
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

EST. 1973



REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE

UNFUNDED

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

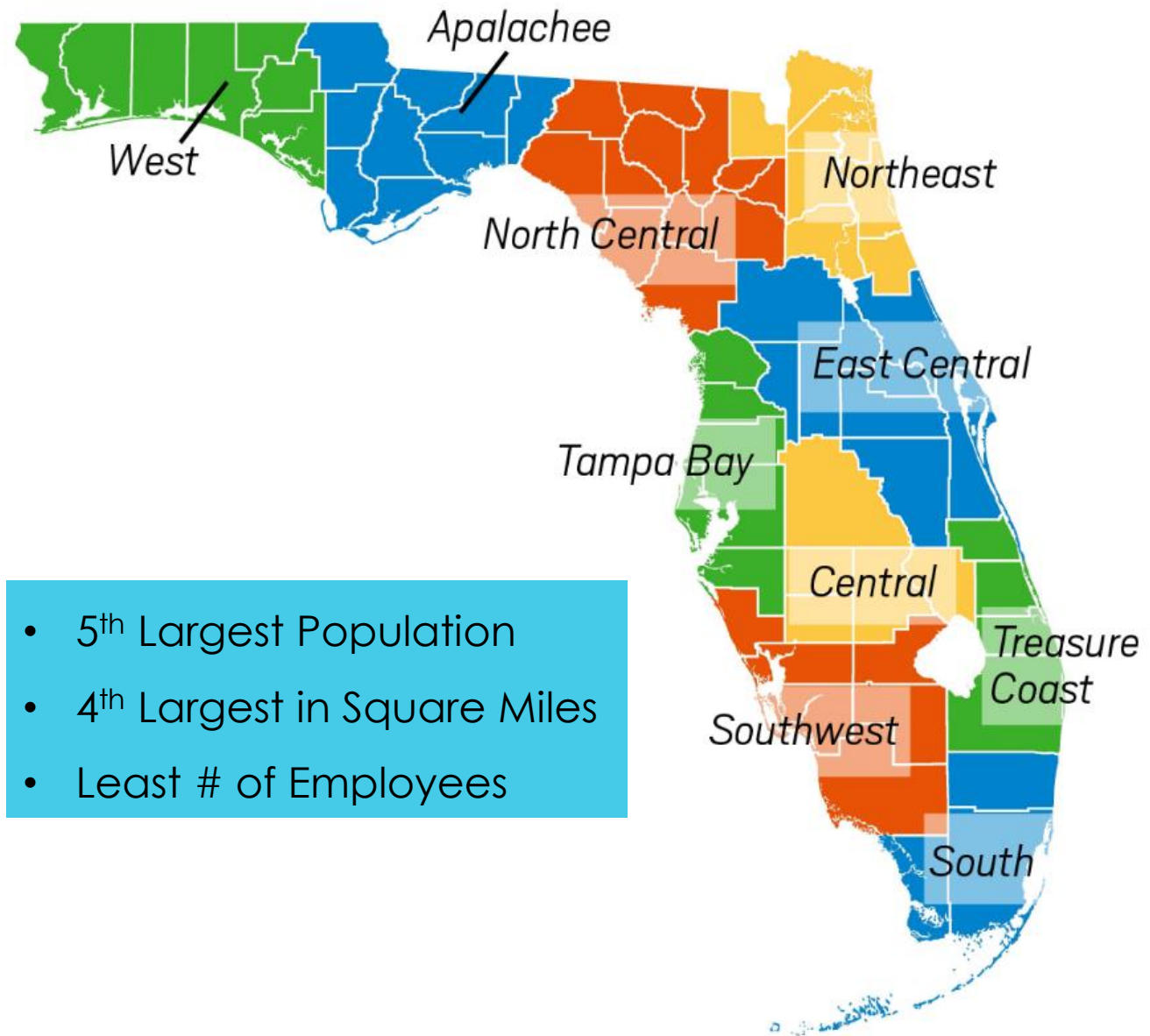
- *CEDS required for federal funding*
- *Impact modeling provided*

The Regional Planning Councils Are Delegated:

