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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting



**Northeast Florida Regional Council**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** NEXT BOARD MEETING

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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** with the **Annual Elected Officials and Regional Leadership Awards Luncheon** immediately following. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, **virtual and in-person**; however, the awards presentation luncheon will be in-person only. Both will take place at **WJCT, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.**





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## Northeast Florida Regional Council

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

### A G E N D A

Zoom Link: <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>

Zoom Dial In #: 1-786-635-1003 (or) 1-470-250-9358

Meeting ID: 874 9977 0491

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)  
(\*Denotes Action Required)

TAB

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome / Roll Call – President Renninger
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation – President Renninger
4. Invitation to Speak – President Renninger

*Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to speak on any item brought before the Council. The public will also be recognized during public comments. At that time, virtual attendees who would like to speak will be asked to raise their (electronic) hand and they will be recognized in the order of response.*

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  - City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 24-5ESR (*Alt. Review, Info Only*)
  - Town of Pomona Park Adopted Amendment 24-1ER (*Prepared by NEFRC, Info Only*)
  - Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 24-1ER (*Prepared by NEFRC, Info Only*)



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## 7. Public Comment – LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

## 8. Local & Regional Issues Discussion – President Renninger

## 9. Ex-Officio Members' Reports:

- Florida Department of Commerce – Mr. Register
- Florida Department of Transportation – Mr. Dixon
- St. Johns River Water Management District – Mr. Conkey

## 10. Chief Executive Officer's Report – Ms. Payne

- Awards Ceremony – Save the Date/Invitation (Handout)

## 11. Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 7, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Duval County
- **Nov. 11, 2024 – VETERAN's DAY – COUNCIL CLOSED**



Upcoming Events (*Continued*):

- Nov. 12, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, St. Johns County
- Nov. 13, 2024 – St. Augustine Vision Plan Final Meeting, St. Augustine
- Nov. 13, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Flagler County
- Nov. 18, 2024 – Resilient First Coast Full Collaborative Meeting, Jacksonville
- Nov. 18, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Putnam County
- Nov. 18, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Clay County
- Nov. 20, 2024 – Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Meeting
- Nov. 21, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Baker County
- Nov. 21, 2024 – Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting, Nassau County
- **Nov. 28-29, 2024 – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – COUNCIL CLOSED**
- **Dec. 5, 2024 – NEFRC Legislative & Executive Committee Meeting**
- Dec. 18, 2024 – Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance Meeting
- **Dec. 24-25, 2024 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – COUNCIL CLOSED**
- **Jan. 1, 2025 – NEW YEAR's DAY – COUNCIL CLOSED**

12. Next Board Meeting and Elected Officials Luncheon & Regional Awards Ceremony:

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

WJCT Building  
100 Festival Park Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

13. Adjournment

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**NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 3, 2024**

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**MINUTES**

The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors held a meeting at 1845 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, FL on Thursday, October 3, 2024; **President Whitehurst** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was conducted with the following members present, representing a quorum:

BAKER: Mr. Register

CLAY: Commissioner Condon  
Commissioner Renninger  
Mr. Kennedy  
Mr. Bourre

FLAGLER: Commissioner Dance

NASSAU: Commissioner Martin  
Vice-Mayor Sturges

PUTNAM: Commissioner Harvey

ST. JOHNS: Commissioner Whitehurst

EX-OFFICIO: Mr. Dixon, Florida Department of Transportation  
Mr. Hart, Florida Department of Commerce

Excused: Commissioner Adamczyk, Commissioner Alaimo, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Mayor Alfin, Councilmember Amaro, Mr. Drew, Council Member Gay, Mr. Griffis, Commissioner Horvath, Mayor Lynch, Mr. Strong (Ms. Craver), and Commissioner Sullivan

Absent: Mr. Conkey, Mayor Brown

Presenter: Jacob Linton, Florida Department of Transportation

Guest: Howard Wannamaker, Clay County Administrator; Heather Huffman, Department of Health-Clay County Executive Director

Staff: Fara Ilami, Robert Jordan, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne, Donna Starling, Leigh Wilsey, Sheron Forde, et al.

**WELCOME**

Ms. Heather Huffman, Director, Department of Health-Clay County welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the facility and safety protocols.

County Manager Wanamaker welcomed the Board to Clay County and briefly shared information on the County's partnership with the Florida Department of Health-Clay County, and with the Regional Council and its importance to the County. He stated that the Regional Council was instrumental in producing the County's first ever Strategic Plan. He further stated that the partnership with the Council is extremely important and looks forward to working together in the future. He invited the Regional Council back to the facility and the County.

#### PASSING OF THE GAVEL

**President Whitehurst** stated he has enjoyed his time serving as president of the Regional Council, which was a privilege and an honor. He passed the gavel to incoming **President Renninger**; ushering in the new leadership with the installation of new officers: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Commissioner Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Councilmember Amaro, and Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Register.

**President Renninger** stated that he is very honored to serve as president, and that he really believes in collaboration and regionality. He looks forward to working towards taking this region to the forefront of Florida.

#### FY 24/25 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The FY 24/25 Committee Appointments are included in the meeting packet. Due to upcoming elections, this will change as we get new appointments to the Board. Members are asked to let staff know if there are any preferences or changes so they can be addressed.

#### FY 24/25 MEETING SCHEDULE & MEMBER ROSTER

The upcoming FY 24/25 meeting schedule and current membership roster were provided in the agenda packet.

#### INVITATION TO SPEAK

**President Renninger** stated that members of the public are welcome to speak on any item before the Board. The public will be recognized during public comment.

#### \*CONSENT AGENDA

**The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by all members in present.**

#### OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

##### Presentation: 2055 Florida Transportation Plan

Mr. Jason Linton, Community Planner with the Florida Department of Transportation, provided an overview of the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan. A brief discussion followed.

##### Comprehensive Plan Amendment Policy Issue

Mr. Jordan shared information on the City of Palm Coast's Comprehensive Plan Amendment (24-1ESR) that reflects a series of visioning work entitled 'Imagine 2050', which may be useful to other communities in the Region. A brief discussion followed.

\*August 2024 Financial Report

Ms. Starling stated that the Council posted a net income of \$3,102 in the month of August and a year-to-date net income of \$120,255.

**All members present unanimously approved the August 2024 financial report.**

\*Request for Proposal – Audit Services

Ms. Starling stated that the Council went out to bid for audit services, which yielded two responses. After review and scoring by a committee comprised of management staff, James Moore & Company was selected and recommended to the NEFRC Board for consideration.

**All members present unanimously approved authorizing the CEO to execute a contract with James Moore & Company for Audit Services as follows: in FY 2024 for \$19,000; FY 2025 for \$20,500; and FY 2026 for \$22,000.**

Regional Community Institute

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Regional Community Institute's annual meeting in which there were nominations for term renewals for Sara Little, Deborah Thompson, Victor Cora, Benjie Bates, Robert Correa, and Dr. Quint White; nomination of Christina Kelcourse as a new member; and nomination of Dr. Quint White as Secretary/Treasurer.

**The membership nominations for the RCI Board were unanimously approved by all members present.**

FY 2023-2024 Attendance Roster

The attendance roster was provided for review with a request to provide any corrections to staff by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The final roster will be provided to each County and the Governor's office.

FY 2023-2024 Annual Report

Ms. Payne informed the Members that, due to Hurricane Helene, the printing of the report has been delayed. However, the Members were provided with an overview of the report. The report will be provided at the November meeting.

Program Spotlight: Healthcare Coalition Update

Ms. Wilsey provided an overview of the program with a brief update on recent activities and accomplishments and planned future activities.

Community Resiliency Update

Ms. Ilami provided an update on recent resiliency activities. She also announced the awarding of the \$1.1 million Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) grant.

Public Comment – None

Local and Regional Issues Discussion

**Flagler:** The County will have two new Commissioners; Commissioner Sullivan will be replaced with the appointment of another commissioner.

**Nassau:** A new County appointment may be forthcoming. It was also noted that the County is not happy with the newly selected Community Transportation Coordinator, JTA, whose services are not as expected.

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORT

For the Department of Commerce, **Mr. Register** shared information on issues surrounding cybersecurity and remote working since the pandemic.

For the Department of Transportation, **Mr. Dixon** shared information about Mobility Week, which will run from October 25th to November 5th.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Payne reminded the Members of the Council's upcoming open house following the November Board meeting. The Regional Leadership Academy is actively accepting nominations, and information on the annual Regional Leadership Awards nominations will be released shortly. Ms. Payne informed that Members that solicitation for Legislative Priorities will be sent to each of our counties, and that a Legislative Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly. She also stated that representatives of the National Parks Service will be here October 15-17 to visit several sites and discuss next steps. Additionally, Ms. Payne stated that the Council has released a request for service for a General Counsel with an update to be brought to the November meeting.

Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 11:29 a.m.

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Jim Renninger  
President

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Elizabeth Payne  
Chief Executive Officer

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** OCTOBER 30, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THRU:** NEFRC PERSONNEL, BUDGET & FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** <sup>DS</sup>  
DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RE:** SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

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The Northeast Florida Regional Council posted a Net Loss of \$37,640 for the month of September and a Year-to-Date Net Income of \$82,616.

The loss is attributed to higher costs associated with year-end close out and non-reimbursable contract expenditures.



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| Regional Council - Agencywide                             | Adopted<br>Budget 23/24 | September<br>2024 | YTD          | Represents<br>100% of Fiscal<br>Year | Budget<br>Variance |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>   |                         |                   |              |                                      |                    |
| County Dues   | \$ 694,757              | 57,896            | 694,757      | 100%                                 | 0%                 |
| Local Government Technical Assistance                     | \$ 452,672              | 132,413           | 432,581      | 96%                                  | -4%                |
| Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)                         | \$ 182,895              | 17,186            | 181,996      | 100%                                 | 0%                 |
| Economic Development Administration (EDA)                 | \$ 70,000               | 4,365             | 66,436       | 95%                                  | -5%                |
| Hazardous Analysis  | \$ 14,077               | 2,400             | 13,987       | 99%                                  | -1%                |
| Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)             | \$ 77,000               | 8,849             | 87,278       | 113%                                 | 13%                |
| Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program | \$ 95,355               | 5,110             | 90,492       | 95%                                  | -5%                |
| Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program                    | \$ 5,000                | -                 | 4,800        | 96%                                  | -4%                |
| Florida Department of Health                              | \$ 17,000               | 11,799            | 17,000       | 100%                                 | 0%                 |
| Healthcare Coalition                                      | \$ 748,712              | 45,622            | 732,486      | 98%                                  | -2%                |
| CDBG North Florida Resiliency Plan                        | \$ 245,774              | 12,972            | 234,508      | 95%                                  | -5%                |
| CDBG Mitigation Assessment and Planning                   | \$ 60,000               | 2,715             | 36,898       | 61%                                  | -39%               |
| Florida Hospital Association                              | \$ 132,848              | -                 | 132,848      | 100%                                 | 0%                 |
| Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)     | \$ 328,573              | (18,829)          | 298,787      | 91%                                  | -9%                |
| National Coastal Resilience Program                       | \$ -                    | 1,991             | 3,342        | 0%                                   | -100%              |
| Florida Department of Commerce                            | \$ -                    | 3,631             | 3,631        | 0%                                   | -100%              |
| Disaster Recovery Coordinator                             | \$ 87,000               | 6,261             | 80,345       | 92%                                  | -8%                |
| Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)                         | \$ 4,900                | 556               | 4,900        | 100%                                 | 0%                 |
| Other Revenue   | \$ 72,944               | 1,553             | 80,898       | 111%                                 | 11%                |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                                     | \$ 3,289,507            | \$ 296,490        | \$ 3,197,970 | 97%                                  |                    |
| <b>TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND</b>                         | \$ (85,637)             | \$ 37,640         | \$ (82,616)  |                                      |                    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE/GENERAL FUND</b>                         | \$ 3,203,870            | \$ 334,130        | \$ 3,115,355 | 97%                                  |                    |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                         |                   |              |                                      |                    |
| Salaries and Fringe                                       | \$ 1,753,416            | 196,330           | 1,737,021    | 99%                                  | -1%                |
| Contract/Grant Direct Expenses                            | \$ 983,734              | 98,883            | 975,478      | 99%                                  | -1%                |
| Indirect - Allocated Expenses*                            | \$ 211,580              | 11,752            | 187,784      | 89%                                  | -11%               |
| General Fund Expense*                                     | \$ 255,140              | 27,165            | 215,072      | 84%                                  | -16%               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                     | \$ 3,203,870            | \$ 334,130        | \$ 3,115,355 | 97%                                  |                    |
| <b>Net Income (loss)</b>                                  | \$ 85,637               | (37,640)          | \$ 82,616    |                                      |                    |

Northeast Florida Regional Council  
Balance Sheet  
September 2024

|  | <b><u>FY 22/23</u></b><br><b><u>September 2023</u></b> | <b><u>FY 23/24</u></b><br><b><u>September 2024</u></b> |
|--|--|--|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                      |  |  |
| Cash   | 2,137,575  | 2,013,847  |
| Accounts Receivable                                | 605,788  | 730,058  |
| Pension Deferred Outflows                          | 439,576  | 425,550  |
| WJCT Security Deposit                              | 7,400  | -  |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                        | <b><u>3,190,339</u></b>                                | <b><u>3,169,455</u></b>                                |
| <b>Property and Equipment:</b>                     |  |  |
| Office Furniture and Equipment                     | <u>306,846</u>   | <u>261,430</u>   |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation                      | <u>205,595</u>   | <u>154,754</u>   |
| <b>Total Property and Equipment, net</b>           | <b><u>101,251</u></b>                                  | <b><u>106,677</u></b>                                  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                | <b><u>3,291,590</u></b>                                | <b><u>3,276,132</u></b>                                |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                 |  |  |
| Accounts Payable                                   | 43,174   | 106,650  |
| Accrued Salaries and Leave                         | 80,023   | 97,141   |
| Deferred Revenue                                   | 172,320  | 7,677  |
| Pension Liability                                  | 1,087,234  | 1,355,550  |
| Pension Deferred Inflows                           | 56,671   | 49,234   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                           | <b><u>1,439,421</u></b>                                | <b><u>1,616,252</u></b>                                |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                      |  |  |
| <b>Equity and Other Credits:</b>                   |  |  |
| Retained Earnings                                  | 1,852,169  | 1,659,879  |
| <b>Total Equity and Other Credits</b>              | <b><u>1,852,169</u></b>                                | <b><u>1,659,879</u></b>                                |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits</b> | <b><u>3,291,590</u></b>                                | <b><u>3,276,132</u></b>                                |

