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APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

336th Public Meeting

Thursday, May 30th, 2024

10:00am EST/ 9:00am CT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ricky Jones, Chair – Franklin
Jim Peacock, Vice-Chair – Jackson
Jack Porter, Secretary/Treasurer – City of Tallahassee
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FRCA POLICY BOARD MEMBERS:
Jack Porter, Rick Minor, and Lisa Miller

FULL COUNCIL

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Vacant	Governor's Appointee

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Evelyn Goldwire	Commissioner, City of Gretna
Vacant	Governor's Appointee

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Sandy Quinn, Jr.	County Commissioner
Johnny Paul	Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
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Wakulla County

Quincee Messersmith	County Commissioner
Steve Remke	Commissioner, City of St. Marks
Vacant	Governor's Appointee

Ex-Officio Members

Kristine Morris	Fl. Dept. of Environmental Protection
Darryl Boudreau	NW Fl. Water Management District
Tanya Branton	Fl. Dept. of Transportation
Diane Scholz	Florida Commerce

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Call to Order and General Business

- Commissioner Ricky Jones called the meeting to order at 10:07 am Eastern.
- Quorum confirmed.
- Pledge of Allegiance

ARPC Board Members in Attendance

Franklin County	Ricky Jones	County Commissioner
Franklin County	Sebrina Brown	Commissioner, City of Carrabelle
Gadsden County	Evelyn Goldwire	Mayor, City of Gretna
Gulf County	Johnny Paul	Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
Jackson County	Jim Peacock	County Commissioner
Jefferson County	Chris Tuten	County Commissioner
Jefferson County	John Jones	Councilman, City of Monticello
Leon County	Rick Minor	County Commissioner
Leon County	Lisa Miller	Governor’s Appointee
Liberty County	Doyle Brown	County Commissioner
Wakulla County	Quincee Messersmith	County Commissioner
Wakulla County	Steve Remke	Commissioner, City of St. Marks

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Darryl Boudreau – NW FL Water Management District
 Kristine Morris – Florida Department of Environmental Protection

ARPC Staff in Attendance

Josh Adams – Environmental Planning Manager
 Evan Blythe – Environmental Project Manager
 Kwentin Eastberg – Deputy Director
 Melissa Franklin – Communications Coordinator
 Juliette Kearce – Finance Administrator
 Divina Lade – Geospatial Planning Manager
 Christian Levings – Emergency Planning Manager
 Pat Maurer – Commuter Assistance Coordinator
 Mary O’Brien – Transportation Planning Manager
 Logan Patten – LEPC Coordinator
 Monica Pitts – Finance & Human Resources Director
 Chris Rietow – Executive Director
 Caroline Smith – Economic Development Planning Manager
 Amber Tyrie – Housing Programs Administrator
 Alex Valdez – Economic Development Planner
 Matthew Vossler – RLF Manager
 Josh Pasqualone – ARPC Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Phillip Clayton, Tri-River Waterways Development Association
Brendie Hawkins, Tallahassee State College
Ken Jones – RCSC
Greg Burke – Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
Sean Lewis – Florida Commerce
Richard Williams – Opportunity Florida
Dan Paasch – Office of Senator Rubio
Pat Tabuchi
Micheal Pace

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Minor motioned to approve the March 2024 ARPC Board Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin Infrastructure Update:

Philip Clayton, Executive Director of the TriRivers Waterway Development Association, provided an overview of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin (ACF).

NAVIGATION

- \$6.2 Billion in lock infrastructure sitting unused and with very limited maintenance since 2003
- 261 Miles of authorized channel from Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) to Columbus, GA
- Dredging of Apalachicola segment (FL) last occurred in 2001
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will not allocate resources per the OMB utilization algorithm (maintenance requirements X commercial utilization = annual funding)
- USACE annual appropriation for all Civil Works is ~\$8.6 Billion (FY2024)
- USACE 2020 estimate of \$94.2 Million to repair all 3 locks and spillways (1.6% of the annual budget)
- Estimate includes \$43 Million to repair spillway gates (Storage and Flows)
- With locks repaired the system is 65-70% reliable for commercial navigation most years (Nov – Jul)
- Limited dredging may be required at Mile Marks 77.8, 40.5, and 36.5 (~< 9 miles of channel)
- Limited dredging, even to 7.5 feet, in the shallow areas improves reliability to 90-95%
- \$10 Million annually needed to keep project at acceptable level of maintenance (utilization will allow funding through the annual civil works appropriation)

ECONOMICS

- The tri-state region bounding the lower ACF is an economically depressed area
- Poverty rates in the region are nearly twice that of the national average
- The economic potential of commercial navigation are significant to the Region
- Greatly reduces the wear and tear on existing road infrastructure due to heavy loads
- Current Industry and Water Supply – tristate \$7.1 Billion and 39,000 jobs
- Current Tourism – tristate \$662 Million and 5,100 jobs
- Commercial Navigation – tristate
- Currently 27 potential users identified – includes National Defense, renewable energy (wood pellets and nuclear)
- Est. 80 to 416 barge shipments per year (23,296 truck equivalent loads)
- Potential for over 3.33 million tons of cargo annually
- At 2.1 Million tons, potential for over 29,400 new jobs and \$1.99 billion in total economic impact over 10 years
- Yields an additional \$2.4 billion in tax revenue over ten years (18:1 ROI for government investment of \$136 million for repairs)

Executive Director Report

Financial Reports

Commissioner Peacock motioned to approve the ARPC Financial Summary. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Program Reports

- Economic Development: Thank you to Caroline Smith and Alex Valdes, both of whom stepped in and bridged the gap in the ARPC Growth Management and Transportation programs.
- Emergency Planning: Congratulations to Christian Levings, ARPC Emergency Planning Manager, and family on their new baby girl!
- Environmental Planning: NFWF Is interested in a second living shoreline project.
- *Revolving Loan Fund (RLF): Matthew Vossler, ARPC RLF Manager, provided the Board with an overview of the current status of the ARPC Revolving Loan Fund Program, and explained some of the changes that are taking place within the program.

Moving forward, the ARPC RLF program will require a leverage of at least two dollars of additional capital for each one dollar loaned. This leveraged capital requirement is not a requirement for individual loans; rather, it is applied to the RLF program portfolio as a whole. The leveraged capital requirement only applies to the CARES RLF and the REVIVE! RLF funds, which are still under EDA authority.

In light of these changes, staff will be pivoting its outreach approach to facilitate relationships with business lenders throughout the Region and begin to fill the need for gap funding, when appropriate for ARPC to do so. This approach is not only in line with EDA requirements but will also ensure ARPC is not left in a vulnerable position as far as loaned capital is concerned.

In addition, ARPC staff has established a Revolving Loan Advisory committee, composed of local business and financial experts, to review loan applications and advise the Executive Committee on best practices.

ARPC will still have opportunities to assist small business owners outside of the leveraged capital requirements by utilizing funds from the Legacy RLF program, which is officially defederalized and released to ARPC for additional loan assistance, free of EDA requirements and restrictions.

In addition, the Board was presented with both the CARES and REVIVE! RLF Plan updates for review and approval.

RLF PLAN UPDATES

Commissioner Peacock motioned to approve the Revive! and CARES RLF Plan Update. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- Housing: ARPC is now administering the SHIP program in Gulf County.
- GIS: The GIS program continues to grow and is in the process of hiring more team members.
- Growth Management: Please welcome Justin Stiell, ARPC's new Growth Management Senior Planner.

2024 Signature Authority Resolution

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Commissioner motioned to approve the 2024 Signature Authority Resolution. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Regional Passenger Rail Update

Commissioner Minor provided an update on the status of passenger rail service returning to the Region. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) interim report identified 15 potential new routes for consideration, one of which connects Dallas to Miami, and runs through the Apalachee Region. The Southern Rail Commission (whose members include the states of Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana) continues to push for expanded passenger rail, and there is cause for Florida to join the organization's efforts.

Commissioner Minor motioned that the Council draft a resolution of support and a template letter for local governments to use in asking for Florida (Governor/Legislators) to join the Southern Rail Commission. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm Eastern.

APPROVED BY:THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Ricky Jones
Chair

Chris Rietow
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Chris Rietow

The following items will be reported and discussed with the Board:

- A. ***FINANCIAL REPORTS:** *Included in the Board Packet are the following items for Board review and approval:*
FY 2023/2024 Summary
FY 2023/2024 Expense Summary for March and April
- B. ***STAFF REPORTS:** *Staff program reports are included on the following pages. Staff will be present at the meeting to answer any questions and report on any additional program updates.*
- C. ***TRIRIVERS WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:** *Review of materials to determine if the ARPC should become a dues paying member of the TriRivers Waterway Development Association.*
- D. ***REGIONAL PASSENGER RAIL UPDATE:** Review of Draft Resolution 24-03 and template letter showing support for Florida to join the Southern Rail Commission.
- E. ***APRIL 25, 2024 ARPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY:** *Overview on the recent actions of the ARPC Executive Committee.*

ACTIONS NEEDED

- * Motion to approve the Financial Summary through April 2024.
- * Motion to approve Resolution 24-02.
- * Potential Motion to approve ARPC joining the TriRivers Waterway Development Association.
- * Potential Motion to approve the Southern Rail Commission Resolution 24-03 and corresponding template letter.
- * Motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee (EC) for the April 24, 2024 EC Meeting.

Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Revenue & Expenses 23/24

\$ 106,320.06 Balance 10/1/23

LINE-ITEM	Total	10/23	11/23	12/23	1/24	2/24	3/24	4/24
General Revenue								
EDA Planning Grant	52,500.00	-	-	35,000.00	-	17,500.00	-	-
Jacob City Broadband	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadsden Competitive FL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy RLF - Admin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARES RLF - Admin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REVIVE RLF - Admin	27,600.00	-	-	15,000.00	100.00	12,500.00	-	-
FDEM - Hazards Analyses	26,168.38	-	-	-	10,467.35	-	-	15,701.03
FDEM - HMEP Planning	2,348.70	-	-	2,348.70	-	-	-	-
FDEM - HMEP Training	20,325.00	-	-	12,450.00	-	7,875.00	-	-
FDEM - LEPC Support Staff	26,180.00	-	10,780.00	-	-	15,400.00	-	-
Big Bend Healthcare - Admin	101,224.00	50,612.00	-	-	50,612.00	-	-	-
Wakulla CDBG Shelter	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.00	-
Small Emergency Planning Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPC Vulnerability Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin Vulnerability Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadsden Vulnerability Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walkulla CDBG Risk	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin 98 - ARPC	57,308.38	37,057.64	-	-	20,250.74	-	-	-
Franklin 98 - Project Costs	1,740,059.77	292,429.95	-	-	1,447,629.82	-	-	-
FDEP - SQG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Small Environmental Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calhoun HHRP 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calhoun SHIP	25,850.00	8,750.00	-	-	-	8,750.00	-	8,350.00
Gulf SHIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson SHIP	34,411.14	11,470.38	-	-	-	11,470.38	-	11,470.38
Jackson HHRP	111,631.35	37,210.65	-	-	-	37,210.35	-	37,210.35
Calhoun GIS	11,710.00	8,060.00	-	-	1,900.00	-	-	1,750.00
Franklin GIS	4,790.00	1,040.00	-	-	-	-	-	3,750.00
Gadsden GIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
City of Marianna GIS	97.50	97.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
City of Carrabelle GIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Small Geospatial Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPC County Dues	91,172.65	22,279.66	13,080.28	-	7,476.55	21,567.13	-	26,769.03
CoC - Admin	3,138.75	-	-	1,221.75	905.25	-	692.25	319.50
FRCA - Admin	49,445.62	-	7,507.07	12,787.07	12,977.64	-	10,581.27	5,592.57
Misc. Small TA Contracts	21,342.50	9,197.50	1,495.00	5,000.00	1,900.00	3,750.00	-	-
Town of Havana	15,648.75	-	-	-	-	-	9,506.25	6,142.50
Town of Havana - Cemetery Mapping	11,017.50	11,017.50	-	-	-	-	-	-



TriRivers Waterway Development Association
333 East Broad Street
Eufaula, Alabama 36027

April 19, 2024

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing because I think you and your organization would make great members of the TriRivers Waterway Development Association (TRWDA) team. TRWDA focuses on the navigable portion of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint (ACF) Rivers basin. I ask you to please consider becoming a valuable member of TRWDA.

For the last twenty years we have had virtually no funding through the US Army Corps of Engineers for lock repairs and maintenance on the ACF system. Our locks have been permanently closed to all public access since 2016, causing large recreational vessels and commercial navigation to cease and costing this region billions of dollars in economic growth and prosperity.

We have worked diligently for more than two decades to fix the funding problem and at last year's annual meeting we were able to announce an award of \$74.6 million in FY 2024 for lock repairs at Walter F. George and Jim Woodruff under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation. The lock at George W. Andrews was not funded. Senators Britt (AL) and Tuberville (AL) sponsored a Senate Community Directed Spending addition in the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2024 to rectify this problem. This act became law on March 9th, 2024, funding an additional \$20.365 million for George W. Andrews. This is also FY 2024 funds. We also received \$6 million through normal Operations and Maintenance funds from the US Army Corps of Engineers for FY 2024. So, we now have \$101 million sitting with the Mobile District of the Corps of Engineers for repairs on all three locks and dams and to begin some National Environmental Policy Act consultation with stakeholders on the rivers. What a banner year! We continue, however, to focus not only on lock repairs, but on channel restoration to support ecological flows for fish migration and the Apalachicola flood plain as well as recreational and commercial navigation. Together, we are better able to achieve what some said was "unachievable"!

Your support for TRWDA and participation in our efforts would be a tremendous asset. Membership contributions are vitally important to our continued work to ensure we have access to the water resources we so desperately need to sustain our environment, existing communities and industries and attract new industries to the region. We ask that you join today.

***Promoting the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint Rivers waterway for the economic wellbeing of our tri-state region.
From LaGrange, Columbus/Phenix City and Bainbridge to Apalachicola.***

We will have additional updates at our annual meeting in early November 2024. Exact dates and location are to be published in the coming weeks.

If you have questions or other concerns, please contact me at pclayton@eufaulachamber.com or 334-689-8551.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Philip W. Clayton
Executive Director

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From LaGrange, Columbus/Phenix City and Bainbridge to Apalachicola.*



Membership Application

New Renewal

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Recommended by _____

Type of Business _____

Major Industry Large business, counties, cities Small business, counties, cities

Dues (See below for schedule of dues) _____

Name (Printed) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Title _____

Please return to:

Philip W. Clayton, Executive Director

TriRivers Waterway Development Association

333 East Broad St.

Eufaula, AL 36027

Corporate Sponsors: \$2,000.00

Shippers, Carriers, and other related waterway users: \$600.00

Associate, government, and non-profit organizations: \$300.00

Individual membership: \$50.00

Note: Organizational membership provides for one participant



Why YOU Should Become a Member of TriRivers Waterway Development Association

TriRivers Waterway Development Association (TRWDA) is a not-for-profit whose sole mission is to promote the Apalachicola Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers system from LaGrange, Columbus, Phenix City, and Bainbridge to Apalachicola for the economic well-being of the tri-state region.

The Supreme Court has ruled on the Fla. vs. Ga. Case.

- TRWDA will stay engaged with Stakeholders to promote the interests of the middle and lower ACF Basin.

TriRivers pleads the case for adequate federal funding for the congressionally authorized dams, locks, and channels.

- While the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operates these facilities, Congress appropriates the funding. We must work to ensure adequate funding for future operations and maintenance.
- The annual USACE Civil Works budget for the system provides funding based on utilization. We must get barges moving again to re-establish demand for operations and maintenance funds for the future.

Competition for federal dollars and the long water wars have put the lower ACF system in an existential crisis.

- All three locks on the system are shut down indefinitely and needed special appropriations for major rehabilitation work. The Corps completed a study in June 2020 and estimates \$94 million was needed to restore the dams. The cost of dredging was not determined.
- We currently have funding of \$101 million for necessary repairs at Walter F. George, George W. Andrews, and Jim Woodruff. We are working on funding for channel restoration.
- The current management plan for the ACF basin provides inadequate flow during critical times. We are continuing to advocate for changes to the Water Control Manual that could remedy the problem.

Our longstanding position is to restore and maintain a usable navigation channel below Jim Woodruff.

- We support USACE efforts to de-slug the channel to allow safe boating.
- We continue to seek a means to have the channel available for commercial navigation through the proper management of dredging procedures, beneficial use – sand disposal, and water flow.
- TRWDA remains engaged with Florida and stakeholder groups to find mutually acceptable solutions.

We support the major industries on the river and seek opportunities to bring in new ones.

- Existing industry on the river is responsible for thousands of jobs in the region. A recent economic impact study of commercial navigation indicates the possibility of thousands of new jobs tied to navigation.

We recognize the value of recreation and ecotourism.

- COE recreation areas
- Whitewater Columbus
- Paddleboat tours from Apalachicola
- Fishing tournaments
- Boating and lake recreation facilities
- River trails

- Lake groups. i.e. Friends of Lake Eufaula and Stewards of Lake Seminole

We support a long-term consensus solution to the tri-state water wars.

- TriRivers is a founding, sustaining and active member of the ACF Stakeholders.

We support keeping the Coast Guard stationed in Eufaula to maintain aids to navigation to the benefit of all boaters.

- In 2016 there was a directive to move the CG station when TriRivers successfully sought Congressional support for keeping the station.

TriRivers functions as a liaison with the US Army Corps of Engineers and others.

- We are available to assist our members in finding the right contacts in the Mobile District or the South Atlantic Division.
- We conduct a river/stakeholder information tour whenever a new commander takes over in either Mobile or Atlanta.
- We are members of the National Waterways Association and attend the annual National Waterways Conference Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.
- We track and inform members of significant regulatory or planning actions by federal and state agencies.

TriRivers holds an annual meeting with key speakers who provide updates on ACF area activities.