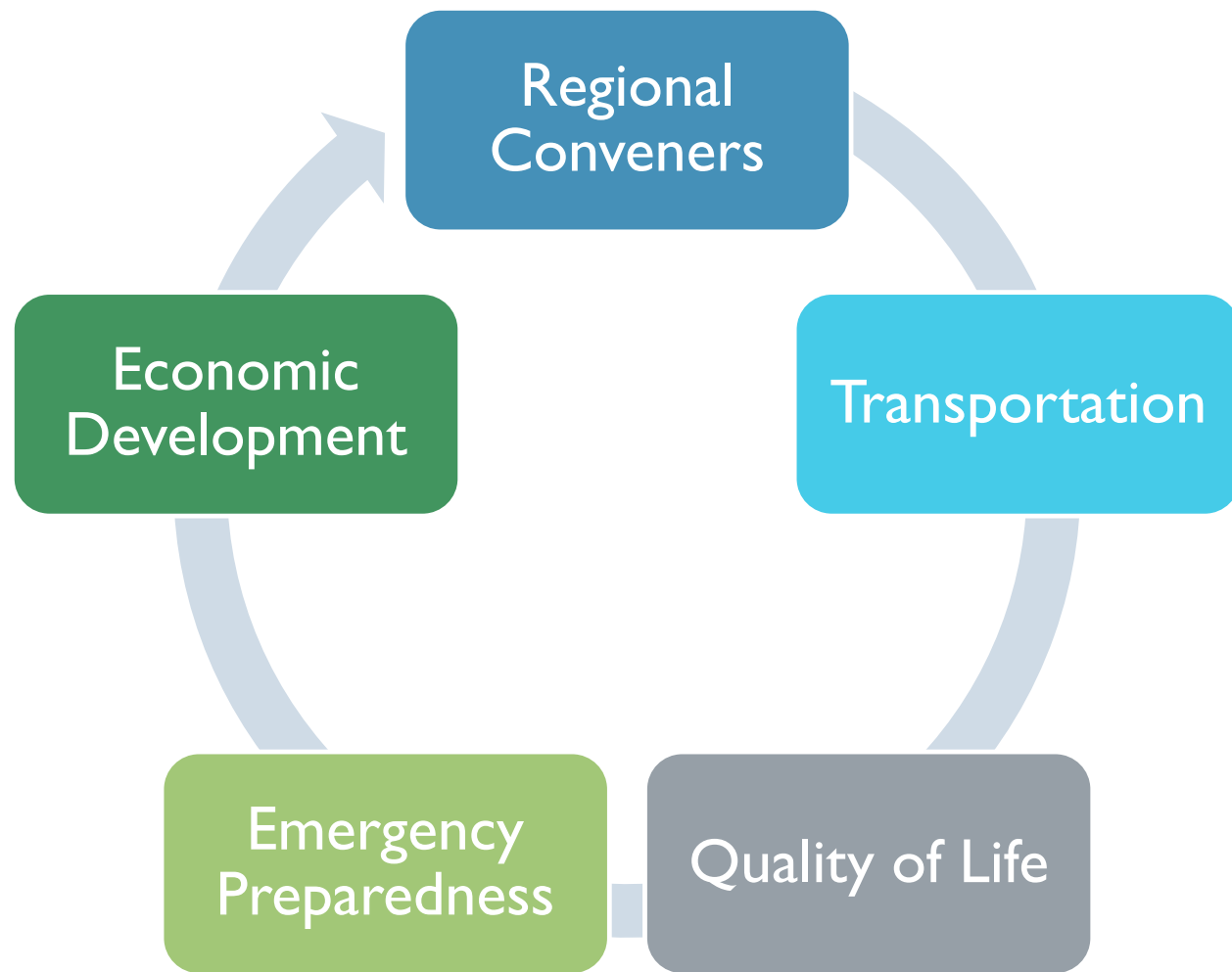
37 duties within **11** chapters:

- CHAPTER 129: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT
- CHAPTER 163: INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS
- CHAPTER 186: STATE & REGIONAL PLANNING
- CHAPTER 258: MYAKKA RIVER MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
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- CHAPTER 380: LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT
- CHAPTER 403: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
- CHAPTER 420: HOUSING
- CHAPTER 1013: EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

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



- 5th Largest Population
- 4th Largest in Square Miles
- Least # of Employees



PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS

FOR ALL 10 REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCILS:

THEN...