YTD Comparison

|  | 22/23             | 23/24             | 22/23        | 23/24        |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Net Income (Loss) | Net Income (Loss) | Cash Balance | Cash Balance |

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|           |    |        |    |         |    |           |    |           |
|-----------|----|--------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|-----------|
| October   | \$ | 3,147  | \$ | 9,014   | \$ | 2,480,421 | \$ | 2,430,628 |
| November  | \$ | 10,292 | \$ | 28,148  | \$ | 2,548,733 | \$ | 2,442,307 |
| December  | \$ | 21,445 | \$ | 46,934  | \$ | 2,427,805 | \$ | 2,254,171 |
| January   | \$ | 29,526 | \$ | 54,754  | \$ | 2,516,530 | \$ | 2,330,658 |
| February  | \$ | 44,710 | \$ | 70,318  | \$ | 2,488,934 | \$ | 2,188,836 |
| March     | \$ | 65,477 | \$ | 86,943  | \$ | 2,237,393 | \$ | 2,021,882 |
| April     | \$ | 82,390 | \$ | 79,901  | \$ | 2,354,111 | \$ | 2,077,251 |
| May       | \$ | 60,665 | \$ | 91,660  | \$ | 2,200,457 | \$ | 2,136,499 |
| June      | \$ | 75,043 | \$ | 105,330 | \$ | 1,807,496 | \$ | 1,780,669 |
| July      | \$ | 86,500 | \$ | 117,153 | \$ | 2,117,756 | \$ | 1,940,218 |
| August    | \$ | 98,379 | \$ | 120,255 | \$ | 2,360,077 | \$ | 1,876,280 |
| September | \$ | 82,101 | \$ | 82,616  | \$ | 2,137,575 | \$ | 2,013,847 |



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**FROM:** <sup>D.S.</sup> DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RE:** SEPTEMBER 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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### Bank Account Interest

|                       | <u>FY 22/23</u> | <u>FY 23/24</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| September Interest    | \$ 1,276        | \$ 1,404        |
| Year to Date Interest | \$ 11,394       | \$ 16,396       |

### Florida Local Government Investment Trust

|                 | <u>FY 22/23</u> | <u>FY 23/24</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current Balance | \$18,138        | \$19,445        |



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** ROBERT JORDAN, SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNER 

**RE:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEWS

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of transmitted and adopted amendments to local government comprehensive plans is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). The review is also limited to extra-jurisdictional impacts that are inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the region. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, a written report with an impact evaluation should be provided to the local government and the State land planning agency (Florida Commerce) within 30 calendar days of receipt (of the amendment).

A regional map of the listed amendments is provided on the next page, and the site-specific maps and policy texts are provided in the appendix herein. Upon approval of this report by the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) Board of Directors for transmittal to the State land planning agency, a copy will be provided to the respective local government. The City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 24-5ESR was reviewed and approved through the alternate review process and is provided as information only. The Town of Pomona Park Adopted Amendment 24-1ER and Putnam County Transmitted Amendment 24-1ER were prepared by NEFRC staff and are also provided in this report as information only. The Board's approval is required only for the first three amendments.

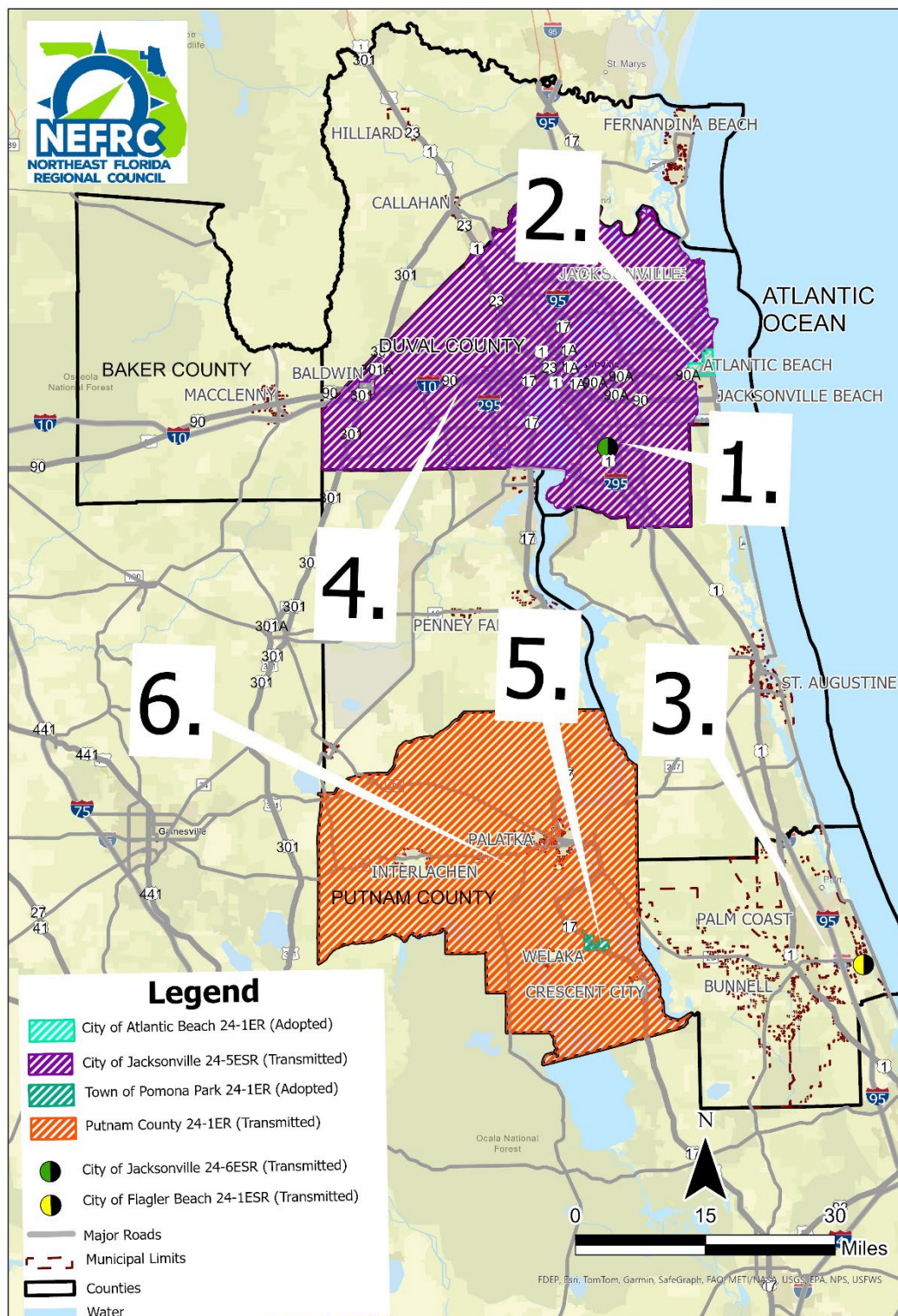
### Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommends that the NEFRC Board of Directors approve the staff review report for the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 24-6ESR and the City of Flagler Beach Transmitted Amendment 24-1ESR. Staff also respectfully recommend that the NEFRC Board of Directors finds the City of Atlantic Beach Adopted Amendment 24-1ER consistent with the SRPP.





November 2024 Board Review  
Comprehensive Plan Amendments



| Local Govt. & Plan Amendment | No. on Regional Map | Transmitted | Adopted | County Location | Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt. | Local Govt. Item Number |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| City of Jacksonville 24-6ESR | 1                   | X           |         | Duval           | 11-8-2024                                      | 2024-715-E              |

- **Type:** Future Land Use Map
- **Issue:** This proposed amendment changes the future land use for approximately 71.76 acres from Multi-Use (MU) pursuant to Future Land Use Element (FLUE) SSP 4.3.6. and Community General Commercial to Residential-Professional-Institutional (RPI). The applicant intends for an infill redevelopment project to allow for a mix of uses under the RPI land use category.
- **Background:** The approximately 71.76 acre subject site is part of the built out Freedom Commerce Center Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and is currently developed with office and parking uses. The site is located in the Suburban Development Area, the Southeast Planning District and is located south of Baymeadows Road, Freedom Commerce Parkway, Dix Ellis Trail, Prominence Parkway, Liberty Ridge Drive, and Freedom Commerce Trail. Baymeadows Road is a minor arterial roadway while the other roadways that are part of the site are unclassified.

Approximately 17 acres of the subject site are currently in the Multi-Use (MU) land use category pursuant to FLUE Policy 4.3.6. for the Freedom Commerce Center DRI. The Freedom Commerce Center DRI has passed the DRI buildout date of December 15, 2023. The DRI will expire in 2026. Any impacts from new development on the property are subject to the Mobility Fee System.

The part of the subject site that is currently designated MU includes a portion of Prominence Parkway that is an internal roadway of the site. The current MU portion of the site does not utilize the entitlements that are part of FLUE Policy 4.3.6, therefore, this land use application will not make changes to FLUE Policy 4.3.6. as it continues to apply to the remainder of the MU area that is not part of the land use amendment site.

The remainder of the site, 54.74 acres, is currently in the Community General Commercial (CGC) land use category. The applicant proposes the entire site, 71.76 acres, be amended to the Residential Professional Institutional (RPI) land use category. This is the transmittal round of the large scale land use amendment. A proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning will be filed for legislation at the adoption round of the land use amendment. Please see Exhibits 1 and 2 in the Appendix for additional information.

- **Impacts:** The subject site is accessible from Baymeadows Road, an FDOT Minor Arterial Road, and Phillips Highway, a FDOT Principal Arterial roadway and a Transportation Resource of Regional Significance. A daily trip generation comparison between the current and proposed comprehensive plan land uses and the potential transportation impacts on the roadway network. The current land uses would result in 15,135 or 5,534 daily trips. If the land use is amended to allow for this proposed RPI development, this will result in 28,344 or 4,885 daily trips depending on the scenario. The difference in daily trips for the proposed land use amendment has 13,209 or 649 net new daily trips when compared to the existing land use. The proposed developments will have significant impacts on the roadway network and the Transportation Planning Division recommends ongoing coordinating efforts with the City of Jacksonville Traffic Engineer and FDOT to ensure that a traffic operational analysis is provided to address the specific external impacts as a result of this land use amendment.

The site is located within the 500-foot Height and Hazard Zone for Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Zoning will limit development to a maximum height of 500 feet, unless approved by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority or the Federal Aviation Administration. Uses located within the Height and Hazard Zone must not create or increase the potential for such hazards as electronic interference, light glare, bird strike hazards or other potential hazards to safe navigation of aircraft as required by Section 656.1005.1(d) [Jacksonville Code of Ordinances].

- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** No intergovernmental coordination is recommended.

| Local Govt. & Plan Amendment  | No. on Regional Map | Transmitted | Adopted | County Location | Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt. | Local Govt. Item Number |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| City of Atlantic Beach 24-1ER | 2                   |             | X       | Duval           | 11-8-2024                                      | Ordinance 31-24-17      |

- **Type:** Text Amendment
- **Issue:** This amendment was an Evaluation and Appraisal (E.A.R.) Compliance update to the City's 2045 Comprehensive Plan.
- **Background:** The City updated their Comprehensive Plan to address the required 7-year Evaluation and Appraisal (E.A.R.). Policy amendments to the Future Land Use Element, Transportation Element, Infrastructure Element, Recreation and Open Space Element, Housing Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvements Element address statutory requirements, local changes, or removal of outdated policies. The City also added a required Property Rights Element.  
  
Changes were made since the transmittal phase to address two objections and a technical assistance comment from Florida Commerce. This includes amending Policy A.1.5.9. and Table A-2 in the Future Land Use Element added a Maximum Floor Area Ratio and Impervious Surface Area to address non-residential development intensity standards. Deleted subparagraphs in Policy A.1.2.1. in the Future Land Use Element were added back in with modifications to address wetland projections. Finally, cross-references to the level of service standards in the Transportation Element were added to Policy H.1.2.1. in the Capital Improvements Element.
- **Impacts:** There were no impacts to Resources of Regional Significance or extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of an affected local government identified by Staff.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Considering that this is a text amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, no intergovernmental coordination is recommended by Staff.

| Local Govt. & Plan Amendment  | No. on Regional Map | Transmitted | Adopted | County Location | Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt. | Local Govt. Item Number  |
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| City of Flagler Beach 24-1ESR | 3                   | X           |         | Flagler         | 11-8-2024                                      | COFB<br>Veranda Bay<br>FLUM<br>Amendment<br>and Property<br>Rights |

- **Type:** Future Land Use Map and Text Amendment

- **Issue:** This proposed amendment to the City of Flagler Beach 2050 Comprehensive plan is a proposal to change the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation for approximately 899.09 acres of land from Flagler County designations of Agriculture, Conservation, and Mixed-Use High Intensity to City of Flagler Beach designations of Low-Density Residential and General Commercial. The proposed amendment also includes a text amendment adopting a property rights element.

