

# NEFRC Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

January 2011

## Elected Officials and Regional Leaders Recognized at Annual Awards Reception

On January 20th, more than 150 elected officials, Regional leaders and award winners gathered at the University of North Florida for the 10th Annual Northeast Florida Elected Officials Reception and 2010 Regional Leadership Awards. JTA Director of Business Development and Corporate Sales Michael Miller was the evening's master of ceremonies and recognized each of the evening's award winners. Additionally, this marked the first time that a social and silent auction for the Regional Community Institute (RCI) was held in conjunction with the NEFRC Elected Officials Reception and Awards Ceremony. This years honorees are listed below.



**Regional Award for Excellence in Economic Development and Tourism**  
Lindsey Ballas



**Harry Waldron Award**  
WJCT CEO Michael Boylan



**Regional Award for Excellence in Education**  
Accepted by Dr. Quinton White on behalf of the Jacksonville University Marine Science Research Institute



**Regional Award for Excellence in Transportation**  
Accepted by Bill Killingsworth and Laurie Kattrehl on behalf of the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department



**Regional Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing**  
Joe Logan, St. Johns County Volunteer



**Regional Award for Excellence in Planning and Growth Management**  
Accepted by Brian Hammons on behalf of the Putnam County Planning and Development Department



**Regional Quality of Life Award**  
Accepted by Dr. Dawn Emerick on behalf of the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc.



**Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety**  
Florida Highway Patrol Chief Grady Carrick



**Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship**  
Accepted by Denise Bevan and Carol Bennett on behalf of the City of Palm Coast



**Regional Quality of Life Award**  
Nancy Dreicer, Florida Department of Children and Families



**Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship**  
Accepted by Capt. Bob Sanders on behalf of NAS Jacksonville

This evening would not have been possible without the generous support of the following sponsors:  
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Bringing Communities Together to Advance the Regional Agenda

## First Coast Vision: Join Us at Town Hall Meetings on the Future of the First Coast



“The Future’s So Bright,  
I Gotta Wear Shades”  
Timbuk3, 1986

The recession has not stopped our beautiful Northeast Florida from working on a vision for growth and development in the Region for the next 50 years.

Regional visioning efforts kicked off with Reality Check First Coast in May, 2009. Since then, the Reality Check Lego® brick and yarn visioning exercise has been repeated in each of the seven counties of the Region, as well as in a youth-only forum. These exercises resulted in six Guiding Principles, recommended to guide how we develop and grow for the next 50 years, and four Growth Patterns, that could describe the way that we grow.

Learn about First Coast Vision at a meeting in your county. You will have the opportunity to choose the growth pattern you prefer for the Region, to talk with your neighbors and planners about the draft goals and objectives being contemplated for inclusion in First Coast Vision, and to give planners your input. Once First Coast Vision is completed in Fall 2011, it will be provided to the Northeast Florida Regional Council before they update the plan for the Region, known as the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

County	Date	Time	Venue
Baker	Monday, February 7, 2011	6:30 PM	Agricultural Center 1025 W. Macclenny Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063-9640
Clay	Thursday, March 3, 2011	6:30 PM	Green Cove Springs City Hall 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Duval	Monday, March 7, 2011	6:30 PM	Northeast Florida Regional Council 6850 Belfort Oaks Place Jacksonville, FL 32216
Flagler	Thursday, February 24, 2011	6:30 PM	Emergency Operations Center 1769 E. Moody Blvd, Bldg. #3 Bunnell, FL 32110
Nassau	Thursday, February 3, 2011	7:00 PM	FSCJ Betty P. Cook Center 76346 William Burgess Blvd. Yulee, FL 32097
Putnam	Thursday, February 17, 2011	6:30 PM	Price-Martin Center 220 N 11th Street Palatka, FL 32177
St. Johns	Monday, February 28, 2011	6:30 PM	Agricultural Center 3125 Agricultural Center Drive St. Augustine, FL 32092-0572



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