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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2024

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

RE: NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next NEFRC Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee **and** Board of Directors meetings will be held at 9:00am and 10:00am, respectively, on **Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** The meetings will be held at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)
(*Denotes Action Required)**

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1. Call to Order
2. Welcome – Commissioner Dance
3. Roll Call – President Whitehurst
4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation – President Whitehurst
5. Invitation to Speak – President Whitehurst
Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to speak on any item brought before the Council. The public will be recognized during public comments.
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- Florida Department of Commerce – Mr. Register
- Florida Department of Transportation – Mr. Dixon
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Ms. Craver
- St. Johns River Water Management District – Mr. Conkey

11. Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Ms. Payne

12. Upcoming Events:

- May 8, 2024 – Flagler County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 14, 2024 – St. Johns County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 15, 2024 – Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Meeting
- May 16, 2024 – Baker County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 16, 2024 – Nassau County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 20, 2024 – Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 20, 2024 – Putnam County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 22, 2024 – North Central Healthcare Coalition Meeting
- May 23, 2024 – Duval County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting
- May 27, 2024 – MEMORIAL DAY, COUNCIL CLOSED
- June 6, 2024 – NEFRC Board & Committee Meetings, NEFRC
- June 19, 2024 – JUNETEENTH, COUNCIL CLOSED

13. Next Board Meeting:

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024
 Northeast Florida Regional Council
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14. Adjournment

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Consent Agenda*

President Whitehurst

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2024

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors, pursuant to Chapter 120.525, F.S., held a hybrid meeting at 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville, FL and virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

President Whitehurst welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the following members present and in person unless otherwise noted:

BAKER: Commissioner Anderson
Mr. Griffis
Mr. Register

CLAY: Mr. Bourre (virtual)
Mr. Kennedy
Commissioner Condon
Commissioner Renninger

DUVAL: Councilman Amaro
Councilman Gay
Mayor Lynch (virtual)

FLAGLER: Mayor Alfin
Commissioner Dance (virtual)
Commissioner Sullivan (virtual)

NASSAU: Commissioner Martin
Vice-Mayor Sturges

PUTNAM: Commissioner Adamczyk (virtual)

ST. JOHNS: Commissioner Alaimo
Commissioner Horvath
Commissioner Whitehurst

EX-OFFICIO: Mr. Conkey, St. Johns River Water Management District
Mr. Dixon, Florida Department of Transportation (virtual)

Excused: Commissioner Bennett, Mr. Drew, and Commissioner Harvey

Absent: Mayor Brown, Mr. Hart, Mr. Strong

Presenters: **Lt. Shawn Hall**, City of Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Dept.

Guests: Mr. Matthew Dews (Senator Rubio's Ofc), Catherine Hannan (FWC), Holly Coyle, and other members of the public.

Staff: Eric Anderson, Fara Ilami, Elizabeth Payne, Jack Shad, Donna Starling, Cassidy Taylor, and other members of staff.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

President Whitehurst stated that members of the public are welcome to speak on any item before the Board. The public will be recognized during public comment.

*CONSENT AGENDA

President Whitehurst called for a motion on the consent agenda. Mr. Register moved approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Commissioner Renninger. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Presentation: Chemical Attack on a Special Event Exercise

Lt. Shawn Hall, City of Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Dept., stated that the City has partnered with the NEFRC and the Department of Homeland Security to provide training exercises in preparation for any possibilities of chemical attacks on special events. He provided a brief overview of a two-part terrorism exercise that is being implemented in Northeast Florida. The exercise series addresses intelligence and information-sharing practices and capabilities in advance of a chemical attack on a special event, followed by a coordinated response and recovery from such an attack. Federal, State, and local partners have been invited to attend and participate in the exercise. He stated that the goal is to expand this exercise offering in other communities to assist with planning considerations for special events located across the Region and eventually the State.

Presentation: Regional Community Institute (RCI) Update: Heirs' Property

Ms. Moehring, RCI Executive Director, introduced Ms. Deborah Thompson, Member of the Regional Community Institute; and Mr. Kristopher Smith of LISC Jacksonville who has partnered with the RCI on the heirs' property policy work. Ms. Thompson shared the RCI activities undertaken to date to address the issue of heirs' property. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the heirs' property issue and resources to help constituents navigate the process required in order to retain inherited properties. Ms. Moehring stated that the RCI Board's next meeting is March 25th, which may be their final meeting on this policy issue and will share relevant information related to this issue with the NEFRC Board. Additionally, LISC Jacksonville has provided a link to their heirs' property toolkit that will be made available to the Members following the meeting.

Community Resiliency Update

Ms. Ilami provided an update on the Council's Resiliency program activities. She highlighted the recent progress on the Regional Resiliency Action Plan and other components of the Regional Resiliency Entity grant, progress on local government Vulnerability Assessments being conducted by the NEFRC, and developments on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant project being

collaborated on with the City of Jacksonville that includes options for multiple Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) to collaborate on a larger Implementation Grant application.

