

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

June 8, 2022

9:30 a.m.

CareerSource Heartland | Sebring, FL



CALL TO ORDER

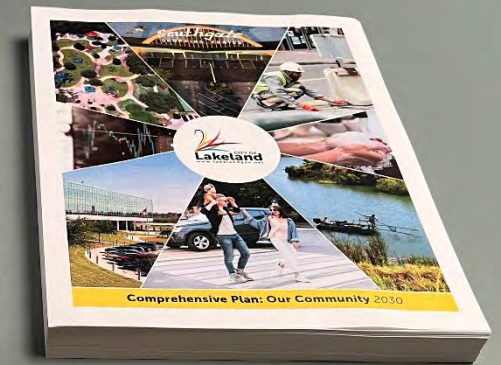
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Announcements



Florida Planning and Zoning Association Outstanding Plan



From 800+ Pages to Less than 200



**City of Lakeland Comprehensive Plan:
Our Community 2030**

AGENDA ITEM #1

Public Comments



AGENDA ITEM #2

Council Administration

- A. April 13, 2022, Minutes—Page 5
- B. May 2022 Financial Report (handout)

Requested Action:

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Report



Recommended Action

2A: Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action

2B: Approval of Financial Report

Finance Committee Recommendations

- #3A: Budget Amendment for FY 2021-22* - pg. 12
- #3B: Proposed FY 2022-23 Annual Budget* - pg. 14
- #3C: Member Assessments for FY 2022-23* - pg. 16
- #3D: FY 2021-22 Audit Engagement Letter* - pg. 17
- #3E: Resolution 2022-6A Establishing a Line of Credit* - pg. 32
- #3F: Executive Director Annual Leave* (no exhibit)
- #3G: Staff Organizational Chart (information only) - pg. 33

Requested Action: Approval by Council

Items with Asterisk* Require separate Council action



Recommended Action

**3A: Approval of Budget Amendment
for FY 2021-22**

Recommended Action

**3B: Approval of Proposed FY 2022-23
Annual Budget**

Recommended Action

**3C: Approval of Member Assessments
for FY 2022-23**

Recommended Action

**3D: Approval of FY 2021-22
Audit Engagement Letter**

Recommended Action

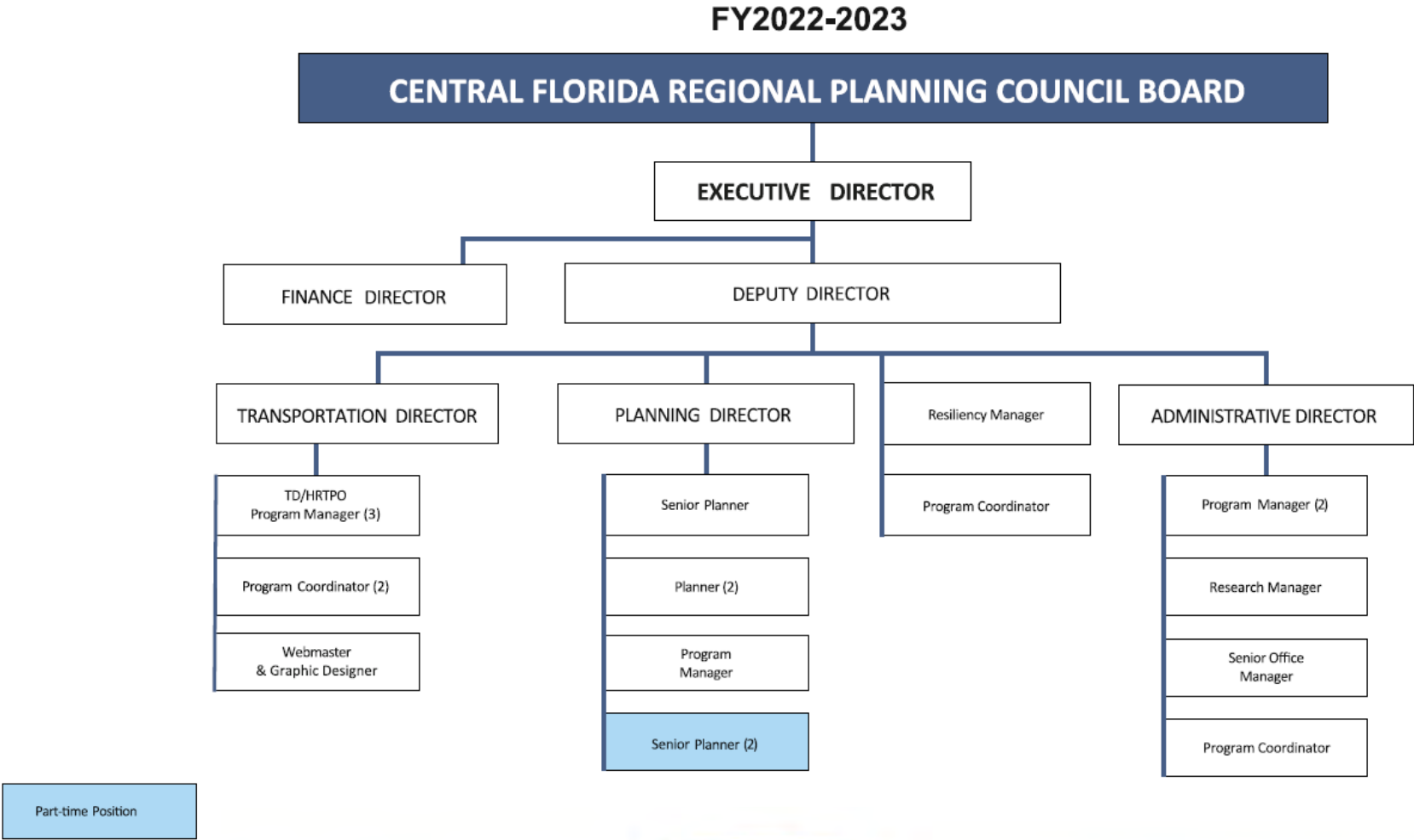
**3E: Approval of Resolution 2022-6A
Establishing a Line of Credit
Authorize Executive Director to Sign**

