Apalachee Regional Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Thursday – July 19, 2018
10:00 a.m. ET / 9:00 a.m. CT

305th Public Meeting

UF IFAS / North FL Research & Education Center
155 Research Road
Quincy, Florida 32351
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The Apalachee Regional Planning Council serves its citizens and local governments by providing technical assistance and a forum for communication and collaboration, to preserve and enhance the economic, natural, and social environments of the Apalachee Region.
APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Randy Merritt, Chairman (Wakulla) • John Jones, Past Chairman (Monticello)
Nancy Miller, Vice-Chairwoman (Tallahassee) • Wes Johnston, Secretary/Treasurer (Altha)
FRCA Policy Board Members: Kristin Dozier, Lisa Miller and Gene Wright

FULL COUNCIL

Calhoun County
Gene Bailey
Wes Johnston
Don Stephens

Franklin County
Ricky Jones
Brenda LaPaz
Vacant

Gadsden County
Brenda Holt
Vacant
Henry Grant

Gulf County
Ward McDaniel
Charlie Pettis
Michael Hammond

Jackson County
Jim Peacock
Gene Wright
Vacant

Jefferson County
Stephen Walker
John Jones
Vacant

Leon County
Kristin Dozier
Nancy Miller
Lisa Miller

Liberty County
Dexter Barber
Woody Stewart
Davis Stoutamire

Wakulla County
Randy Merritt
Gail Gilman
Vacant

Ex-Officio Members
Michael Fuller
Christina Coger
Virgie Bowen
Diane Scholz

County Commissioner
Mayor, Town of Altha
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Mayor, City of Carrabelle
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Municipal Representative
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Mayor, Town of Malone
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Councilman, City of Monticello
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Councilman, City of Bristol
Governor's Appointee
County Commissioner
Mayor, City of St. Marks
Governor's Appointee

FL Dept. of Environmental Protection
NW FL Water Management District
FL Dept. of Transportation
Enterprise Florida
APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING

UF/IFAS North FL Research & Education Center
155 Research Road – Quincy, FL

THURSDAY – JULY 19, 2018
10:00 AM Eastern Time / 9:00 AM Central Time

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. *Approval of Agenda

3. *Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

4. Pre-Arrest Diversion Program Overview – Jack Campbell, State Attorney

5. Innovative Governmental Financing Presentation – Bill Williams, Consultant

6. Executive Director’s Report Chris Rietow, ARPC Executive Director
   A. *Financial Report
   B. Staff Program Reports
      1. Economic Development & Community Planning
      2. Emergency Planning
      3. Revolving Loan Fund
      4. *Transportation Planning
      5. Environmental Planning
      6. Correspondence and Items of Interest

7. Board Member Reports / Local & Regional Issues Discussion

8. Ex-Officio Member Updates

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment –

11. Next ARPC Board Meeting – September 20, 2018 (Location TBD)

*Items Requiring Board Action
**APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
UF IFAS - North Florida Research & Education Center  
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2018

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call**  
Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves for the Roll Call.

**ARPC Board Members in Attendance:**

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<td>Janice Watson</td>
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Others in Attendance
Lance Watson – Senator Marco Rubio
Rudy Maloy – Congressman Al Lawson
Chris Doolin – Small County Coalition
Mark Brock – FDOT
Dee Jackson – Gadsden County
Mary Louise Hester – Senator Bill Nelson
Tom Lewis - Terracon
Jim McShane – CareerSource Capital
Russell Snyder – Tallahassee/Leon Planning
Eric Hinson – Gadsden County

Chairman Merritt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked all in attendance to introduce themselves, welcomed the ARPC guests, and asked that the records show a quorum of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) was in attendance.

Item 2 & 3: Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Davis Stoutamire to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the March 22, 2018 ARPC Full Council Board Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Henry Grant. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Regional Brownfields Assessment Update

Chris Rietow introduced Tom Lewis, Senior Geologist of Terracon who gave the Board an update on the progress of the ARPC’s 3-year Brownfields Assessment Grant which will provide $300,000 for Phase 1 & 2 assessments across the Region. Mr. Lewis reported that numerous sites with the potential for rehabilitation had been identified and currently he was working with Joe Crozier of ARPC staff on the prioritization of the sites. He reviewed in detail the Map Direct Tool located on the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP) website and encouraged the Board to use it as a planning tool in determining additional sites that potentially could be eligible for Brownfield rehabilitation funding. Mr. Lewis noted that the rehabilitation funds could be used for sites that were not necessarily contaminated but were eyesores that might be inhibitors to the advancement of the respective City or County. He referenced the Brownfields rehabilitation project recently completed by the City of St. Marks which enabled them to remove old bulkhead storage terminals.

Chairman Merritt questioned how a local government could propose a site for inclusion in the list. Mr. Lewis asked the Board to call him or Mr. Crozier with any new potential sites, emphasizing that the list was an open working list and the main goal of the program was to identify the absolute best sites for rehabilitation investment by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He explained that the assessment process provided the prerequisites needed for the land owner to apply for Brownfield clean-up funds later on and noted that potential sites were not eligible for rehabilitation funding unless they had been identified through the Brownfield Assessment process. Mr. Crozier announced that the ARPC in partnership with the West FL RPC and the FDEP would be hosting the 6th Annual Northwest FL Brownfields Redevelopment Forum on June 14, 2018. He noted that registration for the forum
was free and encouraged anyone who was interested in attending to contact him for further details.

**Item 5: Small County Coalition Update**

Chairman Merritt introduced Chris Doolin, consultant for the Small County Coalition (SCC). Mr. Doolin thanked all the counties that were members of the SCC and explained that the goal of the daily briefings from the SCC was to ensure that the most current information was provided to members. He stated that the SCC strove to maintain an agenda for rural Florida that responded to the actual rural needs and conditions. Mr. Doolin provided the Board with an overview and highlights of the 2018 Legislative Session and the impacts to local governments. He noted that the current trend of the Legislature making changes to home rule would likely continue.

Mr. Doolin recognized the offices of Senator Nelson, Senator Rubio and Representative Al Lawson for providing continued support to the SCC when requested. He provided hand-outs and reviewed in detail the tracked bills of the SCC, noting that Florida’s RPCs had been completely removed from the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process. Mr. Doolin provided an overview of the Constitutional Revision Commission and its implications on the November ballot. He reviewed key data sets, including population and revenue capacity for the counties of the Region. Mr. Doolin encouraged the Board to be mindful of these rankings which would ultimately affect the distribution of relief funding following an emergency and each county’s share of the available dollars. Chairman Merritt thanked Mr. Doolin for his presentation and the informative hand-outs provided to the Board.

**Item 6: Executive Director’s Report**

*6A – Financial Report:* Mr. Rietow reviewed with the Board the Budget Reports and the Reconciled Check Registers as of March 31, 2018 and April 30, 2018, and the ARPC’s current list of accounts payable and accounts receivable as of May 10, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman John Jones to approve the financial reports for March 2018 and April 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephen Walker. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

*6B – Executive Committee Meeting Summary:* Mr. Rietow reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 12, 2018. He noted that the Executive Committee approved three new loans and also approved the renewal of the ARPC office lease.

*6C – Staff Reports:* Mr. Rietow highlighted the following ARPC Program Reports prepared by staff and included in the Board Package beginning on page 19. He asked the Board for any questions in reference to the reports listed below and requested ARPC staff in attendance to briefly update the Board on any additions to their reports included in the board package.

*ARPC Board Meeting Minutes*
*May 17, 2018*
1. Economic Development & Community Planning – Richard Fetchick
2. Emergency Planning – Denise Imbler, Zach Annett & Elise Fisher
3. Revolving Loan Fund – Janice Watson
4. Transportation Planning – Kwentin Eastberg
5. Environmental Planning – Joe Crozier
6. Misc. Correspondence & Items of Interest

6.C.1 – Economic and Community Development Update: Mr. Rietow reported that ARPC staff had submitted two Community Planning and Technical Assistance Grant applications to the FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) which included: Apalachee Online, a regional online GIS proposal which would digitize planning, story and analysis maps for the eight rural counties of the Region; and Old Florida Coastal Trail Phase 2, which would complete the Old Florida Coastal Trail tourism asset and marketing inventory for Gulf, Wakulla and Jefferson counties.

6.C.4 – Transportation Planning Update: Mr. Rietow reported that ARPC staff had convened a successful regional workshop with the FDOT State Aviation on April 24th at the ARPC office to review FL Statutes Chapter 333 in reference to airport zoning. He reported that many of the Region’s elected officials were in attendance along with personnel from seven of the Region’s airports.

Mr. Rietow directed the Board to the following list of individuals recently appointed to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards effective July 1, 2018. He noted that all terms would end on June 30th of the year listed.

