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## Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

February 2016

### Growing Our Assets

The Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2016 spent a day in St. Johns County, touring Blue Sky and Barnes' farms and learning about agriculture from David Dinkins, Multi-County Agricultural Sustainability Extension Agent. They were treated to a locally sourced lunch at Hastings Agricultural Extension Center, where they heard from Brennan Asplen, Deputy Superintendent for Academic and Student Services at the St. Johns County School District, as the lunch focused on excellence in education. The day was a unique opportunity to consider our assets as a region, including the ability to grow our own food and the importance of a fine education for our children. St. Johns County Commissioner Bill McClure joined the class to welcome them to the County and thank them for their efforts to promote regional leadership. For more information on the Regional Leadership Academy, please contact Margo Moehring, [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org)



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## NEFLHCC General Membership Meeting



**Northeast Florida  
Healthcare  
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*Achieve a health and medical system that  
is efficient and resilient in an emergency.*

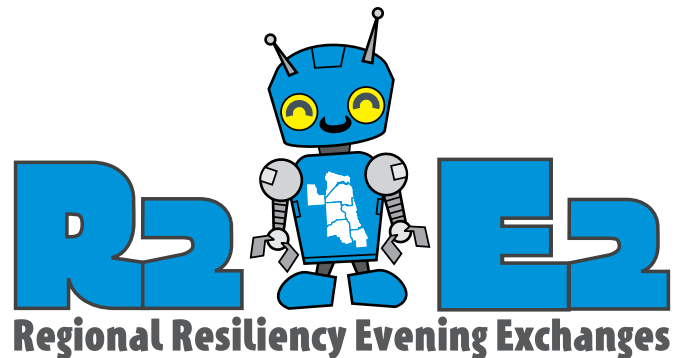
The general membership meeting and Executive Board meeting of the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition was held on Wednesday, February 17, at noon. The meeting took place at the offices of the Northeast Florida Regional Council and held immediately following the COOP Training for Healthcare Agencies session. The meeting was well attended and included representation from several agencies that had not participated before. One of the key items for discussion included the upcoming training and exercise events. The Ebola Summit will be held on April 12, 2016 at the Lexington Hotel in downtown Jacksonville. Additionally, the annual exercise will be held on April 27, 2016 at the Mayo Clinic. This will be a tabletop exercise and will focus on special needs clients during an evacuation.

Nancy Freeman reviewed criteria to be used in the update to the Coalition's Strategic Plan, including the overall mission statement and strategic objectives. This update will be finalized and approved at the March 16 Board Meeting. Chair Leigh Wilsey provided an update on Coalition funding and the issue of 'regionalization' of Coalitions across the State. For regions that have more than one Coalition, the money would be given to one entity and then the region would decide how to allocate funding across the coalitions. Currently, Region 3 is made up of the Northeast Florida HCC, the North Central HCC and the Marion County HCC (called CHAMP).

A strategy for regional oversight in the Region has been presented to each of these three Coalitions as well as the RDSTF Health and Medical Co-chair, Paul Meyers, and State FDOH. It is anticipated that this change will take place for the upcoming contract year. For more information, please contact Beth Payne, [epayne@nefrc.org](mailto:epayne@nefrc.org)

## Regional Resiliency Evening Exchanges

The Northeast Florida Regional Council continues to host Regional Resiliency Evening Exchanges the last Monday of the month. These events provide an opportunity for those working on the action items of the Public/Private Regional Resiliency Committee of the Council to meet, work, and hold events. On February 29, the Building Resiliently Working Group held a brief strategy discussion to finalize the output and intended audience of their work products. Then the Incentivize Resilience group met to discuss ways to finance resilience. This was a follow up discussion from last month's information session on Community Redevelopment Agencies, tax increment financing and property assessed clean energy (PACE) as potential mechanisms. The discussions, observations and advice will be summarized into a final report, intended to provide local governments with a starting point if they chose to tackle this issue. For more information, please contact Margo Moehring, [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org)



## The Regional Resiliency Rebuild (R3) Challenge has Launched!

Public/Private Regional Resiliency Committee of the Council has launched the Regional Resiliency Rebuild design competition. The competition is asking for teams to think about how Northeast Florida could thrive after a disaster. This challenge is similar to Rebuild by Design, which launched after Superstorm Sandy. The R3 Challenge seeks to encourage consideration of regional vulnerabilities and to inspire creative ideas BEFORE the disaster happens. A base map is provided that reflects the areas that have been subject to a disaster. This map is then used for teams to imagine that the built and natural environments in these areas have been severely impacted by a storm, and that most buildings and infrastructure in these areas are no longer viable. This exact scenario will never happen, as storms do not follow the pathways set by the flood zones or storm surge zones included in our map. However, the map will help participants imagine a disaster before it happens, and this can make the Region better positioned to rebuild what is appropriate where it is appropriate, to rethink and to regroup after a disaster. For more information and rules of the competition, visit the website, <http://www.rcinef.org/R3challenge.html> or contact Margo Moehring, [mmoehring@nefrc.org](mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org).

### Did you know

In Palatka, Georgia Pacific operates an integrated pulp and paper manufacturing plant that dates back to 1947 and employs 900 workers. The mill produces four of the country's most recognized consumer product brands: Quilted Northern Ultra Plush, Angel Soft, Brawny® and Sparkle. It also makes kraft paper, which is used for things like dog food bags, sugar sacks and butcher paper. – Florida Trend