

# 2025 Northeast Florida Regional Awards for Excellence

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## *Nomination Form*





**Dear Friends,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, I am pleased to announce the opening of the nomination period for the **2025 Northeast Florida Regional Awards for Excellence**.

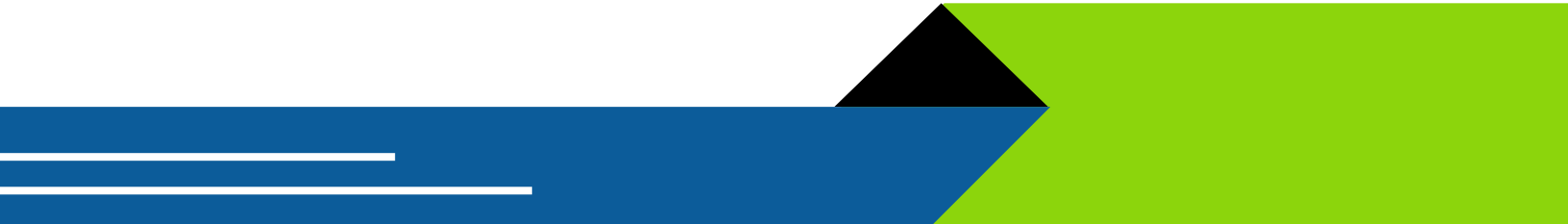
The NEFRC is honored each year to celebrate the innovation, dedication, and collaboration that strengthen our communities. This Awards Program recognizes the projects, organizations, and individuals whose commitment continues to elevate our Region. The ceremony culminates with the presentation of the **Regional Leadership Award**, given annually to one deserving individual who exemplifies regional leadership.

If you would like to nominate an individual, organization, or project for consideration, **please submit the enclosed packet by Friday, November 7, 2025**. By completing the brief nomination form, you help ensure that the achievements within our Region receive the recognition they deserve. We also encourage you to share this opportunity with others who may wish to nominate.

We look forward to celebrating these accomplishments at the Elected Officials and Regional Awards of Excellence Luncheon on **Thursday, January 8, 2026**.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Tyler Nolen (Tnolen@nefrc.org). We look forward to recognizing the awardees with you.

Sincerely,  
Beth Payne  
Chief Executive Officer





# Award of Excellence Categories

## **Culture, Historic Preservation, or Adaptive Reuse**

Recognizes best practices and innovation that celebrate the arts and culture of Northeast Florida, preserve and share its heritage, and/or repurpose a site, structure, or building for a use different from its original design. Honorees in this category use culture and history to educate, foster belonging, drive economic revitalization, preserve historic assets, and promote civic engagement in our communities.

## **Economic Development and Tourism**

Honors an individual, organization, or project that stimulates the regional economy, creates jobs, or strengthens the tourism industry by promoting or enhancing events, attractions, facilities, or programs in Northeast Florida.

## **Environmental Stewardship**

Recognizes individuals, organizations, or projects dedicated to the long-term protection, conservation, and enhancement of Northeast Florida's natural resources. This category also includes efforts that demonstrate environmental leadership or promote environmental awareness through actions and programs.

## **Healthcare Emergency Preparedness**

Acknowledges an individual, organization, or project focused on strengthening the healthcare system's capacity and readiness to respond effectively to emergencies or disasters.

## **Planning and Growth Management**

Recognizes individuals, organizations, or projects addressing the planning and growth management needs of communities throughout Northeast Florida.

## **Public Safety**

Honors an individual, organization, or project that enhances public safety or educates the public on preparedness for disasters at the personal, family, business, or community level.

## **Resiliency**


Recognizes an individual, organization, or project making meaningful contributions to improving the Region's ability to withstand and recover from shocks and stressors.

## **Quality of Life**

Acknowledges the work of individuals, organizations, or projects that enhance livability and help all Northeast Floridians thrive.

## **The Northeast Florida Regional Council Regional Leadership Award**

Celebrates an individual who demonstrates dedication to regional collaboration and coordination, advancing the shared goals of Northeast Florida.



# Evaluation Criteria

- **Background:** History or context within which the project is significant; indication of expenditure of time, type of personnel, budget, population and size of jurisdiction.
- **Innovation:** Use of an original concept or refinement of an existing technique or procedure.
- **Effectiveness:** Project/strategy impact on the subject matter.
- **Implementation:** Project/Strategy method or application to the subject matter; adaptability to changing conditions; and consideration of and solution to practical constraints.
- **Comprehensiveness:** Scope and consideration of project/strategy in relationship to all aspects of the subject matter.
- **Clarity:** Clearness of the award entry.

