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Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

June 2015

Council's Regional Leadership Academy Learns About Health & History in Baker County

In May, the 2015 Regional Leadership Class was hosted by the Baker County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the topic of "Health and History" in the historic City of Macclenny. The class toured a few city blocks to visit the Old Historic Jail and Emily Taber Library. The combination of panel/seminar and walking tour provided a balanced seminar for the candidates. County Manager, CJ Thompson welcomed the candidates to the county and introduced the first speaker – Mr. Darryl Register. Mr. Register, Executive Director, Baker County Chamber of Commerce and NEFRC Treasurer, presented the county overview, as shown in the picture. The class listened to a panel of experts discuss Regional Health Issues covering rural health initiatives and hospital facility planning to meet growing healthcare needs in the Region. For more information contact Lindsay Haga at lhaga@nefrc.org.



NEFRC Board of Directors Tours NAS/JAX with 2015 RLA Class

Immediately following the Council Board Meeting on June 4, held at the Orange Park Town Hall, Council members and RLA class members boarded a JTA bus for a field trip to Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The visit to NAS Jax focused on the innovative environmental initiatives put in place by the Navy. For more information contact Brian Teeple



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Regional Planning Directors Provide Technical Assistance to RLA Class Of 2015

The 2015 Class of the Regional Leadership Academy convened in St. Johns County on June 24 to discuss "Sustainability" for Program Day 6 of the Academy. The day was a combination of a speaker series, Permit Center tour, and community design exercise. Building on the work of the First Coast Vision, the morning session speakers set the stage by providing a County Overview, and information on Sustainable Utility Practices and Energizing the County. This first half fueled the community design exercise – a scenario planning event where regional planning directors joined the group to answer this question: How might the future unfold for St. Johns County using the multiple growth centers design? The results will be compiled and reported to the County. For more information contact Lindsay Haga at lhaga@nefrc.org.



Resiliency Night with P2R2

Please join the Public Private Regional Resiliency (P2R2) Committee as they preview their action plan for Northeast Florida to address climate change and sea level rise. The event will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, in downtown Jacksonville, on Thursday, July 16 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. P2R2 recognizes that the world is changing and as a business-focused group they want to position the Region to thrive in that change. This is a chance to find out what the Region is doing and how you can help.



Interested in attending? RSVP to Sara Lee Hayes at Regions Bank at saraleehayes@regions.com or 904 998 4960 by July 13.

Central Florida Water Initiative



The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) is an approach for long-term water supply in a 5,300 square mile area of Central Florida (Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Polk and southern Lake Counties). The Initiative represents a joint effort between three Water Management Districts (St. Johns River, Southwest Florida and South Florida), the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The CFWI has recently released its draft 2035 Water Resources Protection and Water Supply Strategies Plan which is a companion document to the previously developed draft Regional Water Supply Plan. Copies of both documents can be found on CFWI's website at www.cfwewater.com. Comments on both plans can be submitted on the website through July 31, 2015.

To further the idea that neighboring regions should be informed, CFWI held a workshop on the Initiative on June 29, 2015 at the University of North Florida. This workshop, attended by over 50 stakeholders from around our region, included presentations from representatives from the three Water Management Districts about the process that went into development of the two documents.

The Regional Council, along with JAX Chamber and the St. Johns RiverKeeper were co-conveners of the workshop. For more information contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org.

Did you know

The Regional Council is now on YouTube. See our video links on *Reality Check First Coast* and *Re-think Aging*.