Recommended Action

**3F: Approval of Executive Director
Annual Leave**



Staff Organizational Chart



AGENDA ITEM #4

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant Agreement for FY 2022-23

Action Recommended: Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Grant Agreement

Exhibit #4: Draft Scope of Work - Page 35



Recommended Action

Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the LEPC Grant Agreement

AGENDA ITEM #5

Hazards Analysis (HA) Grant Agreement for FY 2022-23

Action Recommended: Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Grant Agreement

Exhibit #5: Draft Scope of Work - Page 42



Recommended Action

Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the HA Grant Agreement

AGENDA ITEM #6

Hazards Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Contract for FY 2022-23

Action Recommended: Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Contract

Exhibit #6: HMEP Scope of Work - Page 47



Recommended Action

Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the HMEP Contract

AGENDA ITEM #7

**Public Transportation Grant Agreement
(PTGA) with the Florida Department of
Transportation for Federal Transit
Administration (FTA) 5311 Grants**

Action Recommended: Approve each Resolution

Exhibit #7A: Resolution 2022-6B

#7B: Resolution 2022-6C



Recommended Action

Approval of Resolution 2022-6B

Recommended Action

Approval of Resolution 2022-6C

AGENDA ITEM #8

Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities



AGENDA ITEM #9

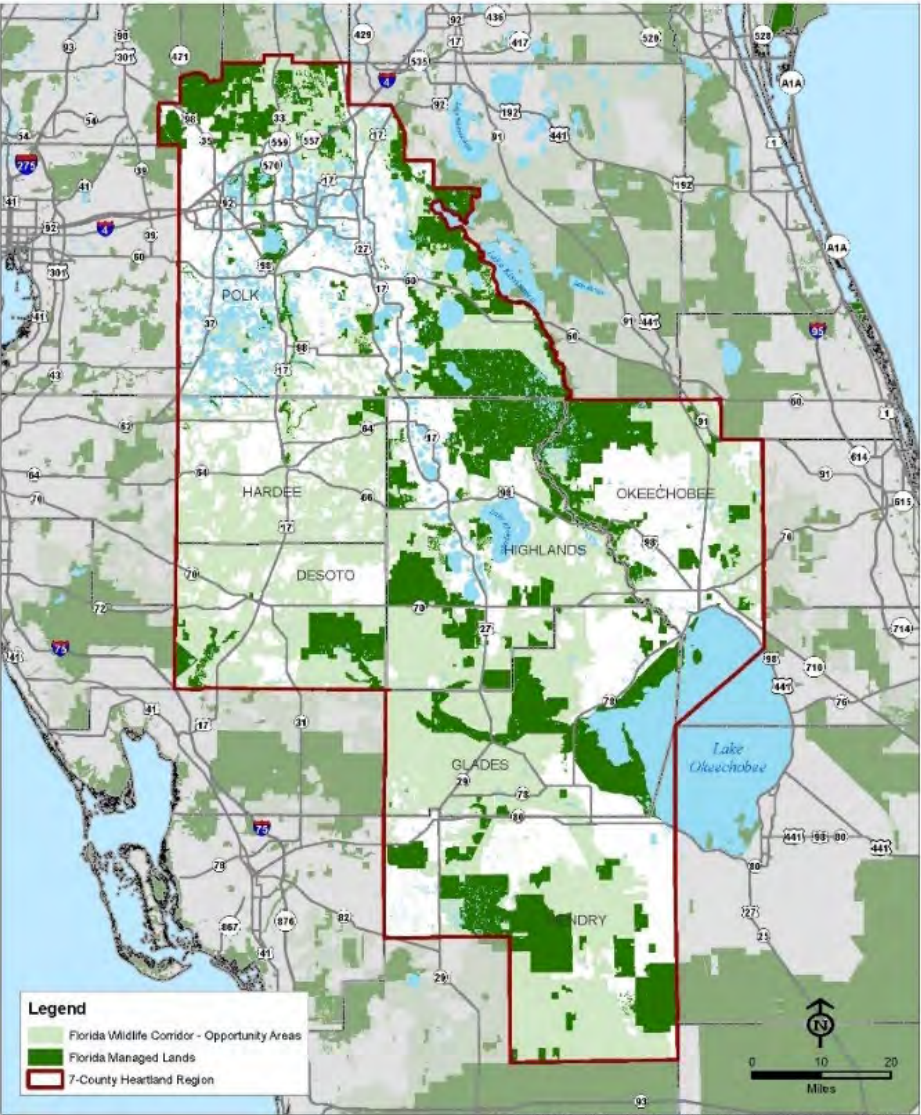
Florida Wildlife Corridor

Florida Wildlife Corridor

- Florida Wildlife Corridor Act became effective on July 1, 2021.
- Extends from the Everglades to Georgia and west to Alabama.
- Helps ensure Florida's wildlife populations are connected and protected.
- Developed to create incentives for sustaining and conserving the green infrastructure.
- Nearly 18 million acres in Florida, with 46% identified as Opportunity Areas, or areas of the Corridor not yet conserved.



Heartland Region



Florida Wildlife Corridor

CFRPC, in partnership with Archbold Biological Station, identified areas where potential development may occur within the Florida Wildlife Corridor Opportunity Areas within the Heartland counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk.



Florida Wildlife Corridor

Data collected and analyzed included:

- Building permits
- Zoning changes
- Land suitability
- Generalized future land use
- Existing infrastructure relevant to future development

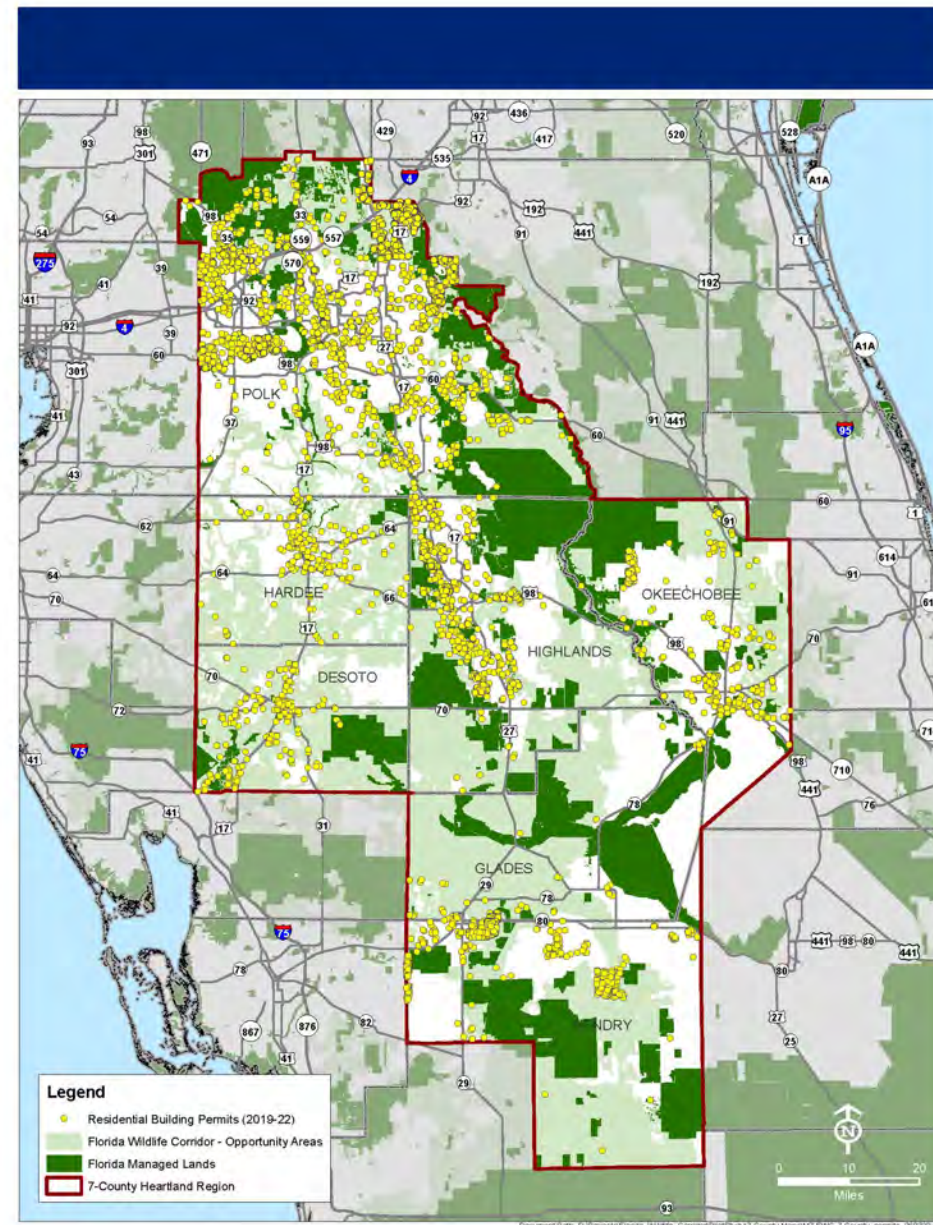
Coordination with State agencies, non-profit organizations, and landowners to identify Opportunity Areas potentially available for acquisition, voluntary conservation easements, or those requiring coordination to support new development or redevelopment projects.