- The 2023 meeting was held October 25-26 in Eufaula, AL. We had about 60 attendees.

Our membership is open to government bodies, businesses of all sizes, and individuals. Our Executive Director is Philip Clayton. Phil is also the Director of Economic Development at the Eufaula Barbour County Chamber of Commerce

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<i>Our officers are:</i>	President	Charles Stover	president@trda.info
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	VP Georgia	Vacant	
	VP Florida	Betty Webb	Explore Northwest Florida
	Board Member	Steve Davis	Columbus Water Works
	Board Member	Jim DeLano	Southern Nuclear
	Board Member	Dan Gilbert	Whitewater Express
	Board Member	RaSarah Johnson	Georgia Pacific
	Board Member	Brad Moore	Friends of Lake Eufaula
	Board Member	Horace Horn	PowerSouth Energy
	Board Member	Reese Rollins	Southeastern Minerals



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Local Partnerships. Regional Impact.

ARPC RESOLUTION No. 24-03

A RESOLUTION of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (hereafter referred to as ARPC) certifying its support for the State of Florida to join the Southern Rail Commission (SRC).

WHEREAS, ARPC is comprised of nine (9) counties and their respective municipalities in panhandle of north Florida; and

WHEREAS, ARPC serves as a Regional Transportation entity, and the enhancement of local transportation infrastructure, including a Gulf Coast Passenger Rail line, will increase commute options and connectivity to the Region but also connect to other existing and planned rail networks within the state; and

WHEREAS, ARPC serves as an Economic Development District, and believes the addition of a passenger rail system is a proactive approach to maintain and create employment opportunities benefitting its citizens, as identified in the Regional Economic Development strategy, including tourism related industries, while still supporting the quality of life in the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Region has endured the devastation of Hurricane Michael and is still in the recovery/rebuilding process following said hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Region is in need of additional and alternative travel modes that allow for evacuation during a natural disaster; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HEREBY AGREES TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION;
2. THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES ITS CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED AGREEMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS RESOLUTION;
3. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF MAY 2024

BY THE: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Ricky Jones
ARPC Chair

ATTEST:

Chris Rietow
Executive Director



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Local Partnerships. Regional Impact.

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
Office of Governor, Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
May 30, 2024

RE: Request for the State of Florida to join the Southern Rail Commission

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Apalachee Regional Planning Council offers its overwhelming support for the State of Florida to become a member and join the Southern Rail Commission (SRC). Originally formed in 1982, through an Interstate Rail Compact, the SRC has evolved over time with a vision to *promote the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods to enhance economic development along rail corridors; provide transportation choices; and facilitate emergency evacuation routes.*

The route previously named "Sunset Limited" connected New Orleans to Jacksonville, and as you are no doubt aware, this route was suspended after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the western portion of the tracks in September 2005, followed by the destruction of Hurricane Michael in our Region in October 2018. Restoration of this passenger rail route would provide several key benefits including but not limited to:

- Enhancement of economic development opportunities, not only for local business, but for the entire State of Florida.
- Increased connectivity to other rail lines in the State. Connecting the Panhandle to the Peninsula.
- Promoting transportation choices that support the Region and State's workforce and tourism industries.
- Additional options/routes for emergency evacuations.

The SRC currently consists of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, however contiguous states are eligible to become members. The SRC has helped secure millions of dollars in funding along the Gulf Coast, including \$178M in federal grant funding in September 2023 to restore passenger rail from New Orleans, LA to Mobile, AL. The SRC has also identified a project connecting the entire Gulf Coast with services from Baton Rouge, LA to Orlando, FL called the *Gulf Coast Passenger Rail*.

The re-establishment of the *Gulf Coast Passenger Rail* Route would have a significant economic impact to the Apalachee Region. Therefore, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, is enthusiastically requesting that the State of Florida join the Southern Rail Commission to take advantage of additional resources to further advance passenger rail initiatives. Please feel free to contact Chris Rietow, ARPC Executive Director, at 850-488-6211 or by email at CRietow@arpc.org for questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

Ricky Jones
ARPC Chair

Chris Rietow
ARPC Executive Director

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
Office of Governor, Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

INSERT DATE

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Dear Governor DeSantis:

INSERT LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION /ORGANIZATION NAME offers its overwhelming support for the State of Florida to become a member and join the Southern Rail Commission (SRC). Originally formed in 1982, through an Interstate Rail Compact, the SRC has evolved over time with a vision to *promote the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of people and goods to enhance economic development along rail corridors; provide transportation choices; and facilitate emergency evacuation routes.*

The route previously named “Sunset Limited” connected New Orleans to Jacksonville, and as you are no doubt aware, this route was suspended after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the western portion of the tracks in September 2005, followed by the destruction of Hurricane Michael in our Region in October 2018. Restoration of this passenger rail route would provide several key benefits including but not limited to:

- Enhancement of economic development opportunities, not only for local business, but for the entire State of Florida.
- Increased connectivity to other rail lines in the State. Connecting the Panhandle to the Peninsula.
- Promoting transportation choices that support the Region and State’s workforce and tourism industries.
- Additional options/routes for emergency evacuations.

The SRC currently consists of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, however contiguous states are eligible to become members. The SRC has helped secure millions of dollars in funding along the Gulf Coast, including \$178M in federal grant funding in September 2023 to restore passenger rail from New Orleans, LA to Mobile, AL. The SRC has also identified a project connecting the entire Gulf Coast with services from Baton Rouge, LA to Orlando, FL called the *Gulf Coast Passenger Rail*.

The re-establishment of the *Gulf Coast Passenger Rail* Route would have a significant economic impact to the Apalachee Region. Therefore, INSERT LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION NAME, is enthusiastically requesting that the State of Florida join the Southern Rail Commission to take advantage of additional resources to further advance passenger rail initiatives. Please feel free to contact INSERT NAME & PHONE/EMAIL for questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

signature
NAME

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 THURSDAY – APRIL 24, 2024
 10:00 AM EST / 9:00 AM CT

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 10:12am

In Attendance

Councilman John Jones	Rick McCraw, ARPC Staff
Commissioner Ricky Jones	Monica Pitts, ARPC Staff
Commissioner Rick Minor	Chris Rietow, ARPC Staff
Commissioner Jim Peacock	Matt Vossler, ARPC Staff
Commissioner Jack Porter	Melissa Franklin, ARPC Staff

2023/2024 Budget Amendment Package

Monica Pitt, ARPC Finance & Human Resources Director, provided an overview of ARPC budget amendments. With all amendments accounted for, the budget remains balanced. Commissioner Minor noted that the fiscal year is nearly at its midpoint, and only 30% of ARPC revenue has been received. Commissioner Minor asked if there is action the Board can take to expedite recovery of funds. Chris Rietow is open to further discussions. A diplomatic letter from the Chair and Board explaining the pains that the delays are causing was suggested. Chair Jones is agreeable.

Commissioner Porter motioned that Chair Jones draft a letter on behalf of the Executive Committee expressing the Council’s concerns regarding delayed grant awards. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Porter motioned to approve budget amendments. Commissioner Peacock seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund Update

Matt Vossler, ARPC RLF Manager, provided an overview of the current RLF applicant, and informed the Executive Committee that lenders have been very receptive to the potential gap funding that ARPC can provide through the RLF funds.

Comm. Jim Peacock motioned to approve the RLF applicant. Commissioner Porter seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ARPC recently partnered with a local company to handle all RLF document creation, and provide a digital platform for applications and secure transfer of documents, underwriting, and accounts receivable services.

Evaluation of 2023 Goals

1. Increase reserves by \$30,000 – **ACHIEVED**
2. Complete all year 1 deliverables for RRTP – **ACHIEVED**
3. Deploy remaining CARES and REVIVE RLF funds – **PARTIALLY ACHIEVED**
4. Purchase ArcGIS Enterprise License to expand GIS capabilities for the Region – **ACHIEVED**

2024 Goals

- Maintain financial stability and add another \$30,000 to reserves.
- Restructure leave time funding allocation to ensure all programs cover their fair share of the costs.
- Develop, implement, and maintain a formula that truly captures the true costs for hourly contracts (fringe, salary, indirect, etc.)
- Update indirect rate cost allocation plan.
- Grow and expand ARPC capabilities.
- Complete all 2-year deliverables for RRTP.
 - o Propose contract for annual ongoing maintenance of RRTP.
- Deploy all remaining RLF funds.
- Continue to expand GIS services by hiring an additional GIS Coordinator.
- Purchase a new plotter printer.
- Migrate the ARPC office server to the cloud.

