

# NEERIC Highlights

## Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

October 2005

### Council staff travels overseas to share expertise in emergency preparedness

On October 7, 2005, Jeff Alexander – Director of Emergency Preparedness Programs – gave a presentation in London, England, on Terrorism Exercise Design and Implementation representing the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the State of Florida in his capacity of Statewide Coordinator of Exercises.

His trip was in response to a request from the Ministry of Defense [Homeland Security and Resilience Department] through the Royal United Services Institute to make this multi-media presentation.

The extensive track record and high-quality reputation of the Emergency Preparedness Programs group in designing and implementing 20 exercises over the last year has outpaced all known entities providing similar emergency management services.

This opportunity demonstrates how the Council is making an impact far beyond the Northeast Florida region.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Alexander at (904) 279-0885 X 134.

### Flagler County celebrates growth at recent power breakfast and “coming out party”

On Friday, September 30, 2005, Flagler County hosted a “Power Breakfast” that served as its self-proclaimed “Coming Out Party” to release information about the county which is considered the fastest growing county in America.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Flagler County was the nation’s fastest-growing county between July 1, 2003, and July 1, 2004, experiencing a 10.1 percent population increase. Florida led all states with 14 of the nation’s 100 fastest-growing counties.

The event was facilitated with the help of the Jacksonville Business Journal, Ginn Clubs and Resorts and Rogers Towers and was held at the beautiful Hammock Beach Resort.

The event showcased the demographic overview of the County, emphasizing the growth rate and highlighting special projects that exist or are coming to the Northeast Florida region and settling in the Flagler area.

The Council’s immediate past-president, Commissioner Blair Kanbar attended the event and Deputy CEO, Mario Taylor, was present representing the Council.

For more information, please contact Mario Taylor at (904) 279-0885 X 128.

### Three new DRI pre-application conferences held in October

Council staff conducted pre-application conferences for three new DRIs in October 2005. On October 14, the pre-application conference for Mariposa was held at the St. Johns River Water Management District. Mariposa is a multi-use DRI proposed in eastern Putnam County along Cracker Swamp Road to consist of 3,230 residential units, 153,000 square feet of office development, 288,000 square feet of industrial development, and 238,000 square feet of retail development.

On October 17, the pre-application conference for the Preserve at Thomas Creek DRI was held in Jacksonville. This DRI is located in north Jacksonville near the Jacksonville International Airport, and is proposed for about 10,000 residential units and 1,000,000 square feet of office, commercial and industrial development.

On October 25, the pre-application conference for the Lemberg North DRI was held in the St. Johns County Commission Chambers. Lemberg North is located along the west side of U.S. 1 north of the Airport, and is proposed for 1700 residential units, 600,000 square feet of retail, and 100,000 square feet of office development. These three projects should be coming before the Council for approval some time in mid to late 2006.

For more information, please contact Ed Lehman at (904) 279-0885 X 130.



### FPZA Awards Banquet

On October 22, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) held its annual awards banquet.

The FPZA is a statewide nonprofit organization comprised of people dedicated to planning and developing a quality Florida. It was formed with a mission to “furnish a medium for interchange of information and mutual assistance among those interested in planning and zoning.”

Council CEO, Brian Teeple, was the recipient of the 2005 Focus Award, presented at the event. The Focus Award recognizes the FPZA member in the First Coast Chapter whose hard work and commitment to planning in the First Coast region and to the First Coast Chapter are worthy of said recognition.

For more information, contact Ed Lehman at (904) 279-0880 X 130.

## North Florida Procurement Association names new slate of officers for 2006

The North Florida Procurement Association, Inc., Chapter NIGP is pleased to announce the 2006 Board of Directors: **Michael Clapsaddle**, President; Duval County **Maureen Torma**, Vice-President; Putnam County **Randy Wallis**, Secretary/Treasurer; St. Johns County **Baron Greenwade**, City of Jacksonville Beach **Ray Delugo**, Jacksonville Housing Authority **Tammy Bong**, Flagler County **Karen Smith**, St. Johns County School Board **Larry Ganger**, Duval County School Board **Alan Weaver**, St. Johns River Water Management District **Dereck Miller**, City of Fernandina Beach **Robert Sgroi**, Flagler County Sheriff's Office

**Ex-Officio Members:**  
**Blair Kanbar**, Flagler County  
**Ansley Acree**, Nassau County

The NFPA will be offering the first of a series of courses certified by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing November 28-30th at the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine. This course is entitled "Introduction to Public Procurement." The cost for NFPA members is \$550; non-members is \$725.

For more information, please contact Barbara Rovedo at (904) 279-0885 X 105.

## Agency on Aging transitions to Aging Resource Center

The Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging is in the process of transitioning to an Aging Resource Center pursuant to Florida Statute 430. The intent is to provide Florida's elders and their families with a locally focused, coordinated approach to integrating information and referral, create multiple access points to the long-term care network, provide a true "one-stop shop" for all elders and other equally important goals.

To assist in this transition, a Local Coalition Workgroup has been formed that functions as a community advisory committee and shall provide public input and guidance to the Aging Resource Center in the planning, implementation and development of a coordinated long term care service delivery system. The transition will be finalized by April, 2006.

For more information, contact Barbara Rovedo, Chair of the Local Coalition Workgroup at (904) 279-0885 X 105.



## Council partners with ACS to assist cancer patients with transportation needs

The NEFRC is partnering, through its Transportation Disadvantaged Program, with the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, to provide transportation to cancer patients throughout Northeast Florida. For cancer patients, transportation to and from their appointments is one of the most difficult challenges they face. The Lifeline Transportation Program is designed to meet this need by working with multiple community organizations and transportation providers.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or Stephen Jones at (904) 279-0885 X 115.

## Regional Leadership Academy update

On October 14, 2005, the Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) met at the Ravine Gardens in Palatka for a one day session. Guest speakers were Steve Seibert, Executive Director of the Century Commission, and Ben Warner, Associate Director of JCCI.

A wonderful boat tour of the Palatka riverfront was provided to the attendees during the session. A ride on the new trolley in Palatka, narrated by Putnam County residents, completed the tour.

The RLA will hold its closing retreat in St. Johns County on November 10 - 11, 2005. For more information contact Brian Teeple at (904) 279-0885 X 103.

## SAVE THE DATE:

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005 6:30 P.M.**



*The St. Johns County  
Convention Center  
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R.S.V.P. to (904) 279-0885  
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