



2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

**LOCAL
KNOWLEDGE**

**REGIONAL
SOLUTIONS**

**STATEWIDE
IMPACT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 will be known as a year of both *unprecedented uncertainties* and *unprecedented opportunities* for citizens and communities in Florida. The 10 regional planning councils, connected through the Florida Regional Councils Association, provided meaningful support for small businesses, local governments, and state programs to support economic recovery while leading statewide evacuation planning and creating new resiliency coalitions.

Leveraging federal funding provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, each RPC continues to implement economic development initiatives that assist business and government. RPCs play a pivotal role in ensuring economic development planning continues while focusing on recovery and maximizing innovation opportunities. Each region has supported increased collaboration between public and private investment partners by providing technical assistance and resources to local governments while widely disseminating information on new federal funding opportunities.

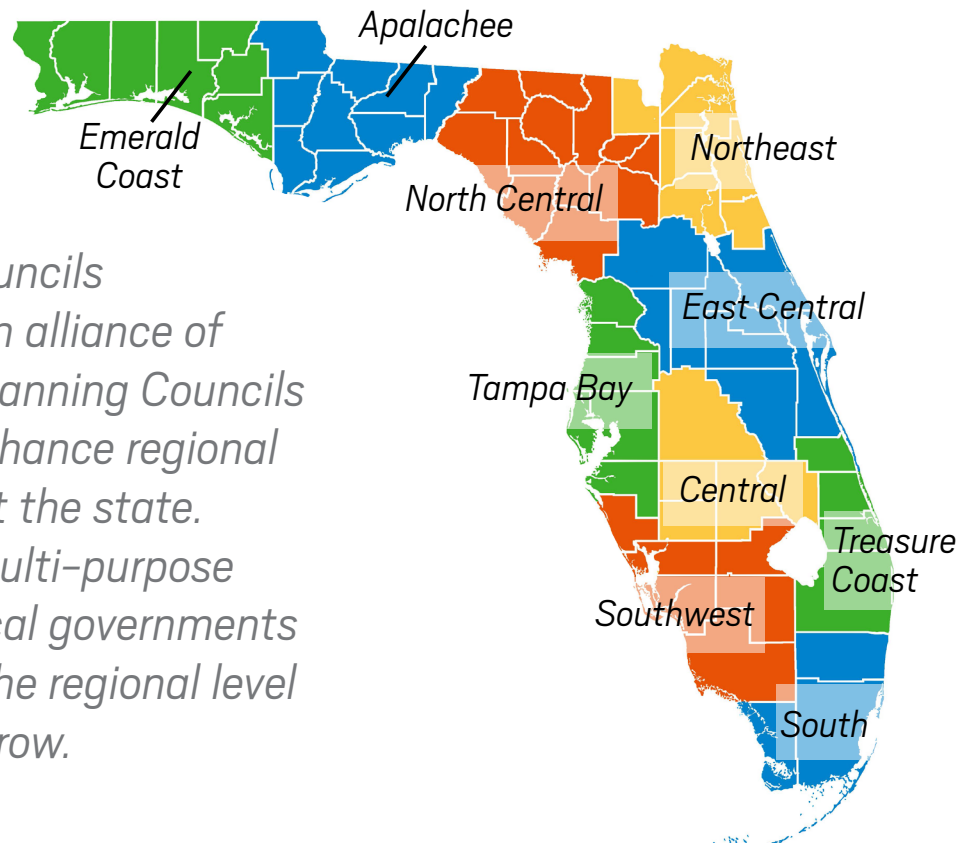
RPCs have advanced community collaboration during the pandemic by embracing rapidly expanding technology and using state-of-the-art virtual platforms to reach stakeholders. Adapting to the many challenges of 2021, work in our focus areas of transportation, economic development, quality of life, environmental stewardship, emergency preparedness, and serving as regional conveners continues.