Program Spotlight: City of Palatka Vision Plan

Mr. Shad and Ms. Taylor provided an update on the City of Palatka's Vision Plan. NEFRC was contracted to develop a vision plan to define the community's preferences and desires for the next 20 years. The vision plan will help the City develop the goals, objectives, and policies to update their comprehensive plan. Staff highlighted the tools utilized to engage the community, such as workshops, community discussions, surveys, special events, etc. A draft plan will be presented to the City's Planning Board and the final plan will be approved by the City Commission at the end of the process. Discussion followed.

Regional Leadership Academy (RLA): Baker & Putnam Counties

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Council's RLA program to date. In January, the group visited Baker County and toured a small business as well as Heritage Park, and heard presentations from Florida Power & Light and the Baker County Chamber. In February, the group visited Putnam County and toured downtown Palatka, and heard a presentation from a local business, Azalea City Brewing Company. The group also visited the Ravine Gardens State Park. The next session will take place in Flagler County. Mr. Nolen stated that this year's class includes two Jacksonville University students. Brief discussion followed.

Public Comment – None.

Local and Regional Issues Discussion

Clay: **Commissioner Renninger** – Clay County Fair begins in April.

Mr. Kennedy – The City of Green Cove Springs recently kicked off the Walnut Street redevelopment project from one block west of SR 17 to the river for improvements in that area.

Duval: **Councilman Gay** – District 2, a lot of development happening in north Jacksonville, which includes a huge facility being built there by DHL.

Flagler: **Mayor Alfin** – The City of Palm Coast is awaiting the end of the Legislative Session for assistance in their western expansion.

Commissioner Sullivan – The Homestead Exemption increase of \$25,000 was just passed in the Legislature and is headed to the Governor for signature. The County is part of Bike week, and they are expecting three to four thousand people in the area.

Nassau: **Commissioner Martin** – Nassau County is currently doing their Vision 2050 plan. They are celebrating their bicentennial year. The County recently started their own non-profit called Imagine Nassau, which allows the County to take private contributions. He added that the Shrimp Festival is the first weekend in May.

St. Johns: **President Whitehurst** – the Players Championship is coming up and everyone is invited.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Commerce

Mr. Register shared information from a recent edition of Site Selection Magazine that ranks areas of the country based on the number of successful economic development project announcements. In 2023, Chicago was ranked #1 for the 11th year in a row. No area in Florida made the top ten. However, when they broke down the country into five regions, with Florida in the South Atlantic Region; Atlanta was #1, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach was #3, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater was #5, and Jacksonville was #9 with 34 project announcements.

Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Dixon – Nothing to report.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Conkey has observed recent issues with residential resiliency improvements involving water around the Region and encourages local governments to inform their constituents seeking these improvements to obtain permits. He also stated that April is Water Conservation Month and thanked local governments for their support with proclamations. He reminded Members that on March 10th the clocks move forward one hour, and residents can water their lawns twice a week.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Payne informed the Members on Council activities involving, 1) a new Community Development Manager has been hired and will begin on March 18th, 2) the Council's planning staff is doing a lot of planning work for some of our local communities, i.e., visioning exercises and comprehensive plan updates for Putnam County and some of our smaller municipalities like the Town of Callahan and City of Flagler Beach, 3) staff is preparing for hurricane season and our annual exercises, 4) received notification that the Healthcare Coalition contract is being renewed for another five years, 5) recently participated in the Nassau County Opioid Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threat analysis meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet in April and the full Board will meet in May. Staff is still working with Mayor Alfin on getting Speaker Renner to one of our meetings, which may require a change in meeting location in either May or June.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be May 2, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.

Christian Whitehurst
President

Elizabeth Payne
Chief Executive Officer

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2024

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: BETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

RE: RESOLUTION 2024-04: NASSAU COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

At the April Executive Committee meeting, the Request for Proposal for the Community Transportation Coordinator for Nassau County was discussed and approved. However, the State requires a resolution from the Designated Official Planning Agency, the Northeast Florida Regional Council, recommending the selected party – the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. As the resolution was required for submission prior to the May 2nd Board meeting, the Resolution was approved by the Board President. It is attached for your information.

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Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2024-04

Recommendation of the Nassau County Community Transportation Coordinator

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) is the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Nassau County, and as part of its statutory duty must recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Nassau County to the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD); and

WHEREAS, the contract between the current CTC and the CTD expires on September 30, 2024 due to the Nassau County Council on Aging submitting a resignation letter; and

WHEREAS, the DOPA is required to conduct a competitive procurement process for the Community Transportation Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, NEFRC issued a RFP for CTC services, and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority responded; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Committee including NEFRC staff, a transportation planner and staff from another DOPA found the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to be the only respondent that was responsive and qualified and had submitted an excellent proposal and therefore recommends that they be given a five year contract by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Local Coordinating Board was informed of this recommendation and indicated its enthusiastic support of Jacksonville Transportation Authority as the CTC; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the NEFRC approved the recommendation at its April 4, 2024 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeast Florida Regional Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that the Jacksonville Transportation Authority be designated as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Nassau County for a five-year period effective October 1, 2024.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, on the fourth day of April 2024.

