



# Central Florida Regional Planning Council

## Meeting Agenda

*Note: Rescheduled Meeting Date and Location*

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 | 9:30 a.m.**

<b>How to Attend:</b>	<b>In Person</b>	CareerSource Heartland 5901 US Highway 27 South, Suite 1 Sebring, FL 33870
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### **Call To Order – Chair Keith Keene**

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Announcements

### **1) Opportunity for Public Comments**

### **2) Council Administration - page 5**

- A) Approval of Minutes
- B) June 2022 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: June 8, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes - page 5 #2B: June 2022 Financial Report - page 9

### **3) Status of Regional Work Force**

Ms. Donna Doubleday, Executive Director CareerSource Heartland will share information of issues related to the regional work force.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

### **4) Economic Development Administration CARES Act Grant Work Accomplished - page 11**

The CFRPC, in its capacity as the Economic Development District for the Heartland Region, was awarded grant funding from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Staff will discuss work supporting our local business communities completed under this grant.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**5) Adoption of the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Central Florida Economic Development District (EDD) for 2022-2027 - page 13**

The CFRPC serves as the Economic Development District for the Central Florida Region, as designated by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). One role of the EDD is to develop and maintain the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. The 2022 CEDS has been drafted and staff is seeking approval to publish for public for comment and transmit to EDA.

Actions Requested:	Publish for Public for Comment the CEDS Document for 2022-2027 and submit to the US Economic Development Administration with Comments
Exhibits:	#5: Draft CEDS Summary Document - page 15

**6) Florida Wildlife Corridor - page 55**

Staff will provide an update on the work the Council is doing on the Florida Wildlife Corridor including the results of the pilot study recently completed.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#6: Pilot Study Information Sheet - page 57

**7) Adopt Resolution 2022-8A Authorizing Executive Director to Sign, Administer, and Approve Modifications to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Agreement for FY 2022-2023 - page 59**

Staff will provide an update regarding applications filed for the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for FY 2022-2023 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants. Resolution 2022-8A authorizes the Executive Director to sign, administer, and approve modification to the grant agreement to provide a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to develop a Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan.

Actions Requested:	Authorize Executive Director to Sign, Administer and Approve Modifications to the Grant Agreement
Exhibits:	#7: Resolution 2022-8A - page 61

**8) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities**

Staff will brief the Council on activities of the six-county Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and other transportation issues.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

### 9) Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape Program - page 63

Staff will present an update regarding activities of the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape Program including a report out on the 2022 Landowner Assistance Expo held in partnership with the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#9: Conservation Guide - page 65

### 10) Executive Director's Report - page 71

The Executive Director will report on current activities in the region.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#10: FRCA Monthly Activities Report - page 71

### 11) Council Chair Report

### 12) Next Meeting and Other Business

- A) Next Meeting: October 12, 2022 at 9:30 am at the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners Chambers
- B) Other Business

### 13) Adjourn

*If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.*

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# Central Florida Regional Planning Council

## Meeting Minutes

Exhibit #2A

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 | 9:30 a.m.**

CareerSource Heartland

5901 US Highway 27 South, Suite 1 Sebring, FL, 33870

Chair Keith Keene called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Norman White led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called and the following Council Members were in attendance:

Chair, Councilmember Keith Keene, City of Arcadia  
Commissioner Neda Cobb, City of Wauchula  
Commissioner Judith George, Hardee County  
Commissioner Chad Mcleod, City of Lakeland  
Commissioner Rick Wilson, Polk County  
Commissioner Noel Chandler, City of Okeechobee  
Jackie Tucker, DeSoto County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Kathleen Rapp, Highlands County Commissioner  
Kelly Owens, Okeechobee County Commissioner  
Jon Iglehart, Department of Environmental Protection, Ex-officio

A quorum of members was present.

Announcements: Pat Steed, Executive Director, welcomed Council members and thanked CareerSource, for use of the facility.