The 10 RPCs, working with the Division of Emergency Management, successfully completed the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study update, ensuring Florida is better prepared for unpredictable events such as hurricanes. Most RPCs also formed or furthered regional resiliency coalitions to provide a platform for dealing with threats such as sea level rise, inland flooding, and other effects of extreme weather and climate change.

This Annual Report seeks to highlight some of the activities provided by the Regional Planning Councils of Florida during the last year. It was my pleasure to serve as President of FRCA during the past year, and I continue to support the RPCs as we all face new challenges together.

Peter O'Bryan, President
Florida Regional Councils Association

Leveraging partnerships to build a strong economy and improve the lives of all Floridians...THAT is the mission of FRCA.













The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) is an alliance of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) and serves to enhance regional collaboration throughout the state. Planning Councils are multi-purpose entities comprised of local governments that solve problems at the regional level and help communities grow.

Through the Regional Planning Councils, FRCA creates partnerships statewide to support economic growth, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for all Floridians.



REGIONAL COUNCILS

	Date Established	2020 Regional Population ¹	Governing Board Size	Staff Size (FTE) ²	Square Miles ³	Budget (in millions)
 Apalachee <i>Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla</i>	Aug. 23, 1977	490,324	27	18	6,757	\$3.1
 Central Florida <i>DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk</i>	July 1, 1974	926,561	18	22	5,287	\$4.9
 East Central Florida <i>Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia</i>	Feb. 22, 1962	4,313,600	35	16	9,244	\$2.3
 Emerald Coast <i>Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington</i>	Oct. 1, 1964	1,006,787	33	28	6,509	\$4.5
 North Central Florida <i>Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union</i>	May 7, 1969	573,084	45	8	8,660	\$1.5
 Northeast Florida <i>Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns</i>	Feb. 14, 1977	1,769,241	35	13	5,097	\$3.6
 South Florida <i>Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe</i>	July 1, 1974	4,842,829	19	13	7,492	\$2.6
 Southwest Florida <i>Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota</i>	Nov. 8, 1973	1,819,225	36	3	7,278	\$1.2
 Tampa Bay <i>Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas</i>	Feb. 16, 1962	3,745,523	44	13	4,998	\$2.4
 Treasure Coast <i>Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie</i>	Aug. 19, 1976	2,108,894	28	10	4,441	\$2.5

¹Source: Florida Estimates of Population, 2020, Table 5, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2020.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.

³Total land and water area.

Regional Planning Councils Update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study

Continuing a longstanding partnership, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) worked with the 10 Regional Planning Councils to update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study during the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

FDEM contracted with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to coordinate the work among the Regional Planning Councils and the vendors needed to complete the update. In total, the funding was \$1.7 million, with \$1.2 million allocated from the Florida State Legislature for an updated Behavioral Analysis utilizing cell phone location data.

Regional Council staff coordinated with local Emergency Management (EM) Directors throughout the state to update components of the Study, including a Shelter Inventory, Storm Surge Analysis, and a Population & Demographics update. The timing of the update coincided with the long-term COVID-19 activation, which stretched emergency management staff thin. A steering committee of emergency management staff was formed to inform and guide essential items by those who use the operational Study.

The Storm Surge Analysis is often the most well-known part of the Evacuation Study. It provides the EM Directors the data to validate or update their specific evacuation zones. The new and updated data was then incorporated into the TIME (Transportation Interface for Modeling Evacuations) Model, providing detailed information on evacuation clearance times, vulnerable populations, and local shelter demand.

A new feature of the 2021 Regional Evacuation Study is an entirely online format with no printed volumes. The Study is available on a SharePoint site that is maintained by FDEM and is both user-friendly and data-driven. This format will make it readily available to share across the state and, most importantly, easy to update in future years.