Christian Whitehurst

President

Elizabeth Payne

CEO

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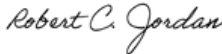
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 29, 2024
TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 
FROM: ROBERT JORDAN, REGIONAL PLANNER 
RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEWS

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of transmitted and adopted amendments to local government comprehensive plans is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The review is also limited to extra-jurisdictional impacts inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, a written report with an impact evaluation should be provided to the local government and the State land planning agency (Florida Commerce) within 30 calendar days of receipt (of the amendment).

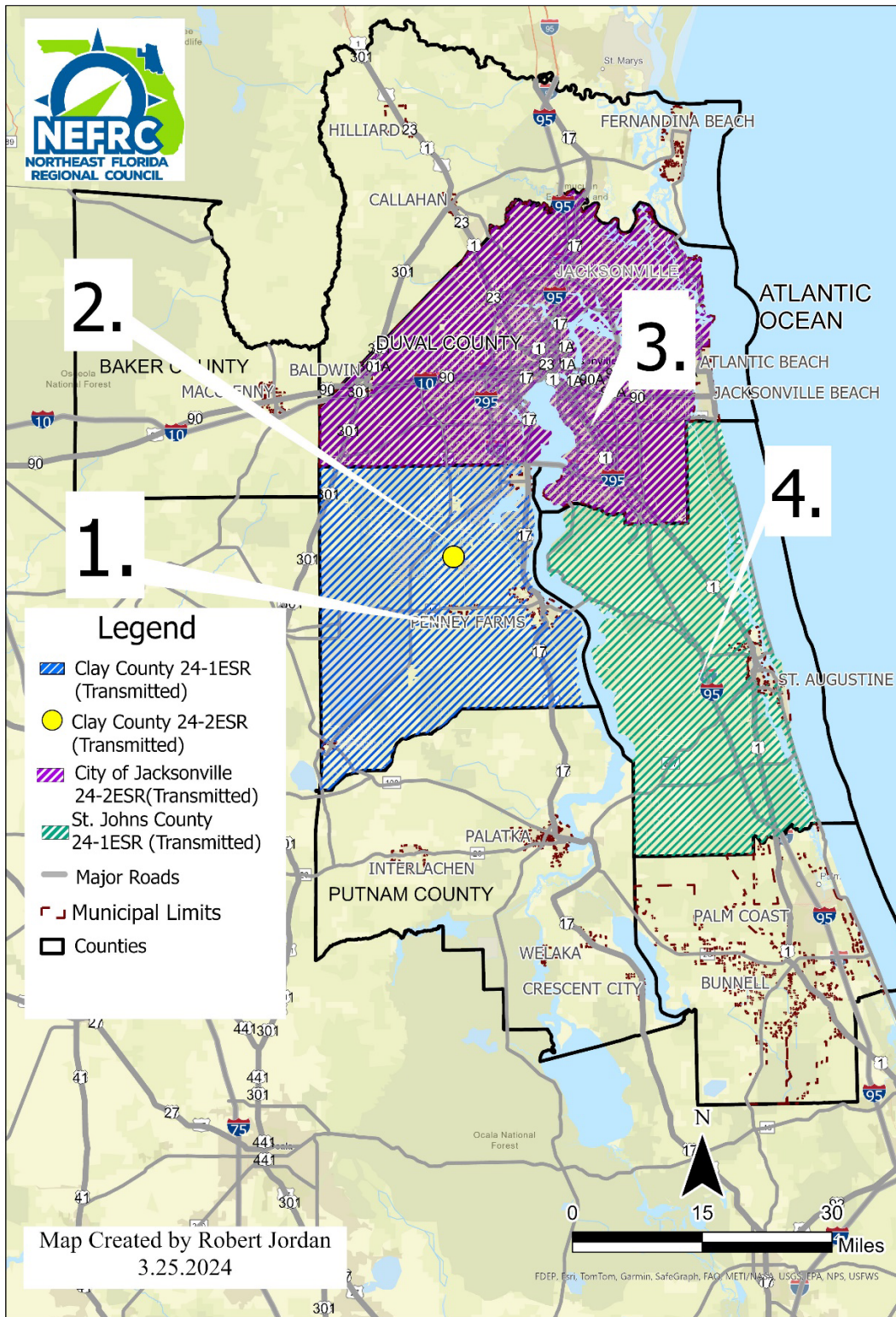
A regional map of the listed amendments is provided on the next page, and associated maps and policy text are provided in the appendix herein. Upon approval of this report by the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) Board of Directors for transmittal to the State land planning agency, a copy will be provided to the respective local government.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommends that the NEFRC Board of Directors approve the staff review report for Clay County Transmitted Amendment 24-1ESR, Clay County Transmitted Amendment 24-2ESR, the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 24-2ESR, and St. Johns County Transmitted Amendment 24-1ESR.