GIS Mapping of Local Building Permit Data

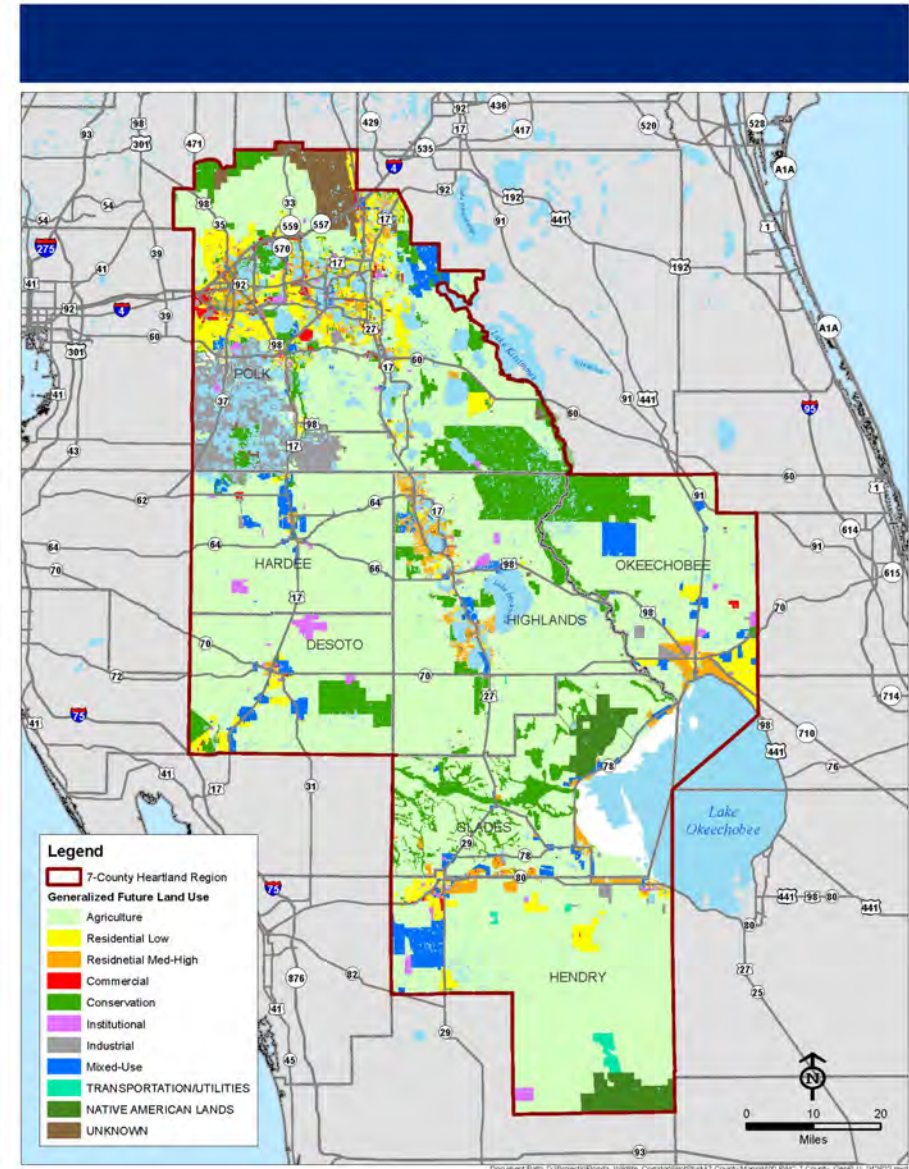
Residential Building Permits* (2019 – 2022)