SWFRPC PROGRAMS



Economic
Dev.
ED District,
CEDS



Water
Quality



Estero Bay
Agency on
Bay Mgmt.



Local
Emergency
Planning
Committee



Hazardous
Materials
Emergency
Planning



Storm
Resiliency &
Climate
Change
Planning



Lee County
MPO



Charlotte
Harbor
National
Estuary
Program



Trans.
Disadv.



IC&R



DRIs,
NOPCs &
Comp Plan
Reviews

NOW...



Economic
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Brownfields
Assessment
Program



SW Florida
Promise
Zone &
VISTA
Program



Disaster
Planning
Coordinator



IC&R



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BUDGET COMPARISON

THEN (2012 audit pg 8)...

REVENUES

ASSESSMENTS

\$459,517

GRANTS
CONTRACTS

\$1,993,894

\$2,453,411

EXPENSES

OPERATING

\$975,453

PERSONNEL

\$1,454,849

\$2,430,302

\$23,109

ANNUAL NET INCOME

NOW...

REVENUES

ASSESSMENTS

\$181,713

FULL
ASSMNTS
\$506,419

GRANTS
CONTRACTS

\$403,505

\$585,218

EXPENSES

OPERATING

\$259,502

PERSONNEL

\$695,349

SALARIES:
\$511,780
FRINGE:
\$183,569

\$954,852

-\$369,633

ANNUAL NET INCOME

2012
THEN...



14 → 6
Employees

2019
NOW...

Full Time Employees



Temporary/Contract Employees

VISTA
Program
Supervisor



Grant
contract



Legal
consultant



VISTAS

Opioid Task Force



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES



MARGARET WUERSTLE Executive Director

Grant Research, Preparation, Implementation and Oversight, Promise Zone Coordinator, Hazardous Materials Planning and Prevention Program Grant, EDA Agriculture Grant for New Markets, Branding and Marketing, Bonita Springs Affordable Housing Study, Clewiston Revitalization Plan, MLK Corridor Study, LaBelle Day Trip project, LaBelle Farm Tours project, Regional Plan for Agriculture Sustainability, Hendry County Education Vision and Implementation Plan, Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative, Annual Budget and Workplan



JAMES BEEVER, III Planner IV/Environmental Planner

Planning, environmental review, technical assistance in natural resources, restoration, land acquisition, wildlife resource inventory, fish and wildlife, wildlife habitat planning, flood protection, wastewater treatment, ecosystem services evaluations, climate change planning, and project review of water, wetlands and natural resources. Review/Planning of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration and SW Florida Watershed Study Projects, review of clearinghouse projects. Serves on 17 committees: Estero Bay ABM, CREW, and Myakka River Coordinating Council.



REBEKAH HARP Business Operations Manager/Grants Manager/Digital Designer

Operations Management, Accounting/ Financials/ Budget/ Audit/ Purchasing/ Accounts Receivable/ Accounts Payable, Grants Management, Grant Deliverable/Research Support, Human Resources/Employee Benefits, Records Management Liaison Officer, IT Administrator, Website Administrator, Digital Designer



CJ KAMMERER Planner I/Operations Analyst

CEDS/Economic Development District Coordinator, LEPC/HMEP Coordinator, Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant Manager, Grant Writer, RPC Meeting Coordinator, Hazardous Facilities Analysis, Economic Impact Modeling, Checks and Check Requests, Data Analyst, DRI & Comp Plan Amendment Records Management

CONTRACT EMPLOYEES

TERM ENDS: 12/31/2019



SEAN MCCABE Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Recovery, Resilience and Preparation from potential disasters, Assist with natural disaster mitigation and recovery, Increase economic resiliency, including resilience to the effects of natural disasters and climate change, Work with communities to find innovative ways to solve the region's disaster recovery and economic resiliency issues.

