



50 *Years*

1969 - 2019

North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council



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*Celebrating Our First Fifty Years*  
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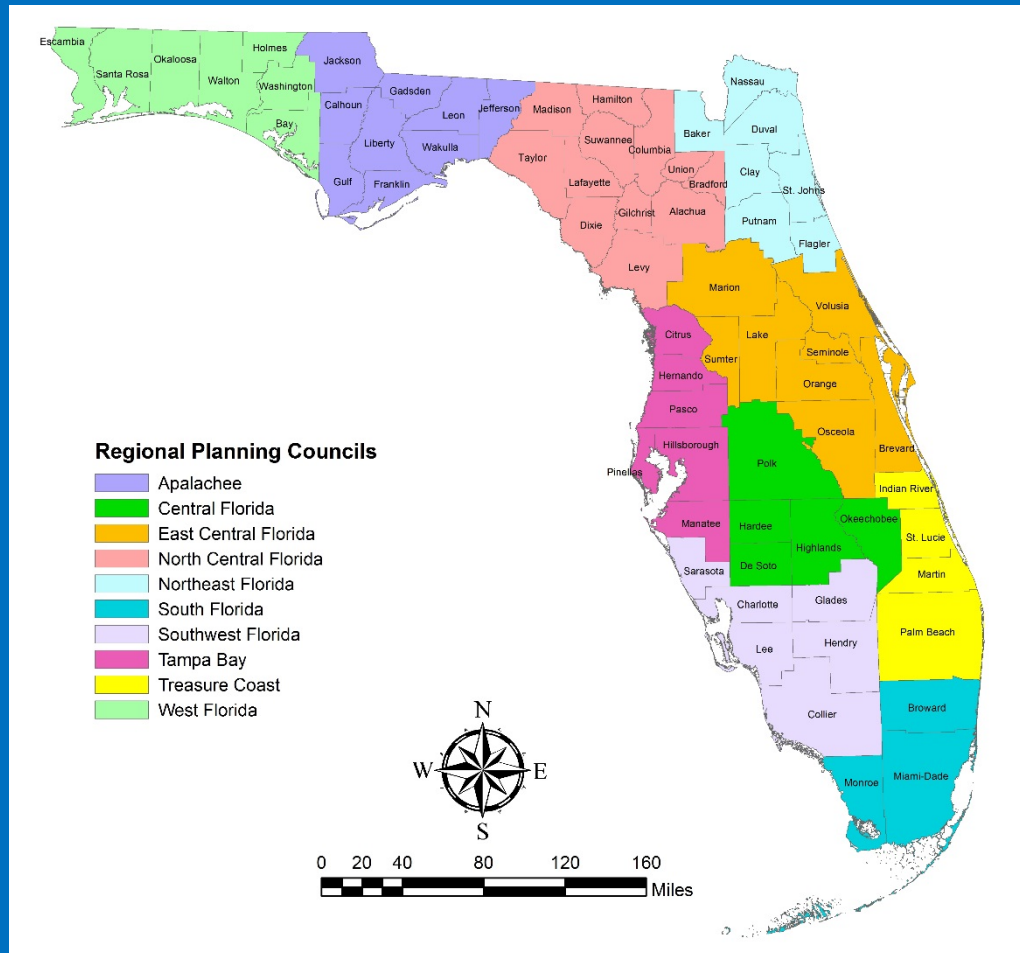