DeSoto	428
Glades	146
Hardee	243
Hendry	1,032
Highlands	1,002
Okeechobee	486
Polk	14,332
Heartland Region	17,669

* Permits collected for calendar year 2019 through March of 2022. All permit data received includes, at a minimum, the calendar years of 2020 and 2021. In some cases, reports for 2019 were not obtained and in others, 2022 data was not yet available.



Generalized Future Land use Map for all Counties and Municipalities



Florida Wildlife Corridor Information

floridawildlifecorridor.org



Update on

- **Local Government Planning Services**
- **DEO Technical Assistance (TA) Grants**
- **Competitive Florida Grants**

Planning Advisory Services (PAS)

Through interlocal agreements known as PAS contracts with cities, counties, CRAs, Economic Development Organizations, School Boards, etc. the Council provides:

Comprehensive
Plan Text
Amendments

Future Land
Use Map
Amendments

Rezoning / Text
Amendments

Variances

Site
Development
Plans

Subdivision
Plats

Change of Use

Military
Installation
Compatibility

Geographic
Information
Systems

Day-to-Day Inquiries

- Future Land Use & Zoning Confirmation
- Land Development Code Interpretation
- Permitted Uses
- Permitting (Sheds, Fences, Signs)
- Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern Coordination
- Zoning verification
 - New Construction (Building permits)
 - Lender/Realtor Inquiries
 - Business Tax Licenses
 - Affordable Housing Applications



Public Hearings & Meetings

- BoCC/City Commissions
- Planning & Zoning Boards
- Board of Adjustments
- Tree Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Development Review Committees
 - Pre-Applications
 - Plan Reviews
 - Subdivision Plats



Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Mapping

- Municipal limits
- Future Land Use
- Zoning
- Existing Land Use
- Developable Lands
- Public Services
- Wetland, Floodplain, Soils
- Utilities

Analyses

- ESRI Business Analyst
- Statistical Analysis
- Land Use Studies
- Housing Suitability Modeling
- Geo-referencing
- Socio-economic and Demographic Data
- School Siting

Special Projects

- Community Outreach & Visioning
- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Housing Studies
- Land Development Code Updates
- Land Use Studies
- Water Supply Planning
- Airport Protection Zoning
- School Board Planning & School Siting Reports



FY 2021-2022

Planning Services Agreements

Local Government Agreements	Total
GIS Mapping (only)	3
Routine PAS (including GIS)	13
Special Projects	11
<u>Total</u>	<u>26</u>

FY 2021-2022

Routine Planning Advisory Services

Jurisdiction	PAS Agreement
DeSoto County	
City of Arcadia	Planning Services
Hardee County	
City of Bowling Green	Planning Services
City of Wauchula	Planning Services
Town of Zolfo Springs	Planning Services
Highlands County	
City of Avon Park	Planning Services
City of Sebring	Planning Services