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Mr. Rietow also reviewed ARPC Resolution No. 18-3 which authorizes the ARPC to enter into an agreement with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Designated Official Planning Agency for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty and Wakulla counties for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kristin Dozier to approve the Executive Director’s appointments to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and ARPC Resolution No. 18-3 as presented. The motion was seconded by Woody Stewart. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of ARPC Resolution No. 18-3 is included with these minutes as Attachment “A”.

6.C.6 – Other Items of Interest: Mr. Rietow directed the Board to the articles and items of interest included in the Board package beginning on page 41 which included: FL Regional Councils Association (FRCA) newsletters for March and April, updated articles on: the Eastern Marine Dry Dock Project in Gulf County; Malone Sewer System Ground-breaking; Dirty Pecan Cycling event in Jefferson County; Apalachicola River Conference update; New Aquaculture Leases for Franklin County; and Torreya Tree Conservation in Liberty County. Mr. Rietow also reported that he had recently been appointed to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board of Directors, and the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

**Item 7: Board Member Reports / Local & Regional Issues Discussion**

Mr. Rietow reported that ARPC staff had hosted a recent meeting at the ARPC office with Dr. Nick Place, Dean and Director of the University of Florida/IFAS Extension to discuss potential partnerships between the RPCs of Florida and IFAS. Commissioner Dozier stated that she had attended the meeting on behalf of the ARPC and the FL Regional Councils Association and commended Mr. Rietow, Ms. Imbler, and Mr. Fetchick of ARPC staff on their excellent presentation to Dr. Place which highlighted the many activities and capabilities of the RPCs of Florida. Commissioner Dozier reported that Dr. Place left the meeting with an entirely new perspective of the value of a partnership between the two organizations and noted that a follow-up meeting had been scheduled for June 25th in Gainesville, to discuss the matter further with additional State IFAS leaders. Mr. Rietow thanked Commissioner Dozier for all her pro-active work to establish the new relationship with IFAS and added that IFAS will be making a

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*May 17, 2018*
formal presentation to the FL Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board meeting to be held in August.

Chairman Merritt asked for any further Board or public comments and there were none. He announced that the next ARPC Board meeting would be held on July 19, 2018 at the same location.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

APPROVED BY: THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 19, 2018

SIGNED: ATTEST:

__________________________
Randy Merritt
Chairman

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Chris Rietow
Executive Director
ARPC RESOLUTION No. 18-3

A RESOLUTION of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (hereafter referred to as the "BOARD") hereby authorizes the execution of a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

WHEREAS, the BOARD is eligible to receive a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged planning service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. The BOARD has the authority to enter into this grant agreement.

2. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow, Executive Director, to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Board acting as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

3. The BOARD’S Registered Agent in Florida is Chris Rietow, Executive Director. The Registered Agent’s address: is 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

4. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow to sign any and all agreements or contracts, which are required in connection with the grant agreement.

5. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow to sign any and all assurances, reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF May 2018

BY THE: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Randy Merritt
Chairman

ATTEST: Chris Rietow
Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM 6

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Chris Rietow

The following items will be reported and discussed with the Board:

A. *Financial Report: On the following pages are the following financial reports.
   - Budget Report for the month ending May 31, 2018
   - Budget Report for the month ending June 30, 2018

B. Staff Reports: Staff program reports are included on the following pages. Staff will be present at the meeting to answer any questions and report on any additional program updates.

ACTIONS NEEDED

*Motion to accept Financial Reports for the periods ending May 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018.
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AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 1
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
Richard Fetchick

2018-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update:
ARPC staff is working to coordinate with regional partners and implement objectives from the ARPC’s Regional Economic Strategy.

EDA Disaster Supplemental – Over $147 Million is available to communities in the Southeastern Region. ARPC staff is working to develop projects with Franklin County and others.

- Objective 1.2: Increase Employee and Business Resilience
  Staff is finalizing a proposal for an EDA-funded Economic Development Strategy for Franklin County. Coordination with Leon County and Gadsden County is also progressing toward infrastructure-based Disaster Supplemental grant submissions.

- Objective 2.14: Promote economic growth at regional Strategic Sites
  Staff initiated contact with the newly formed Jackson County EDC and Jackson County Chamber to discuss EDA-assisted projects that can advance the mega site and other Jackson County ED endeavors.

ARPC Internships: ED staff currently oversees two program interns – GIS and Planning.

- GIS – GIS Intern Sarah Hibbard finalized and submitted the Gadsden Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA), provides Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) map products, assisted in website design, and is providing a sea level rise vulnerability assessment as part of grant projects.

- Planning – Caroline Smith joined the ARPC team in June, helping to complete a USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance & Training grant application and provide data updates to the Apalachee CEDS.

Other Technical Assistance: ARPC staff continues to assist regional partners with Comprehensive Planning, Intergovernmental Coordination and other tasks.

- USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training – Staff developed a new approach to assisting small communities within the Apalachee Region to develop USDA
Community Facilities Grants and applied for funding to do so. If awarded, the grant will allow staff to work with small Apalachicola municipalities to develop Community Facilities proposals for much-needed buildings and equipment.

- **Intergovernmental Review** – ARPC staff reviewed and supported CDBG and USDA applications for Jackson County and City of Apalachicola, to build a solar power generating facility and fund police equipment, respectively.

- **Florida Resilient Coastlines Program, DEP** – ARPC staff are completing sea level rise Vulnerability Assessments for Gulf, Franklin, and City of Carrabelle as part of this project. Staff will engage county and city staff to explore outputs and brainstorm potential Coastal Management Element tweaks that will further protect people and property in the coming months.

**Regional Coordination:** ARPC staff participated in the following events –

- **Congress for the New Urbanism** – ARPC staff was awarded a scholarship to attend the national Congress for the New Urbanism conference in Savannah, GA from May 14-19th. Staff studied form-based codes and city design in an immersive week-long intensive course. This training will enable ARPC staff to help communities update Land Development Regulations to modernize code, to beautify the built landscape, and to preserve community character.

- **Gadsden County Development Council (GCDC)** – Staff participated in the monthly board meeting of the GCDC.

- **Opportunity Florida** – Staff attended the monthly board meeting for Opportunity Florida.

- **Riverway South (Explore NW Florida)** – Staff continues to coordinate and provide assistance to the regional tourism promotion group by way of writing memos synthesizing Visit Florida information and preparing surveys for the group.

- **Gulf County** – Staff attended the June Gulf County Commission meeting to discuss the Florida Resilient Coastlines project planning with Gulf County Planning and GIS staff.

**ACTION NEEDED**

None
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 2

EMERGENCY PLANNING PROGRAM
Denise Imbler - Zach Annett – Elise Fisher

Regional Hazardous Materials Program
The ARPC staffs the Apalachee Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and the Community Right-To-Know Act for the ARPC Region. The four primary activities of the Apalachee LEPC are hazardous materials planning, training, emergency exercises and public outreach.

Quarterly Meetings
The most recent quarterly meeting of the Apalachee LEPC was held on May 10, 2018 at the Liberty County Emergency Operations Center in Bristol. Personnel from the FSU Emergency Management and Homeland Security Drone Program gave a presentation on the use of drones in hazmat incidents. ARPC staff is currently preparing for the next LEPC meeting which is tentatively scheduled for August at the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. ARPC staff will be attending the next quarterly meetings of the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials being held on July 12-13, 2018 in Cocoa Beach.

Hazardous Materials Training
ARPC staff coordinated the following courses during the quarter to train first responders and officials who play a role in hazardous materials incidents:

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Additionally, staff has coordinated the following trainings for the upcoming quarter:
- 40-Hour Technician Level Course in Leon County from July 16-20th.
- 4-Hour Awareness Course in Leon County on July 21st.
- All-Hazards Liaison Officer Course in Leon County from August 14-15th.
• HazMat IQ Above the line / Below the line in Gulf County on September 5th.

All training opportunities and are posted on the ARPC website at www.thearpc.com.

2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Project
ARPC staff will facilitate a comprehensive tabletop exercise as the 2018 HMEP Planning Project for the Apalachee LEPC. The exercise will be multi-jurisdictional in scope and will exercise two functional areas of the LEPC Response Plan and will be centered around a transportation-related hazardous materials incident. To date, staff has coordinated 3 planning meetings with various local and state partners, including Florida’s Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee Fire Department, Leon County Emergency Medical Services and Wakulla County Emergency Management. The date of the exercise is planned for August 1, 2018 and will be held at the Wakulla Library.