TERM ENDS: 03/31/2020 – REVOLVING GRANT



KATELYN KUBASIK VISTA Supervisor

Supervisor for 10 VISTA members at 8 sub-sites, Responsible for Member Recruitment, Onboarding and On-site Orientation Training, Sub-site Supervisor Training, Monthly Progress Reports, Records of Attendance, and Development of Sub-site MOUs

CONSULTANT



BETH NIGHTINGALE Legal Consultant

Conducts Research, Prepares Resolutions, Memos, and Correspondence, Attends Council meetings, Coordinates and presides over meetings, Performs document reviews, Conducts Interviews and Reference Checks of Prospective Employees/ Contractors, Weekly Grant Research for Promise Zone, Grant Writing

VISTAS Opioid Task Force



RELEVANCY:

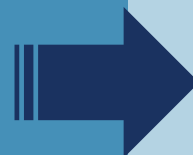
This Is What We Heard...



*Where we are in
these areas...*

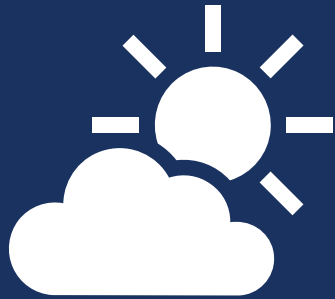


Water Quality



- Growth Management Regulation, Public Investment and Resource Implications for the Estero Bay Watershed
- A Watershed Analysis of Permitted Coastal Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Methods within the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Study Area
- State of the Bay Update
- Spring Creek Vulnerability and Restoration Opportunity Assessment
- A rapid functional assessment method for designed freshwater and brackish water filter marsh ecosystems used for water quality treatment
- Filter Marsh Functional Assessment Method (FMFAM) Plant Identification Guide
- Total Ecosystem Services Values (TEV) in Southwest Florida: The ECOSERVE Method
- Spring Creek Restoration Plan
- Developing and applying a method to use ecosystem services measurement to quantify wetland restoration successes
- City of Bonita Springs Flood Reduction and Watershed Restoration Plan

Storm Resiliency & Climate Change



- Comprehensive Southwest Florida/ Charlotte Harbor Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- **Adaptation Plan for the City of Punta Gorda**
- Lee County Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- Lee County Climate Change Resiliency Strategy
- Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Opportunities for Salt Marsh Types in Southwest Florida
- Estimating and Forecasting Ecosystem Services within Pine Island Sound, Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, North Captiva Island, Cayo Costa Island, Useppa Island, Other Islands of the Sound, and the Nearshore Gulf of Mexico
- City of Cape Coral Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- Pelican Cove Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment & Plan
- City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy
- Identifying and Diagnosing Locations of Ongoing and Future Saltwater Wetland Loss and Death From the Hydrologic and Biogeochemical Impacts of Climate Change and Human Impoundment With A Treatment Protocol for Restoration of Afflicted Areas



Affordable Housing



- Bonita Springs Affordable Housing Study
- Affordable Housing Conference



Quality of Life



- Opioid Research & Regional Task Force
- Lee County Active Shooter Meeting
- Brownfields Assessment
- HazMat Inspections
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Small Quantity Generator Inspections