FY 2021-2022

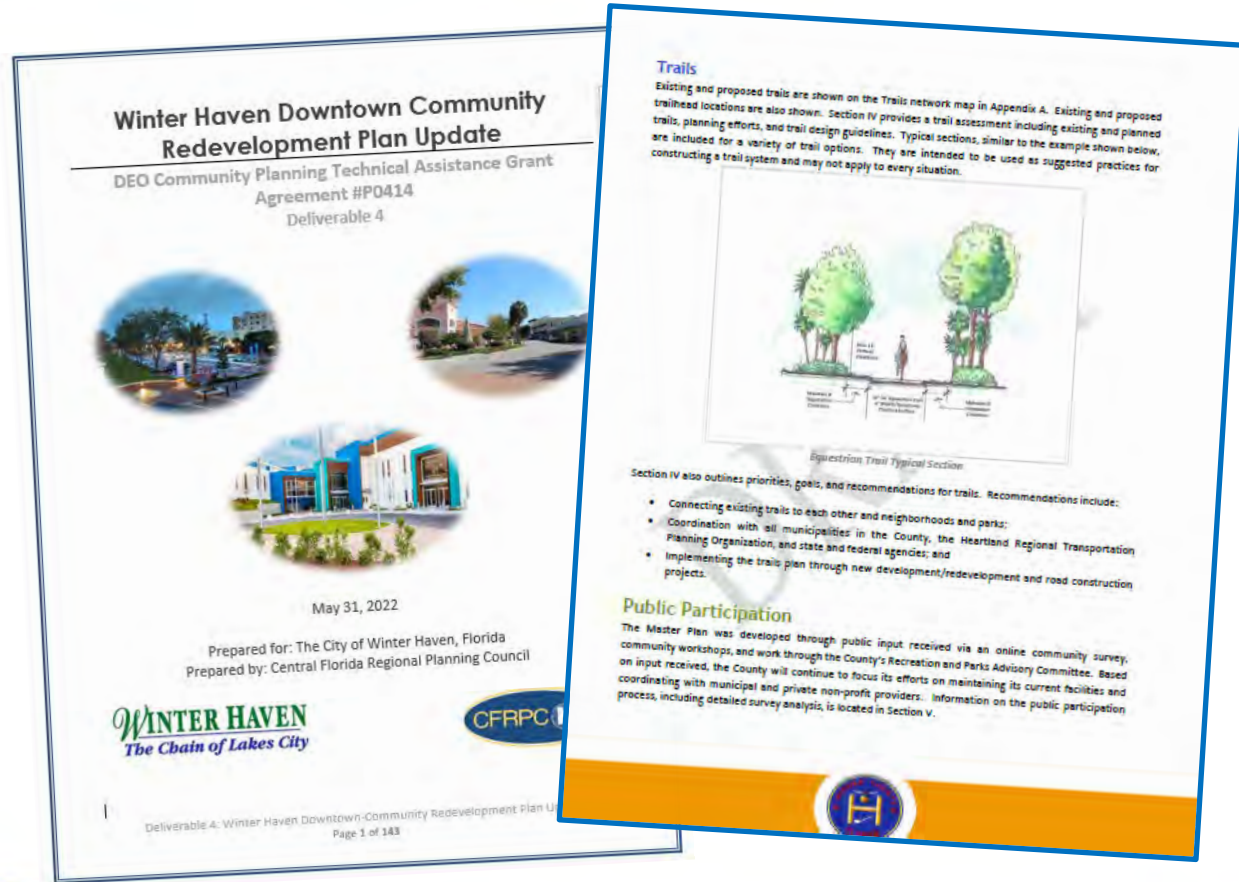
Routine Planning Advisory Services

Jurisdiction	PAS Agreement
Polk County	Planning Services
City of Bartow	GIS Mapping
City of Davenport	Planning Services
Town of Dundee	Planning Services
City of Fort Meade	Planning Services
City of Frostproof	Planning Services
Village of Highland Park	Planning Services
Town of Lake Hamilton	GIS Mapping
City of Mulberry	GIS Mapping
Polk City	Planning Services



Current Special Projects

- Winter Haven Downtown CRA Plan Update
- Hardee County Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Hardee County Land Development Code Update
- Water Supply Planning



DEO Technical Assistance Grants

Prepared by CFRPC for local governments

- 1) Wauchula Water Supply Plan Update
- 2) Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- 3) Fort Meade LDR Update
- 4) Bowling Green Downtown Master Plan
- 5) Sebring Design Standards
- 6) Sebring LDR Update
- 7) City of Okeechobee – Parking study
- 8) Highlands County – County-wide Facility Study for Tourism and Recreation



