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MEETING NOTICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **March 26, 2026**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Santa Fe Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **6:00 p.m.**

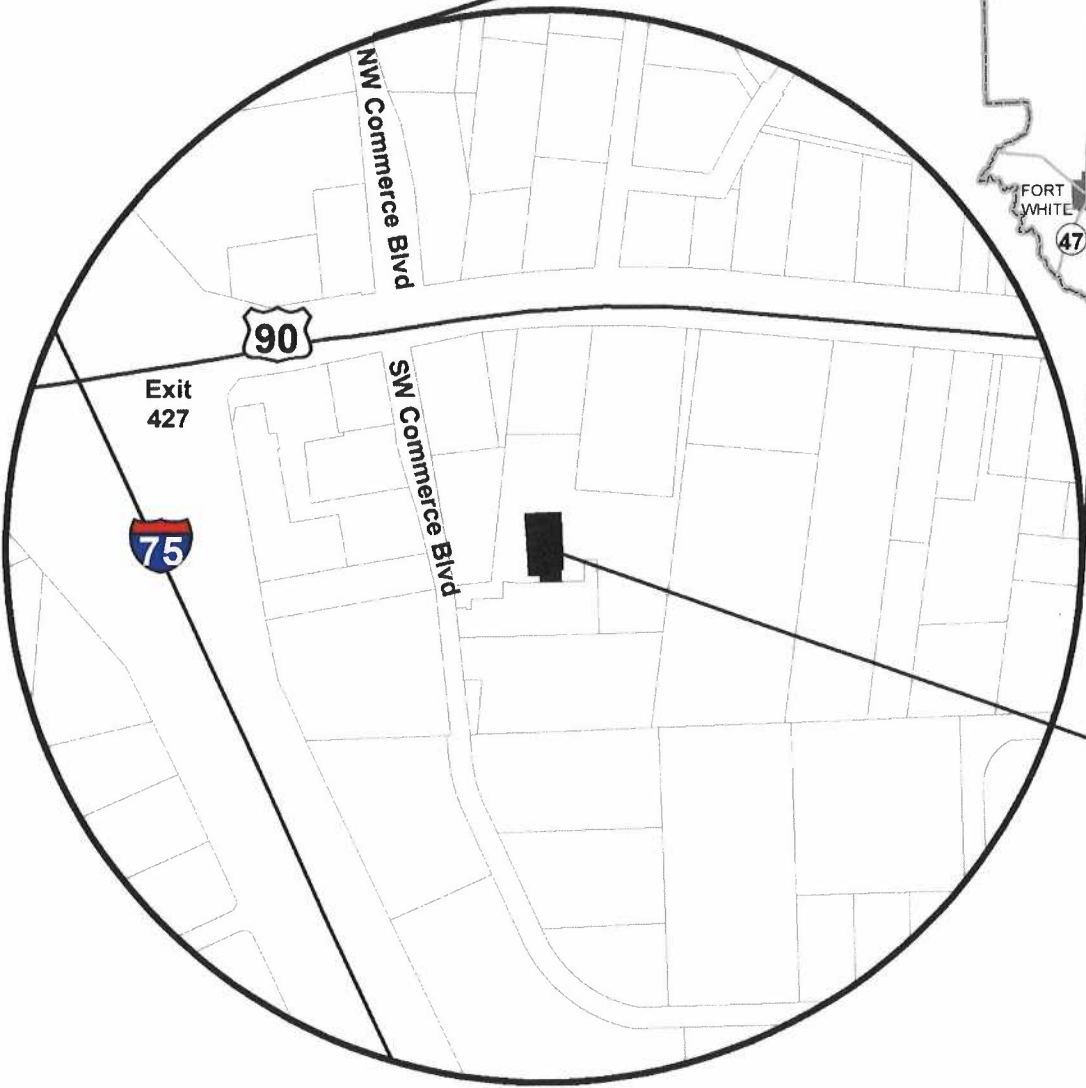
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AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

March 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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The Committee welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Committee. If you would like to address the Committee, please complete a form, come forward when you are called, and state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

See Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida and
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January 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Mary Alford, Chair
Jhelecia Hawkins, Treasurer
Fletcher Hope Jr., Immediate Past Chair
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Secretary

VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

(NOT FOR QUORUM)
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEMBERS PRESENT
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

None

Noting a quorum being present, Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 11, 2025

ACTION: Mayor Hope made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2025 Executive Committee meeting as written and circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS -

A. Local Government Land Development Regulations Update Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2025-26 - Town of Cross City

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to execute a technical assistance services agreement for a fixed fee amount of \$75,000 to assist the Town of Cross City with updating their land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2025-26 - Town of Bronson

ACTION: Councilwoman Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson, to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to execute a technical assistance services agreement for a fixed fee amount of \$5,250 to assist the Town of Bronson with implementing their comprehensive plan and land development code for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT -

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

ACTION: Councilwoman Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Mayor Hope, to recommend that the Council appoint Johnny Hiers Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION -

A. Proclamation Proclaiming February 23, 2026 - March 1, 2026
Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins to recommend that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming February 23, 2026 - March 1, 2026 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in the north central Florida region. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council website and transportation disadvantaged coordinating board meeting agendas and meeting packets.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

3/26/26
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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$5,530.50.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$5,530.50.