REGIONAL MAP OF AMENDMENT LOCATION SITES

May 2024 Board of Directors
Comprehensive Plan Amendments



Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map	Transmitted	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
Clay County 24-1ESR	1	X		Clay	5-3-2024	COMP 2024-005

- **Type:** Text
- **Issue:** This text amendment adds policies to the Community Facilities and Capitol Improvements Elements of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The proposed changes are in response to statutory requirements resulting from House Bill 1379 which went into effect July 1, 2023.
- **Background:** In 2008, the Lower St. Johns River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) was adopted as part of a statewide effort to protect Florida’s water quality. Based on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s (FDEP) findings, several portions of the Basin have reduced water quality due to the influx of nutrients. FDEP adopted Total Maximum Loads for Nitrogen and Phosphorus to prevent further degradation of water quality. House Bill 1397 further advances the State’s efforts to protect its natural resources through the strengthening of BMAPs. Specifically, the legislation requires local governments to include in their Capitol Improvements Element, a list of any publicly funded projects of federal, state, and local governments that are necessary to achieve pollutant reduction as established in the BMAPs. The bill also requires local governments, by July 1, 2024, to incorporate policy in their Comprehensive Plan to consider the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer services within a ten-year planning horizon for any development of more than 50 residential units, whether built or unbuilt, with more than one onsite sewage treatment and disposal system per acres. Please see Exhibit 1 in the Appendix for the policy text amendment.
- **Impacts:** There were no impacts to Resources of Regional Significance or extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of an affected local government identified by Staff.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Considering this is a text amendment to the County’s Comprehensive Plan, no intergovernmental coordination is recommended by Staff.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map	Transmitted	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
Clay County 24-2ESR	2	X		Clay	5-3-2024	COMP 2024-002

- **Type:** Future Land Use
- **Issue:** This amendment to the Clay County Comprehensive Plan proposes to shift the land uses for 214 acres within the Lake Asbury Master Plan Area, but does not present any added residential density.
- **Background:** The subject properties are located within the Lake Asbury Master Plan Area. This application seeks to relocate the Lake Asbury Village Center acreage to an area bounded on the east and west by the Lake Asbury Greenway and the First Coast Expressway and having frontage on Sandridge Road and future East-West 1B. The site would be accessed via the intersections of North-South 2 at Sandridge Road and East-West 1B. An approximate 4-acre portion located on North-South 2 will remain Lake Asbury Master Planned Community (LA MPC) and is intended for a new fire station. The proposed amendment does not present an increase in density but will result in additional environmentally sensitive lands being protected under the Lake Asbury Greenway designation. Please see Exhibits 2 and 3 in the appendix for additional information on the requested land use changes.
- **Impacts:** The proposed amendment will relocate the Lake Asbury Village Center, currently shown on Verbena Parkway, to the west of the First Coast Expressway with access at the intersection of Sandridge Road and future North-South 2. The Comprehensive Plan requires that Village Centers be located around the intersection roads classified as minor collectors and above. Sandridge Road is a minor collector, serving as a primary east-west thoroughfare in the Lake Asbury area. There are no additional impacts on services from the proposed land use amendment.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** No intergovernmental coordination is recommended by Staff.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map	Transmitted	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
City of Jacksonville 24-2ESR	3	X		Duval	5-3-2024	Ordinance 2024-191-E

- **Type:** Map Series
- **Issue:** This amendment to the Future Land Use Element Map Series and Transportation Element Map Series of the 2045 City Comprehensive Plan updates the Coastal High Hazard Areas and Hurricane Evacuation Zones Maps.
- **Background:** Section 163.3179, Florida Statutes, requires the designation of coastal high-hazard areas (CHHA) in the local comprehensive plan. The statute defines the CHHA as the area below the elevation of the Category 1 Storm Surge Line as established by a Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) computerized storm surge model. The SLOSH model for Northeast Florida is periodically updated by the Northeast Florida Regional Council and this amendment updates the map consistent with the most recent data from 2021. Please see Exhibit 4 in the Appendix for the amended Coastal High Hazard Areas and Evacuation Zones Map.

Note: A public comment was received but pertained to a local issue outside of our criteria.
- **Impacts:** There were no impacts to Resources of Regional Significance or extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of an affected local government identified by Staff.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Considering this is a text amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, no intergovernmental coordination is recommended by Staff.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map	Transmitted	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
St. Johns County 24-1ESR	4	X		St. Johns County	5-3-2024	COMP 2024-01 Infrastructure Element