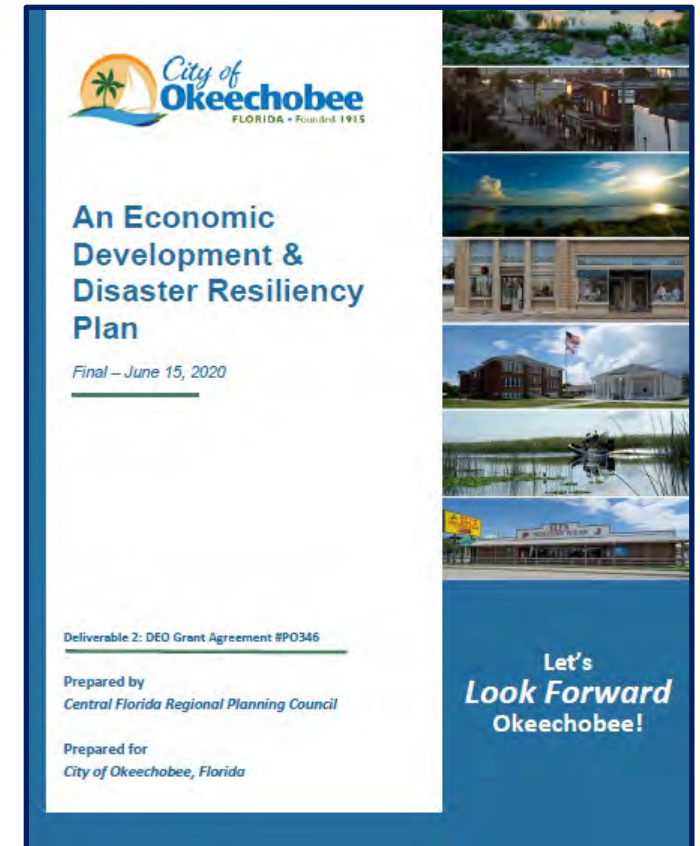
DEO Grants Submitted by CFRPC

- For preparation of the Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan to support the purpose and intent of the Resiliency Memorandum of Understanding
- For preparation for a Model Sign Code



DEO Competitive Florida Partnership Grant Application

- Deadline: June 13, 2022
- Grant Period: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
- Amount: Generally between \$25,000 and \$40,000
- Application Contents:
 - Letter of Request
 - Description of Existing Economic & Community Development Activities
 - Letters of Support
- Project: Economic Development & Disaster Resiliency Plan



Example of Competitive Florida Partnership Project

AGENDA ITEM #11

Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition Update



Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition

Polk
Hardee
Highlands
Okeechobee
Desoto
Glades
Hendry



Schedule of Adoption of MOU

Schedule of MOU Approvals by Heartland Counties and Agencies	
Local Government/Agency	Date MOU Approved/Scheduled
DeSoto County	April 12, 2022
Glades County	April 25, 2022
Hardee County	March 17, 2022
Hendry County	To be Determined
Highlands County	April 5, 2022
Okeechobee County	March 24, 2022
Polk County	May 17, 2022
Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization	March 16, 2022
Polk Transportation Planning Organization	April 14, 2022
Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Program	To be Determined
Seminole Tribe of Florida	To be Determined

The City of Winter Haven approved the MOU in April. Other cities are being scheduled.



Vulnerability Assessments



The CFRPC is working in partnership with Polk County on an FDEP Application for a Vulnerability Assessment due June 22, 2022.



The CFRPC anticipates working with the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership on Vulnerability Assessments.



Resiliency Manager



Sheila McNamara

America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC)

The **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**, through anticipated cooperative agreements from the Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Defense (DoD), and the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has announced the **America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) 2022 Request for Proposals (RFP)**.



America the Beautiful: 8 Core Principles

- **Collaborative** and inclusive
- Conserve for the **benefit of all people**
- Support **locally led** efforts
- **Honor private property rights** and voluntary stewardship efforts
- Honor **tribal sovereignty**
- Pursue approaches that **create jobs**
- Use **science** as a guide
- **Build on existing tools** and strategies



