



**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
**WORKSHOP**



**Friday, August 23, 2024**



Welcome  
Commissioner Bill McDaniel  
Collier County



# INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Jurisdiction
- How long have you served on SWFRPC?
- What do you think is your community's:
  - Greatest asset?
  - Greatest opportunity?



# History of Regional Planning Councils

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, CFRPC  
Wren Krahl, TBRPC



# Florida Statutes – Regional Planning Councils

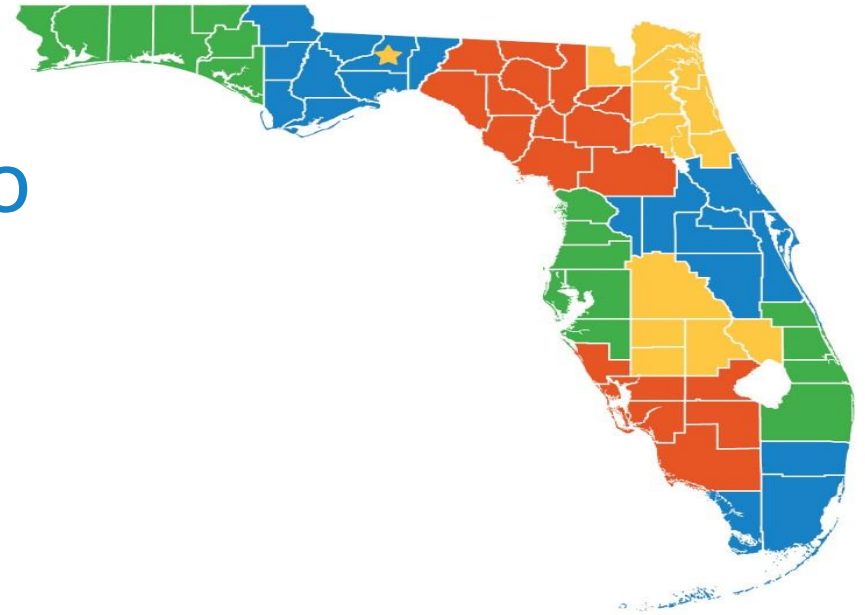
“Florida’s only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development, and provide assistance to local governments.”



## The Mission

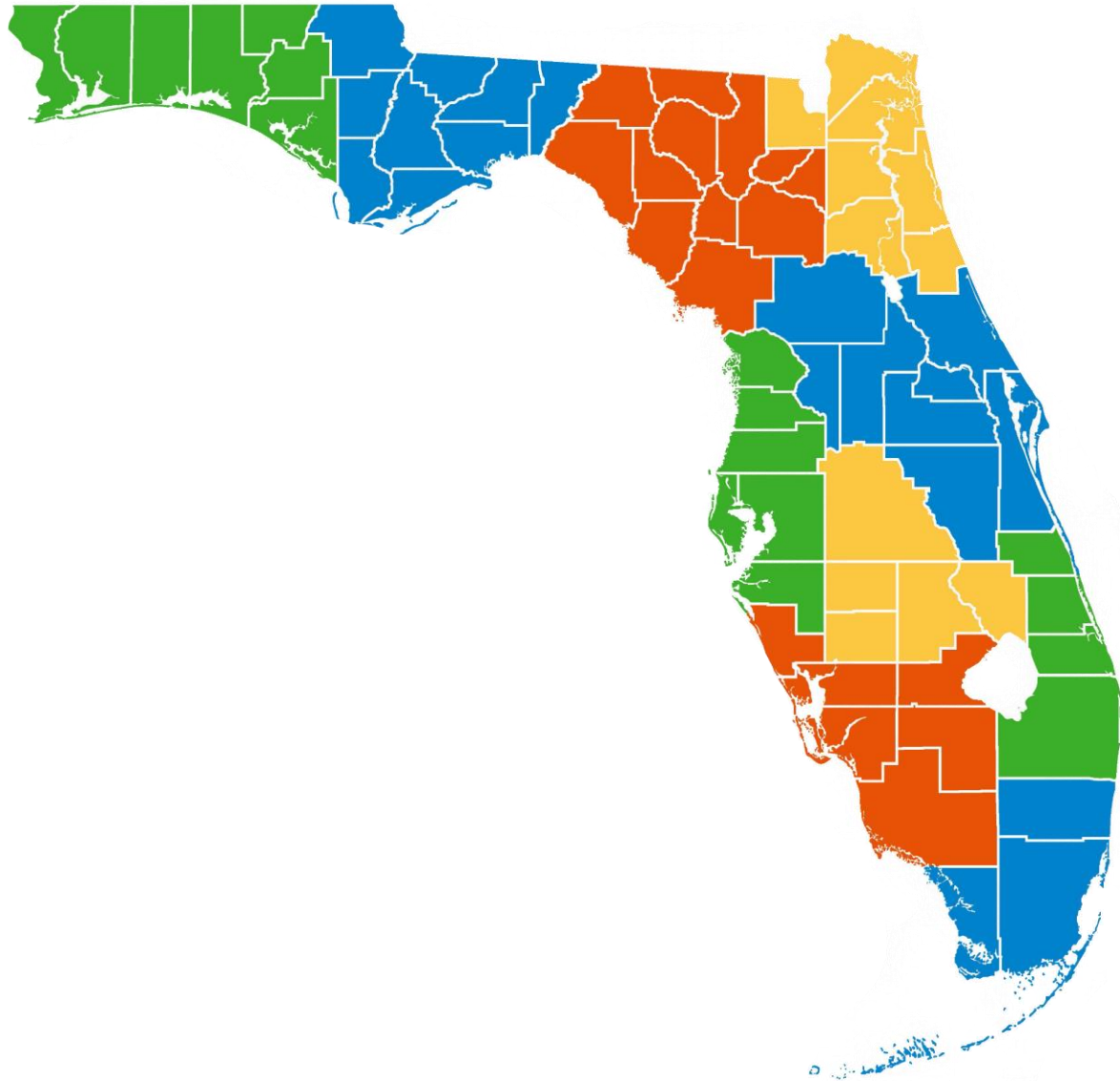
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LEVERAGING **partnerships** to  
build a strong economy and  
improve the lives of all  
**FLORIDIANS**