- **Type:** Text Amendment
- **Issue:** This amendment to the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan Infrastructure Element addresses the requirements of House Bill 1379 regarding pollution reduction basin management action plan projects and the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer service to developments of more than fifty (50) residential lots with more than one onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems per one (1) acre.
- **Background:** In June 2023, the Florida Legislature issued and Governor DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 1379 revising existing Florida Statutes related to environmental protection, becoming effective on July 1, 2023. HB1379 added specific requirements to Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, related to (1) pollutant load reduction projects for the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) areas in the County’s jurisdiction and (2) considering the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer service to developments in the County’s jurisdiction of more than fifty residential lots, whether built or unbuilt, with more than one onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) per one (1) acre. HB1379 required the County’s Comprehensive Plan to be updated to include these elements by July 1st, 2024. Two new Policies within the Infrastructure Element of the Comprehensive Plan have been developed to address the requirements of HB 1379. New Policy D.1.3.6 will require the County to include a list of applicable pollutant load projects for the Lower St. Johns River BMAP in its Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as needed. New Policy D.4.9 will require the County to consider the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer service to developments within the County’s jurisdiction of more than fifty (50) residential lots with more than OSTDS per one (1) acre over a ten (10) year planning horizon, to be updated as need for future developments, and to include applicable projects in its Five- Year Schedule of Capital Improvements as needed. This proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment is required for compliance with the applicable provisions of House Bill 1379, under the requirements of s. 163.1377, F.S. Please see Exhibit 5 in the Appendix for policy text amendment.
- **Impacts:** There were no impacts to Resources of Regional Significance or extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of an affected local government identified by Staff.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Considering this is a text amendment to the County’s Comprehensive Plan, no intergovernmental coordination is recommended by Staff.

Appendix

Exhibit 1: Clay County 24-1ESR (Transmitted Policies)

Community Facilities Element (CFE POLICY 1.4.8)

The County shall assess the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer services, within a 10-year planning horizon, for any development under its jurisdiction of 50 or more residential lots, whether built or unbuilt, with more than one onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) per 1 acre. This analysis shall be conducted pursuant to Section 163.3177(6)(c)3, F.S., incorporated by reference in this element by July 1, 2024, and updated as needed thereafter to account for future applicable developments.

Capital Improvements Element (CIE Policy 1.4.5)

The County shall annually update as necessary into its Capital Improvement Element a schedule of capital improvements which may include any publicly funded projects of federal, state, or local government, and which may include privately funded projects for which the local government has no fiscal responsibility that provide for increased capacity or upgrade of treatment required to achieve the pollutant load reductions attributable to the County, to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established in the Lower St. Johns River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) pursuant to Section 403.067(7), F.S. If the current TMDL is being met, no projects shall be listed.

Exhibit 2: Clay County 24-2ESR (Proposed Land Use Designation Map Amendment)