Outreach
ARPC staff provided citizens within the Region a Shelter-In-Place and Evacuation presentation. The presentation demonstrates the basics of sheltering in place as well as when to evacuate in the event of a hazardous materials release. The presentation was held at the Wakulla County and City of Tallahassee Build-Your-Bucket Events on May 12th and June 2nd, respectively.

North Florida Medical Reserve Corps

ARPC staff continues to serve as the Coordinator for the North Florida Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) which includes an eight-counties in the Big Bend region.

MRC volunteers participated in multiple community events including the Wakulla County Build-a-Bucket Event, Leon County Safety Fair, Leon County Build-A-Bucket Event, and Press the Chest held in Tallahassee. MRC volunteers also had the opportunity to attend a Mental Health First Aid training course provided by the Department of Health.
State Agricultural Response Team

ARPC staff provides planning support to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) State Agricultural Response Team (SART). Staff assists with planning and documentation of monthly meetings as well as any additional SART activities. In May and June, staff assisted with updating the SART website and worked on developing future projects.

Other Technical Assistance
Staff is assisting the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and Leon County Emergency Management update the Leon County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP). The Plan provides a structured process for economic and community recovery after a catastrophic disaster has occurred. The PDRP update will be complete by the end of August.

Staff partnered with the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the Florida Department of Health to design and deliver six Save Life! - An Integrated Response to Active Shooter Incidents workshops throughout the Region. The workshop provided local emergency response agencies with the information and tools necessary to save lives during the initial phases of response to an active shooter event. During the workshop tourniquets were distributed to local law enforcement officers. This simple tool helps to prepare them to save as many lives as possible when responding to these types of incidents.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 3
REVERSING LOAN FUND REPORT – Janice Watson

New RLF Loans: ARPC staff is currently working with potential RLF borrowers in Calhoun and Gulf counties on preparing business plans and loan applications to be submitted for review by the ARPC RLF Loan Committee.

RLF Portfolio Success Stories:

Tri-State Termite & Pest Control LLC (Calhoun County): The original loan to Dee Ridley was for $90,000 and was amortized for 5 years. On July 10th, Mr. Ridley hand delivered the final payment on the loan to the ARPC. This loan is one of the best examples of the true purpose of the RLF Program. Through the RLF, one man with a truck and a small amount of equipment was provided the necessary capital to purchase an existing pest control business, which literally was nothing more than a list of active pest control clients. In the five years that the new business has been in operation, the company has grown to 3 full-time employees, with 3 trucks on the road, and serving customers in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf and Liberty counties. The customer list originally valued at $90,000 is now valued at $210,000. Mr. Ridley asked ARPC staff to express to the Board his sincere appreciation for the start-up assistance given to his business, which would not even be a business if it had not been for the ARPC RLF.

Mason-Dixon LLC (Gulf County): The original loan of $26,000 to Kellee Novak of Port St. Joe was for the purchase of a Food Truck, which was permanently based in downtown Port St. Joe. The loan was amortized for 5 years and Ms. Novak made the final payment in June. Over the course of the loan, the business was able to purchase an additional Food Truck which is permanently based in Gulf County on Cape San Blas.

Watson Baled Straw (Calhoun County): Mr. Watson paid off his annual draw on the line of credit from the ARPC RLF in June. The original line of credit was for 10 years and 2018 represents the eighth year of the original agreement. Mr. Watson draws the funds in the fall each year, which allows him to keep workers employed through the winter. With year-round labor available, Mr. Watson is able to cultivate and herbicide the leased pine forest acreage which provides for a more productive pine straw harvest in the Spring. The company sells all of the harvested pine straw to a wholesaler in Perry, GA that in turn sells to large companies like Lowe’s and Home Depot. Mr. Watson has notified staff that he plans to make another $40,000 draw on the line of credit in the fall of 2018.
**Simmons Bayou (Gulf County):** The original loan of $50,000 was gap financing in partnership with Prime Meridian Bank to finance an office building for Simmons Bayou LLC, a real estate/construction company on Cape San Blas. The loan was amortized for 10 years in July 2016, and the company paid the loan in full on June 2018.

**Pretty Girlz (Calhoun County):** In April 2016, the ARPC provided Emily Mitchell, owner of a retail women’s clothing boutique in Blountstown, the necessary capital to purchase and renovate a building to relocate and expand her store. Retail sales of the business continue to increase and on July 23rd, Ms. Mitchell will be holding the grand opening of a second location in Bainbridge, GA. The new store is in a leased, previously vacant downtown store that she has renovated and stocked with existing revenues from the company and no additional loans. Pretty Girlz is another huge success story for the ARPC RLF.

Ms. Mitchell asked ARPC staff to cordially invite the ARPC Board to attend the Grand Opening for:

**Pretty Girlz - Bainbridge**

on Saturday, July 23rd
(10 am to 6 pm ET)
at the new store location:
**303 E. Shotwell Street**
Bainbridge, GA

Ms. Mitchell also expressed her sincere appreciation for the ARPC investment in her business, emphasizing that it would not have been possible without the ARPC RLF.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – B – 4

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – Kwentin Eastberg

Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program
ARPC staff has completed and invoiced the TD Commission for all 4th Quarter meetings and required deliverables for the FY 17/18 TD Planning Grant.

Through a contracted partnership with the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), the ARPC has been approved to provide planning services for the Leon County TD program starting in the 4th Quarter of FY 17/18 and continuing into FY 18/19 and beyond. ARPC staff is thankful to the CRTPA and its Executive Director Greg Slay, for the opportunity and for giving us his vote of confidence to provide the Leon County services. The ARPC looks forward to continuing to build its relationship with the CRTPA for years to come. The Leon County TD contract for services will increase the recurring Transportation related funding at the ARPC by roughly $25,000 annually.

TD Planning Grant Allocation for Fiscal Year 2018-2019
For Fiscal Year 18/19 the ARPC will again be continuing its role of the Designated Official Planning Agency for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla counties. In full transparency, there was a minor legislative oversight during the budgeting of TD funding during the Florida Legislative Session this year. The traditional three pots of TD money (Trip & Equipment Grant, Shirley Conroy Rural Capital Assistance Grant, and Planning Grant) weren’t separated into individual appropriations as has been done previously. Instead, it was all placed in a single appropriation. As such, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) has modified the Planning Grant funding allocation for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 into the “Local TD Program Administrative Support” funding. This requires each Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) to enter into an agreement with the Designated Official Planning Agency (the ARPC) directly for fiscal year 18/19. This is a one-year operational process and in FY 19/20 the ARPC will contract directly with the CTD as it has always done in the past. The new procedure does not affect the funding amount, only the method by which the ARPC invoices for payments.

The CTD is requiring both a resolution of the Planning Agency (attached) and an agreement between the CTC and Planning Agency (also attached) to be signed. Many of the CTCs require their respective board’s approval prior to executing the agreements. As the CTCs approve and execute the agreements, the ARPC Executive Director will sign on behalf of the ARPC as established in ARPC resolution 18-3. Sample Resolution followed by the Agreement attached:

ACTION NEEDED

Motion to approve ARPC Resolutions 18-4 through 18-11 and authorize the ARPC Chairman to sign the Local Program Administrative Support Authorizing Resolution Form for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty and Wakulla counties.
ARPC RESOLUTION No. 18-

A RESOLUTION of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (hereafter referred to as the "BOARD") hereby authorizes the filling and execution of a Local Transportation Disadvantaged Program Administrative Support Grant Agreement with the (Community Transportation Coordinator).

WHEREAS, the BOARD is eligible to receive a Local Transportation Disadvantaged Program Administrative Support Grant Agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. The BOARD has the authority to enter into this grant agreement.

2. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow, Executive Director, to execute the grant agreement, amendments, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement with the Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. d.b.a. Calhoun Transit on behalf of the Board.

3. The BOARD'S Registered Agent in Florida is Chris Rietow, Executive Director. The Registered Agent's address: is 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

DILY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY 2018

BY THE: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

______________________________
Randy Merritt
Chairman

______________________________
Chris Rietow
Executive Director

OFFICE
2507 Callaway Rd, Ste 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

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SAMPLE
Local Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Administrative Support Agreement

This Agreement, effective as of July 1, 2018, (the "Effective Date"), by and between

the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Community Transportation Coordinator (hereinafter "Coordinator") and

the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency
(hereinafter "Planning Agency").

WHENAS, the Planning Agency has the authority to enter into this agreement and to
undertake the Project hereinafter described, and the Coordinator has been granted the
authority to carry out responsibility of the Commission for the Transportation
Disadvantaged (CTD) which includes local program administrative support functions and
other responsibility identified in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, or rules therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenant, promises and
representations herein, the parties agree as follows:

Purpose of Agreement
This Agreement is to provide financial assistance to accomplish local program
administrative support duties and responsibilities as required by the Commission for the
Transportation Disadvantaged Local Program Administrative Assistance Grant, and as
further described in Exhibit(s) A and B attached and incorporated into this Agreement
("Project"), and, to state the terms and conditions upon which such assistance will be
provided and the understandings as to the manner in which the Project will be undertaken
and completed.

