

# NEFRC Highlights

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## NEFRC Leads Nassau County PDRP Tabletop Exercise

On Thursday, April 28th a tabletop exercise was held at the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center. The focus of the exercise was the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP), which was adopted by the County in 2009. The Nassau County PDRP was developed as part of a statewide pilot project initiative. The Plan was developed to provide the County and its jurisdictions with a strategic, interdisciplinary plan for guiding action and decision making during the disaster recovery and redevelopment period.

Over twenty people participated in the exercise, many of which are members of the Executive Technical Committee who drafted the Plan. Participants included County staff, representatives from utility companies, Chamber of Commerce, School Board as well as Nassau County municipalities. The scenario presented was the landfall of a Category 3 Hurricane on Amelia Island. Modules presented were sixty days post disaster and dealt with issues of building permits and land development, the recovery of the County's economy, both the tourism industry and small and corporate businesses and lastly, the issue of temporary housing. Each module drew discussion among the groups and ultimately provided all those involved with a better understanding of the role of the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan and its policies. It was decided that updates should be made to the Plan and that another exercise would be a valuable learning experience.

For additional information on the Nassau County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan Tabletop Exercise, please contact Beth Payne at [epayne@nefrc.org](mailto:epayne@nefrc.org), or (904) 279-0885 x133.



NEFRC staff member Danny Hinson (standing at left) facilitates a group during the Nassau County Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning Tabletop Exercise held on April 28th.



## First Coast Vision

**The future's so bright,  
we've got to wear shades!**

The Regional Community Institute is creating First Coast Vision, a vision for growth and development in the seven county Northeast Florida Region for the next 50 years.

They are doing it with the help of more than 1,000 members of the public, who were polled on their preferred growth patterns for the Region, and they have developed goals that describe where they hope the First Coast will be in 50 years.

**HELP PICTURE FIRST COAST VISION:  
THE FIRST COAST VISION DESIGN CHALLENGE**

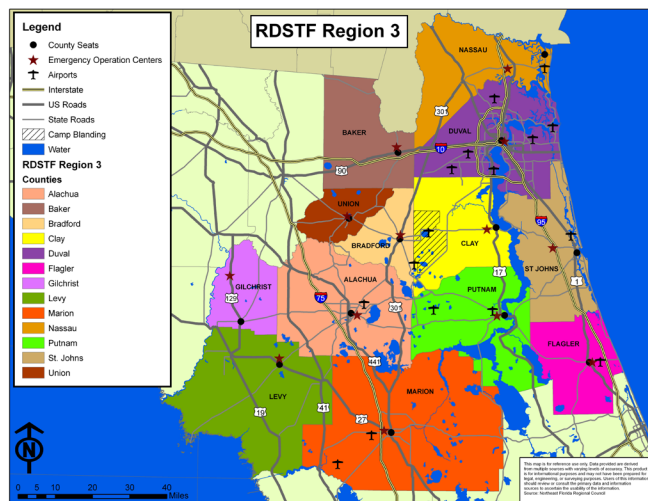
What will the First Coast Region look like in 50 years?  
Here is your chance to help a Region picture itself, and for your work to be featured in First Coast Vision.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Go to [www.FirstCoastVision.com/DesignChallenge](http://www.FirstCoastVision.com/DesignChallenge) to see how you, or your team, can participate in the challenge. The Challenge launches in early April 2011, with submissions due in early June 2011.

## Web EOC for Florida DEM Region 3: Implementing Information Sharing

Sharing of information among first responders is a critical component of successful disaster response, recovery and mitigation programs. In 2008, Emergency Managers from Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Region 3 and with the assistance of the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) began reviewing the availability of information sharing software. The more effective information is shared the better coordination will be provided to Emergency Managers and responders in an Emergency Operations Center and in the field. Ultimately, Region 3 selected the Web EOC software from Augusta, Georgia-based ESI, which was already in use by two of FDEM Region 3's 13 counties. Region 3 was able to learn from the first two counties who implemented Web EOC and gained valuable insight on operation and process flow. To date, Web EOC servers have been installed in the Emergency Operations Centers of the following seven counties in Region 3: Alachua; Clay; Duval; Marion; Nassau; Putnam; and St. Johns. In addition, Clay County's Web EOC server has been identified as a "regional server", which now hosts those counties without servers as well as the National Weather Service (NWS) and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), and will soon become host to the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Transportation (DOT).



Above: Map of FDEM Region 3

During implementation of the Web EOC system, the opportunity arose to invite Citrus County to participate in sharing the daily status of the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant. While Citrus County is located south of Region 3, the same nuclear power utility is building another plant in Levy County, which is part of Region 3. By including the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant and Citrus County, Region 3 will benefit by status and updates from the Fusion Server. There is also a Law Enforcement component and use that is currently being built and used within the Region.

Training for Web EOC in each county kicked off in March 2011 by conducting workshops in each county and advanced board building for those users who are able to move beyond the basic user. For more information on Web EOC, please contact Danny Hinson at [dhinson@nefrc.org](mailto:dhinson@nefrc.org), or (904) 279-0885 X113.

### Regional Leadership Academy Goes on the Road in April

The 2011 class of the Regional Leadership Academy went on the road to the City of Palm Coast for its April 13th session on Sustainability. The City of Palm Coast's achievement of Gold Level Green Local Government Certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition made it a natural host for this session.

The day began with an overview of the City of Palm Coast's Green Initiatives by Ray Tyner, Denise Bevan and Bill Butler of the City of Palm Coast. David Dinkins of the University of Florida Partnership for Water, Agriculture and Community Sustainability at Hastings provided an overview of agriculture as a component of sustainability. Finally, class members and First Coast Vision committee members Allen Tilley, Robert Farmer and Susan Grandin facilitated group discussions of how sustainability principles and policies could be implemented in Northeast Florida.

The next session of the Regional Leadership Academy will be held on May 11th at the Northeast Florida Regional Council and will cover the topics of Education and Economic Development. For more information on the Regional Leadership Academy, please contact Jennifer Hewett-Apperson at [jhewettapperson@nefrc.org](mailto:jhewettapperson@nefrc.org), or (904) 279-0885 x104.

### NEFRC Office Space Available for Lease

NEFRC has office space available for immediate occupancy to not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organizations, in its newly renovated, modern office building conveniently located in Jacksonville's Southpoint commercial area. Available lease space includes 6,000+ square feet of private suite office space on the first floor that can be configured to suit tenant, and 4,000+ square feet of private suite office space on the second floor with turnkey traditional office space and cubical workstations, with access to five conference rooms with capacities ranging from 12 to 150. Full building amenities, floor plans, and parking configurations are detailed in the attached brochure and are located on our website at [www.nefrc.org](http://www.nefrc.org). For more information on the available space and lease terms, please contact Mario Taylor, NEFRC Deputy CEO and Chief Operations Officer, at 904-279-0880.