# Overview

- ❑ Who We Are
- ❑ What We Do
- ❑ 50-Year History
- ❑ Summary



# Regional Planning Councils



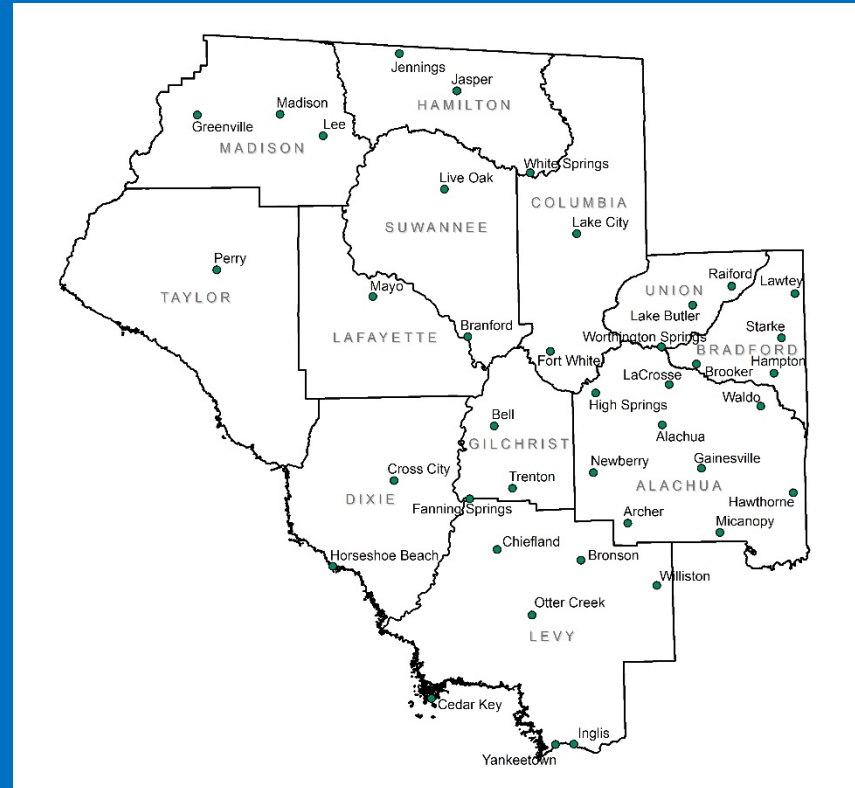
# Mission Statement

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



# The Region

- ❑ 12 counties and 40 municipalities (13 member cities)
- ❑ 8,000 square miles
- ❑ 560,000 population



# The Council

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



# The Council

## □ Member Counties

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





# The Council

## □ Member Cities

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



# The Council

## ❑ Executive Committee Members

- ❑ Louie Davis, Chair
- ❑ Robert Wilford, Vice-Chair
- ❑ Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer
- ❑ Thomas Demps, Executive Committee Member
- ❑ Lorene Thomas, Immediate Past Chair



# The Council

## ❑ Ex-Officio Members

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



# Regional Planning Council Programs

- ❑ Regional
- ❑ Public Safety
- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Economic Development
- ❑ Local Government Assistance



# Regional Planning Council Members

## ❑ Charter Member Local Governments

- ❑ Alachua County - May 7, 1969
- ❑ City of Alachua - May 7, 1969
- ❑ City of Gainesville - May 7, 1969
- ❑ City of Hawthorne - May 7, 1969
- ❑ City of High Springs - May 7, 1969



# Regional Planning Council Members

## □ Member Local Governments

- Union County - November 9, 1974
- Bradford County - December 11, 1974



# Regional Planning Council Members

## □ Member Local Governments

- Columbia County - June 1, 1975
- Hamilton County - June 1, 1975
- Suwannee County - June 1, 1975
- Taylor County - June 1, 1975
- City of Lake City - June 1, 1975
- City of Perry - June 1, 1975
- City of Starke - June 1, 1975



# Regional Planning Council Members

## □ Member Local Governments

- City of Live Oak - September 17, 1976
- Madison County - December 1, 1976
- Lafayette County - December 6, 1976
- City of Madison - March 8, 1977
- City of Waldo - February 9, 1978





# Regional Planning Council Members

## □ Member Local Governments

- Dixie County - February 16, 1981
- Gilchrist County - March 2, 1981
- City of Archer - September 12, 1983
- City of Jasper - February 18, 1992
- City of Newberry - January 1, 2000
- Levy County - August 16, 2016



# 50 Years Ago - 1969

## □ Population and Government

- Florida Population - 6,000,000
- Region Population - 225,000
- City Population - 64,000
  
- President Richard Nixon
- Governor Claude Kirk, Jr.