- **Background:** A mixed-use residential development is currently under development on approximately 160.99 acres. The remainder of the property is vacant and undeveloped. In 2005, a Master Development Agreement (MDA) was approved for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) in Flagler County for a mixed-use development of approximately 1,999 acres known as Hammock Beach River Club PUD. The 2005 MDA approved 453 residential units (including 150 of the 453 as multi-family residential units); 230,694 square feet of commercial retail/office; accessory and recreational uses; ancillary amenities and facilities; an 18-hole golf course; dedicated utility site; a dedicated public boat ramp site; and a dedicated fire station site. As part of the FLUM and MDA agreement, approximately 1,100 acres were transferred to Flagler County as environmental/conservation lands.

The current development proposal being considered on the 899.09+/- acres is as follows:

Residential Units 2735 units (3.2 units/ac)

Commercial Density 230,694 sq ft

Open Space (40%) >300 ac.

Additionally, in accordance with the legislative intent expressed in Section 163.3161(10) and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes that governmental entities respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights, each local government shall include in its comprehensive plan a property rights element to ensure that private property rights are considered in local decision-making. For additional information, please see Exhibits 3 and 4.

- **Impacts:** The proposed subject site is adjacent to State Road 100, a Transportation Resource of Regional Significance. A traffic impact analysis was conducted to assess the proposed development's impacts in accordance with the River to Sea TPO Traffic Impact Guidelines, the City of Flagler Beach, Flagler County, and Florida Department of Transportation requirements. To minimize the impact on existing approaches and keep within the accepted Level of Service, recommendations for implementation were included in the Master Development Agreement.

- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Coordination with Flagler County Growth Management Department and the City of Palm Coast Planning Division is recommended through the amendment process.







| Local Govt. & Plan Amendment        | No. on Regional Map | Transmitted | Adopted | County Location | Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt. | Local Govt. Item Number |
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| Putnam County 24-1ER<br>[Info Only] | 6                   | X           |         | Putnam          | 11-8-2024                                      | Putnam EAR              |

- **Type:** Text
- **Issue:** This proposed amendment is a compliance update within the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Review Period for the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Northeast Florida Regional Council assisted the Town with the compliance update.
- **Background:** In the amendment, the County's Planning time frame was updated to 2045 to reflect the Bureau of Economic and Business Research's most recent projections. An updated map series was included as an appendix to the Future Land Use Element. A Water Supply Facility Work Plan was updated to address changes to the Regional Water Supply Plan, and updated policies are proposed to address recent statutory changes.

# Appendix

## Exhibit 1: City of Jacksonville 24-6ESR (Location Map)

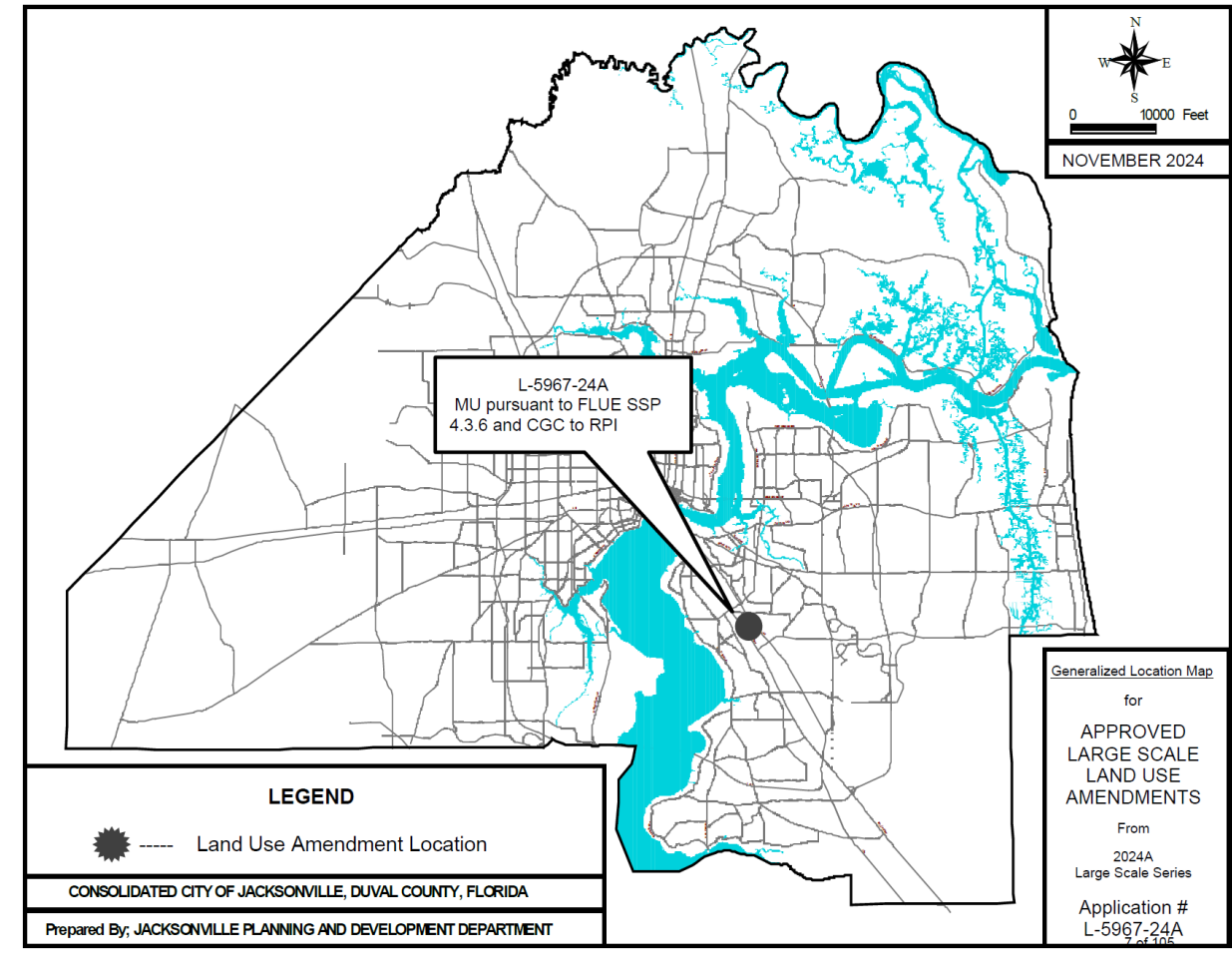
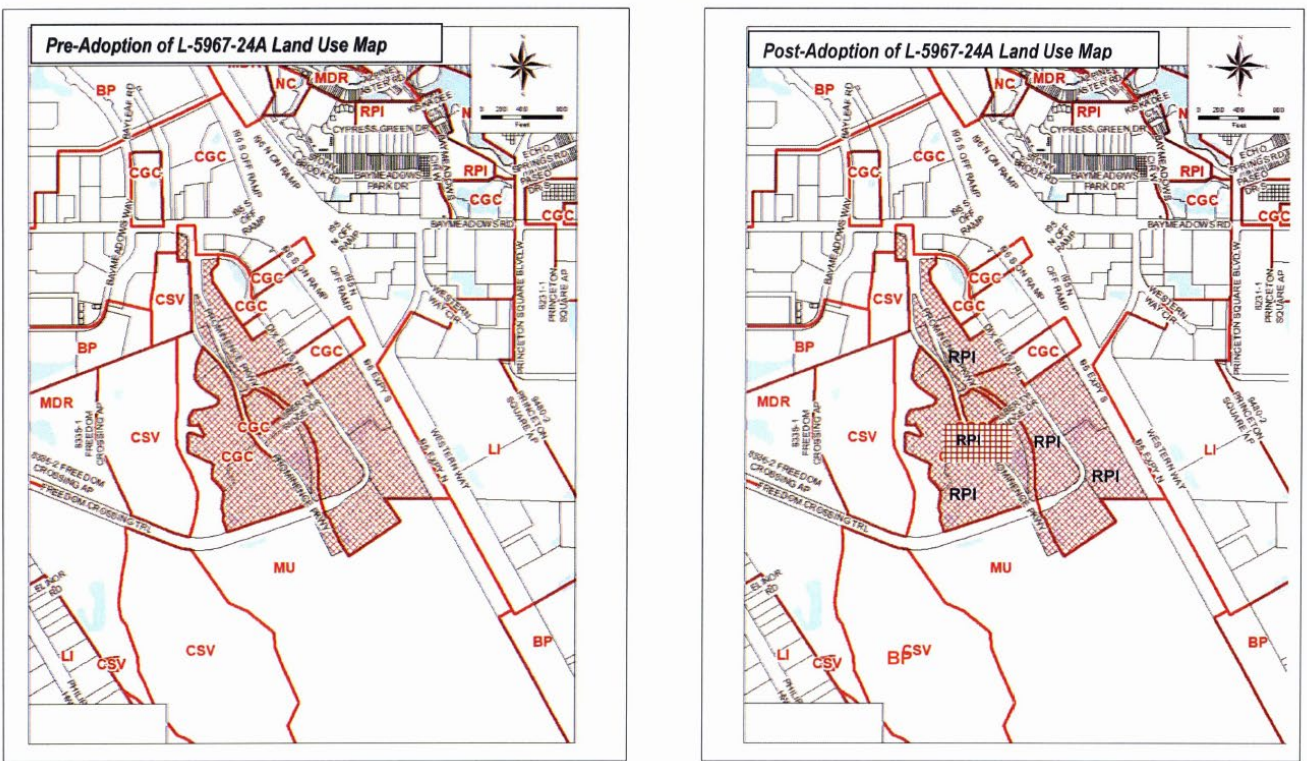


Exhibit 2: The City of Jacksonville 24-6ESR (Existing and Proposed Future Land Use Map)



Request for Large Scale Land Use Amendment to Future Land Use Map Series



From: Multi-Use (MU), pursuant to FLUE Policy 4.3.6, and Community General Commercial (CGC)  
To: Residential Professional Institutional (RPI)

Planning District: 3

Identification Number: L-5967-24A

Council District: 11

Exhibit 2 (Page 1 of 1)



Exhibit 3: City of Flagler Beach 24-1ESR (Location Map)

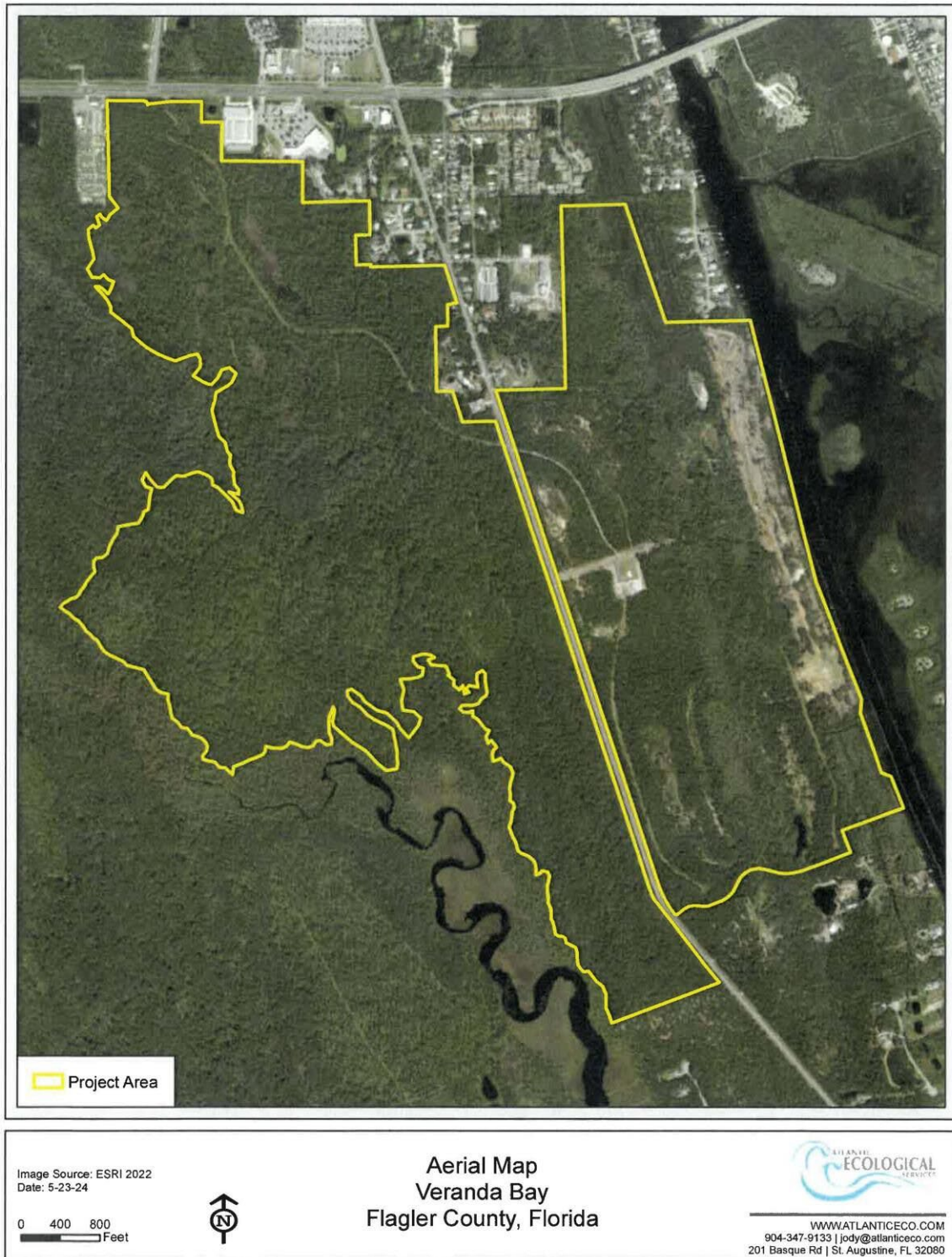
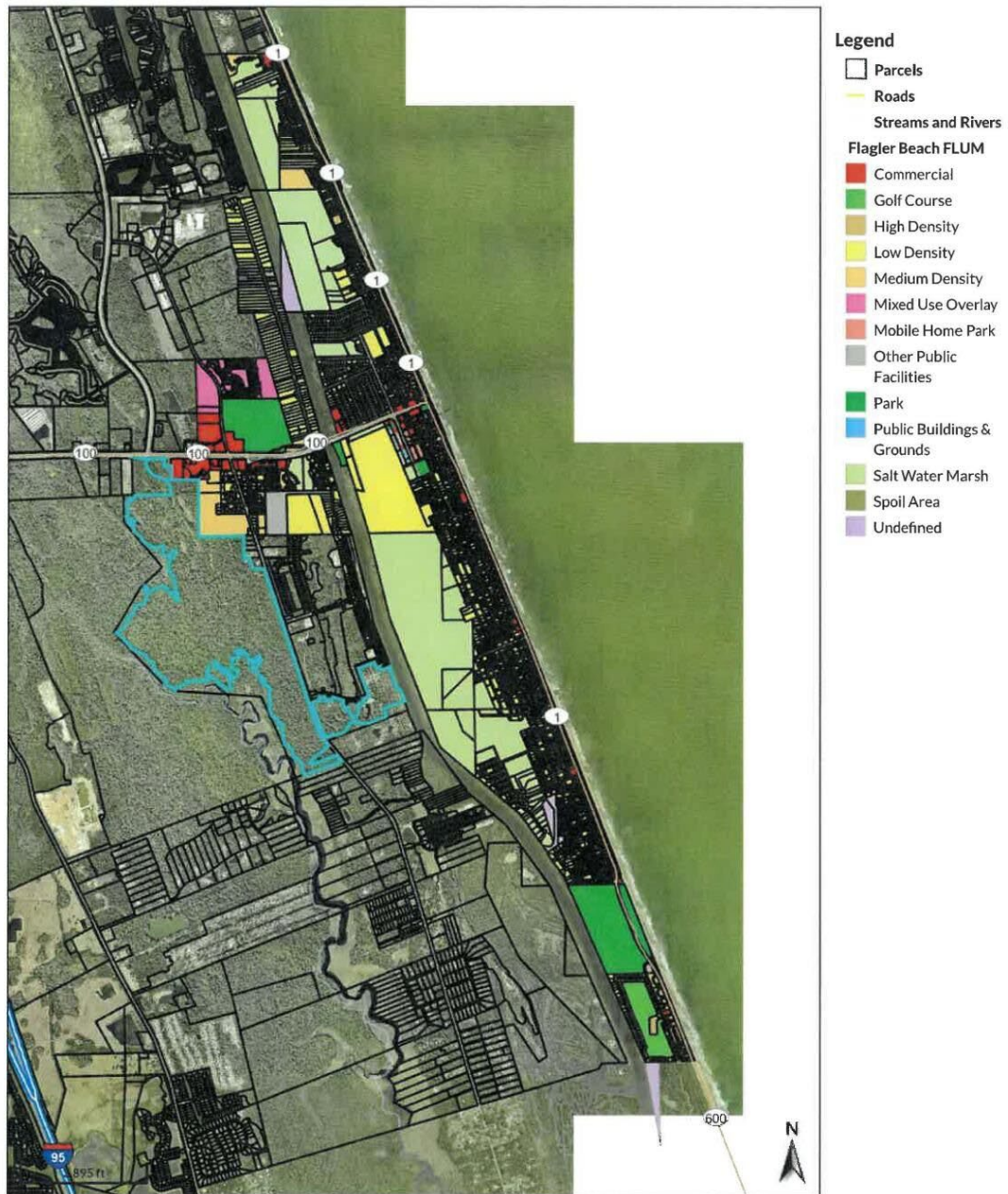