Terms
The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2018,
through June 30, 2019. Expiration of this Agreement will be considered termination of
the Project. Any work performed after the expiration date of this Agreement will not be
compensated for by the Coordinator.

Amendments and Extensions
This Agreement may be amended upon mutual written agreement of the both parties.
This Agreement shall not be extended or renewed.

Assignments
This Agreement shall not be assigned or sublet as a whole or in part without the written
consent of the Coordinator.

Termination or Suspension of Project
The Coordinator may, by written notice to the Planning Agency, suspend any and all of the Coordinator's obligations under this Agreement for the Planning Agency's failure to comply with applicable laws or the terms of this Agreement until such time as the event or condition resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected. The Coordinator will provide written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension.

The Coordinator may terminate this Agreement at any time before the date of completion if the Planning Agency is dissolved or if state funds cease to be available. In addition, the Coordinator or the Planning Agency may terminate this Agreement if either party fails to comply with the conditions of the Agreement. The Coordinator or the Planning Agency shall give written notice to all parties at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of termination and specify the effective date of termination.

If this Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the Planning Agency shall be paid only for eligible tasks and deliverables satisfactorily performed during the effective Project period.

**Remedies and Disputes**
This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any dispute, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party.

**Project Costs**
The estimated total cost of the Project is $____________. This amount is based upon the budget summarized in Exhibit B attached to this Agreement. Project funds may only be used by the Planning Agency to undertake local Transportation Disadvantaged program administrative support activities as further described in this Agreement. This is a lump sum – percent complete grant to accomplish the tasks identified in the Agreement. It is not subject to adjustment due to the actual cost experience of the Planning Agency in the performance of the Agreement. The amount paid is based on the weighted value of the tasks and deliverables listed in Exhibits A and B that have been accomplished for the invoiced period. Prior to payment, the tasks performed and deliverables are subject to review and acceptance by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The criteria for acceptance of completed tasks and deliverables are based on the most recent regulations, guidelines or directives related to the particular task and deliverable.

**Compensation and Payment**
The Coordinator shall pay the Planning Agency for the satisfactory performance of each task as outlined in Exhibit A on a quarterly basis. The amount of compensation for each completed task/deliverable is further described on Exhibit B, attached to this Agreement.

The Planning Agency shall submit invoices on a quarterly basis. Invoices and deliverables shall be submitted to:

(Coordinator - provide address or email)
When the Coordinator receives from a state agency any payment for contractual services, commodities, supplies, or construction contracts, except those construction contracts subject to the provisions of chapter 339, the contractor shall pay such moneys received to each subcontractor and supplier in proportion to the percentage of work completed by each subcontractor and supplier at the time of receipt of the payment. If the Coordinator receives less than full payment, then the Coordinator shall be required to disburse only the funds received on a pro rata basis with the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers, each receiving a prorated portion based on the amount due on the payment. If the Coordinator believes reasonable cause exists to disburse only the funds due to the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers, each receiving a prorated portion based on the amount due on the payment, the Coordinator shall be required to disburse only the funds received on a pro rata basis with the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers, each receiving a prorated portion based on the amount due on the payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed 15 percent of the outstanding balance due. In addition to other fines or penalties, a person found not in compliance with any provision of this subsection may be ordered by the court to make restitution for attorney's fees and all related costs to the aggrieved party or the Department of Legal Affairs when it provides legal assistance pursuant to this section. The Department of Legal Affairs may provide legal assistance to subcontractors or vendors in proceedings brought against contractors under the provisions of this section.

Inspections
The Planning Agency shall permit, and shall require its contractors to permit, the Coordinator's authorized representatives to inspect all work, materials, deliverables, records, and to audit the books, records and accounts pertaining to the financing and development of the Project at all reasonable times including upon completion of the Project, and without notice.

Project Records, Documentation and Records Retention
The Planning Agency shall provide and maintain sufficient detailed documentation for each deliverable to allow an audit trail to ensure that the tasks accomplished or deliverables completed in acceptable form to the Coordinator were those which were promised. Such documentation and records should be maintained for five years from the ending date of the Agreement unless extended by the Coordinator.

The Coordinator reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement for failure by the Planning Agency to comply with the Public Records provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Indemnification and Insurance Requirements
To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Planning Agency's contractor/consultant shall indemnify, and hold harmless the Coordinator, including the Coordinator's officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor/consultant and persons employed or
utilized by the contractor/consultant in the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this agreement.

Non-discrimination of Persons With Disabilities
The Planning Agency and any of its contractors or their sub-contractors shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of a disability (physical, mental or emotional impairment). The Planning Agency agrees that no funds shall be used to rent, lease or barter any real property that is not accessible to persons with disabilities nor shall any meeting be held in any facility unless the facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The Planning Agency shall also assure compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

Lobbying Prohibition
No Planning Agency may use any funds received pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. No Planning Agency may employ any person or organization with funds received pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. The “purpose of lobbying” includes, but is not limited to, salaries, travel expenses and per diem, the cost for publication and distribution of each publication used in lobbying; other printing; media; advertising, including production costs; postage; entertainment; telephone; and association dues. The provisions of this paragraph supplement the provisions of Section 11.062, Florida Statutes, which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Public Entity Crimes
No Planning Agency shall accept any bid from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list for a period of 36 months from the date that person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list unless that person or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes. The Planning Agency may not allow such a person or affiliate to perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the Planning Agency. If the Planning Agency was transacting business with a person at the time of the commission of a public entity crime which resulted in that person being placed on the convicted vendor list, the Planning Agency may also not accept any bid from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any other person who is under the same, or substantially the same, control as the person whose name appears on the convicted vendor list so long as that person’s name appears on the convicted vendor list.

Homeland Security
Planning Agency shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of 1) all new persons employed by the Planning Agency during the term of the grant agreement to perform employment duties within Florida; and 2) all new persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Planning Agency to perform work pursuant to the contract with the Coordinator.
The Coordinator shall consider the employment by any vendor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this agreement. Refer to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website at www.dhs.gov to learn more about E-Verify.

Coordinator Not Obligated to Third Parties
The Coordinator shall not be obligated or liable hereunder to any party other than the Planning Agency.

How Contract Affected by Provisions Being Held Invalid
If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the provision shall be severable and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected. In such an instance, the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

Venue
This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Florida. In the event of a conflict between any portion of the Agreement and the Florida law, the laws of Florida shall prevail. The Planning Agency agrees to waive forum and venue and that the Coordinator shall determine the forum and venue in which any dispute under this Agreement is decided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties executed this agreement effective as of, though not necessarily executed on, the Effective Date.

Planning Agency:
BY: ________________________
TITLE: ______________________

Community Transportation Coordinator
BY: ________________________
TITLE: ______________________
EXHIBIT A
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This exhibit forms an integral part of the Agreement, between ________________, the Community Transportation Coordinator and ________________, the Planning Agency.

I. PROJECT LOCATION: ____________ County(ies)

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project provides for the accomplishment of the local program administrative support duties and responsibilities as set forth in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code. The Coordinator shall accomplish such duties and responsibilities through an agreement with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged’s approved Designated Official Planning Agency for its respective service area. The project period will begin on the date of this agreement and will end on June 30, 2019. Specific required tasks are as follows:

TASK 1: Weighted
value = 17%
Jointly develop and annually update the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) with the community transportation coordinator (CTC) and the Local Coordinating Board (LCB).

Deliverable: Complete initial TDSP or annual updates. Must be approved by the LCB no later than June 30th of the current grant cycle.

TASK 2: Weighted
value = 48%
Organize and provide staff support and related resources for at least four (4) LCB meetings per year, holding one meeting during each quarter. Exceptions to reschedule meeting(s) outside of a quarter due to the imminent threat of a natural disaster may be granted by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Provide staff support for committees of the LCB.

Provide program orientation and training for newly appointed LCB members.

Provide public notice of LCB meetings in accordance with the most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines.

LCB meetings will be held in accordance with the CTD’s most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines and will include at least the following:

1. Agendas for LCB meetings. Agenda should include action items, informational items and an opportunity for public comment.
2. Official minutes of LCB meetings and committee meetings (regardless of a quorum). A copy will be submitted along with the quarterly report. Minutes will at least be in the form of a brief summary of basic points, discussions, decisions, and recommendations. Records of all meetings shall be kept for at least five years.