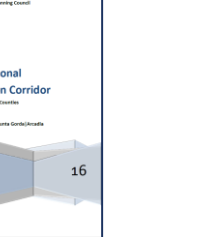
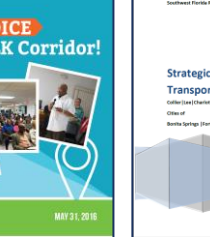
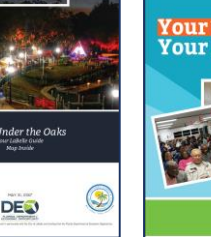
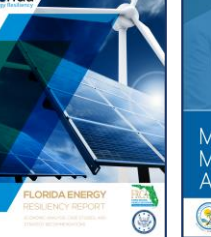
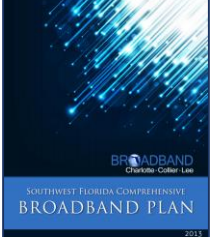
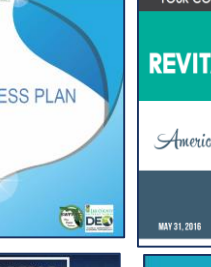
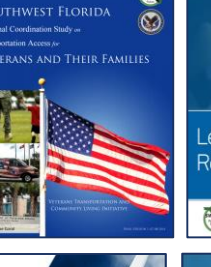
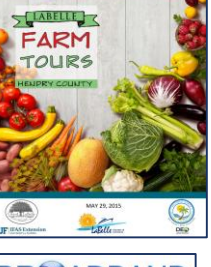
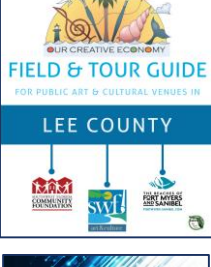
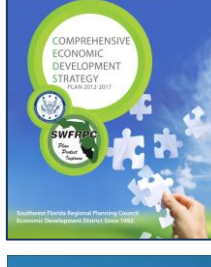
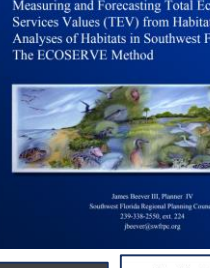
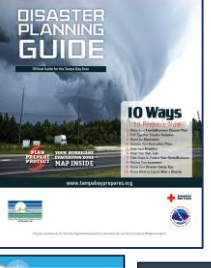
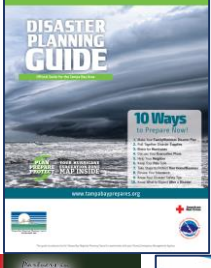
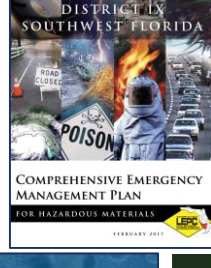
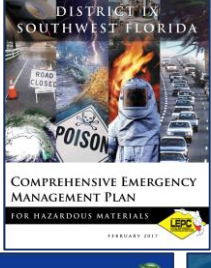
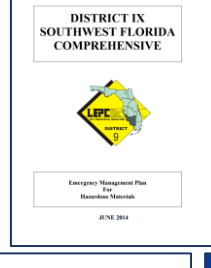
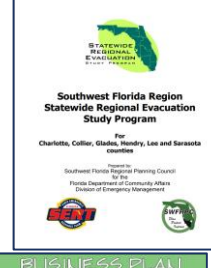
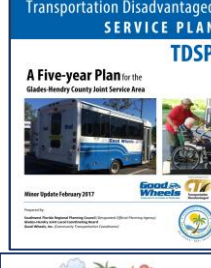
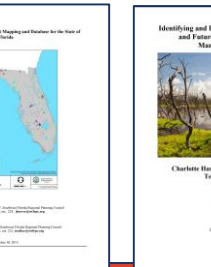
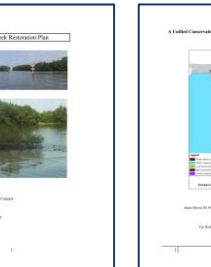
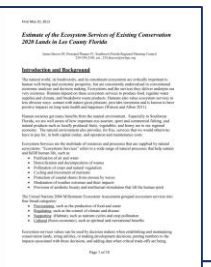
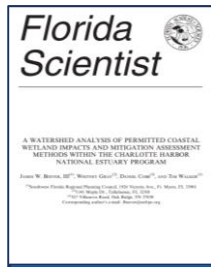
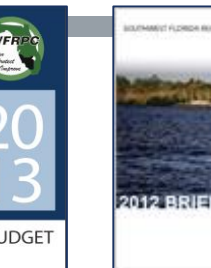
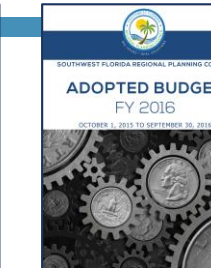
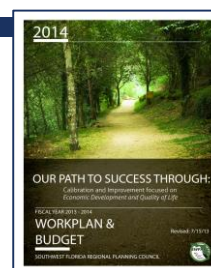
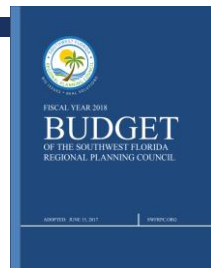
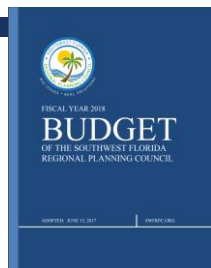