### **1) Opportunity for Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

### **2) Council Administration**

#### **A) Approval of Minutes of April**

- A motion was made by: Jackie Tucker
  - The motion was seconded by: Judith George
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **B) March 2022 Financial Report**

- A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
  - The motion was seconded by: Kelly Owens
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **3) Finance Committee Recommendations**

The Finance Committee met on May 11, 2022, recommended approval to the Council of the following items:

#### **A) Approval of #3A: Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2021-22**

- A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
  - The motion was seconded by: Rick Wilson
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.



- B) Approval of #3B: Proposed FY 2022-23 Annual Budget
  - A motion was made by: Noel Chandler
    - The motion was seconded by Rick Wilson.
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- C) Approval of #3C: Member Assessments for FY 2022-23
  - A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
    - The motion was seconded by: Kelly Owens
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- D) Approval of #3D: FY 2021-22 Audit Engagement Letter with CliftonLarsonAllen
  - A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
    - The motion was seconded by: Noel Chandler
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- E) Approval of #3E Resolution 2022-6A Establishing a Line of Credit
  - A motion was made by: Noel Chandler
    - The motion was seconded by: Jackie Tucker
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- F) Approval of #3F: Executive Director Annual Leave Payout
  - A motion was made by: Jackie Tucker
    - The motion was seconded by: Chad McLeod
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

This is a recurring contract to support the LEPC District 7 program. The LEPC is comprised of first responders and safety specialists from cities, counties, and private businesses in the five-county region. The grant agreement work begins July 1, 2022.

- A) Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Grant Agreement
  - A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
    - The motion was seconded by: Rick Wilson
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

This is a recurring contract funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and passed to the Council through the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Analysis (HA) services. The Grant begins July 1, 2022.

- A) Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Grant Agreement
  - A motion was made by: Rick Wilson
    - The motion was seconded by: Kelly Owens
    - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

This is a recurring contract funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and passed to the Council through the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) services.

A) Authorize Executive Director to Sign and Administer the Contract.

- A motion was made by: Chad McLeod
  - The motion was seconded by: Noel Chandler
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

FDOT has proposed PTGAs for ongoing Federal Transit Operational Grants.

A) Approval Resolution 2022-6B to provide services in 4 counties.

- A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
  - The motion was seconded by: Rick Wilson
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B) Approval of Resolution 2022-6C to support the DART system in DeSoto County

- A motion was made by: Noel Chandler
  - The motion was seconded by: Jackie Tucker
  - The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**8) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities**

Beginning on July 1, 2022, Marybeth Soderstrom, Transportation Director, will become the Staff Services Director to the HRTPO, making it possible for her to further assist with administration of grants and work products for the HRTPO. Norman White recognized how important Pat's work has been to the creation of the HRTPO.

**9) Florida Wildlife Corridor**

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Deputy Director, provided a brief description of the FL Wildlife Corridor, established on July 1, 2021. The corridor map shows both opportunity areas for conservation and currently conserved areas. She discussed CFRPC's involvement with the FWC and support work with collaborators and stakeholders.

**10) Update on Local Government Planning Services and DEO Technical Assistance (TA) Grants and Competitive Florida Grants**

Jennifer updated the Council on the Planning Advisory Services provided to local governments, totaling 26 this year.

The DEO Competitive Florida Partnership Grant which supports community economic planning is due June 13, 2022.

**11) Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition Update**

The Memorandum of Understanding creating the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition between the seven counties became effective on April 1, 2022. Six counties have completed adoption of the MOU while others are upcoming, including the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We are working with Polk County on a Vulnerability Assessment. Application due June 22, 2022, for Polk County.

CFRPC hired a Resiliency Manager with more than 20 years of experience in the field. She joins us from the Tampa Bay area previously being a sustainability manager with other relevant experience.

