

Florida's Regional Planning Councils



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Florida's 10 Regional Planning Councils



Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA)

- Serves to strengthen Florida's RPCs, enhance regional economic prosperity and improve the quality of RPC programs
- Ensures RPCs are effective service organization to the State of Florida, its local governments and the citizens they serve
- Fosters relationships with regional, state and federal partners

What All RPCs Do

Regional Planning Activities

- Federal Clearinghouse Review
- Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

Economic Development Activities

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Collaboration with Economic Development Organizations
- Economic Impact Analyses Modeling (REMI)

What All RPCs Do cont'd...

Community Development Activities

- Grant Writing and Administration
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping/US Census Data Center
- Local Government Plan Review, Land Use, and Community Planning

What All RPCs Do cont'd...

Emergency Preparedness Planning

- Emergency Management and Disaster Related Planning, Training and Exercises
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Study
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
 - Hazardous Materials First Responder Training, Planning, Exercises and Public Outreach

What Several RPCs Do

- Broadband Planning
- Health Initiatives
- Visioning and Sustainable Regional Plans Initiatives
- Brownfields Assessments and Revolving Loan Funds
- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning
- Safe Routes to School Initiatives
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program
- Wildlife Habitat Initiatives
- Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs)

National Recognition of Cooperative Efforts

Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies

- National Awards
 - American Planning Association
 - National Association of Development Organizations

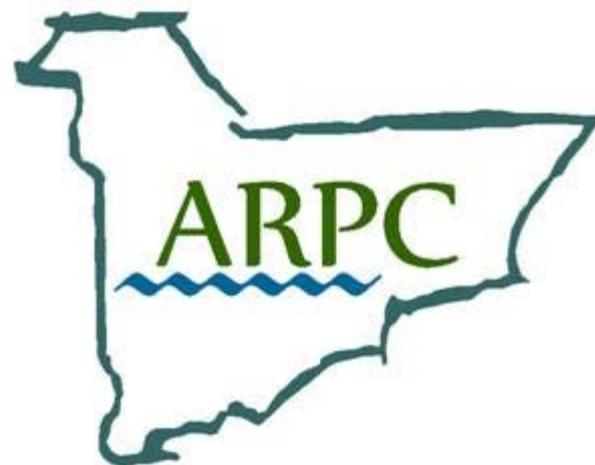
Regional Broadband Studies

- Awards
 - National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
 - National Association of Development Organizations
 - Florida Planning and Zoning Association

APALACHEE RPC: Revolving Loan Fund



Over 400 private sector jobs have been created as a direct result of the ARPC Revolving Loan Fund for small businesses



Florida RPCs

Excellence in Action



- ✓ Partnerships
- ✓ Performance
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Value