Regional Transportation



- GIS Transportation Map
- Veterans Transportation and Community Living Study
- Rail Corridor — Study of Strategic Regional Transportation Corridor for long term multi-modal transportation uses

**There are many more projects
completed over the years...**



**Moving
Forward**





Water Quality



- Assist Local Jurisdictions with implementing resolutions of the SWFRPC with regards to water quality
 - Res. #2007-01 SWFRPC Fertilizer Resolution
 - Res. #2007-03 SWFRPC Wastewater Resolution
 - Res. #2007-05 SWFRPC Wastewater Package Plant Resolution – Plant with Less than 100,000 GRD Capacity
 - Res. #2008-11 SWFRPC Stormwater Resolution for New Development and Re-Development
 - Res. #2008-12 SWFRPC Stormwater Resolution for Retrofit Development

Storm Resiliency & Climate Change



- Adaptation Planning for Communities
- Update Vulnerability Assessment
- Flood Reduction Planning for Communities
- Update of the Evacuation Study
- Critical Infrastructure Placement



Affordable Housing



- Collaborate with Agencies & Partners to Identify Needs and Funding
- Advocate Infrastructure
- Recruit Affordable Housing Builders



Quality of Life



- Healthy Futures
 - Regional Opioid Task Force
 - Mental Health
- Food Deserts
- Encourage Product Development in Underserved Communities
- Collaborate with Agencies & Partners to Identify Needs and Funding



Regional Transportation



- Planning for a Changing Future
 - Electric and Autonomous Vehicles
 - High Speed Rail
 - Advocate for the Repair of Failing Infrastructure
 - Ride Services
 - Electronic Traffic Control Timing to Ease Traffic Congestion



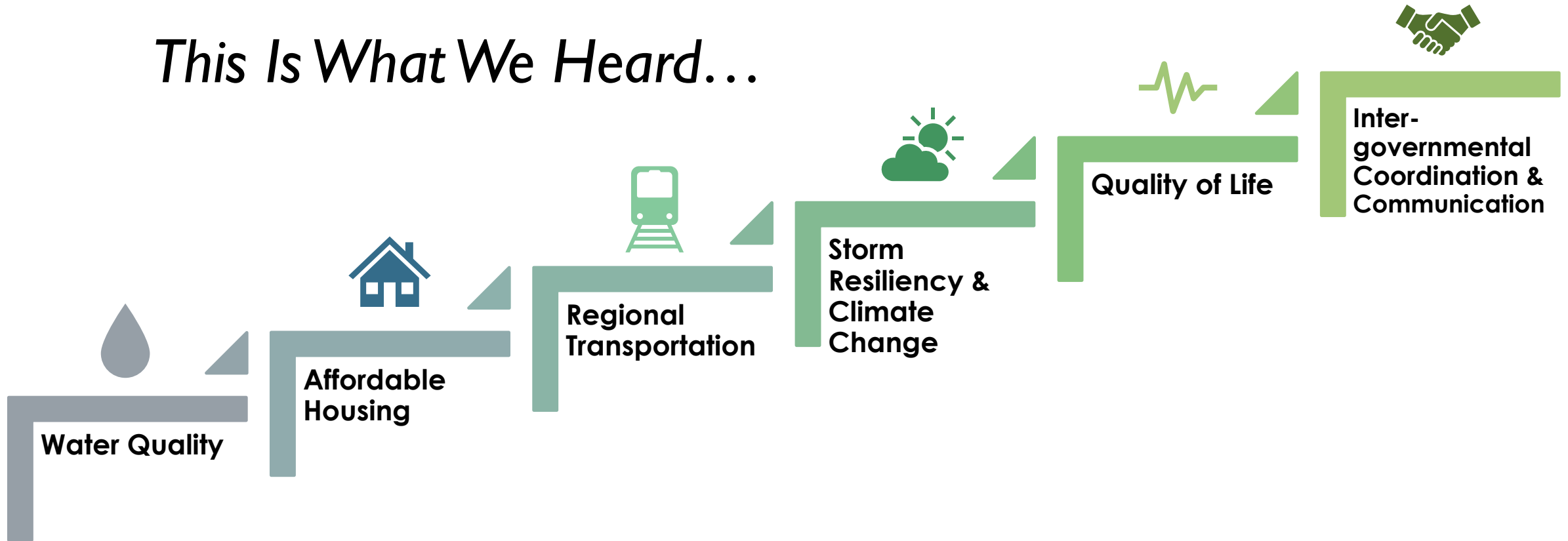
Intergovernmental Coordination & Communication