# 50 Years Ago - 1969

## □ Events

- Walt Disney World Construction Begins
- Neil Armstrong Walks on Moon
- Boeing 747 Takes First Flight



# 50 Years Ago - 1969

## □ Economy

- Gasoline (gallon) - .32
- Bread (loaf) - .23
- Milk (gallon) - \$1.10
  
- Automobile - \$2,000
- Income - \$6,500
- House - \$40,000



# 50 Years Ago - 1969

## ❑ Entertainment and Sports

- ❑ Oscar - Midnight Cowboy
- ❑ Grammy - Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In (5th Dimension)
- ❑ World Series Champions - New York Mets
- ❑ Super Bowl III Champions - New York Jets



# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

- ❑ First Decade (1969-1979)
  - ❑ Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study
  - ❑ Gainesville Metropolitan Area Stormwater Study
  - ❑ Local Government Comprehensive Plans
  - ❑ Community Development Block Grant Applications
  - ❑ Economic Development District Designation
  - ❑ Regional Comprehensive Plan
  - ❑ Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization



# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

## ❑ Second Decade (1979-1989)

- ❑ Overall Economic Development Program
- ❑ Research and Development Park Feasibility Study
- ❑ Suwannee River Committee
- ❑ Regional Inland Hurricane Shelter Study
- ❑ Coastal Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection Report
- ❑ Southeast Gainesville Commercial Revitalization Study
- ❑ Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan
- ❑ County Hazardous Waste Monitoring Program



# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

## ❑ Third Decade (1989-1999)

- ❑ Job Training Partnership Act Administrator
- ❑ Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ❑ The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
- ❑ Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Agency
- ❑ Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance
- ❑ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- ❑ Big Bend Tri-County Task Force
- ❑ County Local Mitigation Strategies





# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

## ❑ Fourth Decade (1999-2009)

- ❑ Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
- ❑ Statewide Water Distribution Recommendation Review
- ❑ Economic Impact Analysis Modeling Services
- ❑ Interstate 75 Corridor Council
- ❑ Interstate 75 Interchange Development Report



# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

## □ Fifth Decade (2009-2019)

- Regional Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study
- Statewide Evacuation Study
- Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Regional Pipeline Training Safety Project
- Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force



# Regional Planning Council 50-Year History

- ❑ Executive Directors, Chairs and Elected Officials and Gubernatorial Appointees
  - ❑ 3 Executive Directors
  - ❑ 39 Chairs
  - ❑ 396 Elected Officials and Gubernatorial Appointees



# Regional Planning Council Team

## Team Leaders

**Scott R. Koons, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Dwayne L. Mundy**  
Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance  
Program Director

**Kevin D. Parrish**  
Information Technology and  
Property Management Director



# Regional Planning Council Team

## Team Members

**Michael Escalante**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Carmelita Franco**, Planning Administrative Assistant

**Lynn Franson-Godfrey**, AICP, Senior Planner

**Sandra Joseph**, Senior Planner

**Jean Strong**, Executive Assistant to the  
Executive Director

**Tara Tucker**, Secretary II

**Lauren Yeatter**, AICP, Senior Planner



# Summary

- ❑ 50th Anniversary 1969-2019
- ❑ 10 Regional Planning Councils
- ❑ 2/3 Local Elected Officials and 1/3 Gubernatorial Appointees
- ❑ Planning and Coordinating Role
- ❑ Programs
  - ❑ Regional
  - ❑ Public Safety
  - ❑ Transportation
  - ❑ Economic Development
  - ❑ Local Government Assistance





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