Chris Rietow recommended utilizing an outside consultant to assess ARPC’s financial structure. By general consensus, the EC approved for the ARPC to explore this option. Commissioner Minor spoke with Leon County Administrator Vince Long, and Mr. Long recommended that we speak with Micheal Kramer. Commissioner Minor will reach out to Micheal Kramer in the next day or two regarding Mr. Kramer’s availability.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

AMENDED BUDGET

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FY 2023 / 2024 BUDGET - Proposed Amended						
		Received as of 3/31/24	Current Budget	Proposed Changes	Proposed Amended	Description
	INCOME/REVENUES:					
	Economic Development Projects					
505 Comprehensive Planning	EDA Planning Grant	52,500	70,000	-	70,000	
	Jacob City Broadband	-	114,500	-	114,500	
	Gadsden Competitive FL	-	59,000	-	59,000	
	Franklin CDBA	-	-	-	-	Moved to Growth Management
	Legacy RLF Admin	-	10,000	-	10,000	
	CARES RLF Admin	-	15,000	-	15,000	
	REVIVE RLF Admin	27,600	31,000	-	31,000	
525 Public Safety	Emergency Planning Projects					
	FDEM - Hazards Analyses	10,467	26,500	-	26,500	
	FDEM - HMEP Planning	2,349	20,000	-	20,000	
	FDEM - HMEP Training	20,325	61,715	-	61,715	
	FDEM - LEPC Support Staff	26,180	77,000	-	77,000	
	Big Bend HealthCare Coalition	101,224	202,500	-	202,500	
	Wakulla CDBG Shelter	25,000	35,000	-	35,000	
	Small Emergency Planning Projects	-	12,000	-	12,000	
554 Economic Environment	Environmental Projects					
	ARPC Vulnerability Assessments	-	35,000	209,950	244,950	Increasing due to completing project earlier
	Franklin Vulnerability Assessments	-	87,500	87,500	175,000	Increasing due to chance of completing project earlier
	Gadsden Vulnerability Assessments	-	87,500	70,000	157,500	Increasing due to chance of completing project earlier
	Wakulla CDBG Risk	20,000	70,000	-	70,000	
	NFWF - Franklin 98 Admin	57,308	119,200	-	119,200	
	NFWF - Franklin 98 Project	1,740,060	4,800,000	-	4,800,000	
	FDEP - Small Quantity Generator (SQG)	-	27,000	-	27,000	
	Small Environmental Projects	-	10,000	-	10,000	
554 Economic Environment	Housing Projects					
	Callhour HHRP	-	30,000	-	30,000	Addition - adding back due to 1 ongoing project
	Callhour SHIP	17,500	35,000	-	35,000	
	Gulf SHIP	-	28,000	-	28,000	
	Jackson SHIP	22,941	45,800	-	45,800	
	Jackson HHRP	74,421	148,800	-	148,800	
511 Admin	Geospatial Projects					Addition - Separated From Miscellaneous Assistance
	Callhour GIS	9,960	15,000	-	15,000	
	Franklin GIS	4,790	15,000	-	15,000	
	Gadsden GIS	-	15,000	-	15,000	
	Gadsden GIS (Property Assessment)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	Deletion - Contract Ends 4/30/24, ARPC not being used
	City of Marianna GIS	98	10,000	-	10,000	
	City of Carabelle GIS	-	-	7,000	7,000	Addition - New Contract
	Small Geospatial Projects	-	10,000	-	10,000	
511 Admin	Miscellaneous Projects (Contracts)					Changed Title - previously Technical Assistant Projects
	ARPC County Dues	64,404	87,000	-	87,000	
	Big Bend CoC - Admin	2,819	5,000	-	5,000	
	FRCA - Admin	43,853	70,000	-	70,000	
	Small Miscellaneous Projects	21,343	45,000	-	45,000	
505 Comprehensive Planning	Growth Management Projects					
	Town of Havana	9,507	20,000	-	20,000	
	Town of Havana (Cemetery Mapping)	-	15,000	-	15,000	
	Town of Grand Ridge	-	6,300	-	6,300	

	City of Quincy	-	90,000	-	90,000	-	90,000	
	Jackson (RIF) GM	-	62,000	-	62,000	-	62,000	
	Franklin CPTA	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	Moved from Economic Development
	City of Chattahoochee	-	-	7,500	-	7,500	-	Addition - New Contract
	Small GM Contracts	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	
	Transportation Projects							
544 Transportation Planning	CTD - Transportation Disadvantaged	76,848	200,000	-	200,000	-	200,000	
	FDOT - RideOn	94,907	213,000	-	213,000	-	213,000	
	FDOT - D3	17,400	100,000	-	100,000	-	100,000	
	Miscellaneous Revenue							
511 Admin	Interest Accrued	5,073	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	Addition - New Section
	TOTAL INCOME/REVENUES	2,548,876	7,306,315	391,950	7,683,265			
	OPERATING EXPENSES:	3/31/24	Current Budget	Proposed Changes	Proposed Amended	Description		
	Salaries	666,465	1,423,000	56,000	1,479,000			Increasing due to staff raises and new hires
	Fringe benefits	241,849	422,400	20,600	443,000			Increasing due to staff raises and new hires
	Travel	19,374	30,000	-	30,000			
	FLEET Vehicle Expense	846	3,000	-	3,000			
	Consultants (Contract Required)	25,375	100,000	-	100,000			
	F-98 Consultants	1,660,885	4,800,000	-	4,800,000			
	Accounting	8,575	11,500	-	11,500			
	Advertising	443	3,000	-	3,000			
	Audit	8,000	25,000	-	25,000			
	Board Meeting Expenses	1,189	5,000	-	5,000			
	Dues (FRCA, NADO, SERDI, & others)	14,725	28,000	-	28,000			
	Equipment Lease - Copiers/Postage	4,983	10,000	-	10,000			
	Insurance (Work Comp, Liability)	12,165	35,000	-	35,000			
	IT Tech Support & Equipment	16,580	30,000	-	30,000			
	Legal	6,908	5,000	3,000	8,000			Increasing due to more assistance has been needed with RIF & ECRF
	Licenses (REMI, Enterprise)	6,354	15,000	-	15,000			
	Miscellaneous	1,926	13,000	-	13,000			
	Office Supplies	4,946	20,500	-	20,500			
	Postage	226	1,000	-	1,000			
	Rent/Utilities	54,032	127,000	-	127,000			
	Subscriptions & Publications	-	500	-	500			
	Telephone/Internet	7,881	15,000	-	15,000			
	CoC Pass-Thru	(110,814)	-	326,875	326,875			Addition - new line item - adding due to pass-thru money for CoC
	Contingency & Project Expense	(106,792)	88,615	65,275	153,890			Changed Title - previously Cont. & Pass-Thru, now Cont. & Project Expense
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	2,546,121	7,211,515	471,750	7,683,265			

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM**Caroline Smith & Alex Valdes****GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grant:** ARPC staff worked across program areas to submit several grant applications to Florida Commerce for FY 2024-2025 project funding. More information on these applications is available in the Growth Management Program section of this Board Package.
- **Competitive Florida Partnership Grant:** ARPC staff submitted a Regional proposal to the Florida Commerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant.
- **Humana Foundation Grant:** ARPC staff submitted a multi-year, regional proposal to the Humana Foundation for consideration of grant funding. The proposal centers around food system access and mapping and would result in the creation of new data portal.
- **Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Grant:** Please be advised that the Florida Commerce RIF grant application cycle is anticipated to open by early summer 2024. Proposals for both planning and construction will be considered. For support with application preparation, please contact Caroline Smith, ARPC Economic Development Manager, at csmith@arpc.org.

WORKSHOPS, FACILITATIONS, AND MEETINGS

- **RPC Coordination:** ARPC Economic Development staff hosted a call with Economic Development staff from across Florida's Regional Planning Councils to discuss Florida Commerce grant opportunities and application strategies. This call is part of a new series of collaborative, statewide calls with Regional Planning Council staff to share best practices.
- **Gadsden County Stakeholder Workshops:** ARPC staff facilitated a series of five stakeholder workshops in Gadsden County as part of the process of updating the County's Economic Development Strategy. These workshops focused on specific groups, including city managers, education partners, economic development partners, Main Street and cultural organizations, and the general public.

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MEETING PARTICIPATION:

- ARPC staff participated in meetings for organizations across the Region, including Opportunity Florida, North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Wakulla County Economic Development Council, Gadsden County Development Council, and the Alliance of Entrepreneur Resource Organizations (AERO).