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Includes the Following:

**Behavioral Analysis • Shelter Inventory
Population & Demographics Update
Storm Survey Analysis • Evacuation Zones
Population Risk Analysis & Clearance Times**

**COLLABORATING
TOGETHER**

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**STATEWIDE
REGIONAL
EVACUATION
STUDY PROGRAM**

BUILDING RESILIENCY

Apalachee RPC Establishes Resilience Collaborative



The Apalachee RPC established Apalachee Strong, a resilience collaborative, for the region. With funding made possible through a grant provided by the American Flood Coalition, all nine of the Apalachee Region's member counties have joined the collaborative. The initiative started in November of 2020 with the adoption of a local Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the need for a collaborative approach in tackling resiliency issues. The goal of the collaborative is to achieve a return on investment in our communities and serve as a centralized forum for resilience-related initiatives across the region. By identifying the region's resilience deficits, specific policies can be set to meet them, and funding and grant opportunities can be pursued.

East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Continues to Empower Communities



The East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative, known as R2C, was formed in 2019 and now includes 41 partners. The R2C's mission is to empower the communities in East Central Florida to advance resilience strategies that strengthen and protect the built infrastructure and natural environment, enhance health and equity and ensure a thriving economy. In 2020-2021, the R2C conducted a regional greenhouse gas inventory and secured climate fellows from local universities for the region's first cohort of 18 jurisdictions to better understand their operational greenhouse gas emissions. A number of other capacity-building opportunities were held, and the collaborative is now establishing climate indicators associated with extreme heat and precipitation.

Tampa Bay RPC Military Installation Resilience Review



The Tampa Bay RPC was awarded a grant to complete a Military Installation Resilience Review, a community-driven initiative to analyze risks and future climate conditions and implement actions to foster, protect, and enhance military installation resilience and sustainability. As part of the analysis, the Tampa Bay RPC will develop a framework on how to present, analyze, and support decision-making by local and regional officials on the best means to incorporate the Department of Defense's military needs into existing resiliency and sustainability plans. Through the grant, the RPC will also develop a roadmap to enhance resiliency to natural hazards and man-made risks while directly addressing future conditions to support longer-term planning and mitigation efforts.

On May 12, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis traveled to Tarpon Springs in the Tampa Bay RPC region and signed into law Senate Bill 1954. This comprehensive legislation established a grant program at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure a coordinated approach to Florida's coastal and inland resiliency. In response, regional planning councils across the State have organized and supported resiliency coalitions and look forward to partnering on future resiliency initiatives.



REGIONAL CONVENING



RPCs lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.

TRANSPORTATION



Many RPCs serve as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Several RPCs serve as staff to their local Metropolitan or Transportation Planning Organizations, known as MPOs or TPOs. Planning services of RPCs also include Complete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, Greenways and Trails, and mobility and transit planning.

QUALITY OF LIFE



Through visioning and community planning efforts, RPCs assist local communities as they set goals to implement a vision and strategy for their communities and regions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



RPCs staff Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), identify hazardous materials and security threats, and organize and conduct local emergency operation exercises. RPCs also collaborate on statewide projects such as the award-winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



RPCs complete regional economic impact analyses using the nationally-recognized Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) software, facilitate post-disaster and redevelopment planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment. RPCs serve as Economic Development Districts for the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Commerce Department.

▶ **5**

**METROPOLITAN/
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS STAFFED**

▶ **52**

**NUMBER OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND
APPLICATIONS REVIEWED**

▶ **63**

**ECONOMIC ANALYSES
COMPLETED (REMI)**

▶ **756**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES
PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

▶ **1,054**

PLANNING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

▶ **1,094**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSPECTIONS OF
SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)**

