

# Central Florida Regional Planning Council

**August 14, 2019**

CareerSource Heartland  
5901 US Hwy 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring, FL  
9:30 a.m.



AGENDA ITEM #1

# Public Comments



## AGENDA ITEM #2

# Council Administration

A. June 12, 2019, Minutes

B. July 2019 Financial Report

Requested Action:

Approval



AGENDA ITEM #3

# Highlands County Activities Report

Randy Vosburg  
County Administrator



AGENDA ITEM #4

# Post Disaster Recovery Update

Curtis Knowles  
Program Manager



# Post Disaster Recovery Update



# Overview

- Hurricane Irma...2017
- Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018
- Statewide Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinators
- Long Term Recovery Groups – Highlands and Polk County
- Hurricane Irma Recovery Status
- Funding Opportunities



# Hurricane Irma...2017

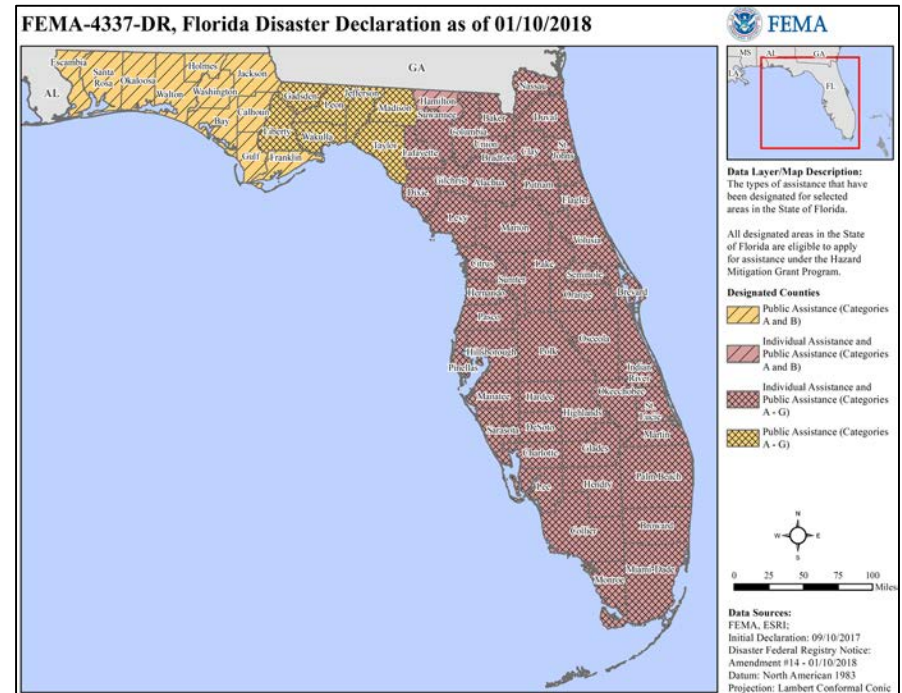
- Landfall September 10, 2017
- 1<sup>st</sup> Category 4 since Hurricane Charley in 2004
- Sustained winds of 100+ mph
- ~16,000 people in shelters
- Schools closed for 12 days
- 10 deaths
- \$56+ million in debris claims
- 2+ billion in crop loss
- 1.5 billion in visitor spending loss
- ~8.6 billion in insurance loss





# Hurricane Irma...2017

- Declaration
  - Highlands and Polk Counties were listed as Tier 2 Hurricane Irma most impacted Counties
  - Economic Development Administration - Economic Development Assistance Programs Grant
  - December 2017 CFRPC received grant award for a “Recovery Coordinator Position”



# Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018

- Effective October 5, 2018
- 50 Provisions
- Acknowledges the shared responsibility for disaster response and recovery
- Aims to reduce the complexity of FEMA
- Build the nation's capacity for the next catastrophic event.

# Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018

## Provisions Coverage Areas Examples

- Wildfires
- Building Code / Floodplain Administration
- Public Assistance Improvements
- Facility Prioritizations
- Evacuation Routes
- Water Resources Development
- State Administered Housing
- Individual and Public Assistance
- Food Banks
- Veterinary Emergency Teams
- Historic Preservation
- Agency Accountability
- Hazard Mitigation
- Relief Organizations/Long Term Recovery Groups



# Statewide Regional Disaster Resilience Coordinators

- Statewide Group:
  - Regional Planning Councils
  - Monroe County
  - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
  - Economic Development Administration
- Core focus on Economic Recovery
- Meet monthly to discuss recovery topics across the state



# Long Term Recovery Groups Highlands and Polk County

- Established bylaws, procedures, website, Facebooks, LinkedIn page
- Assist with case management, housing repair/replacement, unmet needs, volunteers, disaster preparedness, business continuity and recovery

Polk Recovery After Disaster

Chair: Curtis Knowles

<https://polkrad.weebly.com>

Highlands County LTRG

Coordinator: Donna Naugle

863-873-1563 or

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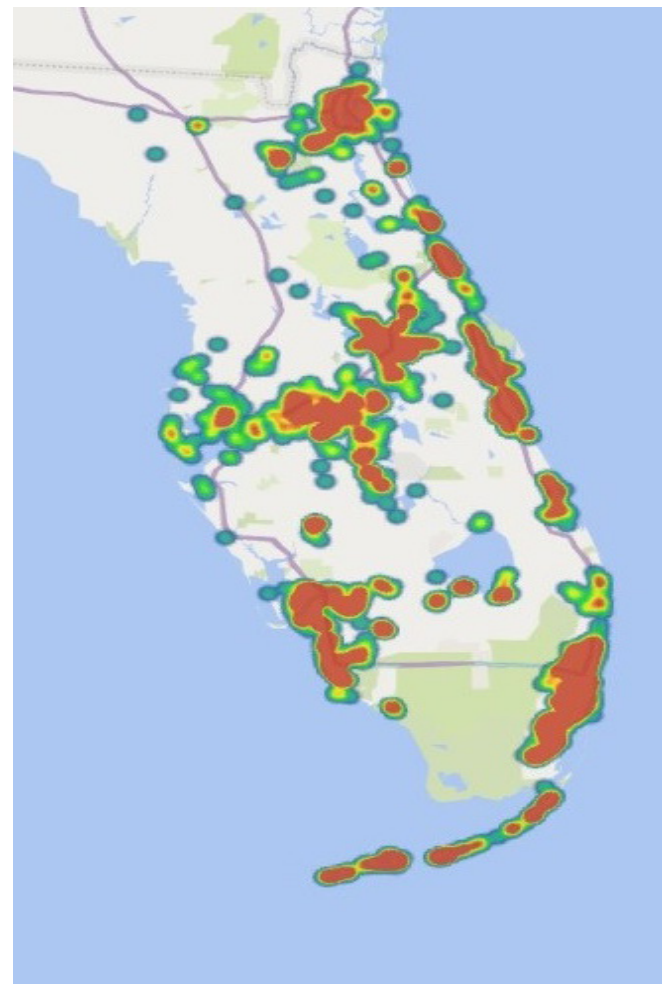
# Funding Opportunities

- Rebuild Florida (Hurricane Irma Housing Repair and Replacement Program)
- DEO - Voluntary Home Buyout Program
- DEO - Infrastructure Repair Program
- DEO/Florida Housing - Hurricane Irma Affordable Workforce Housing Construction Program



# Rebuild Florida (Hurricane Irma Housing Repair and Replacement Program)

- DeSoto:
  - 154 registered
  - 137 invited to apply
- Hardee:
  - 37 registered
  - 31 invited to apply
- Highlands:
  - 269 registered
  - 234 invited to apply
- Okeechobee:
  - 19 registered
  - 18 invited to apply
- Polk:
  - 925 registered
  - 813 invited to apply



