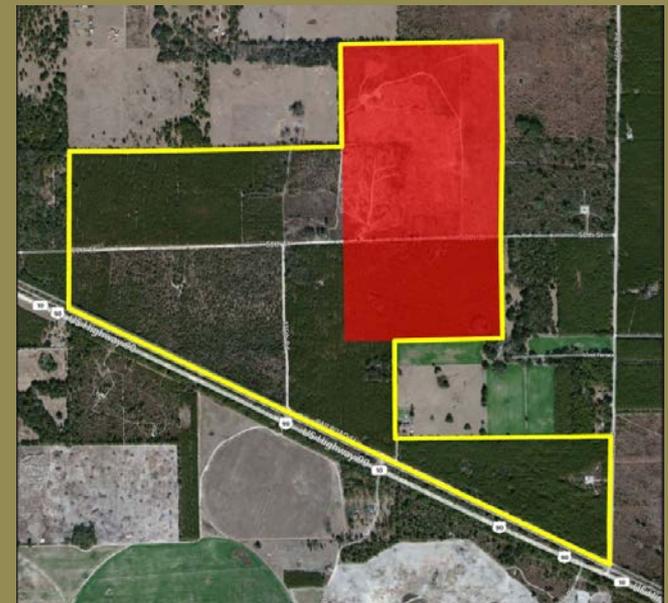


Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

- Support two rural economic development catalyst sites
- Promote regional tourism
- Create strategies to increase labor force in healthcare and life sciences industries



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Economic Development

□ Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies

- Seek opportunities to improve multi-modal infrastructure
- Expand and support regional business incubators and research parks



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Created by Council in 1992
- ❑ Promotes nature, culture and heritage-based tourism
- ❑ Council provides staff services to Task Force



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Alachua County
- ❑ Bradford County
- ❑ Columbia County
- ❑ Dixie County
- ❑ Gilchrist County
- ❑ Hamilton County
- ❑ Jefferson County
- ❑ Lafayette County
- ❑ Levy County
- ❑ Madison County
- ❑ Suwannee County
- ❑ Taylor County
- ❑ Union County
- ❑ Wakulla County



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Economic Development

❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force

- ❑ Maintained website
VisitNaturalNorthFlorida.com
- ❑ Coordinated
travel show participation
- ❑ Distributed
collateral materials



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Local Government Assistance

□ Comprehensive Planning

- Assisted counties and cities in complying with Community Planning Act



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Local Government Assistance

□ Comprehensive Planning

- Provided comprehensive planning assistance to seven counties

- Bradford County
- Columbia County
- Dixie County
- Lafayette County
- Levy County
- Taylor County
- Union County



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Local Government Assistance

□ Comprehensive Planning

□ Provided comprehensive planning assistance to 13 municipalities

- Archer
- Chiefland
- Fanning Springs
- High Springs
- Inglis
- Jasper
- Lake Butler
- Lake City
- Madison
- Mayo
- Micanopy
- Perry
- Starke



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Local Government Assistance

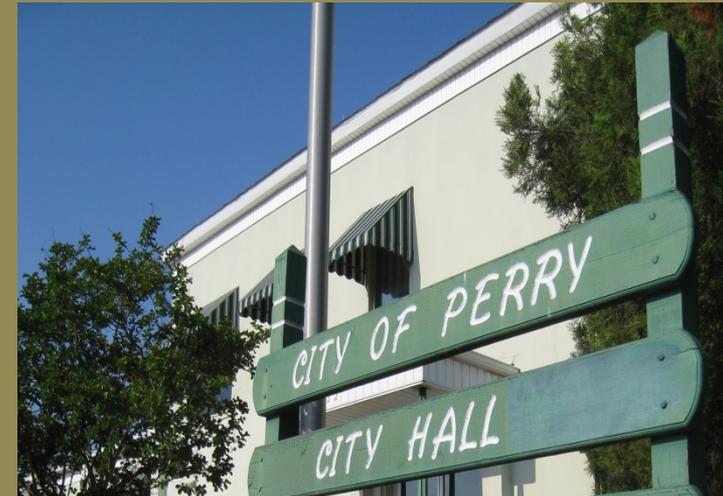
□ Comprehensive Planning

- 94 development applications
 - 32 comprehensive plan map and text amendments
 - 46 land development regulation map and text amendments
 - 8 special exceptions and special permits
 - 8 other items



Regional Planning Council Programs

- Local Government Assistance
 - Comprehensive Planning
 - Prepared concurrency assessments for roads, water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, storm water drainage and recreation facilities



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Community Development Block Grants

❑ Purpose

- ❑ Reduce and reverse community decline and restore community vitality

❑ Grants in four categories

- ❑ Housing
- ❑ Neighborhood Revitalization
- ❑ Commercial Revitalization
- ❑ Economic Development

- ❑ Secured \$58.8 million for 113 projects over 43 years



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Local Government Assistance

□ Community Development Block Grants

- Applications for Housing, Commercial Revitalization, Neighborhood Revitalization and Economic Development



Regional Planning Council Programs

❑ Local Government Assistance

❑ Community Development Block Grants

❑ Provided administrative assistance

❑ Bradford County
Housing -
\$750,000

❑ Town of Mayo
Housing -
\$650,000



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Transportation

□ Metropolitan Transportation Planning

□ 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

- Addresses highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs

□ Transportation Improvement Plan

- Included over \$121 million of transportation projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Transportation

□ Metropolitan Transportation Planning

- SW 62nd Boulevard Connector
Right-of-way Acquisition - New Construction
- State Road 24 (Archer Road)
Project Study - Add Lanes
- State Road 26/26A at
State Road 121 Intersection
Construction - Lane Realignment
- State Road 121 (NW 34th Street)
Construction - Turn Lanes



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Transportation

□ Transportation Disadvantaged

- Provided access to employment, healthcare, education and other life-sustaining activities for elderly, disabled or low-income residents
- Coordinated over 68,000 trips in region
- Majority of trips were provided for medical purposes



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Transportation

□ Transportation Disadvantaged

□ Council is official planning agency

- Bradford County
- Columbia County
- Dixie County
- Gilchrist County
- Hamilton County
- Lafayette County
- Levy County
- Madison County
- Suwannee County
- Union County



Regional Planning Council Programs

□ Transportation

□ Transportation Disadvantaged

- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is official planning agency for Alachua County



Regional Planning Council Team

Team Leaders

Scott R. Koons, AICP
Executive Director

Kevin D. Parrish
Information Technology and
Property Management Director



Regional Planning Council Team

Team Members

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Senior Planner

Tara Tucker
Executive Assistant to the Executive Director

Lauren Yeatter, AICP
Senior Planner



Summary

- ❑ 10 Regional Planning Councils
- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Planning and Coordinating Role
- ❑ Programs
 - ❑ Regional
 - ❑ Public Safety
 - ❑ Economic Development
 - ❑ Local Government Assistance
 - ❑ Transportation





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