Exhibit 4: City of Flagler Beach 24-1ESR (Existing Future Land Use Map)



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 30, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**VIA:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** ERIC ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** REGIONAL SAFE SPACES ACTION PLAN AND COORDINATED MOBILITY PLAN

Jacksonville Transit Authority's Jeremy Norsworthy, Program Manager: Planning and Analytics, and Eric Houston, Program Manager: Strategic and Regional Planning will provide a presentation on a collaborative effort toward achieving Vision Zero in Northeast Florida. The presentation will include a review of the recent safety analysis results, discussion of the proposed strategies to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, and an outline of next steps for implementing key initiatives across the Region.

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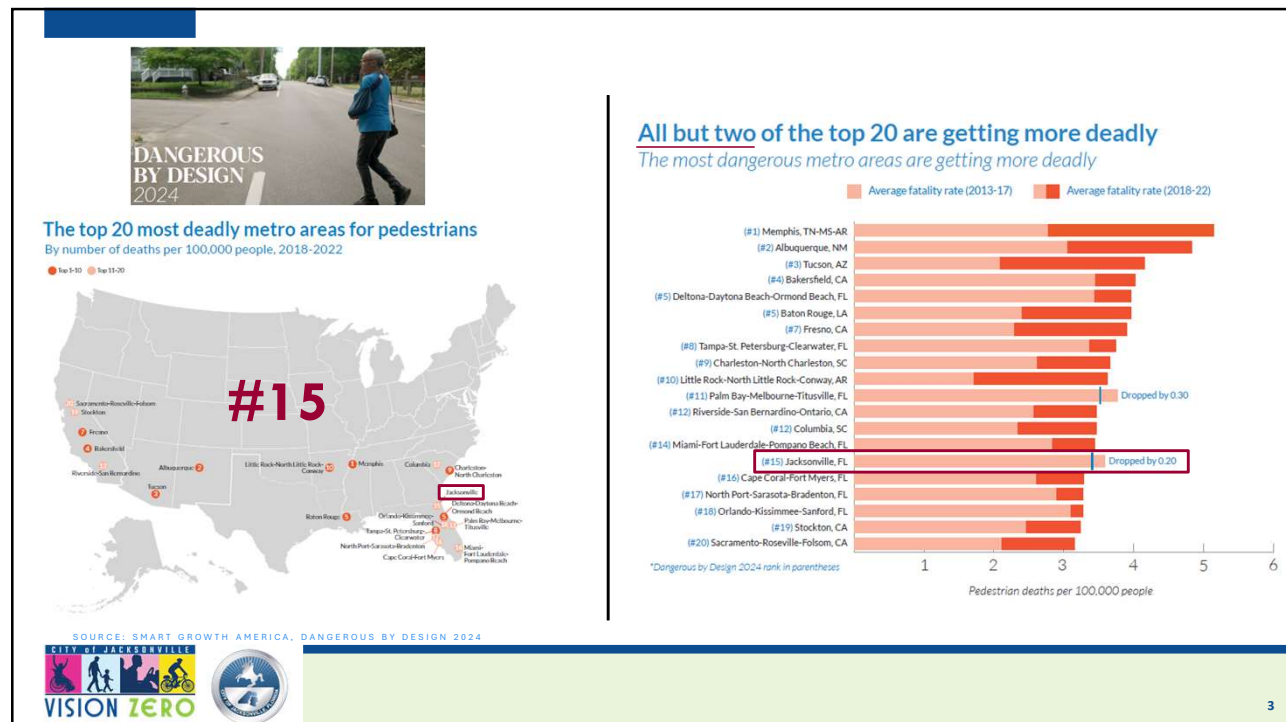
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- Why?
- What is Vision Zero?
- City of Jacksonville Vision Zero Action Plan Overview
- Closing Remarks/Next Steps



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## What is Vision Zero?



### VISION ZERO NETWORK

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Today we commit that our goal is this: Zero. **Our goal is zero deaths**; a country where, one day, nobody has to say goodbye to a loved one because of a traffic crash.

*Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation,  
on National Roadway Safety Strategy release,  
January 27, 2022*

is not a slogan...  
not a tagline...  
not even a program.

**Vision Zero is  
fundamentally different**

**It is a paradigm shift.**



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## THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH



Source: [Zero Deaths and Safe System | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

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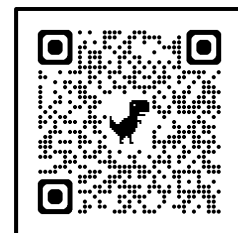
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## Safe Streets and Roads for All



# SS4A-24

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- Identifies High Injury Networks (Corridors)
- Recommended Policies & Actionable Items
- Performance Targets & Performance Measures
- Identifies **Demonstration Projects!!!**

### BONUS

- Road Safety Audits
- Funding Sources



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## Joint COJ VZAP & JTA CSSAP Vision Zero Goals

- COJ Identifies High Injury Networks (Corridors)
- JTA Identified Transit focused Safety List
- **Overlap** between HIN and Safety Lists
- Recommended Policies & Actionable Items
- Performance Targets & Performance Measures
- Identifies **Demonstration Projects**
- Identifies **Implementation Projects**

**Opportunity for  
Overlap between  
COJ and JTA**



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## Next Steps

- Receive Input on the High Injury Network
- Recommended Strategies Based on Safe System Approach and the 5Es
- Public Workshop #1 – November 2024
- Future Task Force/Stakeholder Meetings
  - Meeting #2 – December 2024
  - Meeting #3 – February 2024
  - Meeting #4 – March 2025
- **Adoption of Action Plans**



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**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE** **CREATING**  
**SAFE**   
**VISION ZERO SPACES** 

**CONTACT:**  
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**MOVE** 2027  
Mobility Optimization Through Vision & Excellence

**Creating Safe Spaces Action Plan-  
A Safety Action Plan for Transit**

11/07/2024 NEFRC Board Meeting


**JACKSONVILLE  
TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY**

**CREATING  
SAFE  
SPACES**

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# Agenda

- I. WHY A TRANSIT-BASED VZ FOCUS?
- II. SAFETY ANALYSIS
- III. SURVEY
- IV. NEXT STEPS



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SAFE  
SPACES**

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## Safety Analysis



**Crash Data (January 1,  
2018 – December 31,  
2022)**

Source: University of Florida, Signal  
4 Analytics



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# Safety Analysis



## 2,473 assets analyzed

- Transit assets
- Existing mobility hubs
- Future mobility hubs
- Park-n-Ride
- Skyway