America the Beautiful is a new Grant Program through National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). This program is an effort to streamline several departments' funding opportunities for voluntary conservation easements and restorative programs. The funding addresses planning and implementation projects.

**12) Executive Director's Report**

Pat provided information on the FRCA Policy Board meeting scheduled for June 10.

There was discussion regarding realignment of Regional Planning Council boundaries.

**13) Next Meeting and Other Business**

The next Council meeting will be held on August 10, 2022, at 9:30 am at the Jack Stroup Civic Center in Downtown Sebring. (NOTE: Meeting later rescheduled to August 3, 2022, at CareerSource Heartland in Sebring.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keith Keene, Chair



**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FY 2021-2022**  
For the Month Ended June 30, 2022

Exhibit #2B

**UNAUDITED**

June = 75%

	<b>ACCRUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>ACCRUAL</b>
	<b>June 2022</b>	<b>June 2022</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE INCOME</b>				
1 Use of Prior Year Surplus	\$ -	\$ -		0%
2 Member Assessments	277,968	208,476	277,968	100%
3 Local Revenue	577,125	811,031	843,188	68%
4 State Revenue	244,822	132,670	309,507	79%
5 Federal Revenue	2,569,806	2,355,639	4,498,610	57%
6 TOTAL INCOME	3,669,721	3,507,816	5,929,273	62%
<b>7 EXPENSE</b>				
8 Salaries & Fringe Benefits	1,501,756	1,475,912	2,320,106	65%
9 Consultants	175,205	162,082	354,387	49%
10 Transportation for the Disadvantaged Trips	1,687,147	1,554,850	2,280,000	74%
12 Accounting/Payroll Services	1,893	1,893	2,000	95%
13 Advertising	3,091	3,091	10,000	31%
14 Audit	27,038	27,038	26,500	102%
15 Auto Expense	8,266	8,395	13,000	64%
16 Building Security	569	569	1,600	36%
17 Dues & Fees	31,256	29,901	50,000	63%
18 Equipment Expense	7,989	7,358	9,000	89%
19 File Management	6,588	270	8,600	77%
20 Insurance	27,581	27,581	37,000	75%
21 Janitorial/Maintenance	6,486	6,486	12,500	52%
22 Legal Fees	22,616	23,518	33,000	69%
23 Meeting Expense	1,478	1,512	8,000	18%
24 Miscellaneous	-	-	1,000	0%
25 Office Supplies	7,804	8,107	15,000	52%
26 Postage & Delivery	921	829	5,000	18%
27 Printing	3,617	3,617	6,000	60%
28 Repair & Maintenance	5,549	10,294	6,500	85%
29 Technology Supplies	29,573	30,167	45,000	66%
30 Telephone	13,034	13,428	20,000	65%
31 Travel & Registration Fees	40,219	43,488	52,000	77%
32 Utilities	6,617	7,448	10,000	66%
33 Capital Outlay - Office & Technology	31,349	33,149	45,000	70%
34 Capital Outlay - Vehicle	-	-	-	0%
34 Capital Outlay - TD Vehicle	-	-	510,080	0%
35 Capital Outlay - Building	36,824	36,824	48,000	77%
36 TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 3,684,466	\$ 3,517,807	\$ 5,929,273	62%
37				
38 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ (14,745)	\$ (9,991)	\$ -	

**CASH ON HAND 6/30/2022**

Checking Account + Petty Cash	\$ 164,801
<b>Cash Held in Reserve:</b>	
Money Market Account	\$ 163,249
Local Govt Investment Pool	\$ 9,487
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 337,537</b>

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**June 30, 2022**

<b><u>UNAUDITED</u></b>		<b><u>ACCRUAL</u></b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
1	Cash	\$ 164,786
2	Petty Cash	15
3	Accounts Receivable	396,369
4	Unbilled Costs	845,104
5	Prepaid Expenses	40,357
6	Fixed Assets	1,113,434
7	Funds Held in Reserve	172,735
8		
9	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,732,800</u></b>
10		
11	<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
12		
13	Liabilities	
14	Accounts Payable	\$ 573,705
15	Compensated Absences Liability	157,708
16	Deferred Revenue	87,062
17	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>818,476</u></b>
18		
19	Fund Balance	1,914,324
20		
21	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,732,800</u></b>