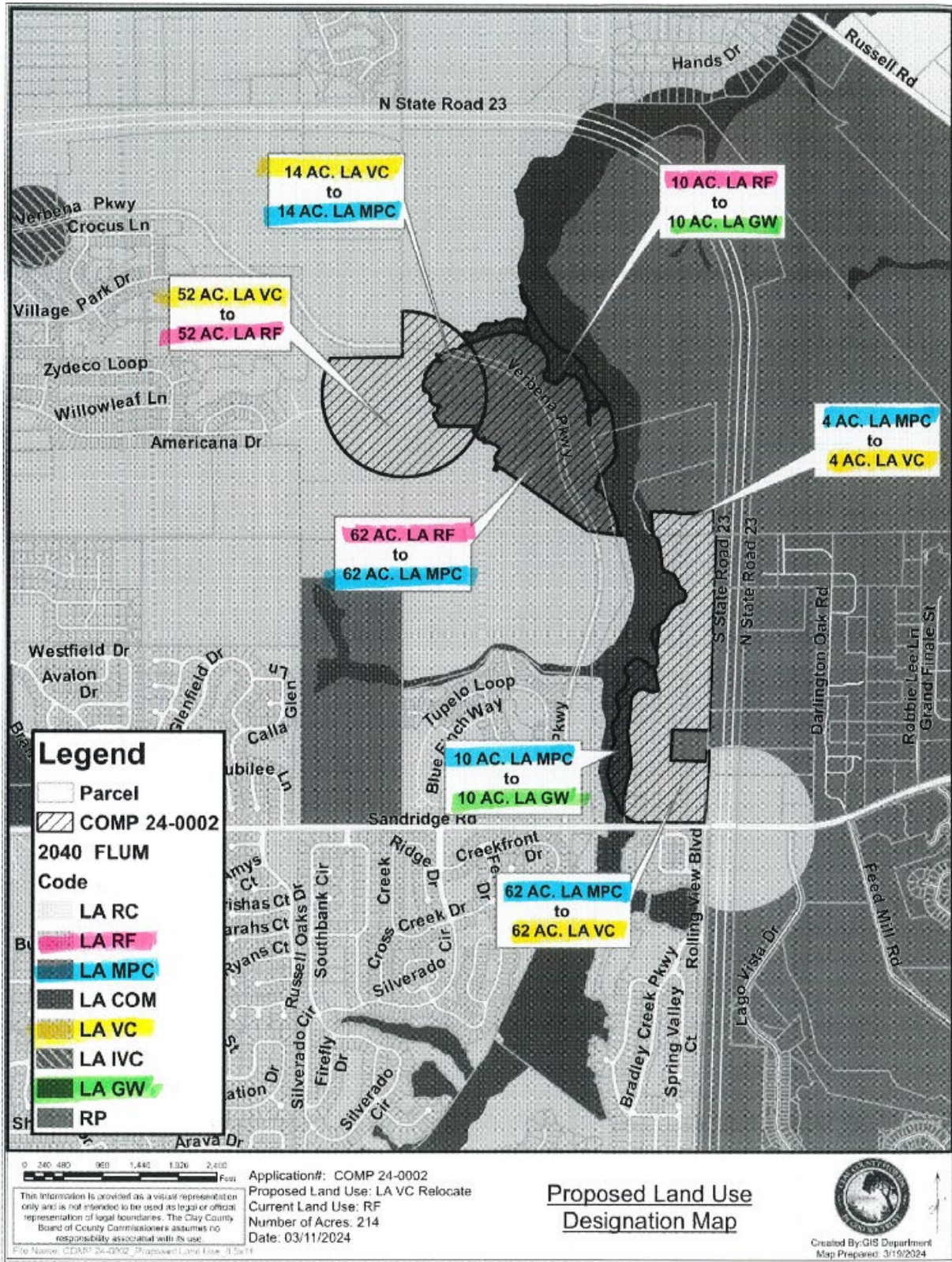


Exhibit 3: Clay County 24-2ESR (Proposed Amendment Tables)

Land Use	Acres Changed From	Acres Changed To	Total Acres Changed
LA VC	14	62	66
	52	4	
LA RF	62	52	52
	10		
LA MPC	62	62	76
	10	14	
	4		
LA GW	0	20	20
	214	214	214

Exhibit 4: City of Jacksonville 24-2ESR (Amended Coastal High Hazard Areas and Hurricane Evacuation Zones Map)

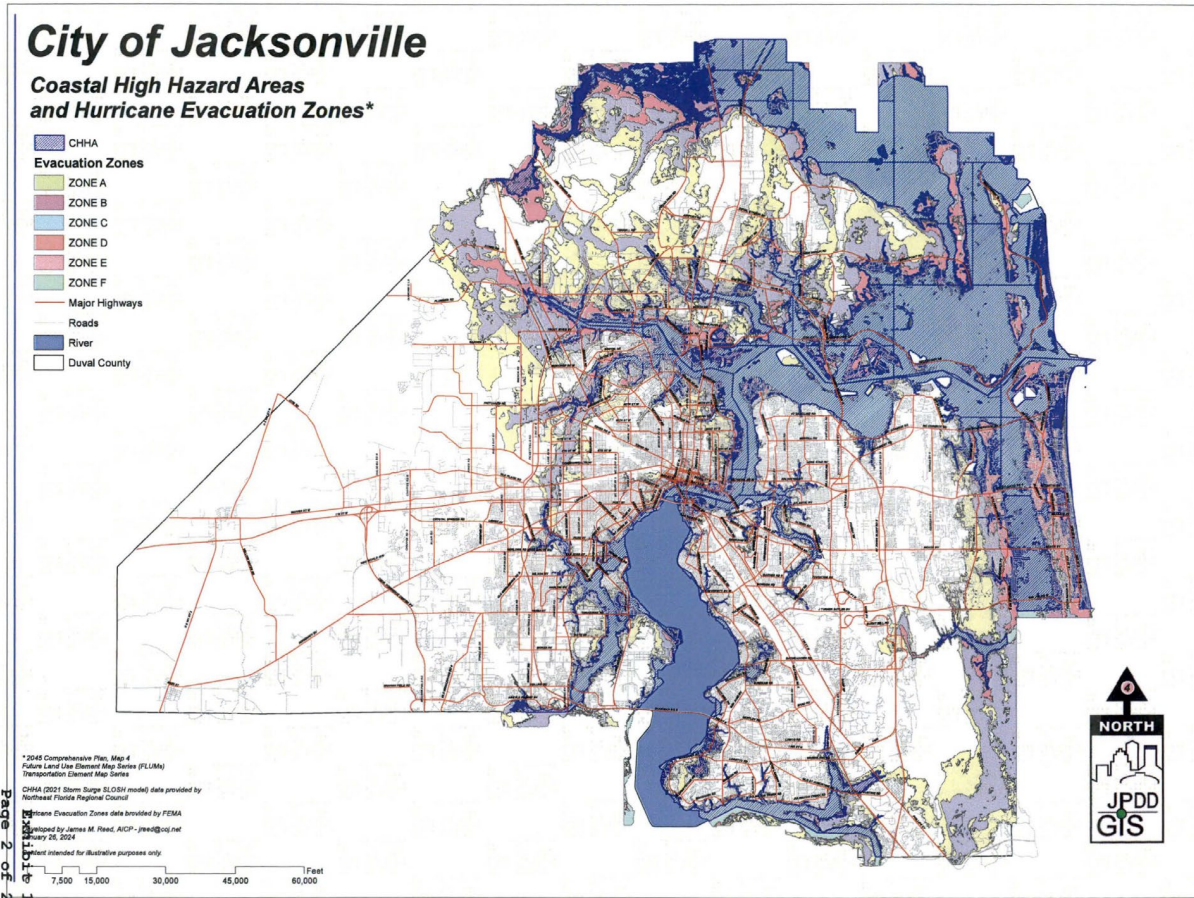


Exhibit 5: St. Johns County 24-1ESR (Transmitted Policies)

