

NEFRC Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

July 2012

Strategic Regional Policy Plan Update – Soon to Go Public



The Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Update

A draft of the updated Strategic Regional Policy Plan will be available for public input soon. The public is encouraged to attend one of seven public input workshops listed here, where they can learn about the draft plan and provide input. They will also be able to provide input at the Council's website. For more information, contact Margo Moehring: mmoehring@nefrc.org.

PUBLIC MEETING	DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Baker County	Thursday, September 20, 2012	6:30 PM	County Commission Chambers 55 N. 3rd St. Macclenny, FL 32063
Clay County	Thursday, October 18, 2012	6:30 PM	Green Cove Springs City Hall 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Duval County	Thursday, 3 October 25, 2012	6:00 PM	NEFRC 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216
Flagler County	Thursday, September 27, 2012	6:30 PM	Emergency Operations Center 1769 E. Moody Blvd, Bldg. #3 Bunnell, FL 32110
Nassau County	Thursday, October 11, 2012	6:30 PM	FSCJ Betty P. Cook Center 76346 William Burgess Blvd. Yulee, FL 32097
Putnam County	Thursday, October 4, 2012	6:30 PM	Commissioners Board Room, 2509 Crill Avenue, Suite 100, Palatka, FL 32177
St. Johns County	Thursday, September 6, 2012	6:30 PM	AG Center 3125 Agricultural Center Drive St. Augustine, FL 32092

Strategic Regional Policy Plan Presentation to the Department of Environmental Protection

On July 11, 2012 NEFRC Director of Policy, Margo Moehring was at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with a presentation on the update of the State-mandated Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Ms. Moehring explained that this is the first time the Northeast Florida Region will have the benefit of a 2060 vision for growth and development in the seven county Region – the First Coast Vision that produced action items such as a new look at green infrastructure and a policy review regarding the possible impact of climate change on Northeast Florida. For more information, contact Margo Moehring: mmoehring@nefrc.org.



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Energy in North Florida: Policy and Resiliency

Affordable and reliable energy is critical for Florida's economic growth. Regional Councils in Florida, in association with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, and the Florida Office of Energy, are reviewing energy issues in their regions and collecting recommendations for goals, strategies, and measures for a statewide energy resiliency strategy.

Workshop One: Overview of the vulnerabilities and current state of energy in North Florida and discussion of approaches for this region. August 13, 2012 from 10am to 2pm (lunch provided) at the Gainesville Regional Utilities Eastside Operations Center at 4747 North Main Street, **Gainesville, FL 32609**. Transit service or a car pool will be provided from the Northeast Florida Regional Council parking lot at 7:30am, returning from Gainesville at 2:15pm.

Workshop Two: Overview of the August 15-17 Florida Energy Summit and a discussion of the goals, strategies and measures you recommend for North Florida. Prioritize the recommendations and discuss next steps. August 29, 2012 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, **Jacksonville, FL 32216** from 10am to 2pm (lunch provided). Transit service or a car pool will be provided from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council office leaving at 7:30am, returning from Jacksonville at 2:15pm.

There is no charge but pre-registration is required by August 6 for Workshop One, and August 22 for Workshop Two. All are encouraged to attend both workshops, and there is no need to register twice if you wish to attend both. Join the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Northeast Florida Regional Council for these important discussions.

For more information contact Margo Moehring: mmoehring@nefrc.org.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) and District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) hosted the quarterly meeting of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in Jacksonville on July 12 -13, 2012. The SERC is responsible for implementing federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) provisions in Florida and serves as a technical advisor and information clearinghouse for state and federal hazardous materials programs. The Florida Division of Emergency Management is the lead agency responsible for implementing EPCRA and provides staff support to the SERC. The Commission conducts quarterly public meetings in varying locations throughout the state.

Currently, SERC membership is comprised of twenty-three Governor-appointed individuals representing the interests of state and local government, emergency services, industry, and the environment. Brian Teeple, CEO of NEFRC, is a member of the SERC.

Topics discussed at the July meeting of the SERC included:

- Adoption of Integration Protocol for Hazardous Materials and Explosive Ordinance Teams.
- Universal training courses for first responders to be offered in January of 2013 at Fire Rescue East. Cost and course availability are still under discussion.
- Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) district reports.

For more information contact Eric Anderson: eanderson@nefrc.org.

Disaster Preparedness with TIME and SIM Training

NEFRC staff member, Ameera Sayeed continued teaching Transportation Interface for Modeling Evacuations (TIME) and Surge Inundation Modeling (SIM) training class during July in South Florida and Treasure Coast. Under contract with the Division of Emergency Management, NEFRC conducts training on TIME. This model was created for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRESP). TIME uses GIS and transportation modeling components in a user-friendly format and is designed to be a uniform tool for the State to assess impacts to demographics, highway networks, and shelter capacity during an evacuation event by allowing users to input various scenarios to better plan for evacuations. TIME uses sophisticated data sets and assumptions gathered from a survey conducted during the development of the SRESP. The course objective covers principle elements of SIM including the Sea Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) data, LiDAR, digital elevation models, and spatial analyses. For more information contact Ameera Sayeed at asayeed@nefrc.org.

"Back to Basics"

On Thursday, July 26th, St. Johns County held their annual disaster preparedness exercise, planned by the staff of the NEFRC. This year, the theme of the exercise was "Back to Basics" and was organized with guest speakers and concurrent breakout sessions designed for the participant to attend specialized workshops on Emergency Operations Center – Activation and Emergency Support responsibilities. The six breakout sessions were informative and interactive, allowing the County to work through some of the issues they are facing this Hurricane Season. The exercise was well attended, with over 130 people participating.

Opening remarks were given by the County Administrator, Michael Wanchick. The Keynote Speaker was Commander Marie Byrd of the USCG Jacksonville Sector. The Lunch Session address was given by Al Sandrik of the National Weather Service and the Closing Speaker was Mike Buresh, Chief Meteorologist of Action News. For more information contact Beth Payne: epayne@nefrc.org.

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