3. A current full and active membership of voting and non-voting members to the LCB. Any time there is a change in the membership, provide a current membership roster and mailing list of LCB members.

4. A report of the LCB membership's attendance at the LCB meeting held during this grant period. This would not include committee meetings.

**Deliverable:** LCB Meeting agendas; minutes; membership roster; attendance report; training notification.

**TASK 3:**

**Weighted value = 5%**

Provide at least one public workshop annually by each LCB, and assist the CTD, as requested, in co-sponsoring public workshops. This public workshop must be held separately from the LCB meeting. It may, however, be held on the same day as the scheduled LCB meeting. It could be held immediately following or prior to the LCB meeting.

**Deliverable:** Public workshop agenda and minutes of related workshop only. The agenda and minutes must be separate documents and cannot be included in the LCB meeting agenda and minutes, if held on the same day. Minutes may reflect “no comments received” if none were made.

**TASK 4:**

**Weighted value = 5%**

Develop and annually update by-laws for LCB approval.

**Deliverable:** Copy of LCB approved by-laws with date of update noted on cover page and signature of LCB Chair or designee.

**TASK 5:**

**Weighted value = 5%**

Develop, annually update, and implement LCB grievance procedures in accordance with the CTD's most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines. Procedures shall include a step within the local complaint and/or grievance procedure that advises a dissatisfied person about the CTD’s Ombudsman Program.

**Deliverable:** Copy of LCB approved Grievance Procedures with date of update noted on cover page.

**TASK 6:**

**Weighted value = 5%**
Review and comment on the Annual Operating Report (AOR) for submittal to the LCB, and forward comments/concerns to the CTD.

**Deliverable:** Cover Page of AOR, signed by CTC representative and LCB Chair.

**TASK 7:**

- **Weighted**
- **value = 5%**

Research and complete the Actual Expenditures Report (AER) for direct federal and local government transportation funds to the CTD no later than September 15th. Complete the AER, using the CTD approved form.

**Deliverable:** Completed AER in accordance with the most recent CTD's AER instructions.

**TASK 8:**

- **Weighted**
- **value = 5%**

Complete quarterly progress reports addressing local program administrative support accomplishments for the local transportation disadvantaged program as well as grant deliverables; including but not limited to, consultant contracts, special studies, and marketing efforts.

**Deliverable:** Complete Quarterly Progress Reports submitted with invoices. Quarterly Report must be signed by Planning Agency representative. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

**TASK 9:**

- **Weighted**
- **value = 5%**

Planning Agency staff shall attend at least one CTD sponsored training, including but not limited to, the CTD's regional meetings or annual training workshop.

**Deliverable:** Documentation related to attendance at such event(s); including but not limited to sign in sheets.
EXHIBIT B
PROJECT BUDGET

This exhibit forms an integral part of the Agreement, between ________________, the Community Transportation Coordinator and ________________, the Planning Agency.

I. PROJECT COST:

Estimated Project Cost shall conform to those eligible deliverables as indicated by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code. For the required deliverable, compensation shall be the total maximum limiting amount of $_____________ for related program administrative support services in ____________ County(ies). This is a lump sum – percent complete grant to accomplish the tasks identified in the Agreement. It is not subject to adjustment due to the actual cost experience of the Planning Agency in the performance of the Agreement. The amount paid is based on the weighted value of the tasks and deliverables listed in Exhibits A and B that have been accomplished for the invoiced period. Prior to payment, the tasks performed and deliverables are subject to review and acceptance by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The criteria for acceptance of completed tasks and deliverables are based on the most recent regulations, guidelines or directives related to the particular task and deliverable.

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ENVIROMENTAL PLANNING PROGRAM – Joe Crozier

SHaRC
ARPC staff received final approval from the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration and FDEP to begin work on the Shoreline Habitats and Resilient Coasts (SHaRC) Analysis in Apalachicola Bay under the Florida Coastal Management Program. ARPC advertised the need for support regarding the completion of this project and has signed a contract with Ecology and Environment, Inc. The ARPC will have one year to complete this analysis.

Chattahoochee to Bristol (C2B) Trail
ARPC staff continues to work with local stakeholders to move forward. A meeting was held in June 2018 to discuss updates. The meeting was attended by representatives from over a dozen private and public stakeholder groups. ARPC staff is collaborating with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff to develop criteria needed to utilize the rest area on I-10. ARPC staff will be working with Torreya State Park staff to potentially integrate the C2B Trail into the Park’s Unit Management Plan. One of the most common takeaways from this meeting is the complexity of the proposed trail and the number of moving parts. ARPC staff hopes to continue to facilitate this proposed trail into actuality.

Two important changes have occurred since the completion of the study:

1. 2018 Florida Forever Five-Year Plan/Florida Forever Land Acquisition Priority List/2018-2019 was approved for the Upper Apalachicola River Ecosystem – 37,895 acres in Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, Gulf and Jackson counties. The acquisition of this land would be of great merit to the proposed trail. Large tracts of land included in the routing options between Torreya State Park tracts as well as north of the I-10 rest stop are included in this potential deal.

2. The C2B Trail segment is now included on the FDEP Greenways and Trails System Plan’s Land Trail Opportunities Map. “Land Trail Opportunities of the FGTS are corridors which represent existing, planned and conceptual non-motorized multi-use trails. These corridors form a land-based trail network of regional and state importance.”
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CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Wakulla gets $3.75M in BP Money to Create Automotive & HVAC Programs – May 2018
2. Calhoun County Economic Development Meeting – May 2018
3. Eastern, Gulf County ‘Working Relationship’ – June 2018
4. State May Require Advanced Septic Tanks / Wakulla County – June 2018
6. Brownsfield Redevelopment Forum / Jackson County – June 2018
7. Fire Ravages Eastpoint Neighborhood – June 2018
8. Justices Give Florida Narrow Win in Water Wars – June 2018
9. FL Regional Councils Association Newsletter & Activity Report – May 2018
10. Staff Receives Accreditation for Congress of New Urbanism – June 2018
Wakulla schools get $3.75M in BP money
Will be used to move bus garage, put automotive program on campus, create HVAC program
By WILLIAM SNOWDEN
Editor

Triumph Gulf Coast announced on Friday that the Wakulla School Board will receive $3.75 million to convert an existing school bus garage into labs for information technology courses and for HVAC and automotive maintenance programs expected to handle 400 students over the next five years. The money will also help build a new bus garage.

Wakulla Superintendent of Schools, Bobby Pearce was excited about the news, and said his expectation of the new HVAC vocational program is that it will provide certification for young adults to find a job.

It is the first of two projects submitted by the school district — the second part, which is still pending, is to build a junior college campus on property behind Wakulla High School.

The bus garage will move from Wakulla High to acreage next to Crawfordville Elementary. The district has 42 acres there, 10 of which will be used for the bus garage.

The school board will put up $350,000 to get the $3.75 million. The district’s share is coming from the initial BP settlement of $770,000 that the oil company paid as part of a class action lawsuit over lost ad valorem taxes. “The board held on to that money just for this purpose,” Pearce said.

The Triumph money is intended to spur economic development in areas – like Wakulla – affected by the 2010 oil spill. Triumph has to eventually spend at least $63 million of the BP money in Wakulla County.

The second project, for which about $5 million is being sought, would set up a two-year college in Wakulla. Pearce touted that, if approved, it would give Wakulla students an opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree at no cost to the parents or child.

“It would be like a $25,000 scholarship for any kid,” Pearce said.
State leaders visit our county; discuss economic development

Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity Director and Florida Secretary of State were in attendance

CALHOUN COUNTY, FL – More than 50 individuals, including Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Executive Director Cissy Proctor and Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner, gathered in the Calhoun County Extension Building Thursday, May 10th to discuss local economic development challenges. The meeting was part of Governor Rick Scott’s “12 County Initiative,” which targets 12 specific counties that have not had the economic growth most of Florida has welcomed over the past several years. Since 2010, nearly 1.3 million new jobs have been created in the state, however, job opportunities in Calhoun County have actually decreased. While the issue is very personal to local leaders, unfortunately, the challenge is not unique to Calhoun County.

Calhoun County was the second of the 12 counties to host a roundtable discussion. The goal of the three-hour meeting was for the more than 20 state agency representatives in attendance to actually visit the community, listen to the needs personally, and help brainstorm solutions.

Discussion focused on lack of infrastructure conducive to economic growth, development of a viable and sustainable workforce, need for workforce housing, as well as many other economic and social issues. State agency contacts left the meeting with a better understanding of local challenges, pledging to be available and helpful in working towards solutions.