The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. model is based upon an input-output engine and provides the Council, our local governments, economic development agencies and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. It uses national data calibrated for the region, but also can accept local data sets to enhance its accuracy. This model can review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, include economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region of any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include a hotel and a redevelopment project in the City of Gainesville, a recreational vehicle resort in the City of Hawthorne, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center, manufacturing facilities and sports complex in Columbia County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Planning Grant Resolutions
Fiscal Year 2026-27

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Planning Grant Applications for Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreements for Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council performs the functions of the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Alachua County and is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County, and Union County. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the boards to fulfill their responsibilities.

The attached resolutions authorize the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Applications and authorize the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Agreements with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Planning Grant Agreements provide the funding needed to provide staff services to the local coordinating boards.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ALACHUA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
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ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

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3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement 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 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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ATTEST:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Alachua County, Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council performs the functions of the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Alachua County and is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is required to annually certify membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

The attached forms certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**ALACHUA COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Chestnut IV		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Spencer Morton	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Caroline Ruff-Looney	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Dick-Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato	Geanelly Reveron	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Dalton Elliot	Louella Teague	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Jeff Lee	Timothy Hannon	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Christina Brown	Anna Mendoza	No Term
Veteran Services	Albert Linden, Jr.	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Jesus Gomez	Mildred Crawford	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Erica Barnard	Vacant	6/30/2028

**BRADFORD COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Riddick		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Dalton Elliott	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Christina Brown	Anna Mendoza	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Iana Patterson	Vacant	6/30/2028

**COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official Columbia County	Commissioner Phillips	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Hamilton County	Commissioner Howell	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Suwannee County	Commissioner Mobley	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	John Koch	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Louie Goodin	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Quana Perry	Stephanie Harden	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley	Reeda Harris	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Deborah Cohn	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2028

**DIXIE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Storey		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Dalton Elliott	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Matthew Ferguson	Vacant	6/30/2028

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Langford		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Dalton Elliott	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Pastor Ralph Williams	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Brittney Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2028

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Branche		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Arlene Dix	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Eva Bolton	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Caroline Alrestimawi	Irene Gaffori	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028

**LEVY COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Hodge		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Joseph Wain	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Dalton Elliott	Amy Burton	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Brittany Howerton	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Wayne Moore	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028

**MADISON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Moore		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Paula Arnold	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Brandi Turner	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Tamika Hughes-Leeks	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Summer Jones	Heather Fish	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Delacia Griffin	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Caroline Alrestimawi	Deborah Cohn	No Term
Veteran Services	Kaysona Jones	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2028

**UNION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Mary C. Alford, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner McNeal		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2029
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Heather Fish	Faith Powell	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Phyllis Marty	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2029
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2028
Local Medical Community	John "Dan" Mann	Vacant	6/30/2028



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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-10 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Dixie County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2026.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-01 for the designation of the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-01.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR DIXIE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Dixie County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-01 for the designation of the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2026-01; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-01.

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

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 26th day of March 2026.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair



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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-11 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Gilchrist County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2026.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-02 for the designation of the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-02.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Gilchrist County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-02 for the designation of the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2026-02; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-02.

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

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 26th day of March 2026.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair



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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation
for Union County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-12 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Union County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2026.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-03 for the designation of the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-03.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-03 for the designation of the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 9, 2026;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2026-03; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2026-03.

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

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 26th day of March 2026.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair



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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve attached Resolution No. 2026-13 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2026.

Section 287.057(3) (e) 12, Florida Statutes, allows for contractual services or commodities provided by governmental entities to not be subject to competitive solicitation requirements. Rule 41-2.010 (2) of the Florida Administrative Code allows the selection of Community Transportation Coordinators without competitive acquisition upon the recommendation of the Designated Official Planning Agency. Therefore, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may designate a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to continue serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. Please find attached a resolution adopted by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority concerning designation as the Community Transportation Coordinator.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator, as authorized by Section 427.015(2), Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2.010(6), Florida Administrative Code;