▶ **457,534**

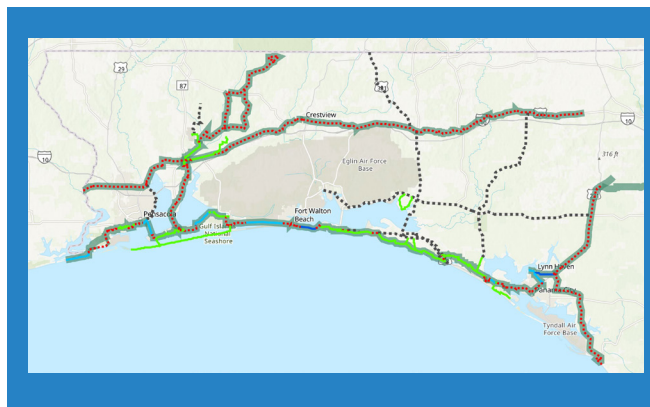
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TRIPS PLANNED**

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Emerald Coast RC Forms Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee

The Emerald Coast RC held the kick-off meeting for the newly established Emerald Coast Regional Council – Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee. Encompassing Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay counties, this group is the first of its kind to look at addressing connectivity, enhancing mobility and encouraging coordinated development of regionally significant shared-use paths and facilities across northwest Florida. In its first year, the group focused on regional connectivity lapses, economic and health benefits of shared-use paths to a community and region, and challenges they wish to address through their future work.



Apalachee RPC Staffs the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition

The Big Bend Healthcare Coalition serves as a multi-agency coordination group with over 100 different healthcare and emergency preparedness members, staffed by the Apalachee RPC since 2019, which spans an eight-county region. The Coalition assists the healthcare community with disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities and serves as a conduit between healthcare facilities and emergency management organizations during disasters.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Coalition played an active role in supporting its membership by sharing information and providing bi-weekly situation reports to the Coalition membership. The Coalition coordinated with local partners to provide webinars, assisted with alternate care site planning, distributed personal protective equipment, and filled in various support roles as needed.

Central Florida RPC Revisits Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region

During a two year span, the Central Florida RPC convened hundreds of citizens, stakeholders, influencers, committed volunteers, and elected officials, to revisit Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region. Heartland 2060 is a grassroots regional visioning effort led by the Central Florida RPC for more than a dozen years. By convening stakeholders and the public in a collaborative environment, the Core Values were reaffirmed to guide the region in visioning, planning, and problem-solving to build community and regional resiliency. Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region—Revisited serves as a basis for thoughtful engagement with the conclusion that collaboration must continue to find opportunities and solve mutual concerns to become a more resilient region.

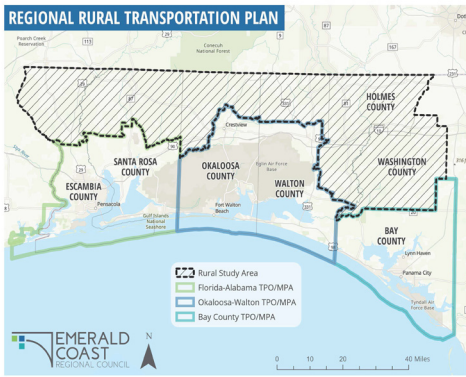


TRANSPORTATION

RPCs participate in the Transportation Disadvantaged program, as staff to local Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations, and provide planning services for Compete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails planning.

Emerald Coast Regional Council Conducts Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project

The Emerald Coast RC, through funding provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, conducted a Regional Rural Transportation Pilot Project for Northwest Florida. The project provided an opportunity to assist the rural areas of the region and FDOT District 3 to identify needed transportation improvements and assist in planning for increasing populations, as well as economic opportunities to ensure connectivity of important regional and state transportation systems with a 20-year planning horizon. This pilot project creates a framework to establish a systematic process for rural communities that supports ongoing, collaborative dialogue with each other, the Emerald Coast RC, FDOT Headquarters, and FDOT District 3. The project may serve as a model for the state of Florida and FDOT.