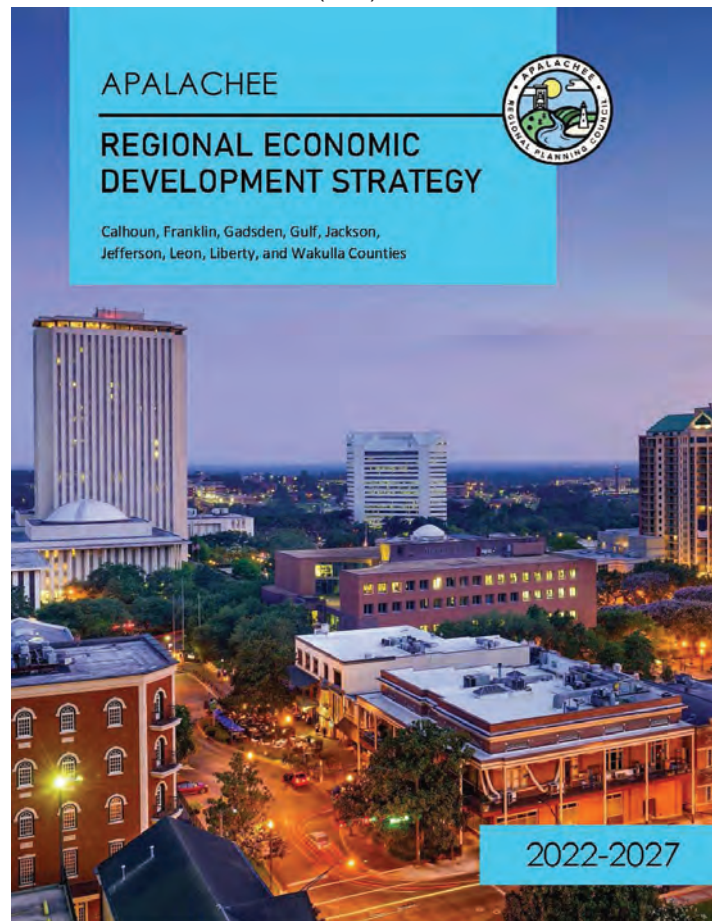
ACTIVE PROJECTS

- **Gadsden County Economic Development Strategy:** ARPC staff continue outreach, research, and meeting facilitation activities toward the updating of Gadsden County’s Economic Development Strategy. The project is funded by a Florida Commerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant and will be finalized in Summer 2024.



- **Jacob City Broadband Feasibility Study:** ARPC has finalized the Jacob City Broadband Feasibility Study and will continue to coordinate with the City of Jacob, Jackson County, Internet Service Providers, and the State Office of Broadband. The project was funded by a Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Grant from Florida Commerce.

- **Regional Economic Development Strategy:** ARPC staff are preparing to host a series of stakeholder workshops and outreach toward the annual update of the Region’s Economic Development Strategy. Additional information on this process and how to participate will be available in summer 2024.



EMERGENCY PLANNING PROGRAM
Christian Levings – Elizabeth Todak – Logan Patten

REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM

The ARPC staffs the Apalachee Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and the Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) for the ARPC Region. The four primary activities of the Apalachee LEPC are hazardous materials planning, training, emergency exercises, and public outreach.

Quarterly Meetings

ARPC staff held the most recent meeting of the Apalachee LEPC on March 19th, 2024. During the meeting, the LEPC membership discussed the activities that occurred during the previous quarter, as well as future training and exercise opportunities. The next LEPC meeting will be in June 2024. The location has yet to be determined.



Hazardous Materials Training

There were no sponsored trainings held in coordination with the Apalachee LEPC since the last ARPC Board meeting. The Apalachee LEPC did not receive its approved training budget from the Florida Division of Emergency Management until very recently. ALEPC Coordinator Logan Patten is in the process of scheduling upcoming training.

APALACHEE LEPC-SPONSORED TRAINING DATES

DATE	COURSE	# OF STUDENTS
April 15, 2025	4-Hour Hazmat Awareness	28

TENTATIVE UPCOMING APALACHEE LEPC-SPONSORED TRAINING DATES

DATE	COURSE
Summer 2024	8-Hour HazTox: Toxmedic Course
Summer 2024	8-Hour Chlorine Handling & Emergency Response
May/June 2024	8-Hour Hazmat Refresher
August 2024	(4) 8-Hour Hazmat Refresher

SERC Meetings

ARPC staff attended this quarter’s State Emergency Response Commission meeting and took part in the Training Task Force, Chairman/Coordinator, and SERC meetings over the course of two days in Daytona at this year’s Hazmat Symposium.

Commodity Flow Study

As part of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant, ARPC staff is developing a commodity flow study for the ALEPC Region. This study is conducted by ALEPC and supplemental ARPC staff who go into the Region and track hazardous material moving through key transportation ways and intersections. The findings of this study will be used to inform Transportation Hazmat Incident SOP updates, as well as training needs for the ALEPC.

Hazardous Materials Exercises:

LEPC Staff has conducted the Initial, Mid-term, and Final Planning meetings with Gulf County to exercise their transportation Hazmat SOP. The exercise will take place at the Gulf County EOC on May 22nd.

BIG BEND HEALTHCARE COALITION (BBHCC)

ARPC staff the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition (BBHCC). Due to logistical and planning constraints, members were notified that there would be no regular Spring General Membership meeting, and that meetings would resume in June. The meeting is currently scheduled for June 11th at the Tallahassee State College Center for Workforce Development.

The BBHCC has been actively engaged in creating several specialty annexes for reference use by its partners and members throughout the Region. These include Radiation Surge, Pediatric Surge, and Chemical Surge Annexes. The Radiation Surge and Pediatric Surge Annexes were exercised in a tabletop format in May 2023, and the Chemical Surge Annex was exercised on March 6th of 2024.

The BBHCC continues to work with members who had their Member Project submissions approved by both the Florida Department of Health and BBHCC Board to source and reimburse for the approved equipment. This year's approved items include satellite communications equipment, outdoor cooling equipment for post-disaster medical teams, an EMS transportation ventilator, a remote lighting unit, and a quick shelter kit for triaging patients post-incident.

Training and Exercises

The BBHCC has conducted its Crisis Standards of Care and Chemical Surge Exercises and is currently working to address gaps revealed in the exercises. Completed training offerings include a Nursing Home Incident Command Systems course, a Planning Section Chief offering in partnership with Wakulla County, and a Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE). The MRSE exercise was held as a facet of a Statewide Terrorism Exercise conducted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management through the Regional Domestic Security Taskforce Regions on April 24th. Over 120 responders from RDSTF Region 2 participated in the exercise.

WAKULLA COUNTY SHELTER PLAN

The ARPC additionally assisted Wakulla County to secure a grant to do a county-wide shelter analysis project, including a final Shelter Plan for the county. The Emergency Planning team has been actively meeting with officials in Wakulla County, and are in the process of verifying buildings in the county that meet sheltering criteria. The project is continuing to progress, and aims to be completed by Fall of 2024.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) REPORT
Legacy, CARES Act & REVIVE! RLFs
Matthew Vossler**

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) OVERVIEW

The ARPC RLF Program consists of three revolving loan funds: Legacy, CARES Act and REVIVE! and as of March 2024, is servicing twenty-five loans. The main priorities for ARPC staff regarding RLF support and administration are to service the existing loans, provide borrowers with technical assistance when needed, and seek qualified applicants for new loans through marketing. The three RLF programs are briefly described below.

Legacy RLF (Defederalized)

The Legacy RLF program launched in 1984 with an initial Economic Development Administration (EDA) award of \$1 million and an ARPC match with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$335,000. Since 1984, the ARPC has transformed the original sum of money into over \$5 million dollars in loans to small businesses within the rural communities of the ARPC Region.

CURRENT STATUS

ACTIVE LOANS	DELINQUENT LOANS	LOANS IN DEFAULT
15	1	3

CARES Act RLF (Revolving Phase)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act RLF provides small business owners within the Apalachee Region with gap financing to help them recover from the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

CURRENT STATUS

ACTIVE LOANS	DELINQUENT LOANS	LOANS IN DEFAULT
11	0	3

Hurricane Michael/REVIVE! RLF (Disbursement Phase)

The Hurricane Michael/Regional Economies Vested in Vital Enterprises (REVIVE!) program is a \$1 million RLF to help establish new businesses and create employment opportunities or expand existing businesses and save existing jobs within Leon County/Tallahassee. The program is funded with \$800,000 from the EDA and a \$200,000 match from Leon County -Tallahassee Office of Economic Vitality.

CURRENT STATUS

ACTIVE LOANS	DELINQUENT LOANS	LOANS IN DEFAULT
10	2	0

REMAINING FUNDS TO DRAW

EDA	OEV
\$364,000.00	\$109,000.00

Closed Loan: \$20,000 Kids First Learning Academy, LLC (5/6/24)

The \$20,000 REVIVE! RLF loan will allow Kids First Learning Academy, LLC to retain staff, purchase marketing materials, connect their building to central sewer and replace their HVAC system at their 512 M L King Blvd location.