Agenda Item #4  
**Economic Development Administration CARES Act Grant Work Accomplished**

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

**Background:** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allowed for short term and long-term economic development planning in responding to and recovering from the pandemic crisis and other disasters. Through the term of the grant staff has provided economic updates, identified funding opportunities through meetings with community partners, and promoted regional strategies and partnerships. Updates through labor market, demographic, and economic data modeling were developed and included in the annual update to the CEDS. This information was also used to support disaster recovery and resilience projects. In turn, the CEDS was actively used by regional partners to inform decisions around economic development and to support grant applications.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 and its effects on people, businesses, and communities throughout the region persisted through the term of the grant. Technical assistance and capacity assistance continued to be provided to regional partners through training sessions, consultations, and roundtable discussions. Capacity and Technical Assistance Sessions were convened through in person meetings and virtually through teleconferences resulting in more than 100 information sessions. A total of 80 sessions were held for project management and economic data analysis.

These sessions included training on Cultivating Strategic Partnerships, workshops on Downtown Resilience and Practical Innovation, and roundtables centered around recovery from economic injuries sustained as a result of the pandemic. Of particular focus were the Downtown centers throughout the region, Chambers of Commerce, Main Streets, and Community Redevelopment Agencies. Participants included local governments, economic development organizations, Main Streets, Downtowns, and other community partners throughout the Heartland Region. Technical assistance was provided to aid in seeking recovery resources and grant resources, and capacity surge assistance was provided to develop economic strategies, facilitate community workshops, and provide economic resiliency through future disasters.

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Agenda Item #5

**Adoption of the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Central Florida Economic Development District (EDD) for 2022-2027**

Actions Requested:	Publish for Public for Comment the CEDS Document for 2022-2027 and submit to the US Economic Development Administration with Comments
Exhibits:	#5: Draft CEDS Summary Document

**Background:** The CFRPC serves as the Economic Development District (EDD) for the Central Florida Region, as designated by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). As the EDD, staff's responsibilities include the development and implementation of the CEDS, grant writing and technical assistance to local governments for economic development projects, providing economic analysis for potential projects throughout the region, and providing other capacity assistance related to economic development and resiliency.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a 5 year regional economic development plan for the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk. The EDD maintains the CEDS through an ongoing planning and analysis process, working in conjunction with the CEDS Committee to develop yearly updates and a major update every five years. The Strategy analyzes the regional economy, identifies goals, key issues, target industries, key project and investment areas, and maintains a focus on job creation, quality of life issues related to economy, and economic diversification, stability, and resilience.

The 2022-2027 CEDS has been drafted and staff is seeking approval to publish for public comment and transmit to EDA.

The following missing pages will  
be posted at a later date. They are  
available upon request.

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## Agenda Item #6 Florida Wildlife Corridor

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#6: Pilot Study Information Sheet

**Background:** The Florida Wildlife Corridor Act was signed into law on June 30, 2021 and became effective on July 1, 2021. The Act creates “incentives for conservation and sustainable development while sustaining and conserving the green infrastructure that is the foundation of Florida’s economy and quality of life.” The Florida Wildlife Corridor encompasses nearly 17.7 million acres in Florida. Of that area, 9.6 million acres (54%) are already protected and 8.1 million acres (46%) of remaining opportunity areas that do not have conservation status.

The CFRPC staff has completed a Florida Wildlife Corridor Planning and Development Data Pilot Project for the Heartland Region. The Study identifies Florida Wildlife Corridor Opportunity Areas within the inland Heartland counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk with the potential for near-term development. Data collected and analyzed to inform the report included building permits, zoning changes, land suitability, generalized future land use, existing infrastructure relevant to future development, and development entitlements. Activities included 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.