**FRCA**

[flregionalcouncils.org](http://flregionalcouncils.org)



-  **Regional Convening**
-  **Transportation**
-  **Quality of Life**
-  **Emergency Preparedness**
-  **Economic Development**

## STATEWIDE PARTNERS



Add select fl, Council of 100, State and Regional partners..



# REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE

01

*SRPP:  
Strategic  
Regional  
Policy Plan*

02

*Regional  
Data  
Clearing-  
house /  
IC&R*

03

*Annual  
Report /  
Financial &  
Audit  
Reporting*

04

*Regional  
Dispute  
Resolution*

# ONGOING PROGRAMS FUNDED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

01

*Local Emergency Planning Committee*

- *Outreach, Education, & Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*

02

*Hazardous Material Emergency Planning*

- *Training of first responders*

03

*Economic Development District*

- *CEDS required for federal funding*
- *Impact modeling provided*

# State and National Presence



# The regional planning councils Are Delegated (fed level):

**37** duties within

**11** chapters:

- CHAPTER 129: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT
- CHAPTER 163: INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS
- CHAPTER 186: STATE & REGIONAL PLANNING
- CHAPTER 258: MYAKKA RIVER MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
- CHAPTER 260: FLORIDA GREENWAYS & TRAILS COUNCIL
- CHAPTER 288: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- CHAPTER 339: TRANSPORTATION FINANCE & PLANNING
- CHAPTER 380: LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT
- CHAPTER 403: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
- CHAPTER 420: HOUSING
- CHAPTER 1013: EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