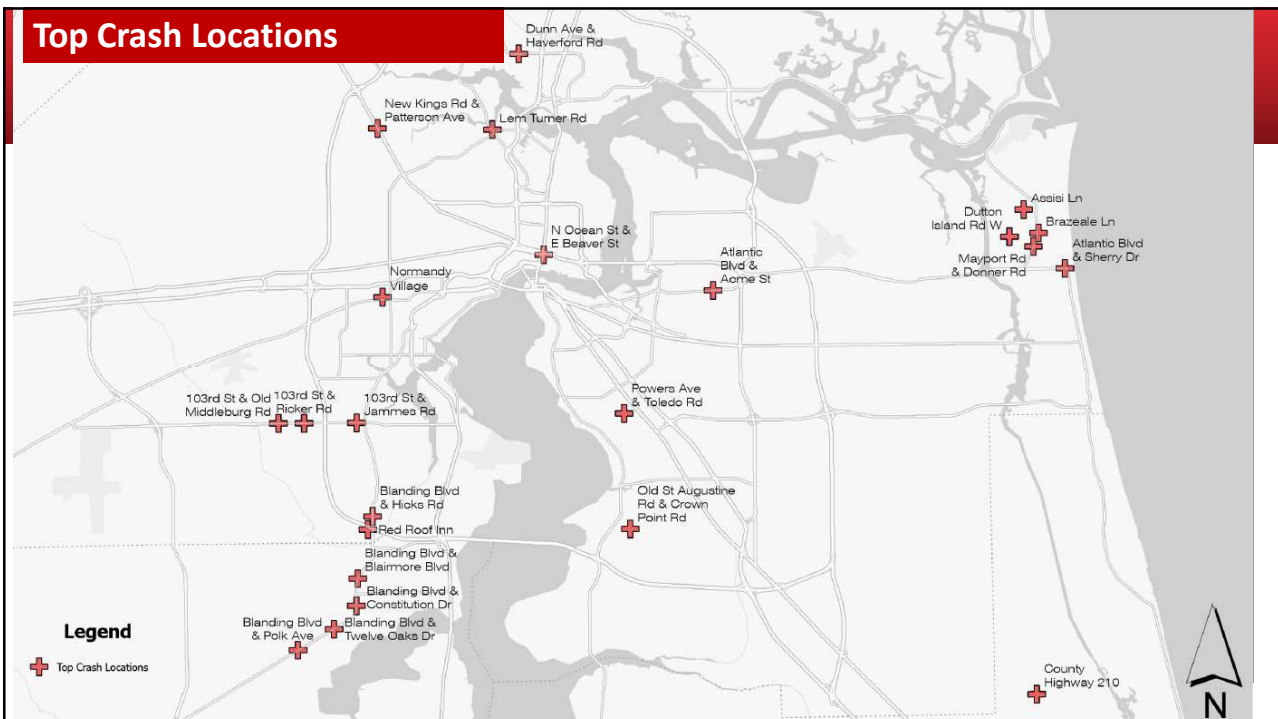


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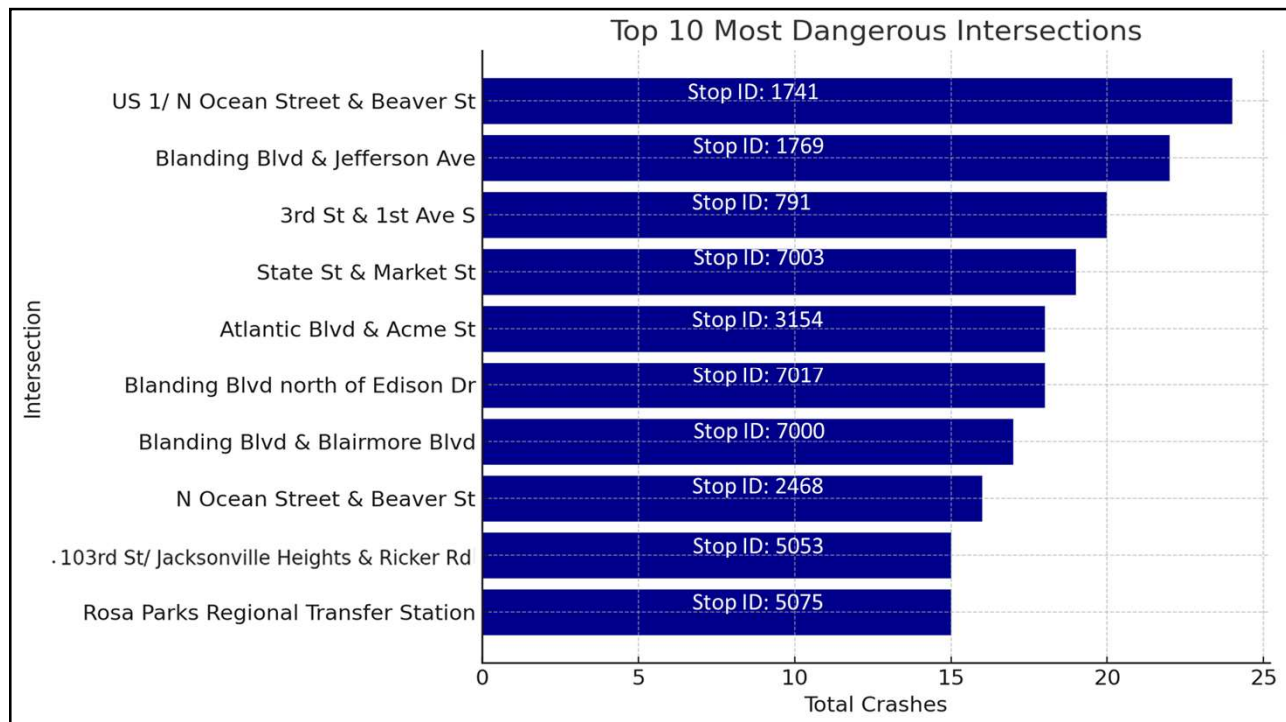
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## Top Crash Locations



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## Next Steps

### Safety Action Plan

- Project priorities
- Strategies and actions
- Demonstration projects

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 SPACES

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## Questions and Thank You



**Jeremy Norsworthy**

Program Manager: Long Range & Regional Planning

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**VIA:** NEFRC PERSONNEL, BUDGET & FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** BETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** NEFRC ATTORNEY SEARCH

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NEFRC is currently seeking an attorney to perform various legal services for the Council for the current fiscal year and moving forward. The recently signed federal Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) contract has significant procurement requirements with funding allocated for legal services. This contract needs to move forward and having an attorney to review the procurement process is a critical step. It is also anticipated that the attorney will review other contracts, assist in a review of specific personnel policies and be available for opinions and questions as needed by staff.

The CEO has been in contact with several attorneys and has options to discuss with the Board on how to move forward.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 30, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** JACK SHAD, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER 

**RE:** **2024 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT**

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Staff will provide a presentation on the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) annual report, and resolution. The annual report must be transmitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) by December 1, 2024; a grant requirement.

### **Recommendation**

Staff respectfully request that the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors approve the 2024 CEDS annual report and accompanying Resolution 2024-06 for submission to the EDA.



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# Resolution

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*Northeast Florida Regional Council*

2024-05

## **Approving the 2024 Update to the Northeast Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Regional Council is the District Organization for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) designated Economic Development District (EDD) in Northeast Florida, and as such is charged with:

- The development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Region, as appropriate;
- Utilization of the CEDS and CEDS process to foster collaborative regional economic development efforts;
- Providing EDA program outreach to local member governments to facilitate project development and implementation of strategies to ensure the Region's capacity to provide the necessary infrastructure and workforce to attract private investment and encourage the creation and expansion of higher-paying-jobs;
- Implementation of the Action Plan of the CEDS including grant writing, planning and technical assistance, other economic development assistance, training, travel, and other related activities, if directly associated to CEDS implementation;
- Coordination of federal, state, local and not-for-profit resources/funds to optimize the implementation of the CEDS action plan and progress toward attainment of regional goals, objectives, and vision; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors hereby approves the 2024 update to the Northeast Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the 7th day of November 2024.*

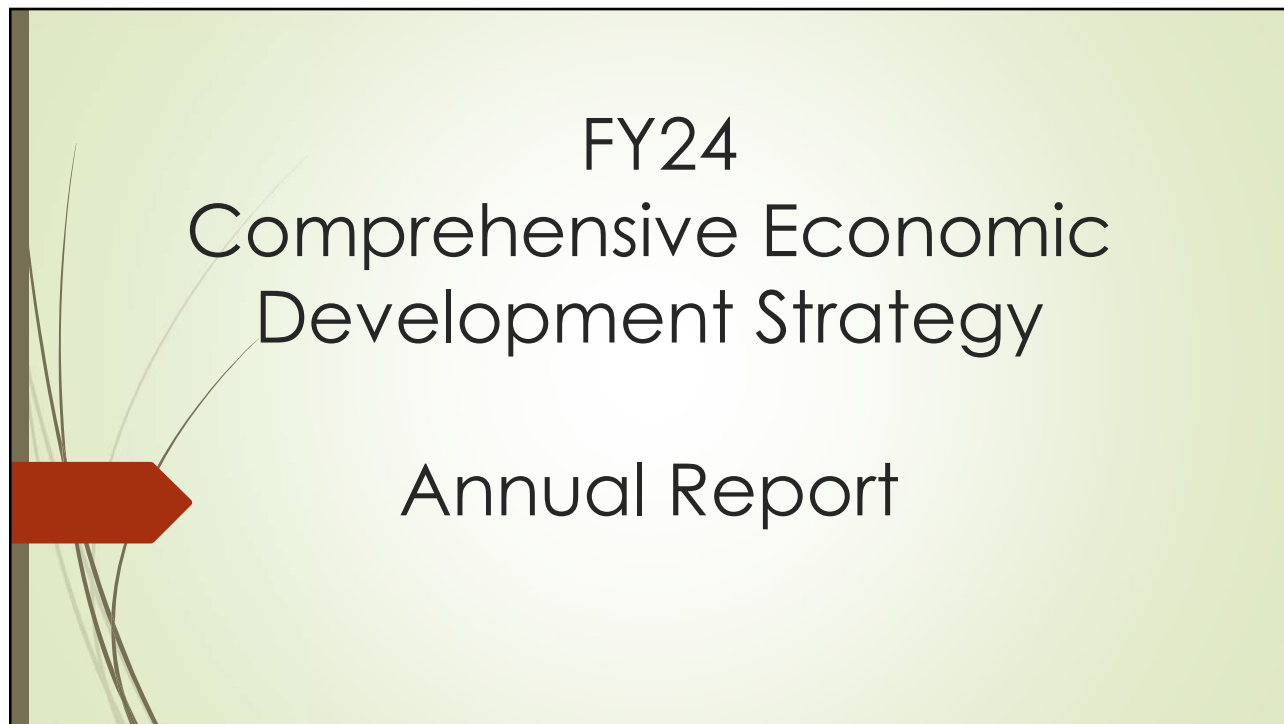
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**Hon. Jim Renninger**  
President

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**Elizabeth Payne**  
CEO





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## In a nutshell...

The **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** is a locally-based, regionally-driven economic development planning process and document that creates the space for your region to identify its strengths and weaknesses and brings together a diverse set of partners to create good jobs, diversify the economy, and spur economic growth.

**The technical stuff:**

- Required for EDA designation as an Economic Development District
- Updated every five years with annual reports
- Submitted to the EDA regional office for approval
- A CEDS Committee should be organized that "must represent the main economic interests of the Region"
- Requirement for various EDA funding, including EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs & CARES Act funding

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# FY24 CEDS Annual Report

## Technical Assistance

1. Assistance with EDA grants – Duval & St. Johns counties.
  - St. Johns County awarded funding for Hasting Taskforce Project!
2. Assistance with state grants – Flagler county, Keystone Heights, Pomona Park, and Welaka

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# FY24 CEDS Annual Report


## Projects in support of CEDS goals

1. Regional Eco-tourism & trails strategy
2. Integrate economic development into all areas of government- Palatka Vision plan & St. Augustine vision plan

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# FY24 CEDS Annual Report

## Economic modeling

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1. REMI analysis for Baker, Clay, Duval, & Flagler counties
  2. Additional projects for the City of Jacksonville, JEA, & JAXUSA

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# FY24 CEDS Annual Report

## Economic Resiliency

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1. Shrimping market study – UNDERWAY NOW!
  2. Work to develop connections between emergency management, resiliency, & economic development

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# FY24 CEDS Annual Report

Resolution 2024-05 Will approve the annual  
report for transmittal to US Economic  
Development Administration

Required by terms of our grant

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## RESOLUTION 2024-05

To approve the FY24  
Comprehensive  
Economic Development  
Strategy annual report

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# Thank you!

■ Jack Shad  
Economic Development Project Manager  
[jshad@nefrc.org](mailto:jshad@nefrc.org)

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# Resolution

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*Northeast Florida Regional Council*

**2024-06**

**Honoring**

**The Honorable Roxanne Horvath**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Roxanne Horvath, City of St. Augustine Commissioner, was appointed in February, 2013, by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners to serve as a municipal representative on the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Horvath served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and President of the Northeast Florida Regional Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Horvath served as President of the Florida Regional Councils Association's Policy Board, a statewide association of Regional Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Horvath Chaired the NEFRC Executive Committee, the Legislative Policy Committee, and served as a member of the Council's Strategic Regional Policy Planning Committee, the Affordable Housing Committee, and the Ad-Hoc Regional Leadership Awards Selection Committee; and

**WHEREAS, most recently**, Commissioner Horvath volunteered her talents to assume the Co-Chair position for the Resilient First Coast Collaborative, which produced the Regional Resiliency Action Plan for Northeast Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Horvath has provided leadership and friendship to fellow Board Members over the years and has exhibited a sincere love of Northeast Florida that has allowed her to serve the citizens with great distinction, devotion, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, her efforts on behalf of the Council and Northeast Florida are to be celebrated and are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the policy body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby commends Commissioner Horvath for her efforts and contributions during her tenure and expresses its sincere appreciation for her service.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, on the fourth day of November, 2024.*

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**Jim Renninger**

President

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**Elizabeth Payne**

CEO

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# Resolution

*Northeast Florida Regional Council*

2024-07

Honoring

**The Honorable David Sullivan**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable David Sullivan, Flagler County Commissioner, was appointed in May 2017, by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners to serve as a representative on the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sullivan served on the Executive Committee helping to guide the Regional Council in establishing and achieving its Mission and goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sullivan served as a member of the Affordable Housing, the Planning and Growth Management, the Personnel, Budget & Finance, the Awards Selection, and the Legislative Policy Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Sullivan served the Council and Northeast Florida citizens with great distinction, devotion, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, his efforts on behalf of the Council and Northeast Florida are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the policy body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby commends Commissioner Sullivan for his efforts and contributions during his tenure and expresses its sincere appreciation for his service.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, on the seventh day of November, 2024.*

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**Jim Renninger**

President

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**Elizabeth Payne**

CEO

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# Resolution

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*Northeast Florida Regional Council*

2024-08

Honoring

**The Honorable David Alfin**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable David Alfin, Mayor of the City of Palm Coast, was appointed in October, 2022, by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners to serve as a municipal representative on the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Alfin served as a member of the Affordable Housing and the Legislative Policy Committees, and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Alfin served as a member on the Policy Board of the Florida Regional Councils Association, a statewide association of Regional Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Alfin served the Council and Northeast Florida citizens with great distinction, devotion, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, his efforts on behalf of the Council and Northeast Florida are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the policy body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby commends Mayor Alfin for his efforts and contributions during his tenure and expresses its sincere appreciation for his service.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, on the seventh day of November, 2024.*

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**Jim Renninger**  
President

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**Elizabeth Payne**  
CEO

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 31, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*

**FROM:** LEIGH WILSEY, HEALTHCARE COALITION PROGRAM MANAGER *LW*

**RE:** RFP: VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE SERIES FOR THE HEALTHCARE COALITION

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The Healthcare Coalition Program, through the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC), issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a vendor to provide a virtual tabletop exercise series for the Healthcare Coalition members. The RFP was issued on Friday, September 27, 2024, and closed Monday, October 21, 2024. Six (6) proposals were received from: All Clear Emergency Management Group, Chloeta, Emergency Educators, LLC., EnviroSafe Consulting, Integrated Solutions Consulting, and Resilience Solutions Consulting. The NEFRC scoring team was assembled to review and score the proposals. The members and scores are indicated below:

- Leigh Wilsey, Healthcare Coalition Program Manager,
- Annie Sieger, Healthcare Coalition Planner, and
- Eric Anderson, Deputy CEO

### **Recommendation**

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate a contract with All Clear Emergency Management Group to provide virtual tabletop exercises for the Healthcare Coalition program.





## **Healthcare Coalition Program RFP: Vendor to provide virtual tabletop exercises**

Scoring Team: Leigh Wilsey, Program Manager; Annie Sieger, Program Planner; Eric Anderson, Deputy CEO

### **Vendor Ranking by Score**

| <b>Vendor</b>             | <b>Total Score</b> | <b>Price Proposal</b> | <b>Current budgeted<br/>amount \$47,000</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| • All Clear EMG           | 289                | (\$ 42,000)           |   |
| • Envirosafe              | 254                | (\$136,800)           |   |
| • Emergency Educators LLC | 251                | (\$ 69,450)           |   |
| • Chloeta                 | 218                | (\$ 40,176)           |   |
| • Integrated Solutions    | 194                | (\$ 84,500)           |   |
| • Resilience Solutions    | 184                | (\$ 59,685)           |   |

**Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate a contract with All Clear Emergency Management Group to provide virtual tabletop exercises for the Healthcare Coalition program.**

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*

**FROM:** ERIC ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *Eric B. Anderson*

**RE:** STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN UPDATE AND ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to the State and Regional Planning Act, the Council maintains a Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) that addresses the five required issue areas: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, and Regional Transportation. A new Cultivation Element was added as part of the 2019 SRPP update.