Staff will provide an update on the work the Council is doing on the Corridor including the results of the Pilot Study.



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# Florida Wildlife Corridor

## Planning and Development Data - Pilot Project Information Sheet

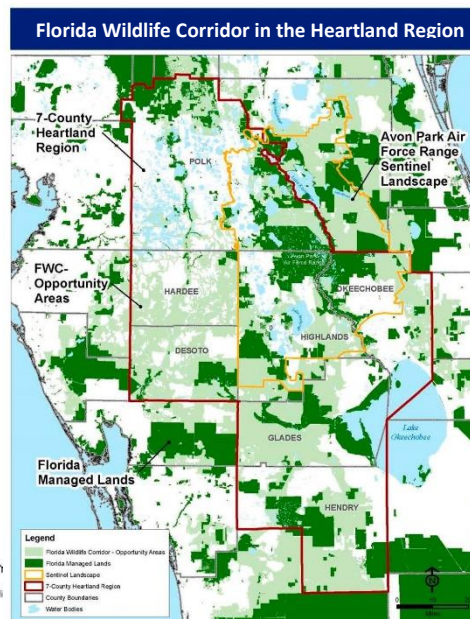
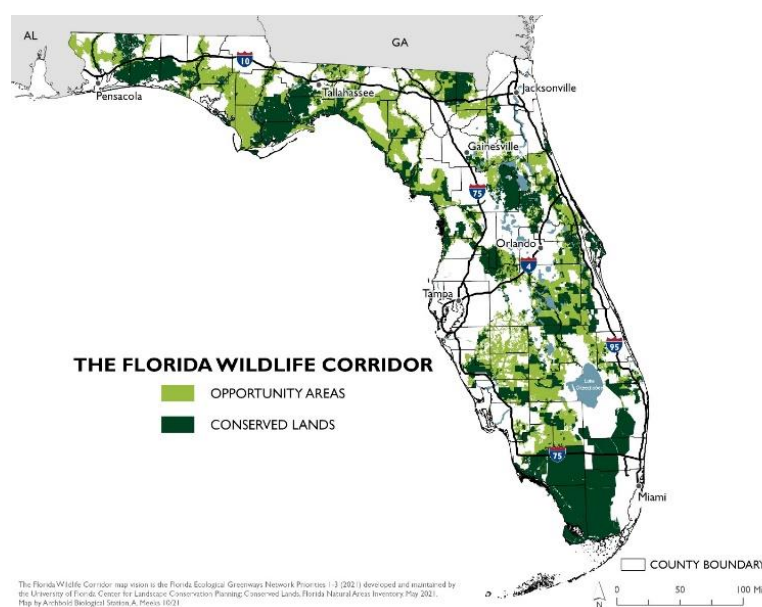
### Florida Wildlife Corridor:

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

- 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.

### Pilot Project:

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. The pilot project specifically focused on potential residential development as this currently represents the greatest development pressure throughout the Heartland region. The study serves as a model for work to be completed across the state.