***500+ in the US***

***Covering 42  
States***

***Serving 35,000  
Local  
Governments***

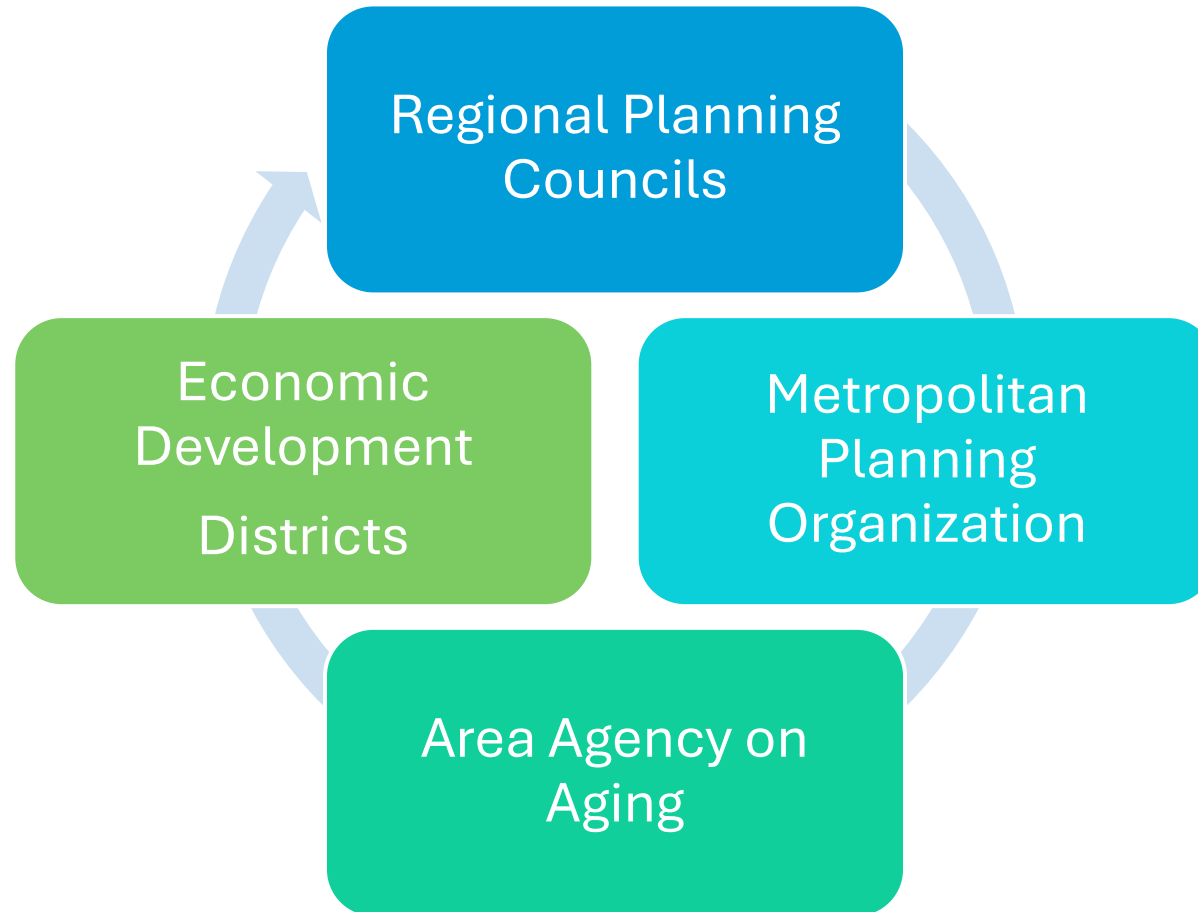
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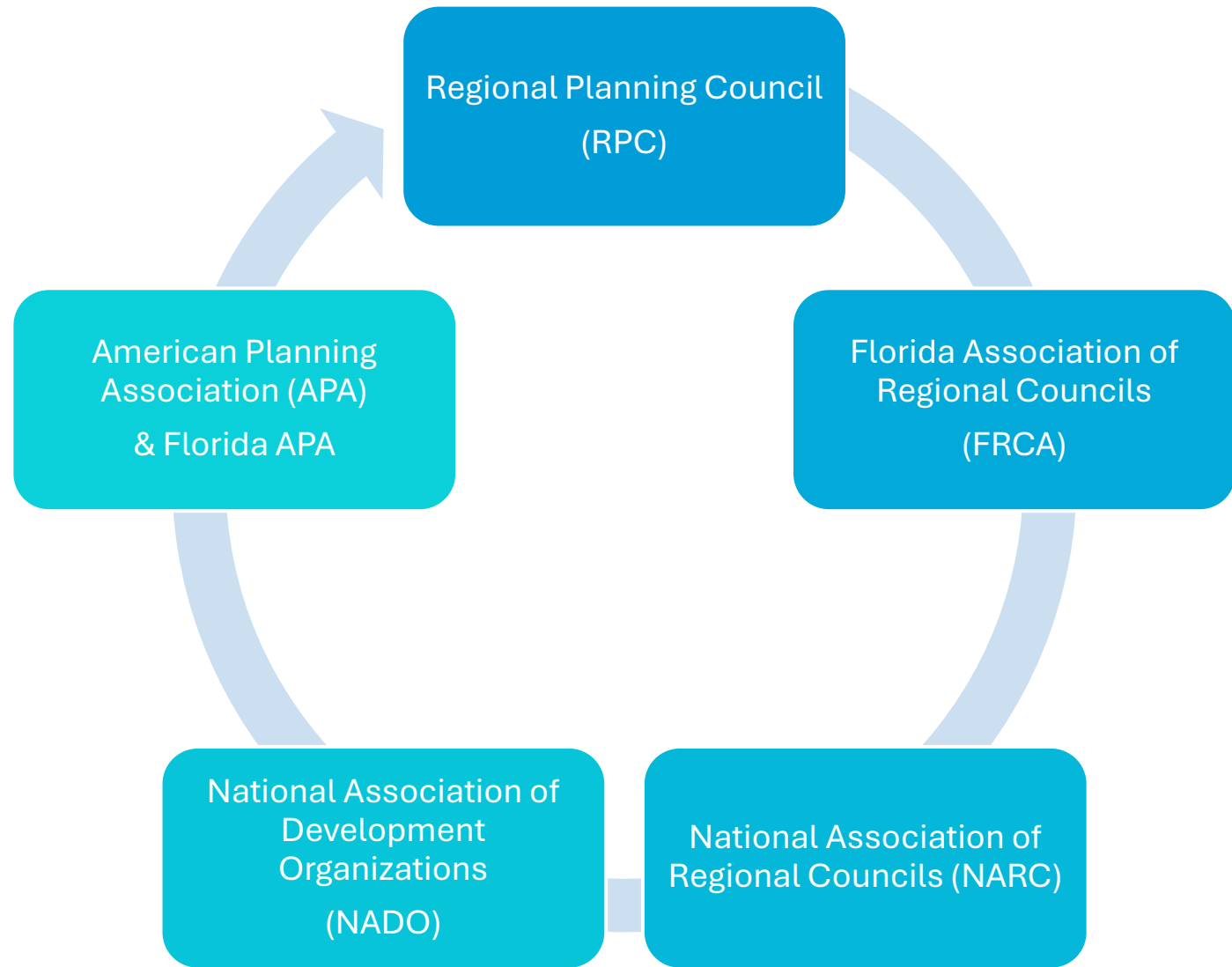
*Regional Councils*