Local stakeholders in attendance were Clerk of Court Carla Hand, Property Appraiser Carla Peacock, Supervisor of Elections Sharon Chason, Tax Collector Becky Smith, Sheriff Glenn Kimbrel, Blountstown Police Chief Mark Mallory, Calhoun County Commissioners Danny Ray Wise, Gene Bailey, and Darrell McDougald, School Superintendent Ralph Yoder and Board Chair Danny Ryals, Blountstown Mayor Tony Shoemake, Blountstown City Manager Traci Hall, Altha Town Council member Lee Alday, Calhoun Liberty Hospital CEO Chuck Durant, Rachel Bryant and Marissa Barfield with the Florida Dept. of Health/Calhoun County, County Planner Frank Snowden, County Grants Coordinator Chelsea Snowden, Road Superintendent Cliff Edenfield, County Director of Operations Joe Wood, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kristy Terry, Al Bryant with Barkman Apiaries, Lisa Alderman with Calhoun County Senior Citizens, Patrick Bell, Justin Ford and Brandon Purvis with Dewberry, CareerSource Chipola Executive Director Richard Williams, and Roy Baker with Opportunity Florida.

Other counties designated in the initiative are Citrus, Gadsden, Glades, Hendry, Hernando, Highland, Indian River, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, and Taylor.

Once all counties have conducted a stakeholder roundtable, county-specific action plans will be developed by DEO and presented to each county.
Eastern, county ‘working relationship’ arrives

Ground-breaking on mill site bulkhead begins work

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Brian D’Isernia noted that his Eastern Shipbuilding and Gulf County have been neighbors for more than four decades.

Monday, with a ground-breaking along the former paper mill bulkhead in Port St. Joe, D’Isernia said the company and county were now entering into a “working relationship.”

The turning of dirt, with county and Port Authority officials joined by those from the St. Joe Company and Eastern Shipbuilding, marked the beginning of the process of “transforming this virgin piece of land” into an outfitting and maintenance facility in Gulf County, D’Isernia said.

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Eastern Shipbuilding’s Brian D’Isernia spoke about the working relationship between Eastern and Gulf County. [TIM CROFT | THE STAR]
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It also signaled the arrival of Eastern into Port St. Joe nearly five years after the company’s expansion was announced, during which time Eastern has leased 20 acres along the mill site bulkhead from the St. Joe Company.

“It’s been a long haul,” said St. Joe Company CEO Jorge Gonzalez. “Sometimes it felt like one step forward, one step back.”

“There is nothing more important to us than creating jobs, quality jobs, in the counties where we are. That’s good business for us.”

Monday’s event, said Warren Yeager, director of the Gulf County Economic Development Coalition, was the result of a “lot of people in a lot of places with a lot of involvement and a vision.”

A vision, he added, far different than 20 years ago as the Arizona Chemical plant was headed toward closure, following several chemical companies and the St. Joe Paper Company out of town.

With the arrival of Gonzalez at the head of St. Joe, Yeager continued, the page turned on the relationship between the county and the company that owns key properties in Gulf County and takes its name from the community of Port St. Joe.

“Jorge had a commitment to Gulf County from the get-go,” Yeager said. “He takes Gulf County to heart. “When he took leadership of St. Joe, it was a new day.”

That new day now includes Eastern, which is moving into Gulf County initially with a boost from the Florida Legislature.

D’Isernia thanked lawmakers for the 2017 $6 million appropriation to the county to facilitate the creation of the outfitting yard.

Those funds include $1 million for dredging.

At the facility, vessels will arrive as mostly hull and motors and whatever is needed to sail, said a company representative in February.

The company has a contract with New York City for three 300-foot long “Staten Island” ferries, with the first hull under construction, D’Isernia said, and potentially arriving in Port St. Joe the middle of next year.

Outfitting a vessel could take as long as 18 months.

The facility will also allow Eastern to begin to establish a full-time vessel maintenance presence in a key geographical location.

But it is just a step in the door of a larger opportunity to create a dry dock facility in Port St. Joe, the next step in the working relationship with the county, D’Isernia noted.

The dry dock, 120- by 425- feet, will be constructed by Eastern and owned jointly by the county and Port St. Joe Port Authority, under an application submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast two weeks ago.

That expansion is part of Eastern’s effort to fulfill a Coast Guard contract for 25 offshore cutters.

“The Coast Guard contract is not only important for national security, but it is important in creating jobs, jobs for Port St. Joe, for Gulf County as well as Bay County,” D’Isernia said.
State may require advanced septic tanks

DEP says advanced septic tanks will reduce nitrates in Wakulla Springs

By ERIN HILL
Staff Writer

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is proposing a plan to reduce pollution in many Florida springs. The Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) may cost many local homeowners thousands of dollars.

The plans are required by the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act of 2016 and must be approved by the end of this month.

County Commissioner Randy Merritt, who is an engineer, said right now they don't know what DEP will require, but he hopes the county can enhance drain fields, and the residents won't have to upgrade to performance-based systems.

Merritt said the initial costs for a performance-based septic systems is about $2,000 to $3,000 but they are much more expensive in the long run.

Commission Chair Ralph Thomas said over a 20-year period it could possibly cost taxpayers $100 million if Gov. Rick Scott signs off on the proposal on July 1. He noted that that is just a guess, depending on construction costs, and systems that may fail.

He also said that if the developer or homeowner has access to a sewer system, and can connect to it within the next five years, this wouldn't affect them if the BMAP is finalized.

DEP has assessed the water quality in 30 of Florida's more than 700 springs. They determined that 24 of the 30 springs are polluted with nitrates.

DEP drafted a priority focus area, which include a large portion of Wakulla, Leon and Gadsden counties, which they say largely contributes to the Wakulla Springs pollution.

Melissa Corbett, a senior planner with the Wakulla County Building Department, said the BMAP is for all springs suffering problems from pollutants. Its goal is to reduce pollution, and improve the overall health of springs.

Corbett said for the last 10 to 15 years there has been a decline in animal species at Wakulla Springs. For example, she said biologists have confirmed that apple snails are disappearing at Wakulla Springs, and they are important for the ecosystem. Meanwhile, there has been an increase in algae, which is blocking out light and choking the other vegetation.

"What they found is there are increased amounts of nitrogen," Corbett said.

Fertilizers and human and animal waste, feed algae that eventually suffocates water bodies.

Corbett said one way DEP is trying to cut back on the pollution is by enforcing farmers to use Best Management Practices for agriculture, which are practical, cost-effective actions that agricultural producers can take to conserve water and reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste and other pollutants that enter water resources.

BMPs are designed to benefit water quality and water conservation while maintaining or even enhancing agricultural production, according to Fresh From Florida's website.

According to the drafted BMAP, farm fertilizer represents 20 percent of the total nitrogen loading to groundwater based on the DEP analysis, while sewage treatment and disposal systems represents 35 percent.

Corbett said they anticipate that DEP might also put forth new requirements on septic tanks.

"Essentially if you're in the area that they say contributes to Wakulla Springs, you may have to get performance-based or advanced treatment septic systems when developing, or if there is a sewer system, they can connect to it," Corbett said.

DEP previously documented elevated nitrate concentrations in groundwater beneath septic application zones in spring areas.

To view the BMAP, visit https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/Wakulla-BMAP.pdf.
In our new monthly segments of TransPlan News, you will hear about Transportation Planning topics directly from FDOT subject matter experts. This month’s topic is rural transportation planning. In the coming months, we hope you’ll join the conversation. Suggest topics and provide feedback by sending us your comments to planning@fdot.gov

Examining Florida’s Rural Transportation Planning

Understanding Florida’s rural transportation planning processes, both within and outside of metropolitan planning areas, is critical to equitable and effective local government engagement and collaboration. Transportation planning is often a challenging process, and rural areas may have even more challenges due to fewer resources and differing needs, but the department and our public and private partners are working to make the transportation planning process more attainable to rural communities.

In an effort to enhance Florida’s rural transportation planning processes, the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) Office of Policy Planning is examining when and how FDOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other transportation planning agencies collaborate with rural local governments. The goal is to identify better ways to meet the transportation needs of Florida’s rural areas and enhance coordination and engagement with rural local governments.

Florida’s 27 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) use planning to identify needs as early as possible through long-range transportation plans for urbanized areas, conducting studies, gathering public input, and prioritization of transportation projects. These projects are then incorporated into the work programs of the seven Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) districts.

The FDOT districts work directly with local governments that are not within an MPO. For these non-metropolitan transportation needs, planning resources are shared, and public input is coordinated through the respective FDOT district.