The Northeast Florida SRPP is due for its 5-year assessment. Assessments are completed regularly to ensure the long-range plan guides the Region's physical, economic, and social development. The SRPP should serve as a guidebook on coordinated steps to achieve the goals and objectives for Northeast Florida, which is included in First Coast Vision. It is a reference guide and data source on most facets of life in the Region and its counties. The SRPP is organized around strategic subject areas that are, in turn, related to the priorities of the State of Florida and the mission of NEFRC.

The 2024 Assessment of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan is attached. This is the first step in updating the SRPP. The Assessment will be provided to the State of Florida, several reviewing agencies, and other Regional Councils.

### Proposed Motion:

**Staff respectfully recommends that the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors approve the 2024 Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Assessment and authorize staff to begin the SRPP update process.**





# Strategic Directions and Goals Summary

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE SRPP

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) should serve as a guidebook on coordinated steps to achieve the goals for Northeast Florida included in First Coast Vision<sup>i</sup>. It is a reference guide and data source on most facets of life in the Region and its counties. The Plan is organized around strategic subject areas or elements that are in turn related to the priorities of the State of Florida and the mission of NEFRC.

The SRPP contains policy guidelines only where statute requires them. In other cases, it recommends approaches and supports communities in the strategies they choose to achieve regional goals. It identifies regional goals and the intent of NEFRC to regularly track the progress of the Region in achieving them. It is a tool for communities, Local Government managers and staff, and legislators, but not a mandate. NEFRC focused efforts on creating a Plan for the entire Region. We recommend that it be widely read. We will make our best efforts to ensure that it is understood and to assist communities with its utilization.

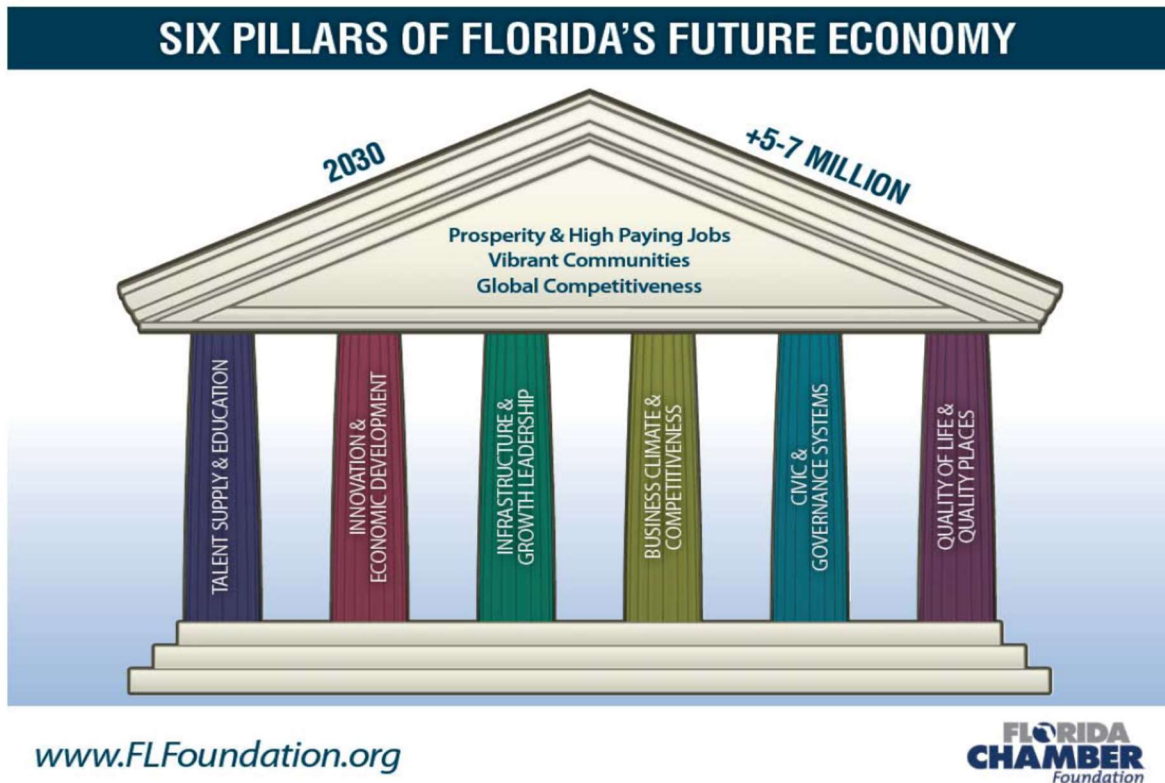
## 2024 ASSESSMENT OF THE SRPP

The SRPP can now be assessed to determine how it has successfully guided Northeast Florida toward achieving the goals included in First Coast Vision for the last five years. It can also be reviewed to determine if it still functions as a reference guide and data source on most facets of life in the Region and its counties. A brief assessment has been added to the strategic subject areas or elements, which are, in turn, related to the Six Pillars priorities of the State of Florida and the mission of NEFRC.

Based on the 2024 Assessment of the SRPP, NEFRC recommends the following updates:

- Update and expand the Cultivation element
- Create a standalone Resilience element, separating it from the Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency element
- Add information on the First Coast Wellbeing Index
- Consider removing the Health element
- Consider removing the Energy element
- Consider removing SRPP alignment with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars

## STRATEGIC REGIONAL GOALS



The Strategic Regional Policy Plan is structured as the statute requires, into strategic regional subject areas. In the case of Northeast Florida, there are nine (*five required and four optional*): Communities and Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, Regional Transportation, Demographics and Equity, Energy, Health, and Cultivation. All goals and policies in this plan are aligned with the mission of the Northeast Florida Regional Council and with the Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy (see above). This ensures that the regional plan furthers the State's priorities, and that regional goals are supported by the priorities and abilities of NEFRC.

The following are the high-level regional goals that guide the policies and measures found in each of the strategic regional subject area elements of the SRPP.

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### DEMOGRAPHICS AND EQUITY

**Goal:** Progress toward achieving our goals should have a positive impact on the ability of all of Counties in the Region to prosper and all of the residents in the Region to achieve their personal goals. We will look for residents of modest means to spend less of their incomes on

housing and transportation, and for mobility for all to access jobs and those things that impact quality of life.

### **Pillar: All Six**

**2024 Assessment:** The NEFRC strategy has been to expand its role as a data clearinghouse by gathering and disseminating information helpful to communities in the Region and by maintaining such information when it proves to be helpful to communities in the Region.

The NEFRC continues to expand its role as a regional data clearinghouse by gathering and disseminating information helpful to regional communities and developing and maintaining the First Coast Wellbeing Index (FCWI)<sup>ii</sup>.

In 2021, the Regional Community Institute<sup>iii</sup>, a non-profit corporation of the Regional Council designed to advance and promote the vision of regionalism, established a committee to evaluate the impact of the First Coast Vision. Their findings highlighted that the most significant achievement was the collaboration fostered among community members. However, to sustain this momentum, measurable indicators of success were essential.

The group deliberated on the data necessary to gauge the region's progress. This led to the First Coast Well-Being Index, designed to reflect the diverse policy focus in Northeast Florida. The index incorporates a mix of standard metrics on population and mobility alongside unique data points on fishing and tree planting—elements identified as vital in earlier policy discussions about agriculture and natural resources.

The FCWI was released to the public in 2023 and is meant to be a dynamic tool that continuously evolves as community needs and policy discussions change. It serves as both a benchmark and a guiding framework for the region, ensuring that Northeast Florida remains committed to a collaborative, informed approach to future challenges and opportunities.

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## **COMMUNITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Goal:** Each local government is encouraged to take the lessons learned from visioning, the public preference for multiple growth centers, the opportunities and challenges raised by resources of regional significance and the desires of their residents and determine where new growth should go, ideally in locations allowing it to take advantage of existing infrastructure, be mixed use, compact and connected to other centers. These mixed use growth and redevelopment centers are supported in all seven Counties and have the potential to increase transit ridership, reduce car dependency, maintain water and air quality and conserve water. Once these locations are chosen, governments should do all they

can to support quality development there that will appreciate in value and achieve multiple community and economic goals.

**Goal:** A safe, sanitary, efficient and resilient housing supply that provides lifestyle choice (agricultural, rural, suburban, and urban) and affordable options for all income, age and ability groups, equitably placed in vibrant, viable and accessible communities throughout the region.

### **Pillar: Quality of Life and Quality Places, Business Climate and Competitiveness**

**2024 Assessment:** The NEFRC strategy has been to provide support to communities to assist with determining where to encourage growth based on what we have learned with them through visioning efforts. In consultation with local governments and communities, NEFRC will seek funding through Brownfields assessment grants to determine the issues and opportunities presented by sites that may be perceived as having the potential for contamination if they are in areas considered potentially desirable for redevelopment.

Affordable housing has become a primary issue for every jurisdiction in the Region, especially following COVID-19. In response to this regional issue, the NEFRC Board of Directors established an Affordable Housing Committee in 2020, which was convened regularly to identify common problems and potential solutions. At that time, the Affordable Housing Committee created an Affordable Housing Needs Plan. Soon after adopting the Affordable Housing Needs Plan, the State of Florida adopted and enacted the Live Local Act.

The Live Local Act is a comprehensive, statewide, attainable housing strategy designed to increase the availability of affordable housing opportunities for Florida's residents who desire to live within the communities they serve. This framework provides historic recurring funding for housing very-low to moderate-income households. In addition to many new programs, incentives, and opportunities, this legislation focuses Florida's housing strategy on ways to make housing more attainable. As a result of the adoption of the Live Local Act, the Affordable Housing Needs Plan developed by the NEFRC was no longer viable.

The NEFRC continues to seek funding through EPA's Brownfields program. The NEFRC has submitted annual applications for the Brownfield Assessment Grant and narrowly missed out on an FY 24-25 award. Based on comments and feedback from the reviewing agency, the NEFRC intends to submit for a FY 2025 Community-wide Assessment Grant.

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Goal:** Our region is the top destination for opportunity and investments, making it the highest performing economy in the nation.

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**Goal:** View all policy through the lens of the Six Pillars of Florida’s Future Economy. Each of the policies in this plan and all of the actions of the NEFRC will be reviewed based on their relevance to our future, and this includes a broad definition of the assets that drive our regional economy. We will not create a new plan for economic development, but will join the region in support of the goals and policies identified by Elevate Northeast Florida and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

**Goal:** Northeast Florida’s economic development strategies, consistent with Federal guidelines, are set with partners and new policy is not set by NEFRC. NEFRC’s goal is to ensure that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a five-year strategy that reflects economic development planning on a regional and county level, and that the region is always positioned to collaborate to maximize funding opportunities.

### Pillar: All Six

**2024 Assessment:** The SRPP includes data on the Region and regional trends in population growth, competitiveness, employment, workforce education levels, and agriculture. NEFRC may add and maintain information that is useful to local governments through its data clearinghouse function.

Additionally, the NEFRC participated in the development of the JAXUSA 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, *The Future is Now*. In spring 2022, JAXUSA Partnership launched its most ambitious regional economic development planning process to date. Leadership from across Northeast Florida’s seven counties (Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns) recognized that for economic development to be successful, it needed to represent the region as a whole. The result of this planning effort was a regional, people-centric economic development strategy.

During the life of the SRPP, NEFRC will reconvene leaders in the Region to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Economic Develop element will be updated to reflect the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy<sup>iv</sup>.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY

**Goal:** A resilient and safe region that is prepared for a coordinated and effective response to all hazards in emergencies and is prepared to adapt to change to remain resilient and safe in the long term.

### Pillar: Innovation and Economic Development

**2024 Assessment:** The NEFRC strategy has been to maintain and implement programming in coordination with the Florida Division on Emergency Management (FDEM), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), and local partner agencies. This includes planning for natural disasters using the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) process and managing the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee for Hazardous Materials (LEPC), the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance (HCC), and the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program (SRESP).

Resilience of the Built Environment has always been included in the Emergency Preparedness and Resilience element, but significant efforts and achievements have occurred since the last SRPP update in 2019, which only covered sea level rise. The NEFRC has formed Resilient First Coast<sup>v</sup> (RFC), the regional resiliency collaborative for Northeast Florida, which includes Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. It is a formal partnership that works together to improve the region's resilience. It comprises local governments, businesses, non-profit organizations, academia, and federal/ state agencies. A network of resiliency collaboratives exists in Florida and throughout the nation. RFC gathers regularly to assist in creating and developing a regional resiliency action plan, which is currently being rolled out in phases. Secondly, each of the local governments in the region is presently undergoing state-required vulnerability assessments to determine how exposed and sensitive communities are to six identified hazards. Lastly, the region participates in the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

Due to these significant changes in the resilience landscape over the last five years, it is recommended that a standalone Resilience element be created and decoupled from the Emergency Preparedness and Resilience element. This should be guided through collaboration with Resilient First Coast.

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## **ENERGY**

**Goal:** A region that is flexible, innovative and takes full advantage of the diversity of potential energy sources, especially local sources. We will not wait for federal or state guidance or mandates to act if action can benefit the region. We acknowledge that, as a region vulnerable to natural disasters, resiliency and redundancy in energy, both in motor fuel and power, can set us apart from regions that choose not to address these issues that can be of large impact to business and residents.

