

# NEFRC

## Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

October 2015

### New Officers

The Northeast Florida Regional Council elected their officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal years. Mr. Vernon Myers, of the City of Palatka, is the new President and presided over the October 1, 2015 Board of Directors meeting of NEFRC. The Honorable Roxanne Horvath of St. Augustine is the 1st Vice President; Honorable Jimmy Anderson of Baker County is the 2nd Vice President and Mr. Darryl Register is the Secretary/Treasurer. For more information, please contact Brian Teeple, [bteeple@nefrc.org](mailto:bteeple@nefrc.org).



**President**  
**Vernon Myers**  
Palatka



**First Vice President, the**  
**Honorable Roxanne Horvath**  
St. Augustine City Commissioner



**2nd Vice President, the**  
**Honorable Jimmy Anderson**  
Baker County Commissioner



**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Darryl Register**  
Baker County

### NEFRC Presents Putnam Ship Update to the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners

The Northeast Florida Regional Council has served as Putnam County's administrator of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program for 17 years. This partnership demonstrates a long standing history to assist with affordable housing in the Region through services to those with housing needs in Putnam County. The SHIP program provides funds derived from documentary stamps from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to local governments through a population based allocation methodology. The county provides office space to NEFRC staff for onsite evaluations, meetings, and office hours with applicants, contractors, and other partners interested? Meet with staff the third Thursdays of the month from 9 to 11 in Putnam County. Appointments are encouraged. For more information, contact Lindsay Haga, [lhaga@nefrc.org](mailto:lhaga@nefrc.org).



*Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry*

### NEFRC Supports Great Places, Presents Award to Mayor Curry

In 2015, Laura Street was designated a #greatstreet by the American Planning Association – one of 5 in the Nation. The project started in 2008 to convert a one way street into a pedestrian focal point with two way traffic, drawing folks to the places of interest at each end, especially the revitalization of Hemming Park. Brian Teeple, the Council's CEO as well as the Immediate Past President of APA Florida had the privilege to present Mayor Curry with this award at the start of the Oktoberfest Art Walk, held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 in Hemming Park. Congratulations to the City of Jacksonville for a great street. For more information, contact Brian Teeple, [bteeple@nefrc.org](mailto:bteeple@nefrc.org).

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## Re-Think Aging Report Released

At the 2015 annual meeting of JCCI, the agency released their Re-Think Aging Report. This study for Northeast Florida helped to bring citizens together to learn about the policy issue, engaged professionals in discussion from all points of view and arrived at a consensus on a shared path forward regarding aging. Council staff participated as a member of the management committee and as a speaker for the study. The Northeast Florida Regional Council is also part of a three entity coalition for implementation, along with ElderSource and the Northeast Florida Health Planning Council. Michael Korn, Chair of the Re-Think Aging Implementation Task Force, will be presenting information on the Re-think Aging final report at the December meeting of NEFRC's Board of Directors. For more information, contact Margo Moehring, [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org).

## Energy Summit

The Florida Energy Summit was held in Northeast Florida in downtown Jacksonville on October 14-16. Participants visited some of Jacksonville's natural gas facilities and learned how they relate to vehicles and railroads, and toured charging stations and the energy efficient Jessie Ball DuPont Center. They learned about the latest developments in energy around the world and around the state. For more information, contact Margo Moehring @ [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org).



CEO Daniel Davis of the Jacksonville Chamber addresses the crowd at the Florida Energy Summit.

## Interstate 75 Relief Task Force

In mid-October, FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold announced the creation of the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force. This task force will support the overall Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Corridor Study. The Task Force will develop consensus recommendations to advise FDOT regarding multimodal transportation solutions. It is anticipated that a similar Task Force will be named subsequent to the work of this group to steer the I-75 to Northeast Florida leg of this corridor. Secretary Boxold has appointed the Council CEO, Brian Teeple, to this Task Force in order to provide continuity between the two legs of this study. The Task Force is scheduled to begin meeting on December 7, 2015 and will complete its work and deliver the final report to Secretary Boxold by October 1, 2016. For more information, contact Brian Teeple, [bteeple@nefrc.org](mailto:bteeple@nefrc.org)

## Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition holds General Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, October 21, the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition (NEFLHCC) in partnership with the First Coast Disaster Council gathered together over 40 people in the region's healthcare community for a general membership meeting. This meeting introduced many to the NEFLHCC for the first time and provided information on the previous year's accomplishments as well as the mission for the current year. UF Health North graciously hosted the meeting. For more information about NEFLHCC, please visit [www.neflhcc.org](http://www.neflhcc.org) or contact Beth Payne, [epayne@nefrc.org](mailto:epayne@nefrc.org).



Third from left: Commissioner Nancy Harris, Fourth from left: Sheryl Hartzog, Sixth from left: Helen Perez from JTA

## Strong Showing by Northeast Florida at the Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Awards

The Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Awards were the highlight of the joint Training and EXPO Event held in Daytona Beach October 25-28 by the Florida Public Transportation Association and the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Northeast Florida was well represented with nominations in several statewide categories. Putnam County Commissioner Nancy Harris won the Elected Official Award, JTA won the Urban Community Transportation Coordinator Award, and Sheryl Hartzog of the Clay County Council on Aging won the Sheila Winitzer Shining Star Award. Each recognized their extraordinary service to ensure mobility for the transportation disadvantaged in Northeast Florida. Congratulations and thanks go to the awardees and all who participate in this challenging and rewarding work. For

more information, contact Margo Moehring at [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org).

## Region Hosts The Annual Awards In Excellence Luncheon December 3, 2015

The NEFRC's annual event to recognize elected officials for their service and acknowledge the great work being done in our Region will be held Thursday December 3rd at the Adam Herbert University Center, University of North Florida. Join us for this special celebration.

Eventbrite Link: <http://bit.ly/1Oob05e>