- Provide Assistance With Intergovernmental Communication
- Grant Writing
- Collaborate with Agencies & Partners to Identify Needs and Funding

AREAS OF RELEVANCY:

This Is What We Heard...



CHAPTER 129: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

- When an administrative law judge presides over a matter involving RPC, RPC shall reimburse administrative law judge's travel expenses.

CHAPTER 163: INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS

- Review and comment on regional resources or facilities identified in the SRPP.
- Review proposed plans or plan amendments under the State Coordinated Review
- Conduct scoping meetings upon request, to identify relevant planning issues.

CHAPTER 186: STATE & REGIONAL PLANNING

- Act as a regional data clearinghouse.
- Designated as the primary organization to address problems and plan solutions that are of greater-than-local concern.
- Florida's only multipurpose regional entity to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems; provide technical assistance to local governments; and, meet other needs of the communities in each region.
- Provide technical assistance to local governments on growth management matters.
- Assist local governments with activities designed to promote and facilitate economic development.
- Meet statutory requirements regarding membership for a regional planning council.
- Conduct business to run the organization.
- Provide advice to constituent local governments on regional, metropolitan, county, and municipal planning matters.
- Cooperate with federal and state agencies in planning for emergency management.
- Coordinate with other regional entities in preparing and assuring regular review of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
- Coordinate land development and transportation policies that foster region-wide transportation systems.
- Review plans of independent transportation authorities and metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government plans.
- Provide consulting services to a private developer or landowner under certain circumstances.
- Prepare and adopt by rule a Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). SRPP shall be prepared at least every 5 years.
- Establish by rule a dispute resolution process to reconcile differences on planning and growth management issues between local governments, regional agencies, and private interests.
- Provide annual report of activities.

CHAPTER 186: STATE & REGIONAL PLANNING

- Statute provides protection for regional planning councils created pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S.
- Must take into account that the accuracy and reliability of maps and data for GIS may be limited to various factors.
- Submit an audit report and an annual financial report for the previous fiscal year.

CHAPTER 258: MYAKKA RIVER MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

- Required to serve on Myakka River Management Coordinating Council

CHAPTER 260: FLORIDA GREENWAYS & TRAILS COUNCIL

- Serve on the Florida Greenways and Trails Council. Membership rotates among the 7 RPCs.

CHAPTER 288: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- An appointed representative by FRCA shall serve on the Rural Economic Development Initiative.
- Participate in a pre-submission workshop concerning a military base reuse plan.

CHAPTER 339: TRANSPORTATION FINANCE & PLANNING

- Develop transportation goals and policies as part of the SRPP.

CHAPTER 380: LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

- Serve on Resource Planning and Management Committees as designated by the Governor prior to an area being designated as an Area of Critical State Concern.
- Provide technical assistance to local governments in the preparation of land development regulations and local comprehensive plans in Areas of Critical State Concern.

CHAPTER 403: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- Serve on Ecosystem Management Advisory Teams.
- Perform local hazardous waste management assessments and provide technical expertise.
- Follow the local hazardous waste management assessment guidelines to properly implement the assessments.
- Designate sites for regional hazardous waste storage or treatment facility could be constructed.
- Participate in regional permit action teams.

CHAPTER 420: HOUSING

- One representative from RPCs shall serve on the Affordable Housing Study Commission, as appointed by Governor.

CHAPTER 1013: EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- Review Campus Master Plans prior to adoption and provide comments.