### **Pillar: Infrastructure and Growth Leadership**

**2024 Assessment:** The NEFRC strategy has been to participate in and support programs such as the North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition, which works with vehicle fleets, fuel



providers, community leaders, and other stakeholders to identify community-driven choices that save energy and promote the use of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in transportation. In addition, energy production and diversification of energy sources have been the domain of local utility providers, which regularly shift based on market demand and resource costs.

It should be noted that there are objectives without policies in this Energy subject area. This is the case when it is not yet clear what role NEFRC will have in implementing the objective. Additionally, some of the subject matter in this area could be incorporated into a new Resilience element, as recommended in the previous section. As a result, it is recommended that the Energy element be removed from the SRPP and any relevant data, goals, objectives, and resources of regional significance be included in the new Resilience element.

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## HEALTH

**Goal:** The Region supports local and regional efforts to ensure that the region's residents have access to a healthy lifestyle and good health care. Many policies in other elements of the SRPP support the implementation of these objectives. NEFRC supports our partners in seeking improvement in health outcomes throughout the region.

### Pillar: Civic and Governance Systems, Quality of Life and Quality Places

**2024 Assessment:** The NEFRC strategy has been to maintain a board position and to support the programming and initiatives of the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida (HPC). NEFRC maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that says the NEFRC will leverage initiatives, particularly in the built environment and healthcare interface, data development/maintenance, and public outreach and education.

HPC was a contributing partner with NEFRC in creating the First Coast Well-Being Index, which captures many data sets used to evaluate community health, such as the number of hospital beds and physicians per capita, people with health insurance, and mobility access.

It should be noted that there are objectives with no policies in this subject area. This is the case when it is not yet clear what role NEFRC will have in the implementation of the objective. Additionally, the only data set included in this area is a map showing food deserts, as defined by the US Department of Agriculture.

As a result, it is recommended that the Health element be removed from the SRPP and any relevant data, goals, objectives, and resources of regional significance be included in other subject areas of the SRPP, where possible. NEFRC will maintain the MOU with the HPC.

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## ***NATURAL RESOURCES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE***

**Goal:** Northeast Florida recognizes that some resources have the potential to impact more than one jurisdiction, and their viability is of concern to the Region. NEFRC promotes the protection of these resources, as contained on the Natural Resources of Regional Significance list.

### **Pillar: Quality of Life and Quality Places**

**2024 Assessment:** The State has mandated identifying Natural Resources of Regional Significance. The NEFRC has also included those resources suggested by Counties in the Region and parks greater than 20 acres identified as Florida Land Management Areas, or in the Florida State Park System.

The NEFRC strategy has been to convene its partners as necessary to consider the long-term viability of natural resources of regional significance and assist them in meeting their goals while ensuring the quality of life for current and future residents of Northeast Florida.

The NEFRC maintains GIS mapping for green infrastructure, such as agricultural lands, floodplains, aquifer recharge areas, recreational lands, silviculture, and wetlands, which will be updated. As part of the update process, the following lists and maps will be reviewed: Waterbodies and Wetlands, Parks and Preserves, Trails, Blueways, Floridan Aquifer, and Recharge Areas.

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## ***REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION***

**Goal:** Create efficient connectivity within the Region, and with state, national, and global economies. Include centers of population and jobs that are well-connected, limit commute times for most residents and provide opportunities for all residents of the region to work if they choose. Northeast Florida makes development of regional employment centers and infrastructure a first priority, politically and fiscally.

**Goal:** In order to promote a diversified and vibrant regional economy, the Region supports an efficient multi-modal transportation framework to move people and goods, and NEFRC and its partners support over time the infrastructure investments needed to make it work. The framework maintains an environment that includes mobility options to move goods and people to support business and industry.

### **Pillar: Innovation and Economic Development**

**2024 Assessment:** The Regional Transportation Commission has ended, and NEFRC has participated in the Regional Transit Working Group. NEFRC will continue to participate and coordinate with other partners at the Florida Department of Transportation, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, and the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization.

As this is a required subject area or element of the SRPP, accompanying data will be updated.

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## **REGIONAL CULTIVATION**

**Goal:** Recognize the importance of cultivation in Northeast Florida and be part of the conversation on what approaches are appropriate here and how to successfully implement them.

### **Pillar: Innovation and Economic Development**

**2024 Assessment:** Cultivation was a new subject area added during the 2019 SRPP update. Previous SRPPs failed to recognize that agriculture, fishing, and silviculture support the region's health, safety, economy, and natural environment in a way that merits a free-standing subject area of the Plan. As this was the beginning, it was not yet possible for this subject area to embody a vision for cultivation. Instead, it recognized the importance of cultivation in Northeast Florida and should be updated over time to reflect the appropriate approaches.

It is recommended that this subject area be updated to reflect the guidance from convening cultivation subject matter experts in the region, especially those people and entities that guided the development and adoption of the Cultivation element in 2019.

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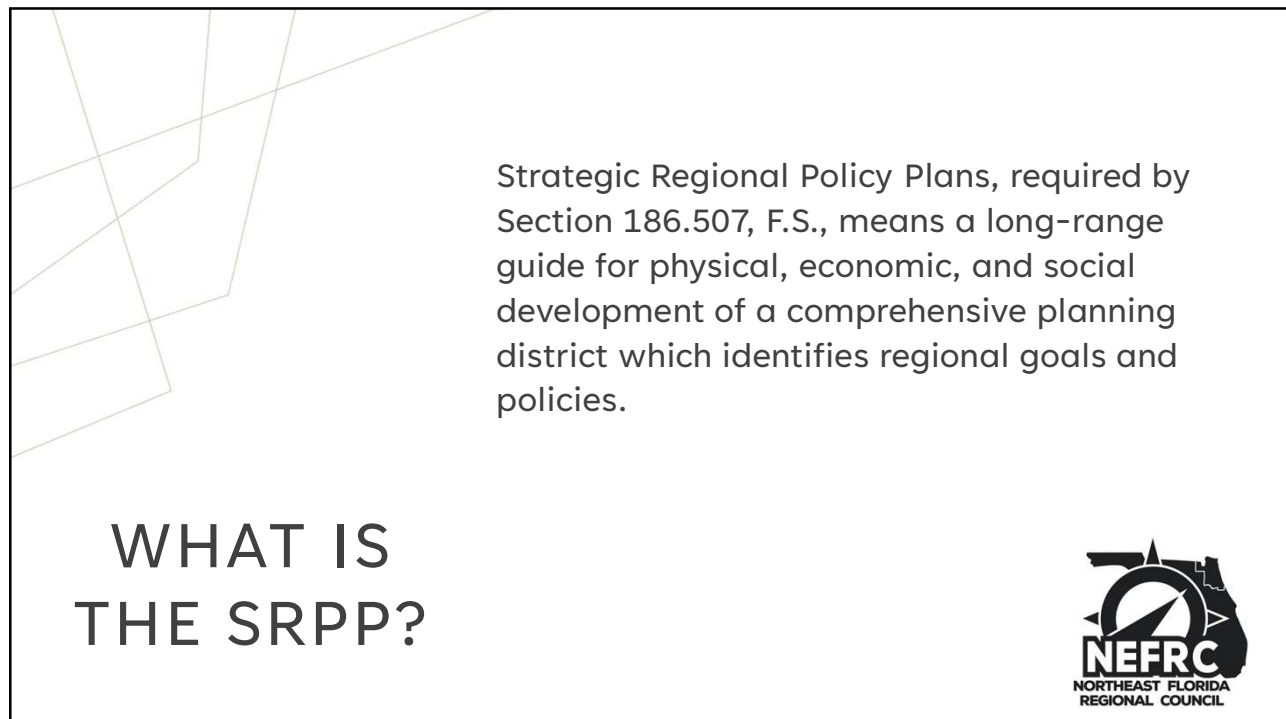
**REFERENCES OUTSIDE THE SRPP**

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- i For more about the First Coast Vision, visit <http://www.firstcoastvision.com>
- ii For more about the First Coast Well-Being Index, visit <https://www.nefrc.org/well-being-index>
- iii For more about the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc., visit <https://www.rcinef.org/>
- iv For more about the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, visit <https://www.nefrc.org/ceds2022>
- v For more about Resilient First Coast, visit <https://resilientfirstcoast.com/>



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## WHAT IS THE SRPP?

The SRPP **shall contain regional goals and policies** that address:

- 1) affordable housing
- 2) economic development
- 3) emergency preparedness
- 4) natural resources of regional significance
- 5) regional transportation

And **other regional goals and policies** as deemed appropriate by the council.

- 6) Health, 7) Energy, 8) Cultivation
- 9) Demographics and Equity

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## SRPP UPDATE

- Evaluation of Current Plan November 2024
- First Coast Vision Plus
- Includes:
  - *Strategic Regional Subject Areas*
  - *Natural Resources of Regional Significance and Regional Transportation*
  - *Regionally Significant Resources and Facilities*
  - *Trends and Conditions*
  - *Goals and Policies*
  - *Coordination Outline*
- 5-year Plan



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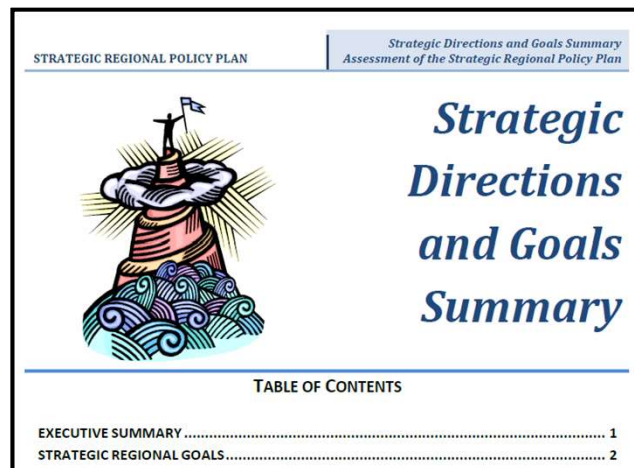


## 2019 SRPP ASSESSMENT

- Last Reviewed and Updated in 2019
- Harmonized 4 Plans
  - *Northeast Florida Vision*
  - *Elevate Northeast Florida*
  - *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*
  - *2024 SRPP*
- Resilience of the Built Environment updated
- Adopted a new Cultivation element
- Alignment with Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars



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## SRPP ASSESSMENT

- Reviewed Nine (9) Subject Areas/Elements
  - Goal(s)
  - Alignment with Florida Chamber's Six Pillars
  - 2024 Assessment

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## 2024 SRPP ASSESSMENT

### NEFRC recommends the following updates:

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## PROPOSED MOTION

Staff respectfully recommends that the Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors approve the 2024 Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Assessment and authorize staff to begin the SRPP update process.



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| <h1>SRPP<br/>WORKPLAN<br/>&amp; TIMELINE</h1> | November 7, 2024    | Board: SRPP Process Review and Plan Evaluation  |
|   | January 9, 2025     | Board: SRPP Review #1 (1st half) & suggested updates  |
|   | February 6, 2025    | Board: SRPP Review #2 (2nd half) & suggested updates  |
|   | Jan - Feb of 2025   | <b>Public Workshops:</b> Consider policy guidance for Cultivation and Resilience elements             |
|   | April 3, 2025       | Board: Review draft Cultivation & Resilience elements   |
|   | April 10, 2025      | <b>Kickoff Meeting &amp; Online Public Input:</b><br>SRPP Update Process & Start of Public Input      |
|   | April of 2025       | <b>3 Public Meetings:</b><br>SRPP Update Process & Public Input                                       |
|   | June 5, 2025        | Board Approval: To release the Draft update   |
|   | June - Aug 2025     | Collect Feedback on Draft SRPP from local governments & make updates                                  |
|   | October 2, 2025     | Board Approval: Proposed SRPP Released to the State, then allow 60 days for Review.                   |
|   | Dec 2025 & Jan 2026 | Collect Feedback on Proposed SRPP from state review agencies and local governments, then make updates |
|   | February 5, 2026    | Board Approval: Adopt Final SRPP<br><b>***Rulemaking Begins***</b>                                    |

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**VIA:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** FARA ILAMI, REGIONAL RESILIENCY MANAGER 

**RE:** CLIMATE CENTRAL PRESENTATION

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Mr. Dan Rizza and Ms. Allison Kopicki of Climate Central will present the work of their FloodVision® program, which utilizes an innovative tool that makes the impact of climate change visible before the next disaster strikes. Climate Central is currently working with the NEFRC on an effort to use this technology to enhance vulnerability assessments in Northeast Florida by incorporating sea level rise, storms, and rainfall projections into the tool's inputs to achieve flood visualization outputs based on the data obtained from driving routes in the Region. The presenters will describe the overall purpose of the program and the tool and present some of the results achieved thus far.