## Award Submission Category

☐ Culture, Historic Preservation or Adaptive Reuse

☐ Economic Development and Tourism

☐ Environmental Stewardship

☐ Healthcare Emergency Preparedness

☐ Planning and Growth Management

☐ Public Safety

☐ Resiliency

☐ Quality of Life

☐ Regional Leadership

*The NEFRC Awards Selection Committee reserves the right to reclassify any submission.*



# Award Submissions

*Submit to Tyler Nolen at [Tnolen@nefrc.org](mailto:Tnolen@nefrc.org)*

*Subject Line: 2025 Regional Awards Submission*

**Award Submission Deadline: Friday, November 7, 2025**

## **Applicant Information**

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

## **Award Recipient(s) Information**

Point of Contact Name:

Award/Project Name:

Email:

Phone number:

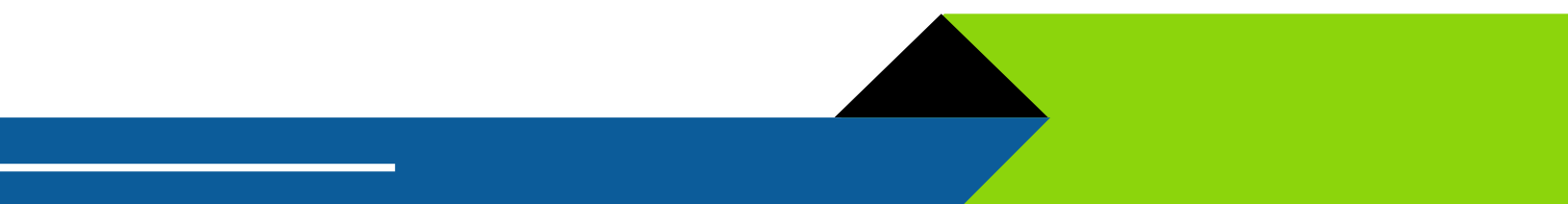
**Brief Summary to be used for ceremony purposes, if selected. (50 words or less)**





**Description of how your project meets criteria (250 words or less)**

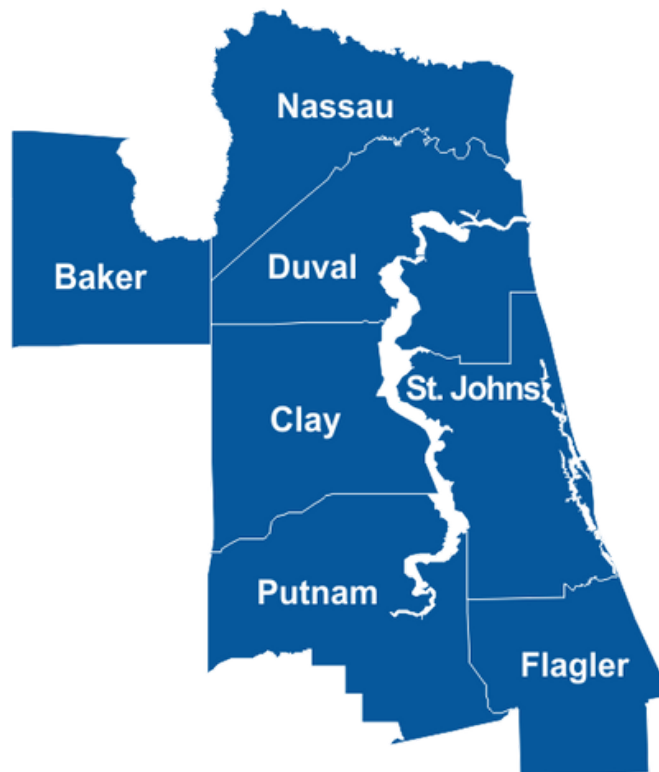
*If you wish to provide photos or other forms of media to bolster the application please submit those to Tyler Nolen ([tnolen@nefrc.org](mailto:tnolen@nefrc.org)) with this packet.*



# Our Mission

*Bringing Communities Together to Advance  
the Regional Agenda*

## Our Region



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