New Policy D.1.3.6

Where applicable, by September 30, 2025, the County shall include a list of sanitary sewer service projects in the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvement, with an annual update as necessary, for increased capacity or upgrade of treatment required to achieve the pollutant load reductions attributable to the County, to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established in the Lower St. Johns River Basin Management Action Plan pursuant to Section 403.067(7), Florida Statutes. If the current TMDL is being met, no projects shall be listed.

New Policy D.1.4.9

Within the County's jurisdiction, for any development of more than fifty (50) residential lots, whether built or unbuilt, with more than one (1) onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) per one (1) acre, the County shall consider the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer services within a 10-year planning horizon and must identify the name and location of the wastewater treatment facility that could receive sanitary sewer flows after connection; the capacity of the facility and any associated transmission facilities; the projected wastewater flow at that facility for the next twenty (20) years, including expected future new construction and connections of OSTDS to sanitary sewer; and a timeline for the construction of the sanitary sewer system. The County shall update its feasibility analysis as needed to account for future applicable developments. By September 30, 2025, the County shall include in the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvement, with an annual update as necessary, a list of projects for providing sanitary sewer to the development(s), as applicable.

Other Reports & Action Items

President Whitehurst

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The Honorable Paul Renner
Speaker of the House

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March 2024 Financial Report*


Ms. Starling

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2024

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

FROM: ^{DS} DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RE: MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Northeast Florida Regional Council posted a Net Income of \$16,625 for the month of March and a Year-to-Date Net Income of \$86,943.

Regional Council - Agencywide	Adopted Budget 23/24	March 2024	YTD	Represents 50% of Fiscal Year	Budget Variance
Revenues					
County Dues	\$ 694,757	57,896	347,378	50%	0%
Local Government Technical Assistance	\$ 236,300	17,942	152,114	64%	14%
Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)	\$ 186,329	10,905	70,576	38%	-12%
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$ 70,000	5,262	31,449	45%	-5%
Hazardous Analysis	\$ 13,849	1,256	5,285	38%	-12%
Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)	\$ 77,000	6,898	44,744	58%	8%
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program	\$ 75,878	3,001	35,758	47%	-3%
Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program	\$ 5,000	-	-	0%	-50%
Healthcare Coalition	\$ 748,712	65,936	313,743	42%	-8%
CDBG North Florida Resiliency Plan	\$ 250,000	25,628	130,982	52%	2%
CDBG Mitigation Assessment and Planning	\$ 106,000	2,928	18,737	18%	-32%
Florida Hospital Association	\$ 132,879	-	60,411	45%	-5%
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	\$ -	27,401	130,367	0%	-50%
Disaster Recovery Coordinator	\$ 87,000	6,551	40,716	47%	-3%
Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)	\$ 4,200	838	1,425	34%	-16%
Other Revenue	\$ 13,350	1,389	65,951	494%	444%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,701,254	\$ 233,830	\$ 1,449,638	54%	
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	\$ 100,466	\$ (16,625)	\$ (86,943)		
TOTAL REVENUE/GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,801,720	\$ 217,205	\$ 1,362,694	49%	
Expenses					
Salaries and Fringe	\$ 1,675,438	145,389	809,206	48%	-2%
Contract/Grant Direct Expenses	\$ 791,707	46,597	341,879	43%	-7%
Indirect - Allocated Expenses*	\$ 201,295	14,237	105,527	52%	2%
General Fund Expense*	\$ 133,280	10,982	106,082	80%	30%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,801,720	\$ 217,205	\$ 1,362,694	49%	
Net Income (loss)	\$ (100,466)	16,625	\$ 86,943		


Northeast Florida Regional Council
 Balance Sheet
 March 2024

	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
	March 2023	March 2024
ASSETS		
Cash	2,237,393	2,021,882
Accounts Receivable	530,431	679,062
Pension Deferred Outflows	439,576	425,550
WJCT Security Deposit	7,400	7,400
Total Current Assets	3,214,800	3,133,894
Property and Equipment:		
Office Furniture and Equipment	281,631	306,421
Less Accumulated Depreciation	186,565	204,260
Total Property and Equipment, net	95,067	102,161
Total Assets	3,309,866	3,236,056
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	23,907	5,582
Accrued Salaries and Leave	59,224	64,520
Deferred Revenue	247,285	96,963
Pension Liability	1,087,234	1,355,550
Pension Deferred Inflows	56,671	49,234
Total Liabilities	1,474,321	1,571,849
EQUITY		
Equity and Other Credits:		
Retained Earnings	1,835,545	1,664,207
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,835,545	1,664,207
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	3,309,866	3,236,056