# DEO - Voluntary Home Buyout Program

- Available Funds: \$75,000,000
- Option 1: Use funds to match projects eligible in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (as listed in Local Mitigation Plans)
- Option 2: Use funds to acquire contiguous parcels and to acquire property from low- to moderate-income households that did not have flood insurance at the time of Hurricane Irma
- Applications due October 1, 2019





# Rebuild Florida - Infrastructure Repair Program

- Available Funds: \$85,813,653
- Option 1: Use funds for Infrastructure Restoration and Improvement Projects
- Option 2: Use funds for match for other federal programs when used to carry out an eligible federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery infrastructure activity
- Applications due August 28, 2019



# Rebuild Florida/Florida Housing – Affordable Workforce Housing Construction Program

- Total Available Funds: \$140,000,000
- RFA 2019-102
  - The grant is due August 27, 2019 by 3:00pm.
  - Funds Available:
    - \$88,000,000 for construction of new affordable rental housing (Development Funding)
    - \$10 million for acquiring land that will be held in perpetuity (Land Acquisition Program Funding). If applying as a Priority I Application, land must remain affordable in Perpetuity.
- RFA 2019-103
  - The grant is due August 29, 2019 by 3:00pm.
  - Funds Available:
    - \$20 million for construction of affordable small Developments consisting of no more than 50 units



# Accomplishments to Date

- Highlands and Polk County Long Term Recovery Groups
  - Funding secured for Highlands County Recovery Staff
  - Funding applied for Polk County Recovery Staff
  - Building Partnerships with Community Organizations
  - Presented to the Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Florida - Recovery Issues for repair/rebuilding
- Provide Technical Assistance for Potential EDA Grant
  - Lakeland Linder International Airport
  - Sebring Regional Airport



# Current Projects/Programs/Initiatives

- Long Term Recovery Groups
- Local Mitigation Strategy Update - Working Groups
  - Highlands County – Stakeholder Member
  - Polk County – CFRPC contract to update
- Post Disaster Recovery Aviation Industries Cluster, Collaboration, Feasibility, and Strategic Action Plan
  - Focus Area: Highlands and Polk County
  - EDA-DR Grant Awarded: September 2018
  - Stakeholder Meetings with Consultant: August 2019



# Future Needs

- Enhanced Long Term Recovery Groups
- Funding for mobile home repairs/rebuild
- Post Disaster Recovery Plans
- Business Continuity Training