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

1. That the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority to be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties;
2. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to provide the services necessary to serve the transportation disadvantaged populations;
3. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the appropriate personnel, financial capacity, vehicle and equipment resources, experience and qualifications to serve the transportation disadvantaged populations;
4. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated the ability to coordinate a multitude of funding sources and service provisions;
5. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has identified specific means by which it will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable local regulations governing handicapped accessibility requirements;
6. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to provide the most cost effective and quality transportation services;
7. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to coordinate with the public school system, private sector operators and other governmental agencies to maximize the effectiveness of the coordinated transportation system;
8. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated its plans to comply with federal, state and local safety requirements as specified in Section 341.0161, Florida Statutes; and
9. That the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to comply with state, federal and local laws relating to substance abuse testing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 26th day of March 2026.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair



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December 17, 2025

Scott R. Koons, AICP
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
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RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation

Dear Mr. Koons:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the expiration of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) designation for Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Counties on June 30, 2026.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to continue serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period, effective July 1, 2026, subject to approval by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Authority remains committed to providing coordinated, efficient, and reliable transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged populations within these counties.

Enclosed please find the adopted and signed resolution approving Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's continued designation as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Counties. This resolution was approved by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Board and is submitted for the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's consideration and recommendation.

We appreciate the continued partnership with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candice Kennon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candice Kennon
Administrator

CK/mm

Enclosure

cc: Lynn Franson, AICP, Senior Planner
Monica Echevarry, Project Manager – Area 2, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

RESOLUTION NO 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR UNDER FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the authority to be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority may be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties without a competitive acquisition process if the Designated Official Planning Agency determines that approach is in the best interest of the transportation disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was created in 1974 for the purpose of operating a public transportation system for Columbia County, Hamilton County and Suwannee County residents;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the ability to provide the organizational structure needed to administer and operate public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority hereby authorizes the filing and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Chair of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Registered Agent on behalf of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT;

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requests the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period effective July 1, 2026.

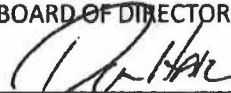
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority this 11th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:



Eric Musgrove, Secretary to the Board

SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Don Hale, Chair, Board of Directors

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March 19, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-14 opposing the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project and recommend the implementation of the alternative water desalinization project, and send a copy of the adopted resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the north central Florida Legislative Delegation, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Jacksonville Electric Authority.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District have announced a regional initiative, the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project, designed to return more than 40 million gallons of water per day to the Floridan Aquifer system to maintain minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and the Ichetucknee River Basin.

The Water First North Florida partnership proposes to take reclaimed wastewater and further purify it through a natural wetland filtration system to recharge into the aquifer. The proposed wetland filtration system would be located in Duval County. The filtrated wastewater would be transmitted via a pipeline to a recharge site located in either Baker County, Bradford County, Columbia County, Hamilton County or Union County in the north central Florida region.

Both Districts jointly approved the project after determining it was the most cost-effective and environmentally beneficial solution to meet area water needs. Staffs evaluated more than 100 potential projects.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.0 billion. The Jacksonville Electric Authority has pledged \$400 million and the St. Johns River Water Management District has pledged \$150 million for the project. An alternative desalinization project is estimated to cost between \$2.0 billion and \$3.0 billion.

According to the Districts, the initiative will deliver multiple long-term water benefits to the region.

- Restoring flows and protecting the health of rivers and springs;
- Recharging the aquifer to ensure a sustainable water supply for residents and visitors;
- Supporting agriculture, small businesses, tourism and future growth;
- Restoring wetlands that support wildlife habitat and enhance recreation; and
- Providing the greatest environmental return at the lowest cost compared with other alternatives.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL OPPOSING THE WATER FIRST NORTH FLORIDA AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE WATER DESALINIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Floridan Aquifer, Ichetucknee River, Santa Fe River and 116 freshwater springs are designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the water quality of the freshwater springs, rivers and the Floridan Aquifer is critical to the economic vitality of eco-tourism, agriculture and recreation in the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of the potentiometric surface of the Floridan Aquifer by water users located outside of the north central Florida region has contributed to lower flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of achieving minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin as necessary to protect north central Florida region natural resources and the Council's interest in maintaining a high quality of life for its citizens and enjoyment of the area for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida local water sources first policy suggests that water users located outside of the north central Florida region should develop alternative water supplies, such as desalination; and

WHEREAS, the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project would discharge 40 million gallons per day of treated wastewater from outside the north central Florida region into the Floridan Aquifer in either Baker County, Bradford County, Columbia County, Hamilton County or Union County in the north central Florida region.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that:

1. The Council opposes the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project.
2. The Council recommends the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management District re-evaluate the alternative local water sources first desalination project for water users located outside of the north central Florida region as a means to contribute towards achieving minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin.

RESOLVED this 26th day of March 2026, by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in regular session.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford, Chair

