FLORIDA’S 10 REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Regional Planning Councils:
- Apalachee
- Central Florida
- East Central Florida
- North Central Florida
- Northeast Florida
- South Florida
- Southwest Florida
- Tampa Bay
- Treasure Coast
- West Florida

FRCA
Florida Regional Councils Association
Partnership for a Future
FRCA’s Mission Statement

The Florida Regional Councils Association fosters regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships to support economic growth and improve quality of life; promotes a standard of excellence in the delivery of regional planning council programs and technical professional assistance and expertise; and, advocates for the role of regional planning councils as the state’s primary organizations to address problems that are of greater-than-local concern.
What All RPC’s Do

Regional Planning Activities
• Federal Clearinghouse Review
• Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Economic Development Activities
• Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
• Collaboration with Ec. Dev. Organizations
• Economic Impact Analyses Modeling (REMI)
Community Development

- Developments of Regional Impact (old-SD)
- Dispute Resolution
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping/US Census Data Center
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Local Government Plan Review, Land Use, and Community Planning
Emergency Preparedness

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Planning
- Emergency Management and Disaster Related Training and Exercises
- Hazardous First Responder Training
- Regional Domestic Security Task Force Training
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Study
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
What Several RPC’s Do

• Broadband Planning
• Health Initiatives
• Visioning and Sustainable Regional Plans Initiatives
• Brownfields Assessments and Revolving Loan Funds
• Affordable Housing Initiatives
• Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning
• Safe Routes to School Initiatives
• Transportation Disadvantaged Program
• Wildlife Habitat Initiatives
• Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)
Cooperative Successes

Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
• Same platform
• Same performance measures
• Cooperative and consistent reporting

Partners with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) on State Strategic Economic Development Plan
Planning From the Future
National Recognition of Cooperative Efforts

• Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies
  – National Awards
    • American Planning Association
    • National Association of Development Organizations

• Regional Broadband Studies
  – Awards
    • National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
    • National Association of Development Organizations
    • Florida Planning and Zoning Association
Over 400 private sector jobs have been created as a direct result of the ARPC Revolving Loan Fund for small business.
APALACHEE RPC: Medical Reserve Corps

Coordinates more than 40 licensed medical volunteers who augment local community health and medical services during disasters and other public health activities.
Central Florida RPC: Community Redevelopment

Redevelopment plans for downtowns, neighborhoods, blighted areas, corridors, CRA’s
CENTRAL FLORIDA RPC: Military Planning Coordination

Designed a Joint Land Use Study to protect public health, safety and welfare while safeguarding the ability of the military services and homeland security agencies on Avon Park Air Force Range
Creating detailed models for assistance of decision making in Sea-level rise, Indian River Lagoon, and Safe Routes to schools
EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA RPC:
HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Managed $2.4 million grant to plan for sustainable transit oriented development around SunRail station locations
The Council provided staff services to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force to promote the region for nature, culture, and heritage-based tourism.
The Council provided staff services to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and staff support to the Transportation Coordinating Boards.
Addressing the “business case” for resiliency and sea-level rise/climate change
Since 2007 over 200 graduates have learned about issues in the seven-county region through the Regional Leadership Academy.
Community Development Financial Institution will administer small business loans statewide in partnership with the Urban League.
South Florida RC: Coastal Management

Administration of $165K grant to train on new techniques to forecast coastal flooding and sea level rise statewide.
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RPC: Our Creative Economy

Map Existing Assets, Develop a Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art and Cultural Venues, and Publish Southwest Florida’s Public Art and Cultural Venues Tour Guide as a Computer Application
This method of calculating Total Ecosystem Value (TEV) was original model developed by the SWFRPC.
TBRPC partnered with Tampa Bay Estuary Program to demonstrate the value of the bay as an economic resource.
TAMPA BAY RPC: Energy Summit

Energy Summit offered Elected Officials Panel and engagement with major utilities and alternative energy
This plan details the transformation of the corridor from a six-lane highway devoid of bicycle facilities to a four-lane Complete Streets retrofit, utilizing FDOT’s Lane Elimination Program.
This effort to developed a comprehensive plan and mapping of greenways, trails, bicycle facilities, and saltwater/freshwater paddling trails in the seven-county region.
Over 70 attendees from local government, development companies, and engineering consultants learned about Brownfields Program
Third annual event will include topics on alternative fuels and energy, technology, and transportation and health.
Florida RPC’s

Excellence in Action

- Partnerships
- Performance
- Innovation
- Value