

# NEFRC

## Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

January 2015

### Putnam County Solid Waste Committee

Council CEO Brian Teeple facilitates the Putnam County Solid Waste Committee to help the County leaders devise a plan for the public landfill. This appointed committee was convened in December 2014 to address efficiencies of managing solid waste and includes appointees from the Commission and Councils of the five municipalities in Putnam County. Solid waste management includes collection, transfer, and drop off services for the citizens of Putnam County. The landfill is located north of Palatka off US 17 with satellite collection centers in Crescent City and Interlachen. Pick up collection is hired out to Waste Pro with conditions for pickup of different materials for recycling and yard waste. The committee is charged with examining a variety of options from retaining public operation of the land fill to conversion to an alternative method of solid waste management. The committee plans to meet until April of 2015 and then they will present the findings to the County Commission for action. For more information, contact Brian Teeple at [bteeple@nefrc.org](mailto:bteeple@nefrc.org).

### Council Partners With Putnam County To Host Quarterly Planning Directors Meeting

Since 1999, the Council has convened the Region's Planning and Agency Directors through quarterly meetings. The meetings address relevant topics facing practicing program leaders. And over the years, the topics have been specific legislation to continuing topics of interest like water quantity, quality, housing and transportation. For the 2015 year, the Council will partner with the planning directors to rotate the meeting location, using the location as the theme for the agenda. Putnam County Planning and Building Department hosted the first meeting. The agenda included a policy insight exercise on the use of backyard fowl/chickens, water academies, DRI changes and legislative forecasts. The highlight of the meeting centered on two guest speakers: Jonathan Griffith, Special Project Manager for the City of Palatka and Thad Crowe, Planning Director for the City of Palatka. The experts addressed the redevelopment and revitalization in Main Street Towns covering the financial costs of investing in infrastructure and the design standards needed to carry forward the imprint of the downtown district in Palatka. This meeting also kicks off one of the doable action items for the Thriving Small Business Regional Action Plan. For more information, contact Lindsay Haga at [lhaga@nefrc.org](mailto:lhaga@nefrc.org).

### Regional Leadership Academy Class Of 2015 Program Curriculum

The Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) is a program of the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) that nurtures and cultivates a commitment to Regionalism. The Academy educates Regional Leaders and invests in the future of our communities through a mission to make Northeast Florida a better place to live and work. It is for those with a sincere commitment and motivation to serve the Regional community. The RLA is for leaders representing business (large and small), education, nonprofits, agriculture, government, healthcare, elected officials, and media.



From Left to Right: C. Felecia Hampshire, Mayor, City of Green Cove Springs; Van Royal, Vice Mayor, City of Green Cove Springs and Kelly Scott, Research Analyst, Jacksonville Public Education Fund

The Class of 2015 Program Curriculum educates leaders through on site seminars in each of the seven counties of the Region. Beginning with Clay County: Regional Trends, Duval County: Regional Advancement, Putnam County: Success for All, Flagler County: Resiliency on Earth Day, Baker County: Health and History, June 24. St. Johns County: Sustainability, Nassau County: Democracy and the Future. For more information, contact Margo Moehring at [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org).



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## **Initiative Support: JCCI 2015 Inquiry Successful Aging In Northeast Florida**

The Council is pleased to serve on the 2015 Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) Management Committee investigating the needs for the 50 plus citizens of the Region "Re-thinking Aging: Making Northeast Florida Age Friendly". The JCCI inquiry began mid-January and will continue until late summer 2015. Of the Region's 1.5 million total population, between 25% to 55% of individual county populations are over 50 years of age. Using national, state, and regional thought leaders, the committee will examine how Northeast Florida is preparing for this population cohort. For more information contact, Lindsay Haga at lhaga@nefrc.org.

## **Council Offers Operation Respond Training - CSX**

The Council is the first in the State to offer "CSX Operation Respond" training which assists responders with access to secure information to respond more quickly and accurately; therefore making our communities more resilient to hazards associated to rail and its cargo. The Council conducted the kick off CSX Operation Respond classes in St. Johns and Flagler Counties January 15th, reaching 29 participants in St. Johns and 21 participants in Flagler County. Additional classes were held in Clay and Putnam Counties with more set for Nassau County in February. The final classes will be held in Jacksonville during March. As a practice leader, the Council is sharing the program details with interested parties from around the State. For more information, contact Eric Anderson at eanderson@nefrc.org.



## **Regional Participation: Nassau County Transit Study Steering Committee**

Council staff is a member of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) steering committee formed to evaluate the transit needs in Nassau County. Transportation planner in residence, Ed Lehman, is member of the steering committee to provide regional guidance. The TPO consultant, England, Thims, and Miller launched an online survey created by the Council for Nassau County residents. For more information, contact Ed Lehman at elehman@nefrc.org.

## **Region 3 FL Department Of Emergency Management Meeting Hosted In St. Johns County**

St. Johns County hosted the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Quarterly meeting for Region 3 on December 11th. The quarterly meeting is an opportunity for information to be shared between FDEM and local emergency managers. Opened by Bruce Scott, the Region 3 Coordinator, FDEM, the meeting examined regional incidences with an emergency manager providing an overview of the incident, actions taken, and after-action review to discuss lessons learned. Counties, regional agencies, and partners also provide updates. The National Weather Service (Jacksonville office) provided an update on all of the new hurricane products they will be introducing this year, which includes new watches/warning announcements for storm surge separate from the standard hurricane impact maps. Hurricane Sandy is responsible for this paradigm shift so that wind and surge will now be two separate items the National Weather Service will discuss when looking at maps. For more information, contact Eric Anderson at eanderson@nefrc.org.

## **Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)**

Led by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Infrastructure Protection; the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) is an interagency survey and analytical assessment of specific critical infrastructure. As part of this program, the DHS Florida Protective Security Advisors (PSA), in close coordination with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), as well as other public and private sector partners, have submitted and received approval to conduct two RRAP projects within the State. The goal of these two projects is to study the resiliency of, (1) Florida's statewide fuel supply chain and, (2) transportation systems and infrastructure supporting the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT). For more information, contact Eric Anderson at eanderson@nefrc.org.

### **Did you know...**

Florida's 11 regional planning councils were **the first in the nation to complete a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study**, which won state/national awards from the National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Regional Councils, American Planning Association, and Florida Planning and Zoning Association.

*Source : Florida Regional Council Association, 2014 Annual Report.*