# New Tools for Visualizing, Communicating, and Assessing Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flood Risk

NEFRC Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7, 2024

Dan Rizza & Allison Kopicki  
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## FloodVision®

- High quality entry-floor elevation data for quantitative flood risk assessments
- Photorealistic flood visualizations for effective risk communication



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## FloodVision®



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5 ft. above ground level  
Water Height: 6' 4" above MHHW  
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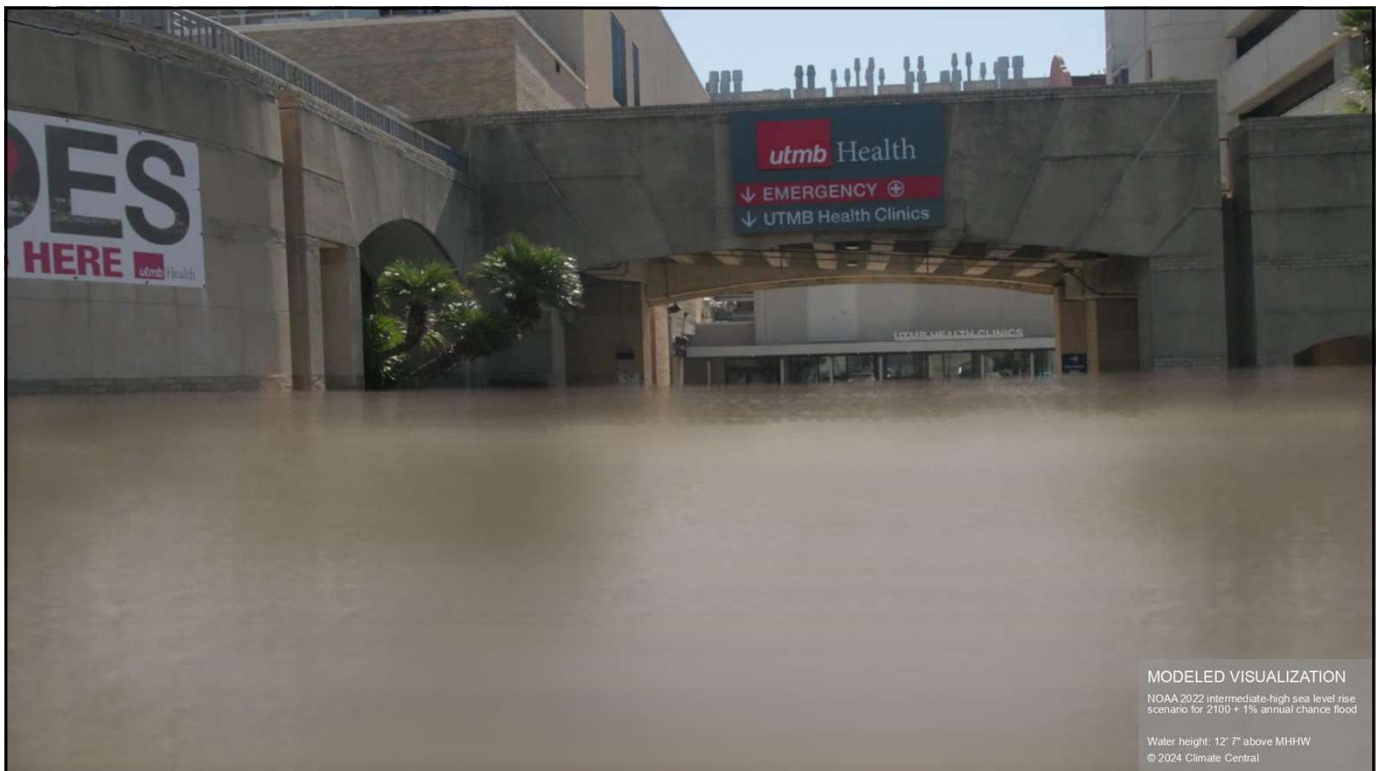
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## Edge of America (EOA) Tour: Groundbreaking Expedition from Maine to Texas



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## Edge of America (EOA) Tour: FloodVision®



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**Goal: Acquire data and process visualizations to convey the risk of coastal flooding and rising seas**

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VISUALIZATION

NOAA 2022 Intermediate-High Sea Level Rise  
Scenario for 2050 + 10% annual chance flood  
Water Height: 4' 5" above MHHW  
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## Stops so far

FloodVision® integrates elevation data, camera inputs, and sensor data through AI, allowing us to precisely estimate entry floor elevations of buildings and structures. As we drive through coastal communities, we can generate photorealistic flood and sea level visualizations with precision. This enables us to identify structures—homes and businesses, hospitals and senior facilities, bridges and public transportation—at risk from exposure to potential flooding. The resulting images and data provide local leaders with critical information for both emergency preparedness and long-term planning for adaptation and resilience efforts.



**Tour Stop #1: Blue Hill to Rockland, Maine**



**Tour Stop #2: Portland to Kittery, Maine**



**Tour Stop #3: New Hampshire**



**Tour Stop #4: Newburyport to Revere, Massachusetts**



**Tour Stop #5: Boston, Massachusetts**

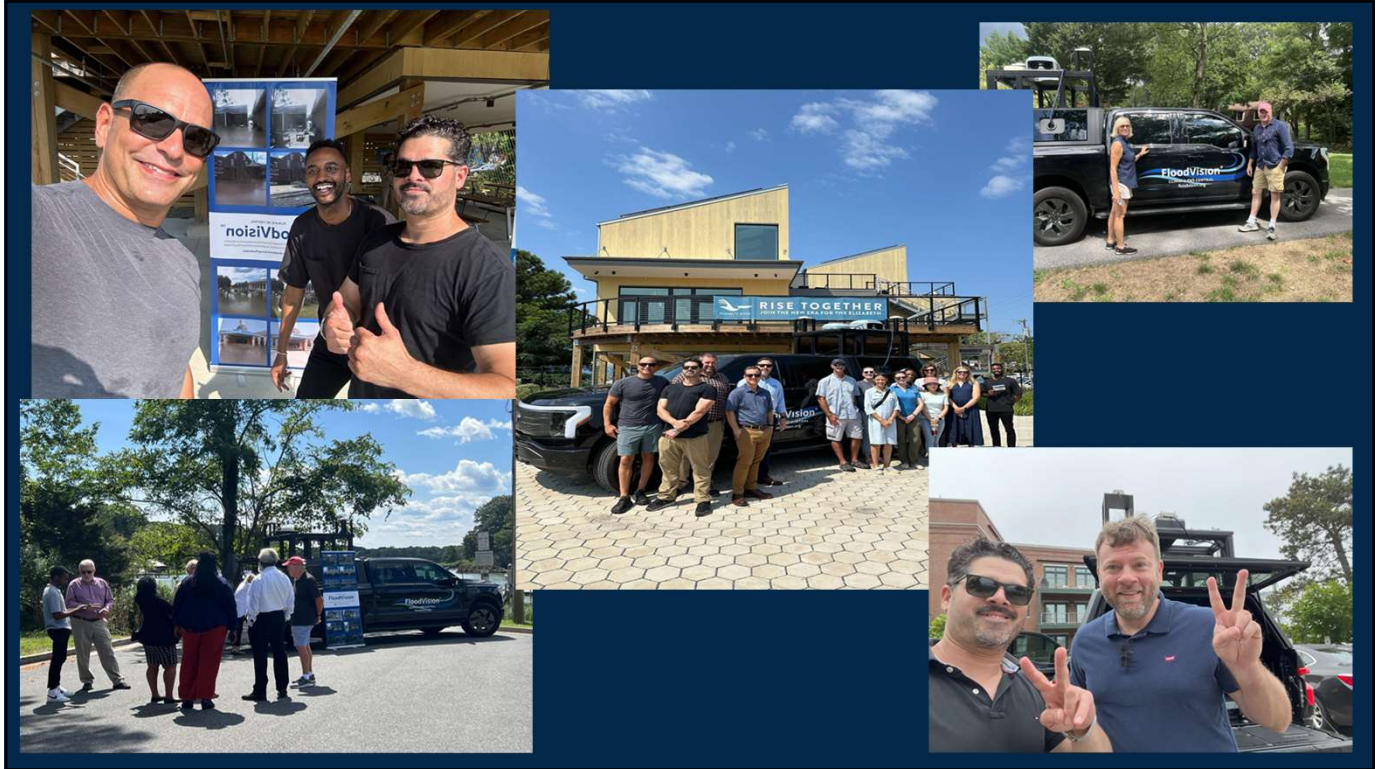
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Captain Max and the Peninsula Tomorrow gang, from left: Bailey Bowden, Jeff Milliken, Co-Chair, Town of Blue Hill's Climate Resilience Committee, Allen Kratz, Randall Curtis, Co-chair, Town of Blue Hill's Climate Resilience Committee, Max Grater, Sarah King, Blue Hill Heritage Trust.

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


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**FROM:** FARA ILAMI, REGIONAL RESILIENCY MANAGER 

**RE:** COMMUNITY RESILIENCE UPDATE

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Staff will provide an update on community resilience efforts being facilitated across Northeast Florida. This update will include highlights from the recent Flooding Adaptation Symposium and a brief preview of how NEFRC will be represented at the upcoming Coastal Inundation Community of Practice meeting in Seattle, Washington.

The update will provide an overview of the recently finalized Flagler County Vulnerability Assessment, along with an example of how the FloodVision® work of Climate Central is being utilized to enhance this effort. It will also cover new information pertaining to projects the NEFRC is collaborating on with external partners, including the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant project and the South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative project.

Staff will announce upcoming resiliency-related events, including the Resilient First Coast Collaborative meeting on November 18th and the Military Installation Resilience Review internal kickoff meeting with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation on November 19th, after which a Request for Proposal will be disseminated for this project.





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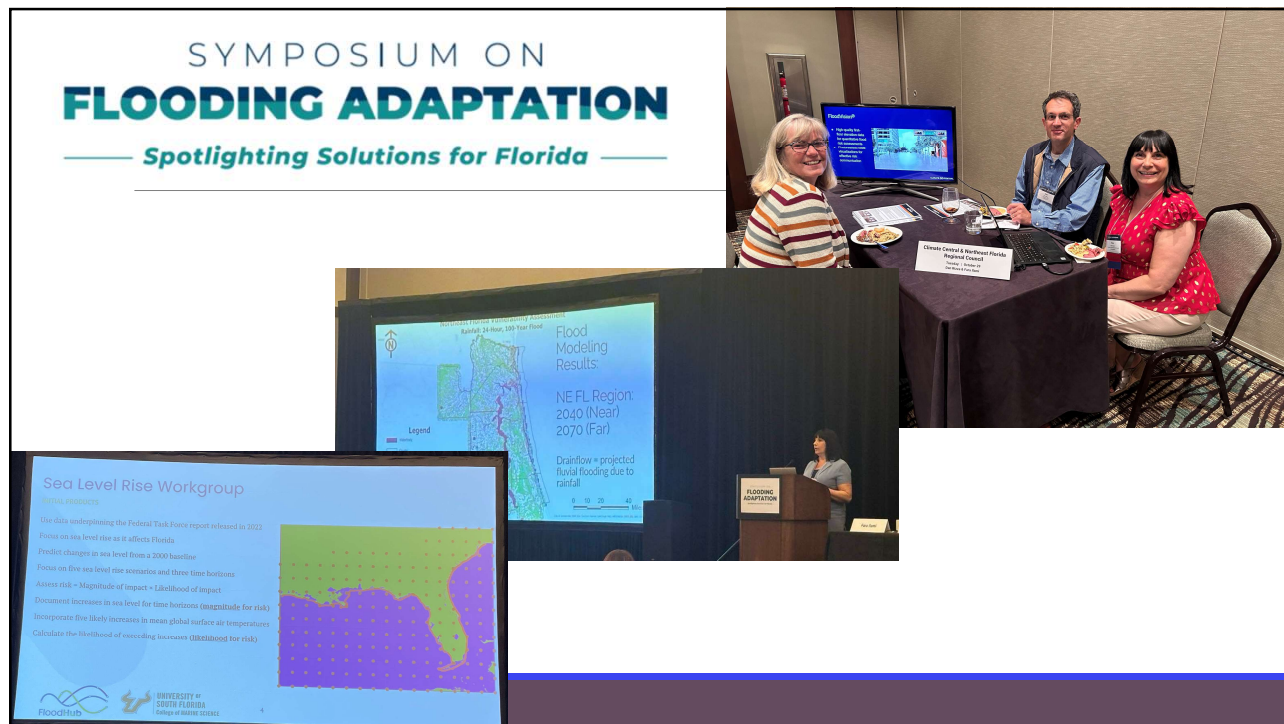
# Community Resiliency Update

NORTHEAST FLORIDA 2024-25 DEVELOPMENTS

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**Coastal Inundation  
Community of Practice**

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**NEFRC participation to include:**

- Representation of Florida on the Local Perspectives Panel
- Highlighting collaboration with Climate Central on use of FloodVision
- Leading national discussion on Compound Flooding Analysis

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# Resilient First Coast



## Regional Resiliency Action Plan (RRAP):

- Phase I complete; to be posted on website soon
- Starting Phase II
  - Specific actions for each objective
  - Metrics for measuring success of actions
  - Incorporation of Vulnerability Assessments

**Full Collaborative to meet November 18, 2024**

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## Resilient First Coast Chair: Thank you to Commissioner Roxanne Horvath for your leadership!



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# Key Project Updates



## Military Installation Resilience Review:

- \$1.1M grant; RFP for consultant to be posted next month
- Kickoff meeting with OLDCC to be held November 19, 2024
- Stakeholder kickoff meeting to be held next quarter



## Clean Air Northeast Florida:

- Community roundtable discussions on greenhouse gas reduction measures underway



## South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative:

- Met with multi-state coordinator, Legacy Works, in October to coordinate Florida efforts and plan work for next quarter

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# Flagler County Vulnerability Assessment



## Results Synopsis:

- Flagler County and especially the coastal municipalities are extremely vulnerable to both current and future flood inundation impacts
- Flood impacts from Tidal Flooding, Storm Surge, and 100- and 500- year floods are exacerbated by Sea Level Rise estimations for 2040 and 2070
- Sensitivity analysis pointed out specific critical assets at most risk based on consequence analysis and other factors

## Future Work:

- Visualization with Climate Central's FloodVision
- Compound Flooding Analysis
- Adaptation Plan targeting coastal, intracoastal, and riverine adjacent areas

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## FloodVision Enhancement for Flagler County Vulnerability Assessment



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## Looking Ahead



### Environmental Leadership student from UNF:

- Project will focus on needs related to Resiliency and Ecotourism and Trails

### Community Change Grant Application:

- NEFRC coordinating multi-RPC effort to apply for grant to incorporate resilience components into comprehensive plans

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