

## ***COORDINATION OUTLINE***

The general scope and application of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) is described in 27E-5.001 F.A.C., as a coordinated process whereupon collaboration and consensus among local governments, regional entities, state and federal agencies, other appropriate organizations, and the public guide the development of goals and policies to identify and resolve regional issues. To outline this process, 27E-5.004(8) F.A.C., requires an overview of the Council's cross acceptance, dispute resolution, public participation, and related regional planning and coordination activities. Before reviewing the steps taken in updating the SRPP, it may be helpful to review the role and context of Regional Planning Council functions as included in the appendix to this document to be reminded of how they coordinate regional activities.

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## ***UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION***

### ***Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) Update***

The evaluation and appraisal of "Strategic Directions," the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan was done by an assessment adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) on June 6, 2019. The NEFRC based the plan on professionally acceptable data and analysis sources and methodologies, the same used pursuant Chapter 163.3177 F.S. The NEFRC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida and WellFlorida Council as required by Chapter 186.507(10) F.S. Pursuant to Section 27E-5.005(2) F.A.C., and 27E-5.005(3) F.A.C., NEFRC coordinated with local governments to ensure cross-acceptance, and with regional and state agencies in both policy development and draft review of the SRPP. Pursuant to Section 27E-5.005 F.A.C., the NEFRC held one public kickoff workshop and several additional public meetings as listed below.

- **Kickoff Meeting** (November 7, 2019): A public meeting was held at NEFRC offices, along with an overview of the process for the plan update, and the start of gathering of public input. The meeting was advertised on October 23, 2019 in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). The dates for public meetings to gather input on the draft plan were also shared at that time.
- **On-line Public Input** (November 7, 2019 until February 1, 2020): The public had the ability to comment on-line on plan process at [www.nefrc.org](http://www.nefrc.org), and the same webpage provided the schedule for public meetings, a way to provide input electronically and a form to provide written comments on the current plan.

- Public Meetings** as listed below were held in three of the seven counties in Northeast Florida to gather public input. Meetings were geographically in the northern, central and southern areas of Northeast Florida. Meetings were advertised pursuant to 27E-5.005(1)(b)F.A.C. and prominently advertised throughout the region in newspapers of general circulation and not placed where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. All jurisdictions and agencies were notified of each meeting pursuant to 27E-5.005(2)F.A.C.

*Figure 1 – Schedule of Public Meetings*

COUNTY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PUBLICATION AND DATE ADVERTISED (ALL MEETINGS)
Duval County Public Meeting	Wednesday, November 13, 2019	3:30 PM	NEFRC 100 Festival Park Place Jacksonville, FL 32202	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAR: ID # 22498197 October 23, 2019</li> <li>Baker County Press October 24, 2019</li> <li>Fernandina Beach News Leader October 23, 2019</li> <li>Florida Times Union October 30, 2019</li> <li>Flagler/Palm Coast News Tribune October 30, 2019</li> <li>Palatka Daily News October 24, 2019</li> <li>St. Augustine Record October 24, 2019</li> </ul>
Nassau County Public Meeting	Monday November 18, 2019	4:30 PM	Nassau County Commission Chambers 96135 Nassau Place Yulee, FL 32097	
St. Johns County Public Meeting	Tuesday November 19, 2019	8:00 AM	St. Johns County Administration Building 200 San Sebastian View St. Augustine, FL 32084	

- **NEFRC Board:** Discussion of proposed changes to the Plan, at public meetings on August 1, 2019, September 5, 2019, October 3, 2019, November 7, 2019, December 5, 2019 and February 6, 2020.
- **Incorporation of Input** (August 2019 to August 2020): NEFRC staff reviews and incorporates input from all sources into a draft update to the SRPP.
- **Local Government and Public Review of Draft Update to the SRPP** (August 6, 2020): NEFRC Board approves release of the Draft Update SRPP on August 6, 2020. The draft was posted on [www.nefrc.org](http://www.nefrc.org). All local governments in the Region were provided with a link to the Draft Update plan during the month of August.
- **Proposed SRPP Release to the State** (October 2020): The NEFRC Board authorized release of the Proposed SRPP (as revised based on local government input) on October 1, 2020. The Proposed SRPP was sent to all local governments and reviewing agencies (Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, adjacent Regional Planning Councils, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Water Management Districts within the NEFRC's boundary, pursuant to 27E-5.006(1)(a)F.A.C.) on October 7, 2020.
- **Proposed SRPP Review** (October 2020): As suggested by the Executive Office of the Governor, and due to the challenges of the pandemic, on October 7, 2020 the NEFRC emailed a copy of the Plan to the Executive Office of the Governor who had 60 days to review from date of receipt. Other state reviewing agencies noted above had 30 days to provide comments to the Office of the Governor. The St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Economic Opportunity responded but had no comments. The Department of Environmental Protection had comments, and these have been incorporated into the SRPP. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council provided comments after the close of the comment period, so these will be considered when the SRPP is next updated. It was understood that the Office of the Governor may issue a "State Findings and Recommendation Report" with suggested revisions consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan. None was received. Concurrent with the submittal to the State, NEFRC submitted a copy of the SRPP to all county and municipal governments within the Region pursuant to 27E-5.006(2)F.A.C. This submission included the cover letter required by 27E-5.006(2)(a) and (b)F.A.C. Local governments had 30 days to provide comments to the Executive Office of the

Governor, and 60 days to provide comments to the NEFRC. No local government comments were received. A copy of the SRPP was provided to each Regional Library, a total of 11, pursuant to 27E-5.006(2)(b)F.A.C.

- **Incorporation of Input** (October and November 2020): NEFRC staff incorporated input into the SRPP as appropriate.
- **Formal Adoption** (December 2020, January and February 2021): Within 90 days of the end of the 60 day comment period, NEFRC Board of Directors noticed and conducted rulemaking to adopt the SRPP pursuant to “Rule Adoption and Procedures” (120-54 F.S.). No Rule Development Workshop was requested. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was advertised January 5, 2021. No Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was requested. A Notice of Change was advertised January 29, 2021. No Hearing was requested. The NEFRC adopted the Proposed Rule Amendment on February 4, 2021. A Proposed Rule Amendment was filed with the Department of State on March 5, 2021 for rule adoption. The Department of State will determine the effective date.
- **Final SRPP Submission**: Within 30 days of rule adoption, NEFRC re-submitted the amended SRPP to state reviewing agencies and the Governor’s Office. The plan was also submitted to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

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