Federal law requires each state to develop and document a process for consulting with non-metropolitan local officials in both developing the state’s long-range transportation plan and in developing the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Florida’s non-metropolitan planning process must be reviewed and updated every five years. The next report is due in the spring of 2019. The work referenced below will inform the update to the state’s non-metropolitan consultation report.
In Phase I of this process, FDOT’s Office of Policy Planning has:
- Completed a review of literature pertaining to rural planning and noteworthy practices in other states;
- Analyzed trends, conditions and other data from Florida’s rural counties;
- Conducted outreach to FDOT’s seven districts, six of Florida’s MPOs with significant rural areas within their boundaries, the Small County Coalition of Florida, and several regional planning councils;
- Participated in the annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit and Rural Issues Working Group; and
- Conducted an email survey of rural city and county elected and appointed officials with assistance from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties.

Phase II of the project is coming soon and will include:
- A peer exchange with states that have developed formalized rural planning processes to gather information and share experiences and challenges;
- Identification of specific recommendations for a process that fits Florida’s specific and unique rural areas through collaboration with partners;
- Continued participation and communication with internal staff and external partners, and

For more information about Examining Florida’s Rural Transportation Planning, contact Rusty Ennemoser at Rusty.Ennemoser@dot.state.fl.us or (850)414-5337
Brownsfields Redevelopment Forum held in Jackson County

BY SHEILIA MADER

Last Thursday, county and city officials from Escambia to Jefferson County and all areas in between, north and south of I-10 converged in Jackson County at the Ag Center Complex on Penn Avenue to discuss economic development. The Annual

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and the West Florida and Apalachee Regional Planning Councils. The top of discussion Thursday was the amount of vacant and dilapidated and contaminated buildings in every county represented. Malone Mayor Gene Wright and Jackson County Commissioner Jim Peacock were at the forefront of the meeting, knowing that Jackson County is no stranger to buildings wasting away.

Chris Rietow, Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council was a key participant in the program and explained what the program was about Thursday. "This Brownsfields Redevelopment Forum, is basically a workshop for our local elected government officials and stakeholders to learn about the Brownsfields program, which is a tool for economic development. Basically, taking properties that have laid dormant or stagnant over the years with a perception of having some type of contamination. They may not have any contamination, but there may be that perception and because of that perception, nothing's happening with that property, it's laying dormant. It's an old gas station, it's an old dryer cleaner's, it's an old business that looks shuttered that may have some type of chemical contamination."

When asked about the area that was included in the meeting today and what areas were represented and by who, Rietow said, "We've got a number of consultants in there, elected officials, stakeholders, local government officials who are interested in learning about the program so they can take advantage of it and use this tool to take some of those properties and take advantage of this tool to tap into some funding that's available. Where we can assess the property, first of all to see if there's even any chemical contamination. Because, if there isn't, you can take that property and put it back on the market and get back on the tax roll and local governments can take advantage of that funding. When there's that perception that there's potential contamination, nobody wants to touch the property, nobody wants to talk about it, nobody wants to label it as a Brownsfields property. When you find out through an assessment that there isn't anything wrong with it, or maybe it takes some minimal remediation you can then lift that label or that stigma and make that property usable again."

About the actual counties and cities represented last week, Shawn Hamilton is the Director of DEP's Northwest Regulatory District, "The Northwest District office covers the 16 western counties in the panhandle, from Escambia to Jefferson County. It really depends, we certainly welcome any interested party, but we typically have more of a regional draw when we have these events."

The question was posed to Hamilton about why Marianna/Jackson County was chosen and if it was because of the central location, Hamilton said, "Partly, and too, well you guys are a great host. You have a great facility and the staff we have worked with have been outstanding, but you're right, you are conveniently located to a lot of the counties and a lot of municipalities we work with, with these types of issues."

Hamilton was asked about the type of contaminants they deal with, and asked about Dostier in particular, Hamilton said, "There are a lot of different things out there that could impact properties. One of the things that's interesting about this program is it can only be used to clean up your known contaminants, whether it's arsenic or maybe something from historical use of pesticides and things of this nature. This program also deals with perceived contamination and makes resources available for assessment. You hear information about properties that the communities believe to be impacted in some kind of way because of historical activities that occurred on the property. So, that perception, that stigma that is out there can prevent full utilization of that property. So, that's an interesting aspect that this program will take into consideration, that perception."

Hamilton was asked why it was important to let people know that there are options to utilizing older properties, "Underutilized properties are key assets to a lot of communities. You know, they're sitting there not on the tax rolls, they're not supporting jobs and things of this nature. They're sitting there unused, they just have this stigma. With the incentives whether they're financial or whether they're regulatory, or technical in nature, our goal is that those incentives will drive partnerships between the local communities, those municipalities and those private sector entities who are interested in economic development, to take advantage of the incentives and take
that big first step to move these properties back into viable resources."

Hamilton was asked how the two groups and the regional council came together and why, "Today's event is interesting. It's a partnership between these different entities. We've got the planning councils, the Apalachee and the West Florida Regional Planning Councils who support economic growth and development, then you've got us, the department and EPA who are also focused on the regulatory aspects of assessing and cleaning up the contamination in our communities. We all have a Brownfield's component in our mission. It's natural that we would partner on an even like this, because we all have an interest in seeing these sites revitalized and reused."

Mr. Hamilton also added, "Another thing I talk about each year that is so importance about this event is that there a lot of different folks in the room with a lot of different experiences. They've done a lot of the leg work, they've hit their heads on a lot of tough problems, and they're in there sitting next to people who are just now learning and trying to understand this program and this process. So, just those connections, those relationships, our hopes are they will yield unmeasurable benefits in the future as everyone works together to solve complex problems outside of these four walls."

Commissioner Jim Peacock was present at the meeting and said he is concerned about the economic development in our county and has plans for a trip to South Carolina to visit with Walgreen's about the possibility of a distribution center.

Malone Mayor Gene Wright is very proactive when it comes to availability of sources for his town, "If Malone can benefit from this, I'd like to see us take full advantage of it. We have buildings that are vacant and if there is a business that can open where they are with some assistance, we are on board for that without a doubt."

The primary goal of the Brownfields Redevelopment Act are to reduce public health and environmental hazards on existing commercial and industrial sites that are abandoned or underused due to potential hazards and to create financial and regulatory incentives to encourage voluntary cleanup and redevelopment of sites.
Fire ravages Eastpoint neighborhood

State says prescribed burn caused fire

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam said Wednesday morning that following an investigation led by his Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, a prescribed burn conducted by Wildland Fire Services, Inc. on behalf of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission caused the wildfire in Eastpoint, which burned more than 300 acres and destroyed 30 homes.

"My heart goes out to those affected by this devastating wildfire, and I thank all of our partners in the response effort to stop the spread of the fire," said Putnam.

The Florida Fish Service led response efforts to contain and extinguish the wildfire with assistance from: the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department, and other local fire departments.

During the course of the investigation, other possible causes, such as lightning, arson and fire accidentally caused by man, were eliminated.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission also released the following statement this morning.

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services continues to investigate the unknown cause of the Limerock Wildfire that destroyed a significant amount of property in Franklin County late on Sunday. FWC initiated an Inspector General investigation and has suspended its prescribed fire program statewide.

On Monday, June 18, seven days prior to the Limerock Wildfire, a private company which was contracted by FWC conducted a 480-acre prescribed fire in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area. This prescribed fire was separated from the Eastpoint neighborhood by 580 acres of private land. While the cause of the wildfire is still unknown and is being investigated by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the FWC Inspector General is also investigating that all protocols and operations at FWC's prescribed fire programs were followed and that the agency's program provides the safest operation.

Eric Sutton, executive director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said, "At FWC, safety is always our top priority. Due to the proximity of last week's prescribed fire to the Limerock Wildfire that caused severe damage, we have launched an investigation and will completely review all policies and procedures with prescribed fires. If the multiple ongoing investigations find that any safety protocols were not followed, we will take the proper steps to ensure accountability. Our focus remains with the families who were affected by the wildfire and our agency is committed to working to help this community get back on its feet."

FWC is one of several government agencies responsible for burning and burns more than 100,000 acres a year on public lands. The prescribed fire protocols and training requirements are thorough and rigorous. In Florida, prescribed fires are carried out by multiple state agencies, and each prescribed fire plan is approved by state fire safety experts with several checks and balances in place to ensure public safety. Prescribed fires carried out by FWC are done by both FWC staff and contracted certified experts.
Justices give Florida narrow win in water wars

By David Adlerstein
The Apalachicola Times

The Supreme Court is giving Florida another chance to make its case that Georgia uses too much water and leaves too little for its southern neighbor.

The justices ruled 5-4 Wednesday in the long-running dispute between the two states. The fight is over Georgia’s use of water from the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers that serve booming metro Atlanta and Georgia’s powerful agricultural industry.