*Councils of Government*

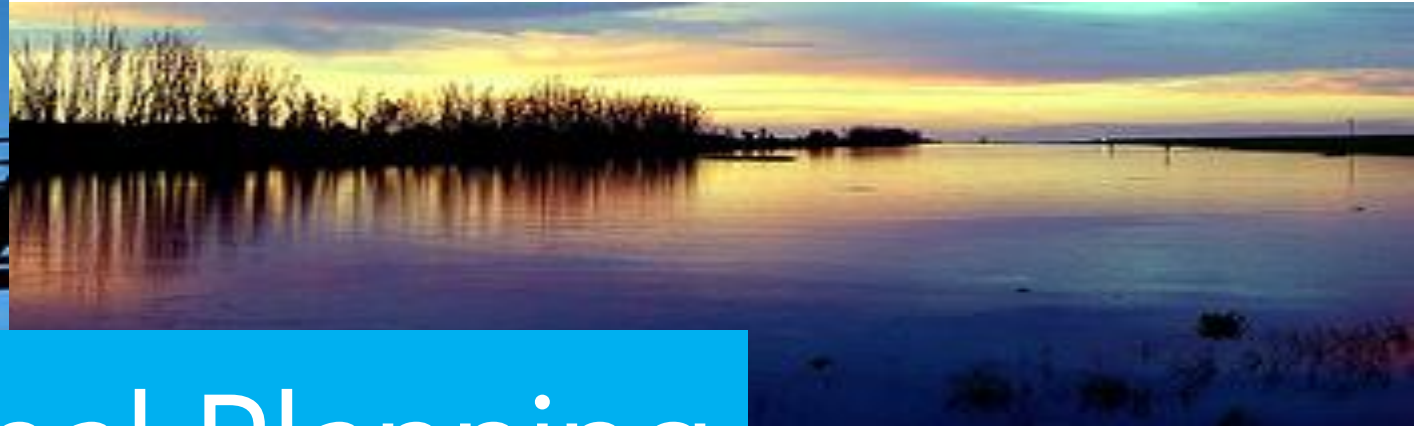
*Planning Commissions & Associations*

# RPC's may also serve as....





# State and National Organizations













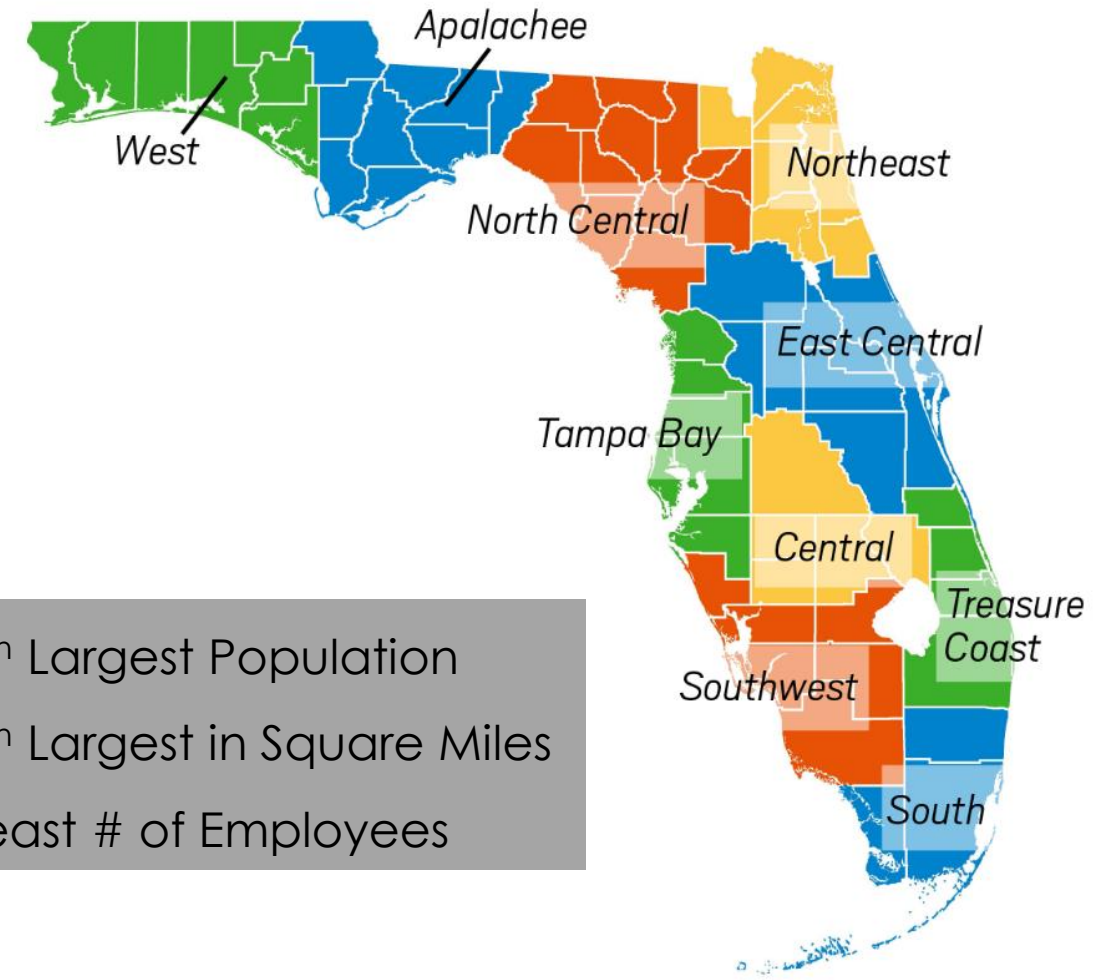
# Regional Planning Council Programs & Services

Denise Imbler, FRCA  
Marybeth Soderstrom, CFRPC





Regional Planning Councils	Date Established	2017 Regional Population	Governing Board Size	Staff Size FTE	Square Miles	Budget in millions
 <b>Apalachee</b> Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Aug. 1977	485,278	27	8	6,757	\$ 0.9
 <b>Central Florida</b> DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Polk	Jul. 1974	867,970	18	18	5,287	\$ 3.5
 <b>East Central Florida</b> Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia	Feb. 1962	4,006,558	35	12	9,244	\$ 1.6
 <b>North Central Florida</b> Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union	May. 1969	557,004	44	11	8,660	\$ 2.1
 <b>Northeast Florida</b> Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns	Apr. 1977	1,661,055	35	12	5,097	\$ 2.4
 <b>South Florida</b> Broward, Dade, Monroe	Jul. 1974	4,693,954	19	17	7,492	\$ 2.3
 <b>Southwest Florida</b> Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota	Nov. 1973	1,688,062	30	3	7,278	\$ 1.1
 <b>Tampa Bay</b> Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas	Feb. 1962	3,541,479	44	8.5	4,998	\$ 2.3
 <b>Treasure Coast</b> Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie	Aug. 1976	2,013,762	28	9	4,441	\$ 2.4
 <b>West Florida</b> Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington	Oct. 1964	969,020	33	35	6,509	\$ 3.5