Loan Approved: \$200,000 Om Sairam, LLC (4/25/24)

Om Sairam, LLC owners, Uma and Bina Patel have been operating in the hospitality field for over 20 years. While this business is technically a start-up, the Patels are also the owners of several other hospitality businesses. The

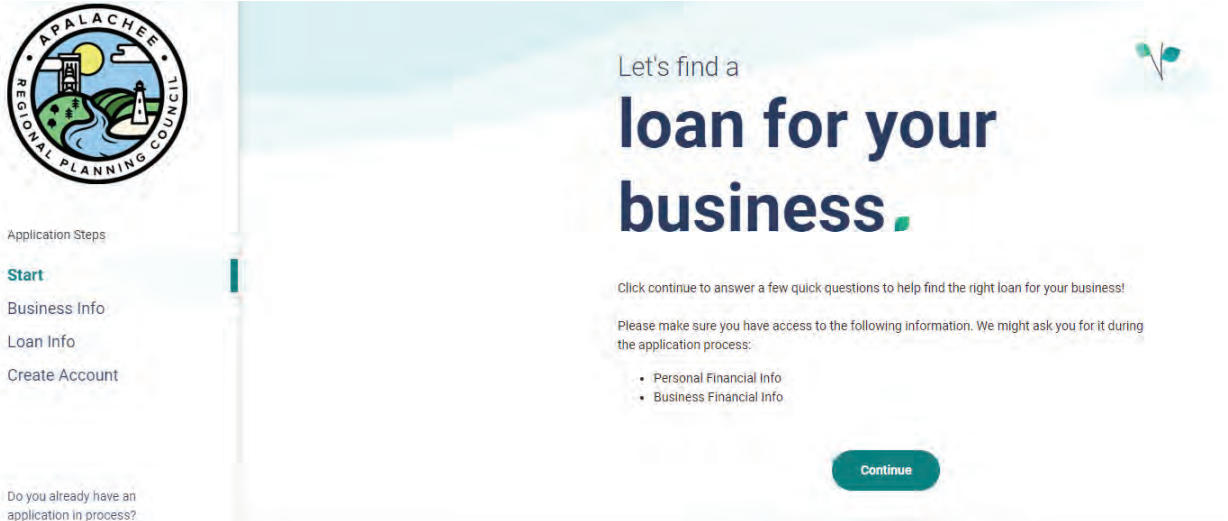


borrowers are seeking \$200K to purchase the 54-unit Executive Inn at 4113 Lafayette Street Marianna, Florida, Jackson County. The total purchase price is \$725,001. The borrower is contributing 20% (\$145,000) and the remainder (\$380,000) is being financed though Troy Bank & Trust. The appraisal has been completed and the property has been valued at \$1,280,000 as is.

PROCESS CHANGES AND EXPANDED CAPABILITIES

Loan Servicing: Beginning June 1, 2024, Lucro Commercial Solutions will be processing loan payments on behalf of ARPC. Lucro will be collecting, posting, and allocating payments, relieving a considerable amount of administrative workload from ARPC staff. In addition to this, ARPC’s partnership with Lucro will have benefits for our borrowers as well, giving them access to an online portal where they can view real-time balances, previous payment breakdowns and the ability to make online payments.

Application Process: The ARPC RLF has completed the process of transitioning our five-form downloadable application to an online application portal. This portal will walk our perspective borrowers through the application process step by step. This new portal also gives us the ability to securely collect sensitive application documents including but not limited to tax and banking documents. This will also give us the capability to transfer the documents securely to loan underwriters.



Loan Underwriting: An additional aspect of ARPC’s partnership with Lucro Commercial Services is access to twenty-five (25) professional underwriters, most with over 20 years’ experience. The Lucro team of underwriting professionals includes commercial banking analysts, lenders, regulators, and C-Suite employees.

Synopsis: The new capabilities of ARPC’s Revolving Loan Fund will give the program the capability to grow, expand and increase economic opportunities for our entire Region.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM
Kwentin Eastberg – Mary O’Brien – Pat Maurer

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PROGRAM

ARPC staff is preparing for all 4th quarter meetings of the TD program. The primary focus of the 4th quarter agenda will be centered around the updating the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan in each county and subsequently approving the new Trip and Equipment Grant draw down rates, based on the approved Rate Model worksheets. These meetings are open to the public and meeting notices are published in each local county newspaper, as well as on the ARPC website. A meeting calendar for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is provided below.

<i>COUNTY</i>	<i>JUNE 2024</i>
Calhoun 1:00 PM CT	11 Tuesday
Franklin 10:00 AM ET	12 Wednesday
Gadsden 2:00 PM ET	20 Thursday
Gulf 12:00 PM ET	12 Wednesday
Jackson 10:00 AM CT	11 Tuesday
Jefferson 10:00 AM ET	20 Thursday
Leon 2:00 PM ET	19 Wednesday
Liberty 3:30 PM ET	11 Tuesday
Wakulla 10:00 AM ET	19 Wednesday

TD Planning Grant Allocation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

ARPC will continue their role of the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Region’s nine (9) counties. The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) has issued the Planning Grant Funding Allocation for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The annual TD Planning Grant funds have seen about a 5% increase compared to last year, the amounts by county are as follows:

County	Amount	County	Amount
Calhoun	\$22,418	Jefferson	\$22,434
Franklin	\$22,384	Leon	\$28,816
Gadsden	\$23,102	Liberty	\$22,280
Gulf	\$22,447	Wakulla	\$22,874
Jackson	\$23,193	Total	\$209,948

The proposed ARPC Resolution 24-02 included on the following page is required by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and will authorize the ARPC Executive Director to execute the FY 24-25 TD Planning Grant Agreements for the counties listed above.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED
Motion to approve ARPC Resolution 24-02.



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Local Partnerships. Regional Impact.

ARPC RESOLUTION No. 24-02

A RESOLUTION of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (hereafter referred to as the "BOARD") hereby authorizes the filing and execution of a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

WHEREAS, the BOARD is eligible to receive a Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. The BOARD has the authority to enter into this grant agreement.
2. The BOARD authorizes Chris Rietow, Executive Director, to execute the grant agreement, amendments, warranties, certifications, and any other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement on behalf of the Board acting as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
3. The BOARD'S Registered Agent in Florida is Chris Rietow, Executive Director. The Registered Agent's address: 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF MAY 2024

BY THE: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Ricky Jones
ARPC Chair

ATTEST:

Chris Rietow
Executive Director

REGIONAL COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

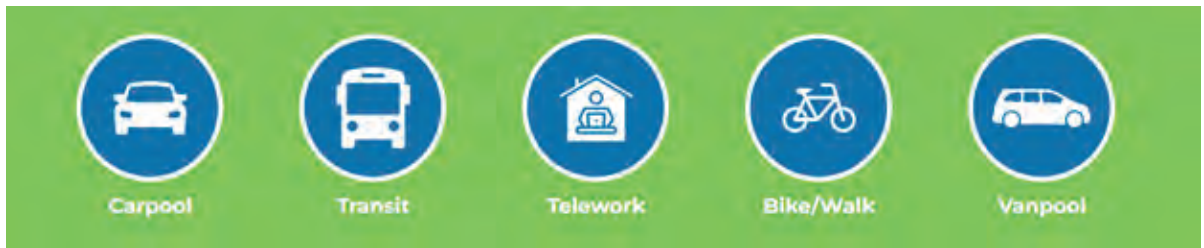
RideOn Commuter Services is the Regional Commuter Assistance Program for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 (D3). The purpose of Florida’s commuter assistance program is to provide travel choices.



RideOn provides support to employers and commuters (commuting to higher education or work) for carpooling, transit, teleworking, biking, walking, and vanpooling.

Commuters

RideOn has an app that helps commuters with travel choices for their trip. The app helps users find their best routes for transit, walking or biking. In addition, the RideOn app matches people with bike, transit, and walk partners, as well as carpools or vanpools. The more people using the app, the better for commuters!



Actions:

Staff assisted commuters by making changes to the website and app to make them more user friendly. The benefits of the website and app, and travel choices in general, are marketed in part through events and regular posts on the RideOn Facebook page. For example, staff attended the StarMetro pop-up event near the site of the much-anticipated Southside Transit Center to educate commuters on how to create a RideOn account and take advantage of the app.

Employers

RideOn engages with the leaders of businesses, government and other employers in the area to help their employees get to work while taking up less parking spots and saving money and having more options, for instance. RideOn also reaches out to employers to let them know how their workplace can become a Best Workplace for Commuters to attract and retain employees.



Actions:

RideOn has supported employers by advertising our services through networking and speaking engagements.

Staff serve as a member of CareerSource’s Community Partner Council and networked with business leaders at their Talent Innovation Summit this spring.

Also, staff presented at Working Well’s Annual CEO’s Meeting Award Ceremony on how RideOn can help CEOs.

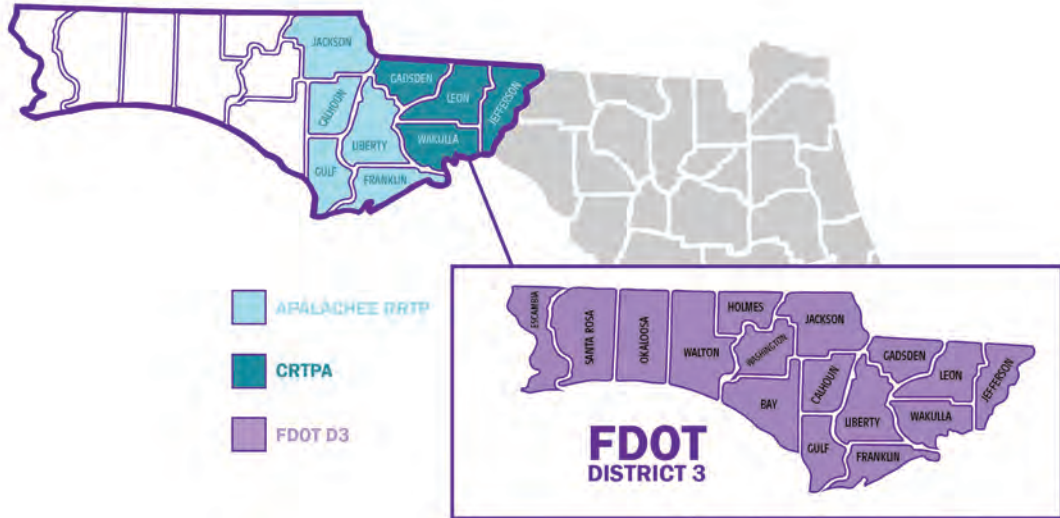


CALL TO ACTION

Please let us know of any employers you think would benefit from meeting with RideOn staff.

REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RRTP)

The Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) covers Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf and Franklin counties and will identify short and long-term transportation needs. This will help with coordinating with FDOT and other partners. Visit the website for more information.



Staff have completed Phase I of their public outreach endeavor and are compiling the feedback received.

The RRTP’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members have been identified and staff are currently planning the TAC kickoff meeting for late May or early June.

Phase II of public workshops will occur this summer. We will keep you informed of RRTP public workshops in your area.

We will also be distributing surveys outside of the workshops, such as through social media, to garner feedback. Follow us!

CALL TO ACTION

Please help circulate the surveys through your organization’s social media and other means, and generally let community members know about the RRTP.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROGRAM
Josh Adams - Evan Blythe

SMALL QUANTITY HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATION OUTREACH & COMPLIANCE

The ARPC has finished outreach for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla counties. We observed limited violations and compliance was achieved on-site, or materials provided to achieve compliance.

REGION-WIDE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS

The environmental team has been relying heavily on GIS refinement to cut down the number of assets for the Vulnerability Assessments that are currently underway. The next phases will collect visual data that will be used to generate up-to-date aerials of the highest ranked assets and sites.

USED OIL

Used oil is **exempt** from HW regulations if it is sent for recycling or burned for energy recovery. All containers used to collect or store used oil must be in good condition, labeled 'used oil', maintained closed or otherwise protected from weather, AND must either be double-walled or stored on an oil impermeable surface within secondary containment with the capacity to hold 110% of the volume of the largest tank or container within the containment area.



USED OIL FILTERS

Used oil filters cannot be disposed with solid waste. Used oil filters must be managed in containers labeled 'used oil filters', in good condition, closed or otherwise protected from weather and stored on an oil-impermeable surface.



USED ANTIFREEZE

Used antifreeze is **exempt** from HW regulations if it is recycled. Reusable or recycled antifreeze can be used in facility vehicles, sold or given away. Manage used antifreeze in closed, labeled containers.



SPENT LEAD ACID BATTERIES

Spent lead acid batteries contain lead and corrosive acid which are considered HW. Spent batteries are **exempt** from HW regulations if recycled or returned to manufacturer and documentation is maintained.



SPENT PARTS WASHER SOLVENT

Spent mineral spirits, Stoddard solution and petroleum naphtha may be HW when disposed. Conduct a waste determination on spent solvent, sludge and filters prior to disposal and manage accordingly. Use solvents with low VOC content or citrus or water based detergent cleaners when possible.



SOILED SHOP TOWELS

Certain solvent contaminated wipes are exempt from HW regulations if specific management standards are met. Please contact your local DEP office for additional guidance outlining the conditional exclusions and required management standards or visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/hwRegulation/default.htm>. A HW determination is required prior to disposal of wipes that are not managed in accordance with the conditional exclusions.



WASTE TIRES & WEIGHTS

Waste tires must be disposed at a permitted or DEP approved facility. Registration as a waste tire collector is required if you transport more than 25 waste tires at a time. A permit is required to store over 1500 waste tires at your facility. Lead tire weights are **exempt** from HW regulation if recycled.



ABSORBENT

Manage absorbent that comes in contact with HW as a HW. Spent absorbent should be managed in closed, labeled, leak-proof containers. Check with your solid waste authority as to whether you may dispose of oily wastes in the trash can.



AEROSOL CANS

Empty aerosol cans are **exempt** from HW regulations and can be recycled as scrap metal. Partially empty aerosol cans may be regulated as HW when discarded if they contain ignitable propellants or chlorinated solvents. An aerosol can is still reactive (hazardous) until the propellant is completely discharged.



FLUORESCENT LAMPS

Spent fluorescent lamps generated from businesses are banned from solid waste incineration. Spent fluorescent lamps are exempt from HW regulations if managed in a safe, secure manner to prevent breakage, labeled 'waste mercury lamps' and recycled.



Department of Environmental Protection
 2600 Blair Stone Rd, Tallahassee, FL
 32399, Main (850) 245-8707
<http://www.floridadep.com>

Always maintain all disposal and recycling records as proof of properly managing regulated waste.

Disclaimer: This brochure is for guidance purposes only. It is not official rule language and does not include a comprehensive listing of all environmental regulations that may be applicable to auto repair businesses.

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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) PROGRAM
Divina Lade – Anthony Abinader – Khalig Atakishiye

THANK YOU, DARBY WEBB!

ARPC expresses its gratitude for Ms. Darby Webb’s contributions during her internship from July 2023 to April 2024. Throughout her internship, she offered invaluable geospatial and environmental planning assistance, specifically on projects such as Vulnerability Assessments, Further Land Use Map updates, and co-maintenance of the ARPC Enterprise portal. Ms. Darby will embark on her doctoral studies in planning at FSU commencing in Fall 2024.

INTRODUCING OUR GIS INTERNS FOR SUMMER 2024

The geospatial program is delighted to host two GIS interns this summer. ARPC extends a warm welcome to Mr. Anthony Abinader and Mr. Khalig Atakishiye.



ANTHONY is from Miami Florida, and is a graduate student in GIS at Florida State University. FUN FACT: Anthony has a wooden owl statue collection and is obsessed with cold brew coffee.



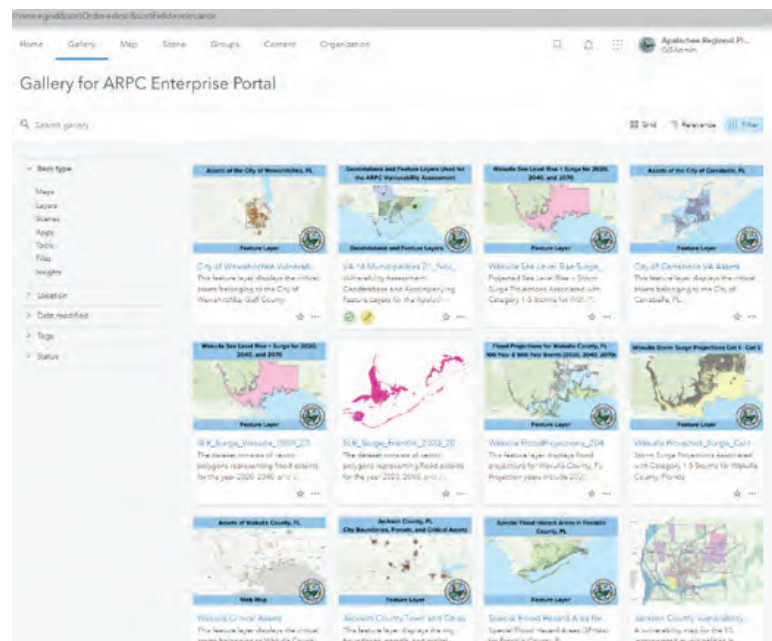
KHALIG is an international student at FSU and is a graduate student in GIS with a clear vision: to become a distinguished GIS expert. FUN FACT: Khalig is an 8th time champion in canoeing in Azerbaijan.

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Staff provided support to the Environmental Program by developing a web application that allows public input about a list of community assets.

ARPC ARCGIS ENTERPRISE PORTAL

Continual maintenance of ARPC’s ArcGIS Enterprise Portal’s geospatial features and layers is as crucial as managing other GIS components across various planning projects. The Geospatial program is committed to carefully populating metadata for all published content and establishing a consistent thumbnail layout for each item, as illustrated in the image on the left. This ongoing task emphasizes our commitment to upholding a standardized and well-organized repository of geospatial data.



GEOSPATIAL SUPPORT TO ARPC PLANNING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
GROWTH MANAGEMENT	Grand Ridge FLUM	Updated the Grand Ridge FLUM and City Annexations.
TRANSPORTATION	REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	Maintenance of the R RTP web application developed for this project.

ONGOING GEOSPATIAL SUPPORT TO MEMBER COUNTIES

COUNTY	GEOSPATIAL SUPPORT
CALHOUN	Updates on the Calhoun FLUM
FRANKLIN	Maintenance of the Franklin Zoning Web Application
CARRABELLE	Development of Carrabelle Geospatial Web Application



GEOSPATIAL PLANNING SUPPORT SERVICES

ARPC will continue offering planning support across the Region. Here are some of the Geospatial Planning Support and Services available to counties & municipalities within the ARPC Region.