# Contact Information

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AGENDA ITEM #5

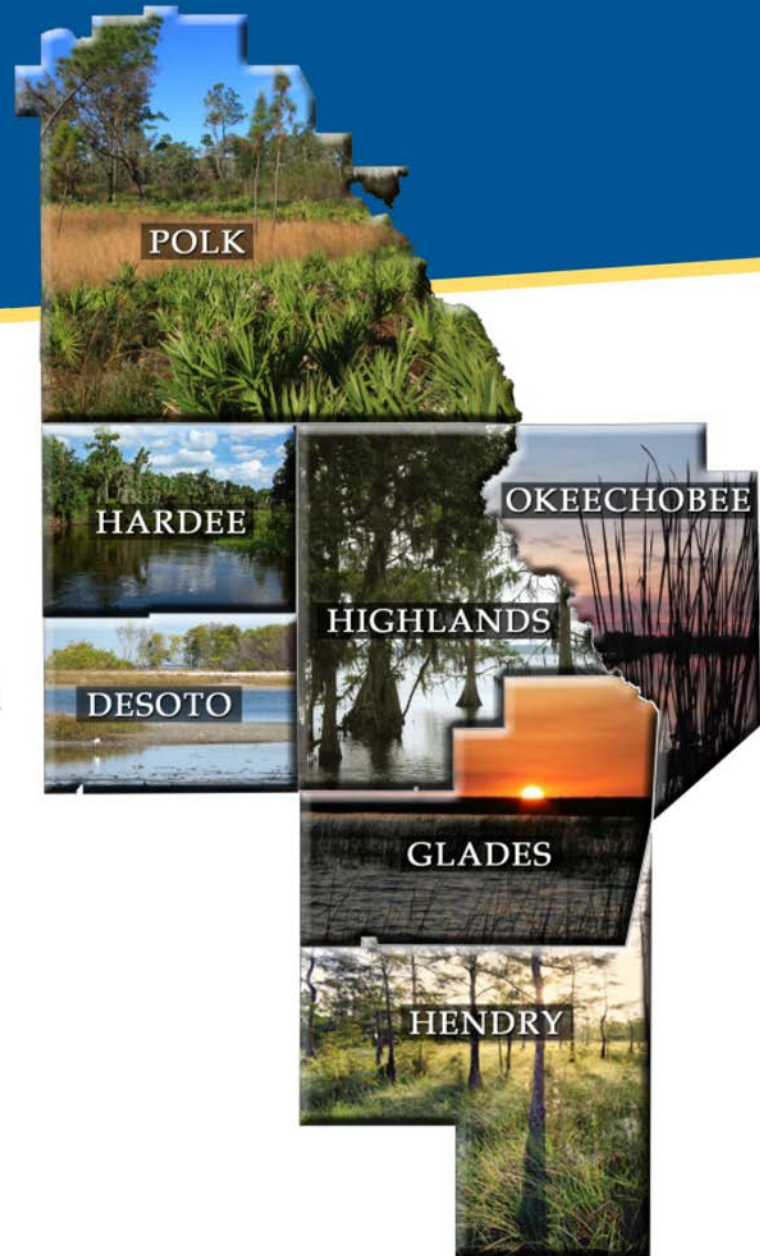
# Heartland 2060 Summits and Community Engagement





# heartland2060

## Regional Vision







# heartland2060

*Building a Resilient Region*

**Summit**



**September 20, 2019**

Winter Haven, FL

**November 2019**

Lake Placid, FL



AGENDA ITEM #6

FY 19/20

**Community Planning  
Technical Assistance Grant  
and  
Competitive Florida  
Partnership Awards**



AGENDA ITEM #7

# Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Resolution 2019-8A

Requested Action:

Adopt Resolution 2019-8A



AGENDA ITEM #8

**Public Transportation Grant  
Agreement, Section 5311  
Resolution 2019-8B**

Requested Action:

**Adopt Resolution 2019-8B**



## AGENDA ITEM #9

# Update on the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)



## AGENDA ITEM #10

# Update on the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)



# Corridor Task Force

## Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force Local Representation

- FDOT District One Secretary, L.K. Nandam
- CFRPC Executive Director, Pat Steed
- HRTPO Member, Colon Lambert
- Polk TPO Member, Nat Birdsong\*
- DeSoto County Commissioner, Elton Langford
- Hardee County Commissioner, Mike Thompson\*
- Highlands County Commissioner, Ron Handley
- Polk County Commissioner, Rick Wilson\*

### 45 Members:

- *State Agencies/  
Commissions/  
Partnerships*
- *Environmental  
Groups*
- *Local Government  
Officials*

\*Member CFRPC Board



# Southwest-Central Florida Connector Task Force

- Plenary Session and Initial Individual Task Force Meetings to be held August 27, 2019, 8 AM, The Tampa Convention Center
- Government in the Sunshine Requirements





## AGENDA ITEM #11

# Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation

Requested Action:

Decision of Council



## AGENDA ITEM #12

# Executive Director's Report

- A. FRCA August Policy Board Meeting
- B. Project Updates



**AGENDA ITEM #13**

# **Other Business**

**Next Meeting  
October 9**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Okeechobee County Courthouse,  
Board of County Commission Chambers**