- 5<sup>th</sup> Largest Population
- 4<sup>th</sup> Largest in Square Miles
- Least # of Employees



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2022-2023

# By the Numbers

▶ 5

METROPOLITAN/  
TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
STAFFED

▶ 97

ECONOMIC ANALYSES  
COMPLETED (REMI)

▶ 1,427

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
INSPECTIONS OF SMALL  
QUANTITY GENERATORS (SQG)

▶ 174

REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

▶ 2,541

FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED  
WITH LEPC/HMEP FUNDING

▶ 1,301,677

TRANSPORTATION  
DISADVANTAGED  
TRIPS PLANNED

# QUALITY OF *Life*



*The RPCs assist local communities as they implement community visions and strategies. Brownfields programs across the state work to provide resources that clean up abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites. Many RPCs also provide other services to enhance the quality of life using GIS mapping and affordable housing initiatives.*

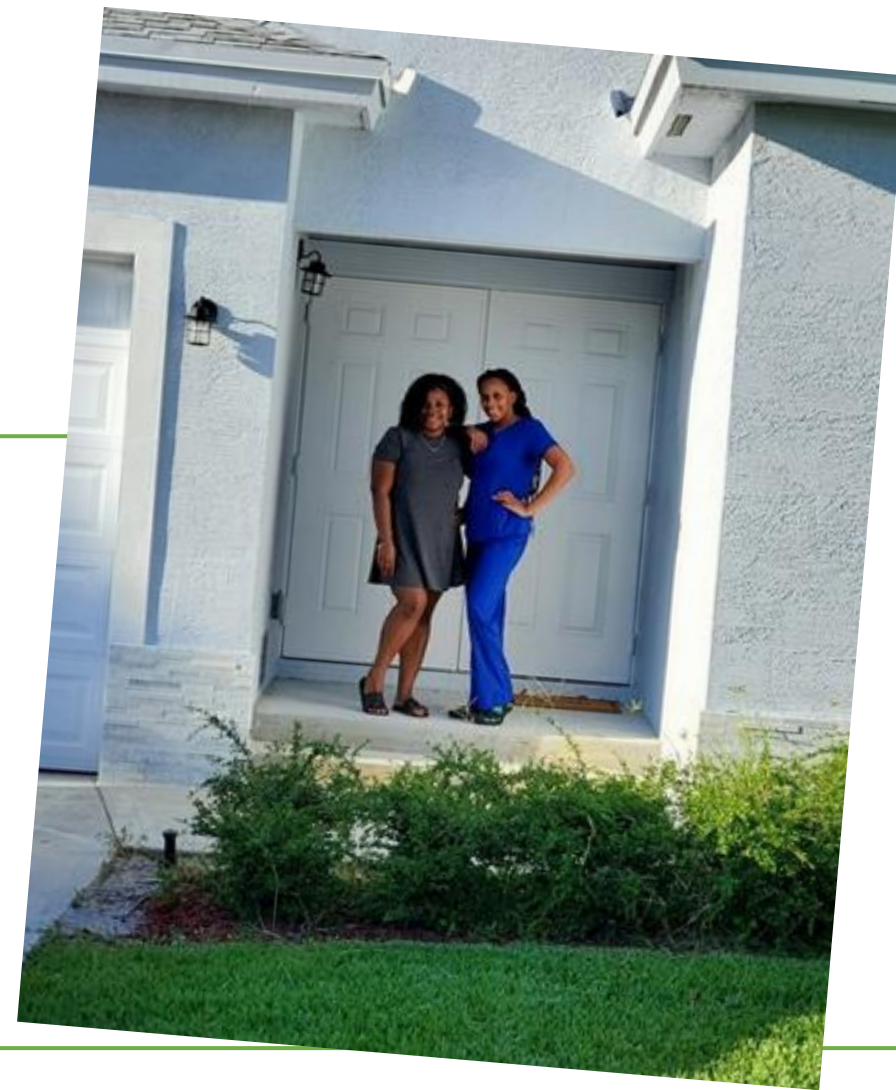
## Challenge

*Need for affordable  
Workforce Housing +  
Contaminated sites in need of  
Redevelopment*

## Partners & Funding



**Grant:** EPA (Revolving Loan Fund  
and Brownfields Assessment)



## Outcome

*Construction of twenty-three (23) single-family homes  
in South Florida financed*