Geospatial Data Creation and Editing

(creation of geospatial features, e.g., setting up a field maps database to collect location information of fire hydrants as basis in a developing an interactive map, and transforming non spatial information into geographic information data)

GEOSPATIAL PRODUCT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE

(storage and annual maintenance of published web map and applications via ARPC's Geospatial Enterprise Portal)

Custom Mapping, Digitization, and Spatial Analysis

(digitization of paper maps)

DRONE IMAGE, VIDEO, AND 3D MODELING

(aerial mapping, disaster mapping including mapping the extent of flooding, structural damage, and risk analysis, pre and post hurricane mapping, FEMA/ insurance documentation; utilize imagery and videos to better engage community in a planning process, water tower inspection, documentation of existing road conditions, and asset inventories)

Web Application Development and Geo-visualization

(development of interactive web applications from zoning map, comprehensive land use maps, utilities maps, fire hydrants, Story Maps and Dashboard Development)

GIS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(in-person or remote technical support to county planning staff)

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**Marcus Thompkins****CALHOUN COUNTY HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM (HHRP FY 19-20 & 20-21)**

Initially, ninety-eight residents were conditionally approved to receive housing assistance under the county's first HHRP allocation (FY 19-20) which totaled \$5,135,000.00. As of March 31st, 2023 ARPC, in coordination with Calhoun County, has assisted all residents who applied for disaster recovery assistance and were deemed eligible under the first allocation of HHRP.

ARPC Housing staff began working on the second allocation of HHRP with fourteen encumbered projects and were able to add six additional projects from the waiting list for a total of twenty projects as of August 1st, 2023. As of January 10th, 2024 all twenty projects were completed. Staff, in coordination with the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners are currently assisting one additional household off the waiting list to complete the second allocation of HHRP funds. This final household is being completed in partnership with local State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds.

CALHOUN COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP)

In addition to HHRP, ARPC provides administration to Calhoun County's SHIP Program. The county receives an annual allocation of \$350,000 from the Sadowski Trust Fund (Florida Housing Finance Corporation) to assist residents in addressing housing repairs that impact life, safety, and code. The SHIP program currently offers four strategies of assistance:

- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Purchase Assistance with/without Rehabilitation (First-Time Homebuyer Program)
- Foreclosure Prevention / Mortgage Assistance
- Emergency Housing Repair

The program also serves as a vehicle to assist first-time home buyers with closing costs, as well as residents who have fallen behind on mortgage payments and are at-risk for foreclosure (Foreclosure Prevention Program). Staff are currently working with seven active Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation projects, one Emergency Housing Repair project, two Foreclosure Prevention / Mortgage Assistance projects and one Purchase with/without Rehabilitation project.



A Contractor taking measurements on a ramp for an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation project during bid walk-through day.



A Contractor and the Program Home Inspector together for a bid walk-through at a resident's home.



The home of an applicant, who's roof is being assessed for Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.

JACKSON COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP)

Since July 2021, the ARPC has been working with Jackson County residents to coordinate needed housing repairs, as well as to assist first-time home buyers with purchasing a home.

The SHIP program currently offers four strategies of assistance:

- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Purchase with/without Rehabilitation (First-Time Homebuyer Program)
- Emergency Repair
- Demolition/Reconstruction

The SHIP Program has four active Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation projects, three active Purchase Assistance with/without Rehabilitation applicants, and one Demolition/Reconstruction project that will result in a newly constructed stick-built home.

Jackson County Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP)

The HHRP program currently offers three strategies of assistance:

- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Purchase with/without Rehabilitation (First-Time Homebuyer Program)
- Demolition/Reconstruction

In March of 2024 bid openings took place for three demolition/reconstruction projects and two additional rehab projects. All five projects are currently under way. An additional Demolition/Reconstruction project will be commencing soon.

GULF COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP)

The applications for the SHIP 22/23 funding year went live on Neighborly on Friday, February 2nd, 2024 for the following strategies:

- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Purchase with/without Rehabilitation (First-Time Homebuyer Program)

Applications are being received on an on-going basis, subject to availability of funding. Only completed applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, however the county does give priority to veterans and elderly households. Interested residents can still go online at www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/county_government/s_h_i_p. to submit a pre-screening and application. ARPC is committed to accessibility for all applicants. Staff have been working with residents directly for technical assistance or accommodation to apply for assistance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Due to the rising cost of construction materials, we have seen challenges with constructing new homes within the award amount limit. Additionally, some contractors have voiced concerns regarding their ability to timely start and complete projects without receiving any upfront funding.



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM
Melissa Franklin

COMMUNICATIONS

ARPC staff developed and distributed the March 2024 Board Notes and continue to manage ARPC social media engagement, as well as website updates and maintenance. All websites (ARPC and BBHCC) are monitored for updates on a weekly basis.

In addition, ARPC staff provides general graphics and communications support throughout the organization’s numerous programs and projects, developing informative, professional, and eye-catching materials as needed.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Staff is currently updating the ARPC’s website to ensure that it remains fresh and engaging. In addition, staff is collaborating with Human Resources and Finances to utilize the ARPC website to its fullest capacity.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

As ARPC continues to grow, staff is assisting in the restructuring process in all manners possible. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Compiling, formatting, and distributing ARPC Board Packages and additional Board Meeting materials.
- Assistance in planning and coordination of Full Council Board Meetings; recording of Full Council Board Meeting minutes, as well as Executive Committee Board Meeting minutes.
- Assistance with the Revolving Loan Fund Program as needed.
- Answer ARPC phonelines and monitor voicemails.



COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO ARPC PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
TRANSPORTATION	RIDEON	Produced several materials including carpool and vanpool fliers, Smart Cycling fliers, & employee fliers.
TRANSPORTATION	REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN	Produced a new map of the RRTP coverage area & FDOT D3; created Facebook posts and materials for public meetings; refreshed the RRTP webpage; created materials for TAC meetings.
TRANSPORTATION	JEFFERSON EXPRESS	Updated brochure. Previously developed new logo and brochure.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GRANT APPLICATIONS	Assisted with the preparation of the Competitive Florida and Humana Grant applications.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	COMPETITIVE FLORIDA-GADSDEN COUNTY	Produced Facebook posts and meeting materials for public meetings.
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING	FRANKLIN-98	Created road signage.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Justin Stiell

INTRODUCTION

Greetings! My name is Justin Stiell, and I am the Senior Planner for the Growth Management Department. I was previously the Growth Management Director for Gadsden County for two and a half years. Prior to that I was with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (now Florida Commerce) in various positions for 5 years with my last role being Planning Administrator for the Southwest Region and Areas of Critical State Concern.

The Growth Management Program will be primarily responsible for planning activities including comprehensive plan amendments to include Future Land Use amendments, zoning changes, land use recommendations, land development regulation writing/amendments, local public workshop support, planning grant administration assistance, and special planning project coordination, among other technical assistance activities for ARPC's member local governments and municipalities.

CURRENT/ONGOING PLANNING SERVICES

Currently, ARPC is under contract to provide planning services to the following communities:

- Town of Havana
- Town of Grand Ridge
- City of Chattahoochee
- City of Quincy
- Franklin County
- Jackson County

CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

ARPC staff reviews development applications for consistency with the local government Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations. The current review time is less than 10 days for site plan review. This includes providing recommendations for approval, approval with conditions, or denial for the following Residential Development, Commercial Development, lot splits, accessory dwelling units, accessory buildings, and Code enforcement issues. We have participated in meetings with developers to provide guidance on sections of the land development code that should be reviewed for consistency with their proposed development at the request of the local government.

COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CPTA) GRANT, FY 2024-2025

ARPC identified there are still communities that have not adopted the Property Rights Element (PRE) of the comprehensive plan. This year, ARPC staff has requested CPTA funding to assist local governments that have not yet adopted

the Property Rights Element (PRE) as established in section 163.3177(6)(i), with the desired outcome of 100% adoption of the PRE within the 9-county Region. In addition, the ARPC is hoping to gain insight into the barriers associated with updating their comprehensive plan as this mandate has been in place since July 1, 2021. ARPC staff (both the Growth Management and the Economic Development Team) applied for one Regional Project and assisted with the request for funding on 8 planning projects as requested by local governments.





MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: April 2024

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Composed and distributed the March/April *FRCA Forward Newsletter*, collected articles for the March newsletter.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the FRCA website and social media sites.
- To enhance partnerships, share best practices and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
 - RPC Resiliency Working Group Meeting,
 - RPC and Partners Geographic Information System Coordination Meeting,
 - Florida Division of Emergency Management and Local Emergency Planning Committee Coordination Meeting,
 - Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Coordinators Forum.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Hosted the April FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting.
- Continued development of Articles of Incorporation for the Association.
- Attended meetings of the Southwest Florida and Emerald Coast Regional Planning Councils.
- Organizing an RPC Presentation for the June SWFRPC Board Meeting.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

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The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) assists with grants, outreach, public implementation, and other planning activities to enhance the nine-county Apalachee Region. The Council houses a variety of programs, including economic development, emergency preparedness, growth management planning, transportation, housing, GIS, and environmental planning. By collaborating across these programs and embracing partnerships with local, state, and federal organizations, the ARPC continues to make a positive and lasting impact throughout the Region.





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