Ruling in Florida’s favor were Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justices William Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, all concurred with the opinion by Justice Stephen Breyer. Voting no were Justices Samuel Alito, Elena Kagan, and Neal Gorsuch, who joins in Justice Clarence Thomas’ dissent.

The court said that a special master appointed to hear the lawsuit should reconsider Florida’s argument that limiting how much water Georgia uses would provide more for the Apalachicola River that flows into Apalachicola Bay and the nearby Gulf of Mexico.

The special master had recommended to the court that it side with Georgia and reject Florida’s call for limiting water consumption from the Flint River.

"Today’s ruling is a huge win for the entire state of Florida," said Gov. Rick Scott. "As governor, protecting the families whose livelihoods rely on the Apalachicola Bay has been a top priority. For nearly 30 years and under five governors, Florida has been fighting for its fair share of water from Georgia. After decades of failed negotiations, we took our historic action to protect families all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I am glad that the court ruled in Florida’s favor today and we look forward to further securing a healthy Apalachicola Bay while protecting the thousands of jobs that depend on this natural resource. The best interest of these families will always come first," he said.

Comments flooded in from local and state legislators, and other interested parties.

U.S. Cong. Neal Dunn: "Today is a great day for North Florida and the future of the Apalachicola River and Bay. It’s clear – our fisheries, our economy, and our environment have been devastated over the years by Georgia’s unrestrained water use. The Supreme Court made the right decision today in recognizing that Florida has been harmed as a result of decreased water flow to the ACF River Basin. Now it’s time for the Special Master and Army Corps of Engineers to come up with an equitable solution. I will continue to fight for our River Basin and all those who rely on the water to make their livelihood."

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson: "The Supreme Court decision has allowed Florida to fight in court another day. Let’s hope that day is not too late for Apalachicola Bay. This long-running dispute has cost Florida taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. Instead of forcing Georgia to send more water south into the bay, as Mother Nature intended, the Supreme Court has decided to prolong this process even further."

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio: "This is a clear victory for Florida, but the fight for our Apalachicola River and Bay is not over. Today, the Supreme Court came one step closer to alleviating the decades of harm caused by Georgia’s disregard for the Panhandle’s vital economic and environmental resources. A big thank you to President Trump for overseeing the Army Corps’ change of attitude that made today’s decision possible."

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gwen Graham, who formerly represented Franklin County in Congress: "This is a bitter-sweet victory for the Apalachicola community just days after the Eastpoint fire. Sending the case back to the special master is a step in the right direction, but this crisis is far from over for the oystermen and families of Apalachicola.

"While Attorney General Pam Bondi and Governor Rick Scott are claiming a win today, this only went to the Supreme Court because of their mistakes. They have mismanaged the case for years, costing our state precious time and giving away millions in taxpayer funds that could have been better spent directly helping the Apalachicola community."
"As governor, I will continue to pursue this legal action – and work with our partners in Washington to pass legislation like the bipartisan Apalachicola Bay Restoration Act to finally solve this decades-long crisis."

**Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam,** who is also running for governor: "After a raging wildfire destroyed the homes and livelihoods of dozens of families this weekend, the Apalachicola Bay community needed some good news. Today’s Supreme Court decision is a victory for Floridians. For decades, we’ve fought on every front to save Apalachicola Bay and the history, culture and economy it supports. We’ll continue to fight for Apalachicola Bay and the livelihoods of those who depend on it."

**Tania Galloni, Earthjustice attorney** who has filed a separate lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Florida Wildlife Federation, the National Wildlife Federation and the Apalachicola Riverkeeper: "The ruling is great news for Florida’s environment, drinking water supply and wildlife. We’re confident that Florida will be able to meet the Supreme Court’s test to show that reining in Georgia’s wasteful water consumption upstream will provide much needed freshwater to Florida downstream."

The lawsuit before the Supreme Court focuses on the Flint River in Georgia. We filed a separate lawsuit last year that addresses the Chattahoochee River, which joins with the Flint to become the Apalachicola River in Florida. The Army Corps of Engineers manages much of the water flow from the Chattahoochee River to the Apalachicola River with six dams along the Chattahoochee. The Army Corps of Engineers violated several environmental laws when it updated the plan to manage the river system and failed to perform an adequate environmental analysis of its actions as it’s required to do by federal law.

Cutting back the water that flows downstream from Georgia into Florida has had devastating impacts on the Apalachicola River ecosystem, one of the six “biodiversity hotspots” in the U.S. The lack of adequate freshwater flows has starved fish and shrimp populations, and led to the loss of more than 4.3 million trees. Many people lost their jobs after the population of Apalachicola Bay oysters crashed because the river wasn’t feeding enough freshwater into the area. At one time, the Apalachicola Bay provided 90 percent of Florida’s oysters and 10 percent of the whole country’s supply. A lack of freshwater flowing into the river jeopardizes the many species that live in the basin including the Florida black bear, the threatened West Indian Manatee and dozens of federally threatened or endangered species."
South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils Partner to Protect the Reef

The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils are actively involved in activities to further the study and protection of the Florida Reef Tract. Over the last four years Florida has struggled to diagnose and treat a catastrophic nearshore coral reef disease outbreak affecting the Florida Reef Tract between Martin and Monroe counties. It is spreading rapidly and unfortunately, in April, was found in the nearshore reefs in the lower Florida Keys.

This issue is of such great importance that in January the Councils convened a shared staff working group to identify and implement action steps to raise awareness and find resources to protect and save this important state and national treasure. This initial working group includes Council members and staff from both regional planning councils, the region's counties, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy. Over the last few months notable successes include passage by State Senator Lauren Book and State Representative Kristin Jacobs of
Senate Bill 232 and House Bill 53 establishing the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. Continued funding by Congress of the South Florida Geographic Initiative and full funding of the South Florida Geographic Initiative are critical to ensuring that additional science, data and technical assistance for understanding and treating the reef disease are available.

Councilmembers Mayor Beam Furr (Broward County) and County Commissioner Doug Smith (Martin County) updated the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) at their April meeting in Fort Lauderdale. The FFWCC is working with staff to provide a more extensive update at their upcoming June meeting in Sarasota. In addition, the staff working group is organizing a special briefing for the region's Chambers of Commerce leaders and Tourist Development Organizations on the disease outbreak and response efforts by local, state, and federal agencies. The Councils will be requesting their assistance with coordinated messaging and marketing efforts, and engaging these business leaders in advocacy for the Florida Reef Tract. If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, please contact Isabel Cosio Carballo (isabelc@sfrpc.com) and Michael J. Busha (mbusha@tcrpc.org).

Tampa Bay RPC Hosts 26th Annual Future of the Region Awards

This year marks the 26th Annual Future of the Region Awards hosted by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Over 300 people attended to honor and recognize notable achievements in innovative regional planning. The Future of the Region Awards event highlights projects and programs that exemplify regionalism and recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions that benefit the regional community. The Council's mission in recognizing excellence is to encourage future vision and collaboration among our communities and local governments.

Held on Friday, May 18th, 2018 at the Hilton Carillon Park Hotel in St. Petersburg, this year's event was the largest to date and featured a video from Senator Bill Nelson's office. The event has grown to include six corporate sponsors and 55 competitive entries from both government agencies and the private businesses.
West Florida RPC Hosts Grants Workshop

On April 26th the West Florida RPC hosted the 2018 "Show Me the Money Grants Workshop" in DeFuniak Springs. The event was designed to help area grant writers, planners, elected officials and other county, municipal and state department staff members better understand ways to seek additional funding through grants. More than 70 attendees spent the day networking and hearing from regional grants experts. Special speakers included:

- Stephanie Hodges, Area Director, USDA Rural Development
- Cori Henderson, Director of Business Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Patrick Howard, Government Operations Consultant III, Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the April 2018 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, FRCA Forward. Began collecting articles and formatting the May 2018 Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.

- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties regarding the maintenance and enhancement of the FRCA website and newsletter. Continued to update and maintain the email listserv for the more than 2,500 individuals who receive FRCA Forward.

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - Florida Transportation Plan Implementation Meeting
  - Resiliency Forum, hosted by the Department of Environmental Protection
  - Coordination Meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation and the Greenways and Trails Foundation
  - Coastal Meeting hosted by the Department of Environmental Protection
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting
  - Florida Economic Development Council Annual Conference

- Promoted the Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity Webinar hosted by the Economic Development Administration.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated in the May 10, 2018, Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) held by conference call. Prepared for the June 28th and 29th EDAC and Partners Meetings being held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference including developing agendas and securing presenters.

- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
  - National Association of Regional Councils, June 2 – 4th
  - Florida Association of Counties, June 27 – 29th
  - Florida League of Cities, August 15 – 17th
  - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 11 – 13th

- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.
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