# Challenge

*Site planning +  
stormwater management*

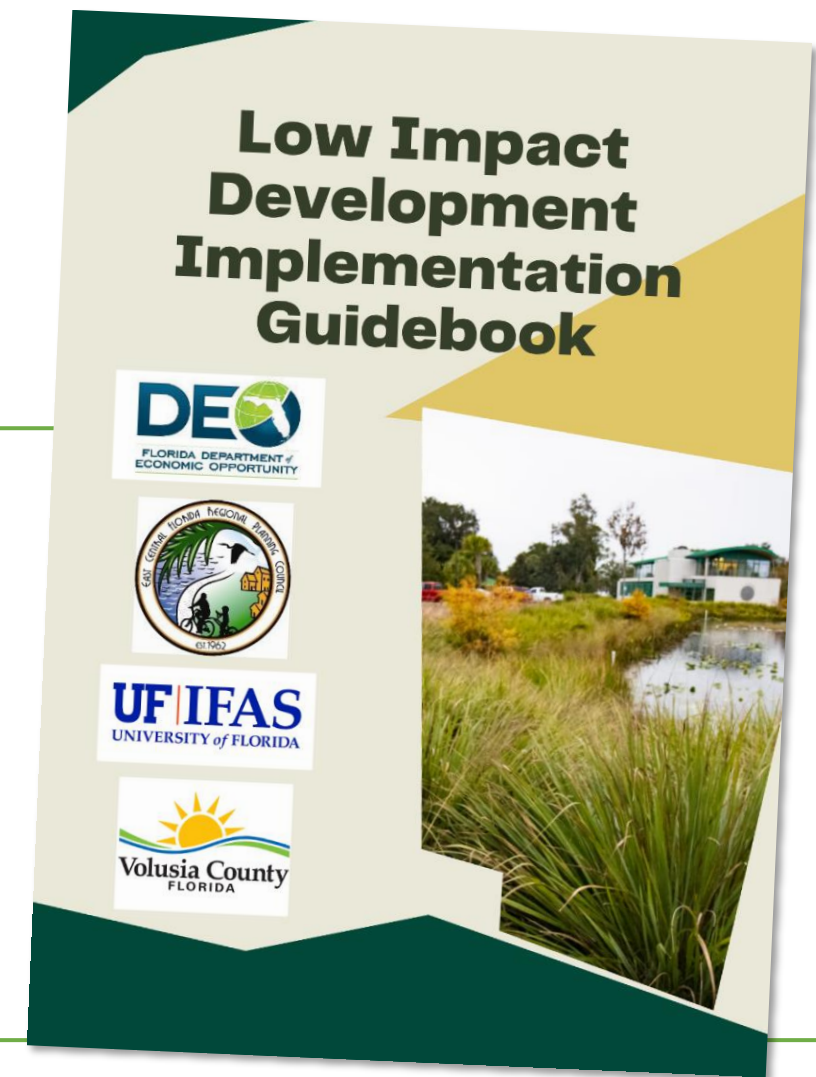
# Partners & Funding



*University of  
Florida IFAS*

*Volusia County*

**Grant: FDEO**



# Outcome

*Providing resources for the region to support Low  
Impact Design Implementation  
Guidebook, LID Ordinance Template, and Webinar recording*

# EMERGENCY Preparedness

*Working together, RPCs conduct cooperative statewide projects such as the award winning statewide Regional Evacuation Study, the Energy Assurance Study, and coastal resiliency planning.*



# Challenge

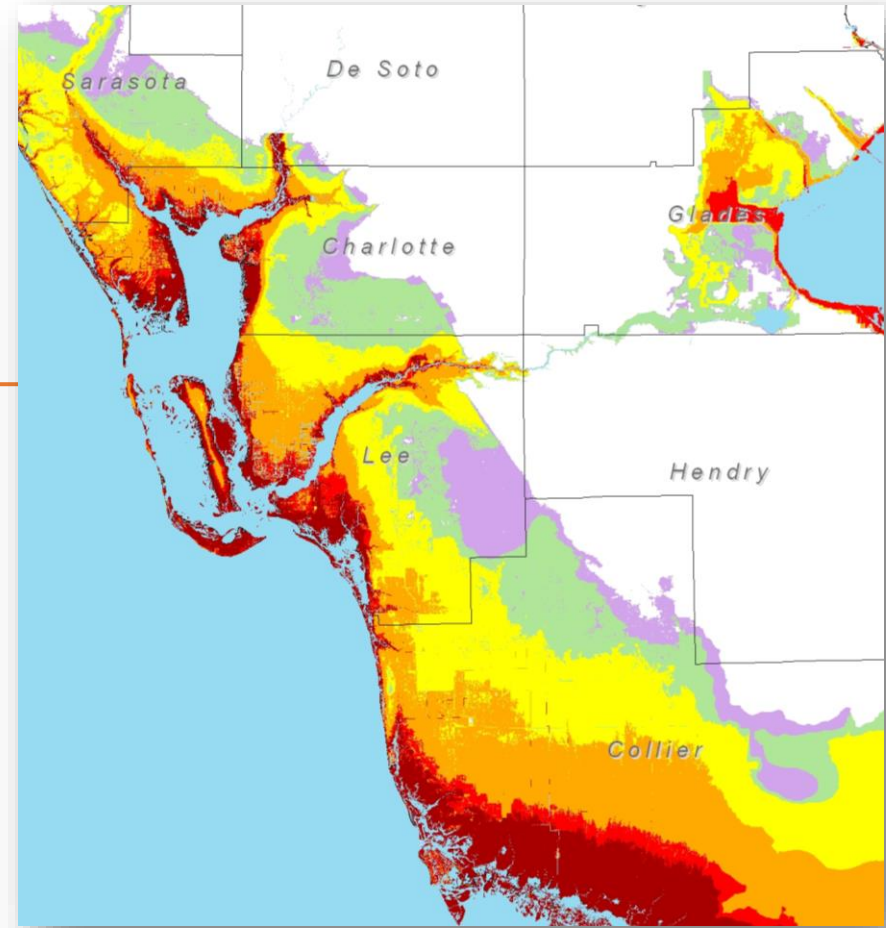
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# Partners & Funding