### Data Collection:

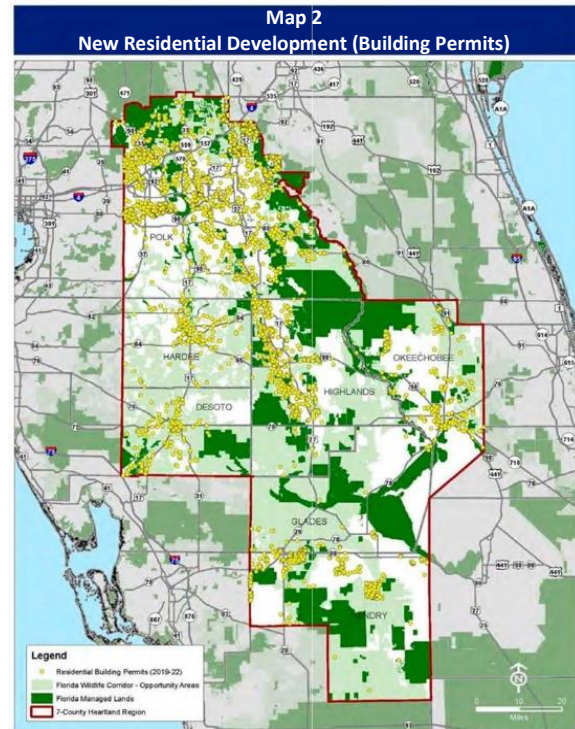
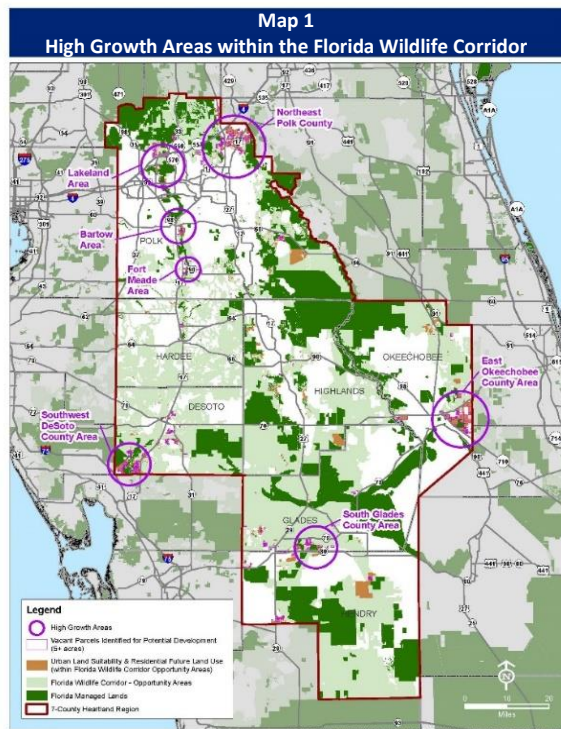
Data collected and summarized to identify areas of potential development included the following.

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

## Project Findings:

The study identified vacant parcels containing supportive land use characteristics for future residential development, and also identified areas where higher concentrations of vacant, potentially developable parcels were located within critical (not yet conserved) areas within the corridor. These focus areas are shown in Map 1 below.

To further examine areas that could potentially be developed in the near future, residential building permit data was mapped and compared against the identified high growth areas. Map 2 and the Table below reflect the location and number of new residential construction permits within the Heartland region between January 2019 and March 2022.



Building Permit Information (January 2019 – March 2022)	
DeSoto	428
Glades	146
Hardee	243
Hendry	1,032
Highlands	1,002
Okeechobee	486
Polk	14,332
Heartland Region	17,669

## Conclusion:

Results of the pilot study indicate that new residential development is encroaching on the periphery and in some cases within the Florida Wildlife Corridor Opportunity Areas.

Identified high growth areas are assumed to be those areas that may be developed in the next 10 years or less. Identification of these areas in conjunction with the mapping of building permit information is intended to serve as a resource in support of efforts being conducted by others interested in connecting and protecting Florida's wildlife populations.

Agenda Item #7

**Adopt Resolution 2022-8A Authorizing Executive Director to Sign, Administer, and Approve Modifications to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Agreement for FY 2022-2023**

Actions Requested:	Approve Resolution
Exhibits:	#7: Resolution 2022-8A

**Background:** On April 1, 2022, the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) became effective. Through the MOU, the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition provides a formal platform for local governments to: work together to create guidelines for the development of resilient communities; learn “Best Practices” from each other and from other regions; and leverage regional resilience efforts to enhance funding and increase competitiveness for securing grants.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has awarded the CFRPC a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to develop a Regional Resiliency Action Plan as part of the efforts of the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition. Grant details are provided below.