America the Beautiful: 6 Areas of Focus

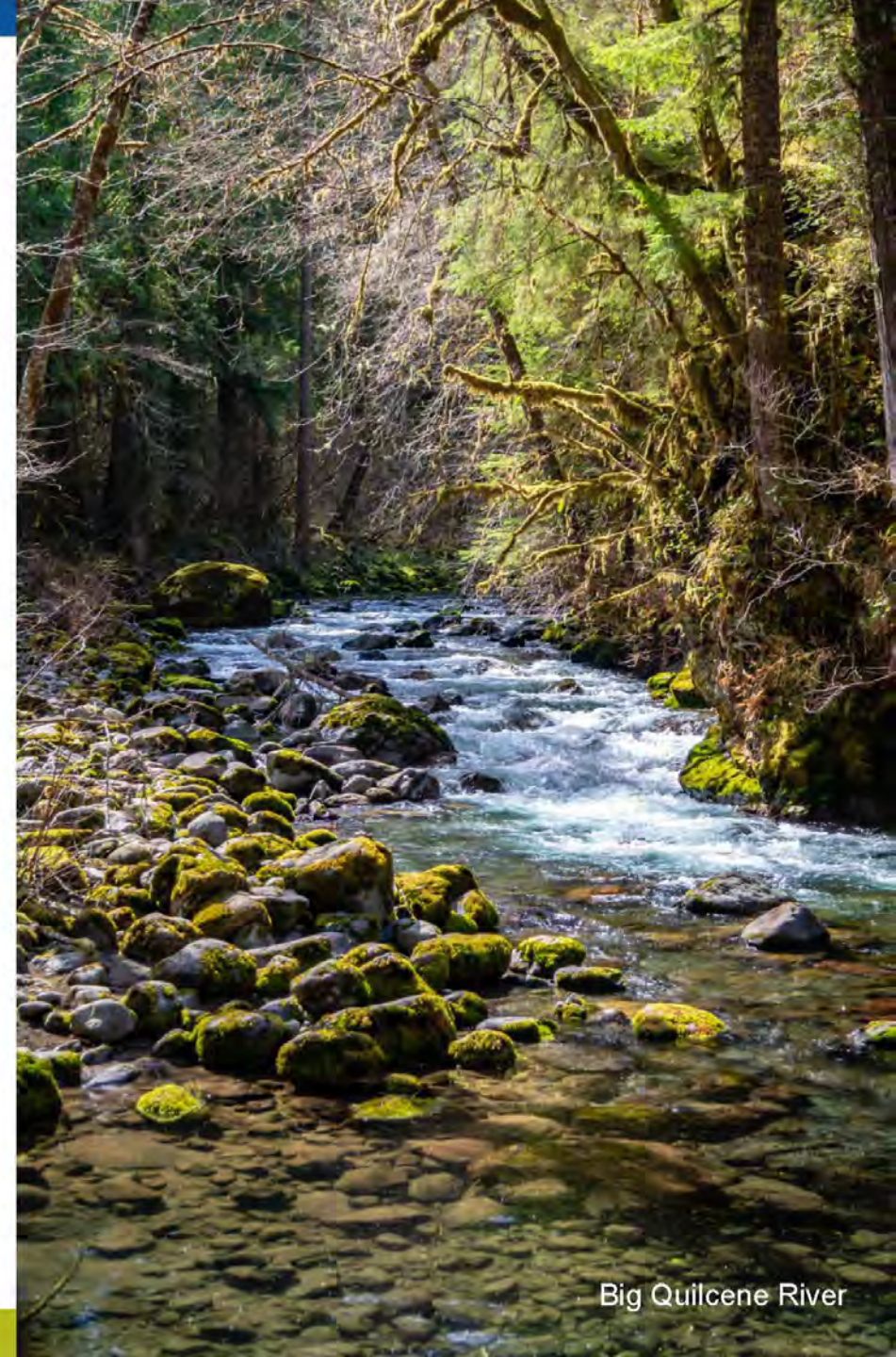
- Create more **parks and safe outdoor opportunities** in nature-deprived communities
- Support **tribally led conservation** and restoration priorities
- Expand collaborative conservation of **fish and wildlife habitat** and corridors
- Increase access for **outdoor recreation**
- Incentivize and reward the **voluntary conservation efforts** of fishermen, ranchers, farmers, and forest owners
- Create jobs by investing in **restoration and resilience**



NFWF

America the Beautiful Themes

1. Conserving and restoring rivers, coasts, wetlands and watersheds
2. Conserving and restoring forests, grasslands and other important ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks
3. Connecting and reconnecting wildlife corridors, large landscapes, watersheds and seascapes
4. Improving ecosystem and community resilience to flooding, drought, and other climate-related threats
5. Expanding access to the outdoors, particularly in underserved communities



Big Quilcene River

America the Beautiful Initiative Grant Categories

Implementation Grants: \$1M to \$5M to implement projects addressing program priorities on public, Tribal, and/or private lands. Partnerships with NGOs and localities though subawards encouraged.

Planning, Collaboration and Engagement: \$200,000 to \$1M for projects that enhance local capacity to implement future on the ground actions through community-based assessments, partnership building, project design, and other technical assistance-oriented activities. Multiple partners, significant scale for the landscape/watersheds, and be completed within one year of award.



America the Beautiful Initiative Grant Categories

Grants to Buffer and Benefit Public Lands: \$250,000 to \$1.5M for projects that result in direct, voluntary on-the-ground conservation actions benefiting National Forests and DoD facilities. Should be targeted toward outcomes identified in a conservation implementation plan.

Private Forests and Farmland Grants: \$200,000 to \$500,000 to support outreach and engagement with private landowners to advance voluntary conservation efforts on working lands that align with the NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife Framework (e.g. sagebrush, grasslands, bobwhite, quail, northeast turtles, golden-winged warbler).



Proposal Due Date

A request for proposals is currently open, with
full proposals due by July 21, 2022.

The first round of grant awards from the ATBC are
expected to be announced in November 2022.



Additional Information Or To Apply

Visit: www.nfwf.org/challenge

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AGENDA ITEM #12

Executive Director's Report

FRCA Policy Board Meeting

Friday, June 10, TBRPC

Exhibit #12: FRCA Monthly Activities Report - Page 67



AGENDA ITEM #13

Other Business

Next meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Jack Stroup Civic Center - Sebring