*FDOT  
National Hurricane Center  
Local Emergency  
Managers*

**Grant: FDEM**



# Outcome

*Statewide Regional Evacuation Study*



## Challenge

*Emergency events are not limited to jurisdictional boundaries*

## Partners & Funding



*Local Emergency Managers*

**Contract: FDEM**

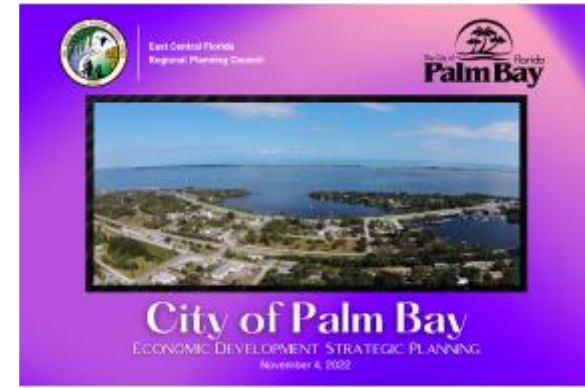


## Outcome

*Training first responders, Planning for emergency events, and Coordinating response*

# ECONOMIC *Development*

*RPCs complete regional economic impact analysis using the nationally recognized REMI software, facilitate Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning, and administer revolving loan funds for small business loans and brownfields redevelopment.*