South Florida RPC Assists with COVID-19 Travel Behavior Trend Analysis

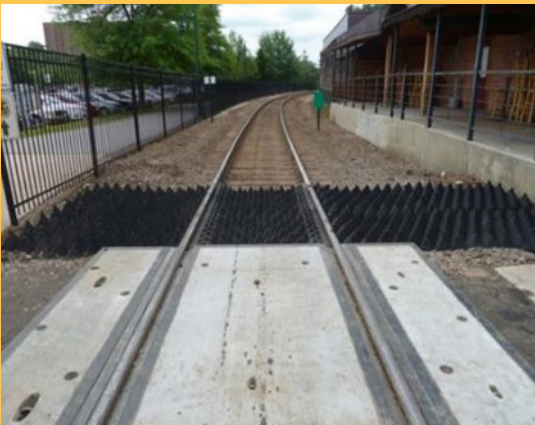
The South Florida RPC undertook a COVID-19 Travel Behavior Trend Analysis for the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). As a result of the pandemic, major shifts in economic activity affected Southeast Florida's economic sectors such as the hospitality industry. The nature of these shifts needed to be examined for the long-term effects on the transportation network and the ability of the regional economy to adapt and thrive. The Trend Analysis is multi-modal and includes an analysis of vehicular traffic, as well as pedestrian, bicycle, freight, seaport, and airport activity.



Treasure Coast RPC Facilitates FRA Railroad Trespass Summit

Responding to the extremely high number of injuries and fatalities occurring in Florida as a result of people being hit by trains, the Federal Railroad Administration launched their new Railroad Trespass Virtual Summit Series with an event hosted virtually on September 22, 2021, by the Treasure Coast RPC.

The Federal Railroad Administration, railroads, and local stakeholders such as municipalities and law enforcement, identified and shared leading industry practices and explored new and emerging strategies to reduce the number of right-of-way and trespasser incidents and fatalities. The Treasure Coast RPC was proud to help facilitate and promote this important life-saving event and to be deemed a "Safety Partner" of the Federal Railroad Association.



QUALITY OF LIFE

The RPCs assist local communities as they implement community visions and strategies. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.



Central Florida RPC Drafts Migrant and Farmworker Housing Study

The Central Florida RPC, through a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, developed a migrant and farmworker housing study of the Central Florida region examining housing demand and local regulations. By engaging stakeholders and providing an educational platform, the migrant, farmworker, agricultural communities, and local governments were able to work together to address concerns and misconceptions related to farmworker housing. As an additional resource for local communities with farmworker housing demands, a model ordinance was drafted that may be used by local governments to enhance their land development regulations.



North Central Florida RPC Administers Housing Rehabilitation Projects

The North Central Florida RPC assisted Bradford County and the Town of Mayo to address housing deficiencies resulting in safe, suitable and sanitary housing for the residents. The Council assisted the County and Town to identify needs, define the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepare Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant applications and provide grant administration services to implement the multi-year projects. Grant administration services provided by the Council included completion of environmental review and clearance, solicitation of applications, determination of eligibility, inspection of dwelling units, preparation of work write-ups to address deficiencies, procurement of contractors, and provision of project monitoring to ensure compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. In particular, grant funds fiscal management and fair housing activities were managed by the Council.

Southwest Florida RPC Developing a Waterfront Master Plan for Clewiston

The Southwest Florida RPC, partnering with the City of Clewiston in Hendry County, was awarded funds from the Florida Boating Improvement Program to create a development master plan. The parcel is on Lake Okeechobee and is leased to the City by the South Florida Water Management District. The City of Clewiston desires to develop its waterfront property to enhance boating access, encourage water related economic development and provide a safe harbor for boats during storm events. The first step in this development is to create a Master Plan that includes a market analysis and implementation strategy.

This plan will delineate what uses are needed, what uses can be supported on the site and a detailed layout of uses on the property. The Master Plan will also outline challenges and opportunities and will be adopted by the Clewiston City Council so that future funding can be secured for implementation.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.