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

**Product:** The product from this effort will include a Regional Resiliency Action Plan involving a transparent public engagement process and will:

- 1) Create a vision of resilient inland communities encompassing urban, suburban and rural communities.
- 2) Define both local and regional goals, objectives, strategies, and actions to support alignment of critical issues.
- 3) Consider federal and state planning requirements.
- 4) Define best practices, national metrics, and certification requirements.
- 5) Include a scorecard to measure progress and achievements.
- 6) Develop actional strategies for the next five years.

This resolution will allow the Executive Director to sign the agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, administer, and approve modifications.

- **Resolution 2022-8A**

Authorizes the Executive Director to sign, administer, and approve modifications to the grant agreement between the CFRPC and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan.

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## RESOLUTION 2022-8A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN, ADMINISTER, AND APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A HEARTLAND REGIONAL RESILIENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE HEARTLAND REGIONAL RESILIENCY COALITION.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2021, Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Board affirmed by unanimous decision to support the creation of a program to convene stakeholders in the seven-county Heartland Region to develop the framework for a regional resiliency coalition, including the local governments and government agencies and entities serving the Heartland Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members have joined in formation of the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition to coordinate their efforts and enhance their abilities to identify, plan, and implement sustainability and resiliency measures to guard against threats and protect our natural environment and our communities, for the health and safety of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2022, the Heartland Regional Resiliency Coalition Memorandum of Understanding took effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will prepare a Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan which shall include strategies for coordinated regional preparation for and adaption to a rapidly changing environment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:**

- The CFRPC Executive Director is authorized to sign, administer, and approve modifications to the grant agreement between the CFRPC and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a Heartland Regional Resiliency Action Plan.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Keene, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL ATTORNEY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Agenda Item #9  
Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape Program

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#9 Conservation Guide

**Background:** The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is a coalition of federal agencies, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that works with private landowners to advance sustainable land management practices around military installations and ranges. Founded in 2013 by the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and Department of the Interior, the partnership's mission is to strengthen military readiness, conserve natural resources, bolster agricultural and forestry economies, and increase climate change resilience.

In July 2016, the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape was designated and includes the Lake Wales Ridge and Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. Through a suite of landowner assistance programs, federal and state agencies such as the USDA, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Departments of Environmental Protection, Florida Forest Service, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provide assistance to willing landowners with restoring and conserving working lands. In turn, this support can benefit the military by buffering APAFR from incompatible development that could threaten the future of the military mission. In addition to maintaining the viability of regional agricultural production, these efforts will also benefit water quality and conservation by decreasing stormwater runoff in the Northern Everglades and Lake Okeechobee while preserving habitat connectivity.

Serving as the coordinator of the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape Program, the CFRPC has developed a Conservation Guide providing information to assist landowners with contacts and programs for voluntary conservation easements.

The CFRPC, in partnership with the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District, recently held a Landowner Assistance Expo to provide technical assistance, cost-share opportunities, conservation easements, and the financial implications of each program. Outreach representatives attended to provide brief overviews of local, State, Federal and non-governmental programs and receive feedback from attendees.

Staff will provide a program update and results from the 2022 Landowner Assistance Expo.



The following pages can be found  
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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: June 2022

### **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH**

- Organized and distributed the May 2022 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Updated the FRCA website and Facebook page.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: [www.flregionalcouncils.org](http://www.flregionalcouncils.org).
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and webinars:
  - Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Meeting
  - Florida Collaborative Coordinator Forum
  - Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
  - Florida Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Shelter Plan Meeting
- Coordinated with the Florida League of Cities and the Economic Development Administration on a panel at the upcoming annual conference.

### **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

- Hosted the June FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and prepared for the July EDAC Meeting.
- Coordinated and staffed the Summer Policy Board Meeting held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on June 10, 2022.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2022 meeting and conference schedule.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.