*Challenge*

*Local capacity to develop an  
Economic Development Plan*

*Partners &  
Funding*

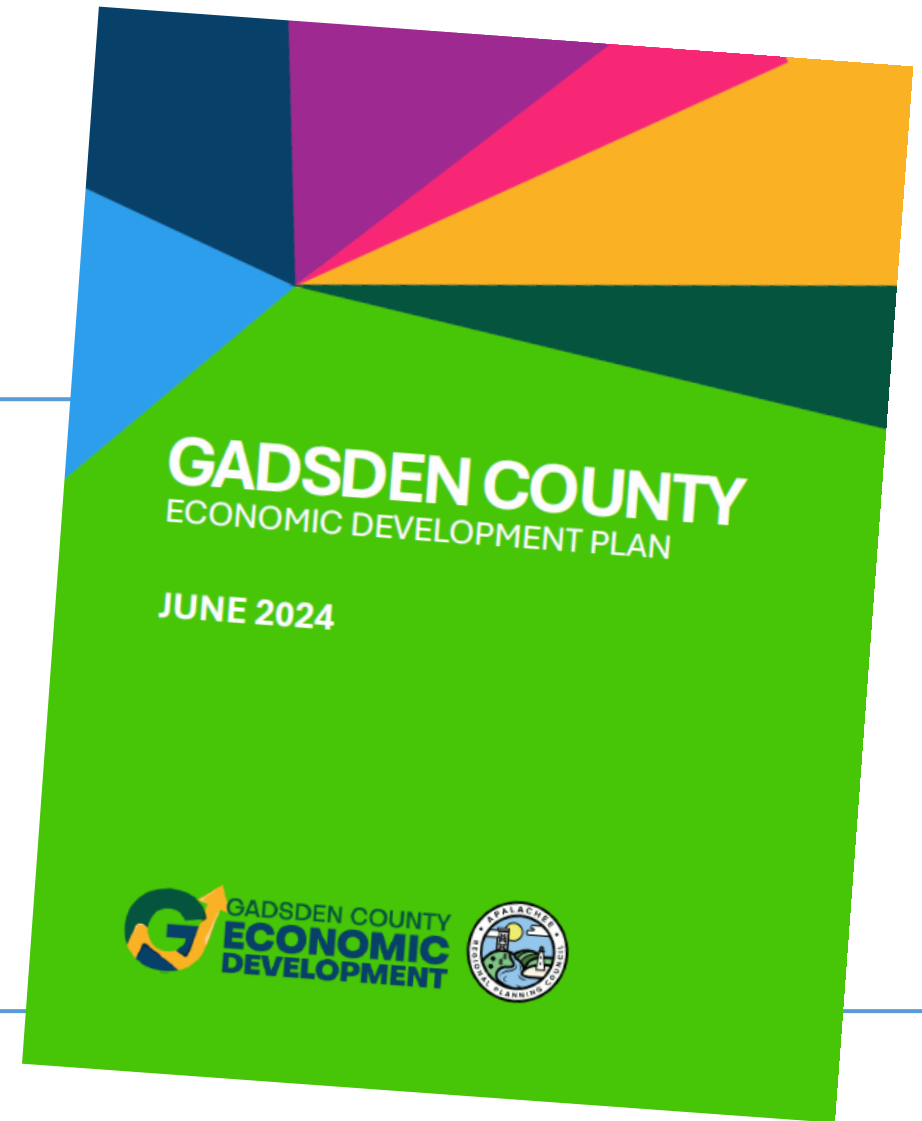


*Gadsden  
County*

**Grant:** Florida Commerce  
Competitive Florida Partnership

*Outcome*

*2024 Gadsden County Economic Development Plan*



# Challenge

Create a valuation of the Tampa Bay estuary system

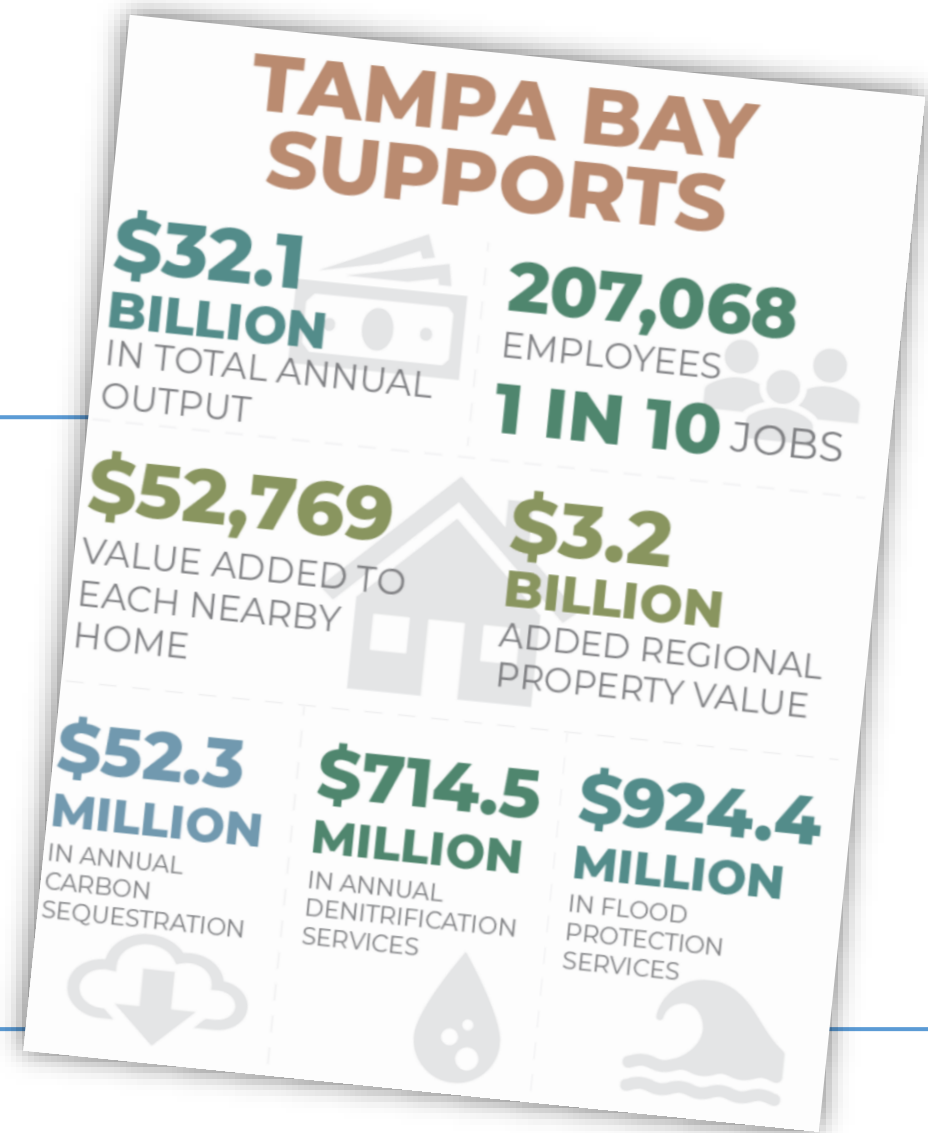
# Partners & Funding



**TBRPC**  
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL

Tampa Bay  
Estuary Program

**Partnership Funding:**  
Tampa Bay Environmental  
Restoration Fund



# Outcome

Can now quantify the Tampa Bay estuary's economic contribution and has a replicable valuation process

# Challenge

*Our economies are not limited to jurisdictional boundaries*

# Partners & Funding



*Local Economic Development Partners*

**Contract: EDA**

# Outcome

*Develop and maintain a regional economic development strategy, including disaster recovery.*



# Transportation

*RPCs participate in the Transportation Disadvantaged program, as staff to local Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations, and provide planning services for Compete Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and Greenways and Trails planning.*



FLORIDA-ALABAMA REGIONAL  
**STORMWATER  
RESILIENCE**  
PILOT PROJECT



## Challenge

*Rural transit funds require a 50% match for operations*

## Partners & Funding



*DeSoto County  
FDOT & CTD*

**Grant: FDOT Rural Transit**



## Outcome

*Aligned partners and resources to ensure sustainable funding through soft-match for continuous operations*

# REGIONAL *Convening*

*RPCs serve as regional conveners. They lead community and regional vision efforts, engage the public in a variety of plans and programs, and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans.*





# Challenge

*Improve the environment, quality of life, infrastructure, and economic resilience of Northeast Florida*



**RESILIENT  
First Coast**

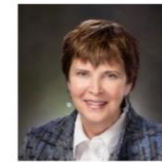
# Partners & Funding



*20+ Partners*

**Grant: FDEP**

## Leadership Team



Roxanne Horvath  
Chair



Jessica Beach  
Co-Chair



Fara Ilami  
Coordinator

# Outcome

Creation of a Regional Resiliency Action Plan and expanding Vulnerability Assessment Coordination and Education

- County and City Conversations
- Long Range Regional Visions
- Resiliency Coalitions
- Large County Affordable Housing Conversation
- First & Last Mile Innovation in the Region
- Regional County Mayors' Affordable Housing Conversation
- Recycling and the Waste Landscape
- Property Insurance Crisis
- Supporting Mental Health through a Continuum of Housing and Supportive Services



# Local and Regional Impacts

Terry Atchley, County Manager  
Hardee County, CFRPC





# Local and Regional Impacts

Deputy Mayor Keith Keene  
City of Arcadia, CFRPC





# Discussion

Ron Book





# Public Comment





# Announcements



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SWFRPC Meeting  
September 19, 2024





THANK  
YOU!