South Florida LEPC Hosts Hazardous Materials Exercise

The South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, a program housed at the South Florida RPC, recently collaborated with regional emergency response agencies to develop the annual hazardous materials response exercise. The functional exercise, centered around a radiological event, included participants from the Hazardous Materials/Special Operations units of multiple fire departments in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The scenario of the exercise consisted of a multi-agency response to suspicious packages at six locations across two counties. The Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control provided "hot" radioactive samples at each of the exercise locations. This amplified the realistic theme of the exercise.

Participants were excited to pivot back into special operations training after a long and continuing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It's important to remember that emergencies relating to hazardous materials can happen at any time and are even more likely to occur during another disaster, such as a pandemic or natural disaster. Exercises are a great way to keep South Florida's responders' skills sharp for a real-world emergency.



Northeast Florida RC Hosts Tabletop Exercise

The Northeast Florida Regional Council recently conducted an "intelligence" based tabletop exercise simulating an imminent threat to the JaxPort facility, Florida's largest container port. Agencies involved included the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, JaxPort and the Northeast Florida Fusion Center. A variety of local, state, and federal agencies participated in the first in-person exercise since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020. Over 30 participants were present to assess and evaluate inter-agency capabilities.

The exercise was designed to test the policies, procedures and communication flow between partners when investigating a suspected threat from an internal party. This is the first of a two-part exercise created to evaluate the response capabilities to an imminent attack at JaxPort. The second activity, a full-scale mass casualty exercise will be held at the Port of Jacksonville with all participating agencies.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster, Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.



East Central Florida RPC Partners with City of Winter Springs Parks

The East Central Florida RPC partnered with Winter Springs to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The project, funded by the Department of Economic Opportunity, comprises four elements: Existing Conditions Analysis, Economic Analysis, Public Engagement Report, and Recommendations. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is an excellent tool for local officials and planners to enhance the health and culture of the City of Winter Springs as funding opportunities become available.



North Central Florida RPC Assists City of Madison

The North Central Florida RPC (NCFRPC) assisted the City of Madison with a sanitary sewer upgrade project to address long-standing sanitary system deficiencies resulting in enhanced public health and safety for the residents of Madison. The NCFRPC identified project needs, conducted household surveys, defined the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepared a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application, and provided grant administration services to implement the multi-year project.

Treasure Coast RPC Assists Martin County with CRA Update

The Treasure Coast RPC was engaged by the Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to simplify and clarify existing regulations to enhance ease of use, provide predictability, reduce conflicts, and align regulations with the current vision plan for each of the six CRAs.

After carefully analyzing the existing multi-layered regulations, Treasure Coast RPC and county staff determined that creating entirely new CRA-focused chapters in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations would be best. After two years of a team effort and extensive public and stakeholder engagement, the final code for the six CRAs was adopted in October 2020. The new clear, concise, and coordinated rules will lead to effective implementation of the community's redevelopment vision and improve the residents' quality of life.



AWARDS

2021 NADO Impact Awards

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

- *US 90/Washington Street Streetscape Improvement Concept Plan (City of Chattahoochee, Florida)*

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region – Revisited*
- *Central Florida Migrant and Farmworker Housing Study and Model Ordinance*

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Sanford Resilience Element*

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

- *Visit Natural North Florida Website*

Northeast Florida Regional Council

- *Northeast Florida COVID-19 Support, Recovery & Economic Resilience Planning*

South Florida Regional Planning Council

- *CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program*

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

- *Project Phoenix 2.0: The Recovery*

2021 NARC Regional Leadership Award

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region – Revisited

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Corporate Award

The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association recently awarded the Northeast Florida RC and its Chief Executive Officer, Beth Payne, the Corporate Award at its annual meeting held virtually in February. The Corporate Award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a substantial contribution to Emergency Management.



Chris Rietow and Caroline Smith, Apalachee RPC honored for NADO Impact Award



Central Florida RPC Receives Designated Planning Agency of the Year by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

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