

NEFLC Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

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New Council President Sets Vision For Upcoming Year

Council President, Mr. Kenny Eubanks, Putnam County, addressed the Council during the October meeting, establishing three main themes for the upcoming year. His message for the Council is to continue showing value to our member governments, seek new ways to advance regionalism and responsibly address community issues as they come before the council of representatives. For more information about the Council, please visit the website www.nefrc.org or speak with Brian Teeple, CEO, at bteeple@nefrc.org.

Green Cove Springs Hosts The 2014 Northeast Florida Mobility Summit

The Council's transportation planner in residence, Ed Lehman, played a key role in the development and execution of the TransPortal Launch and 2014 Mobility Summit. The summit was held in the City of Green Cove Springs, hosted by the Clay County Council on Aging. The City was selected as a representation of the preferred growth pattern in the Region – increasing density in the established cities and towns and then connecting these denser areas through a variety of transportation modes. The Council's partner, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, educated the attendees on the reality of being mobile in the seven county Region and how demographics and economics affect mobility. The summit aimed to celebrate the Region's success in coordinating transportation services for our disadvantaged populations, veterans, and military families. For more information, contact Ed Lehman, at elehman@nefrc.org.



TransPortal



Northeast Florida
Healthcare
COALITION
For Disaster Preparedness

Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Works With Council

The Council is directly contracting with the Florida Department of Health as the administrative and fiscal agent of the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition (NEFLHCC). The Regional Council has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the NEFLHCC to accomplish these tasks: website development and maintenance, staff to the Executive Board, procurement, completion of contract specific deliverables with help of outside contractors and fiscal responsibilities of invoicing, quarterly reporting, auditing requirements, maintaining all record copies, financial statements for Board meetings. Executive Board meetings have been scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 pm at the St. Johns County EOC.

The Healthcare Coalitions (HCC) have been defined as "a collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners that serve as a multi-agency coordinating group to assist with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations."—Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities: National Guidance for Healthcare System Preparedness. The development and sustainment of HCCs is a federal initiative and a requirement of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreement funded by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The purpose of HCCs is to ensure that local providers and other healthcare partners plan collaboratively for the risks facing the healthcare community and identify available local resources. The Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition covers all of NEFLC counties except Putnam County. Putnam County is part of the North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition. For more information, contact Beth Payne, at epayne@nefrc.org.



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Bringing Communities Together to Advance the Regional Agenda

Do's And Don'ts Of Operating In The Sunshine

Sunshine regulations apply to Development Authorities, except as provided for by specific statutory exemption. CEO Brian Teeple provided an introduction into the Sunshine laws and Public Records management for the Baker County Development Authority this month. The Baker County Development Authority was created with the mission to attract industry to Baker County and consider incentives in exchange for establishing, relocating, or expanding job creating enterprises in the County. For more information, contact Brian Teeple, at bteeple@nefrc.org.

Harbor Deepening: A Planning Perspective

Council staffer, Margo Moehring, moderated an expert panel hosted by the First Coast Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association on October 2. The four expert panelists were Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns RiverKeeper, Dr. David Jaffee, UNF Sociology Department, Mr. Paul Robbins, CEO Caribbean Shipping, and Mr. Brian Taylor, CEO Jaxport. The four hour educational seminar examined the harbor deepening from the angle of environmental protection, economic costs and benefits, realities of shipping along the eastern seaboard and positioning a local asset for the global economy.



Council Implements New Local Mitigation Strategy Process For Clay County

The Council is updating the 2010 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) for Clay County and will apply a new toolkit designed for LMS plans by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

The toolkit integrates the analytical focus of the local strategies with the federal requirements of the Community Rating System to reduce costs and protect citizens. Created under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, LMS plans address collaboration between state, regional and local agencies before disaster events, and identifying mitigation solutions to reduce or eliminate risks associated with natural and man-made hazards. From this perspective, local communities can focus resources on the most vulnerable areas before disaster occurs. For more information, contact Ms. Beth Payne, AICP, at epayne@nefrc.org.

New And Noteworthy: Map Request Portal Active

The Council has operated a Geographic Information System to spatially analyze regional issues for over fifteen years and is constantly updating processes to enhance services to our member governments and other users. Current events include migrating to the latest version of ArcGIS and beginning the initial phases for the release of the Regional Map Gallery. A variety of significant regional maps are found throughout the Council's website now and to help you collect printed plots of these maps, the Council has launched a map request portal. Visit http://www.nefrc.org/Data_GIS_Econ.htm and scroll to the products list to make your request. Look for future changes as the Regional Map Gallery is configured into a one stop shop for the most "in demand" maps. For more information, contact Lindsay Haga, at lhaga@nefrc.org.

Request A Speaker!

It is a simple process to request a speaker for your group! The Council employs experts well versed in local, regional and state issues and available with advance notice to speak to your school, group, organization, or club. Visit the Council website, www.nefrc.org and navigate to the Speak to Me! Logo. Use the request form to submit your request.



Best Wishes And Thank You To Mr. Mario Taylor

Mario Taylor retired after eight years of service for the Council and with over 30+ years dedicated to public service for the Northeast Florida Region and the State of Florida. Mario has been leader and friend for the Region and although he left the office, his legacy will remain. Good luck to you Mario!



Did you know. . .

Over the past ten years, regional planning councils have trained more than 50,000 first responders and other emergency management personnel? That's equivalent to almost the entire population of the City of Pensacola!

Source: Florida Regional Council's Association, Annual Report, 2013-2014.