YTD Comparison

	22/23		23/24		22/23		23/24
	Net Income (Loss)		Net Income (Loss)		Cash Balance		Cash Balance
AGENCYWIDE							
October	\$ 3,147		\$ 9,014		\$ 2,480,421		\$ 2,430,628
November	\$ 10,292		\$ 28,148		\$ 2,548,733		\$ 2,442,307
December	\$ 21,445		\$ 46,934		\$ 2,427,805		\$ 2,254,171
January	\$ 29,526		\$ 54,754		\$ 2,516,530		\$ 2,330,658
February	\$ 44,710		\$ 70,318		\$ 2,488,934		\$ 2,188,836
March	\$ 65,477		\$ 86,943		\$ 2,237,393		\$ 2,021,882
April	\$ 82,390				\$ 2,354,111		
May	\$ 60,665				\$ 2,200,457		
June	\$ 75,043				\$ 1,807,496		
July	\$ 86,500				\$ 2,227,862		
August	\$ 98,379				\$ 2,360,077		
September	\$ 82,101				\$ 2,237,393		

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2024
TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 
FROM: DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ^{DS}
RE: MARCH 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

Bank Account Interest

	<u>FY 22/23</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u>
March Interest	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,294
Year to Date Interest	\$ 3,411	\$ 8,044

Florida Local Government Investment Trust

	<u>FY 22/23</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u>
Current Balance	\$17,915	\$18,748

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NEFRC Office Relocation*

Ms. Payne

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2024
TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: BETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 
RE: NEFRC OFFICE RELOCATION

At the April Executive Committee meeting, discussion was held regarding the potential relocation of the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) offices from the WJCT Building to the Jessie Ball DuPont Center, located in downtown Jacksonville. The NEFRC is growing in size and is currently at capacity at WJCT with no room for expansion. Office space is available at the Jessie Ball DuPont Center, which would provide additional square footage and accommodate a growing staff. The Executive Committee was provided with a tour of the building and the potential office space.

The Executive Committee voted for staff to proceed with negotiations for a potential relocation, including issues of parking, moving costs and lease options. There will be discussion and action taken on this item at the upcoming May Board Meeting.

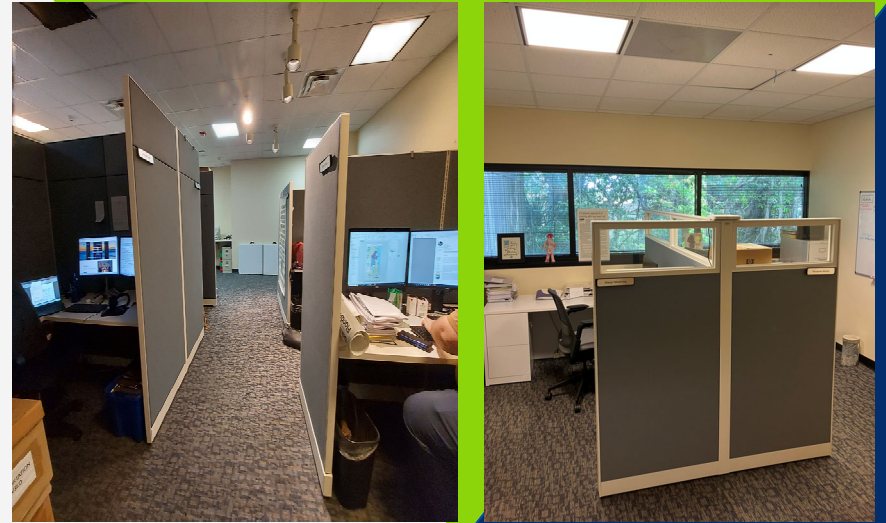
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Current Office Space WJCT Building

- Current building was built in 1993, office has 3,700 sq. feet, with ten offices.
- NEFRC has outgrown the space, currently have 17 FTE staff, several part-time staff and interns - moved to WJCT with 13 staff in 2016.
- Construction and redevelopment in this part of downtown Jacksonville will be ongoing and presents challenges.



Potential New Space

Jessie Ball DuPont Building

- Built in 1965, completely restored in June 2013, located at 40 East Adams Street
- Designed to provide Class A office space to non-profits in a shared use model
- Located in the downtown core, with associated benefits and costs
- Provides over 15 meeting rooms, in a variety of sizes and uses, with technology built into each room



Jessie Ball DuPont Building Tenants

- Benefit of collaborations with other tenants in the building, who have a regional focus and work in similar fields.

Tenants
Baptist Health Office of Social Responsibility & Community Advocacy
Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center
First Coast YMCA
Florida Nonprofit Alliance
Jesse Ball duPont Fund
Leadership Jacksonville
Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida
United Way of Northeast Florida

Rent & Space Comparison

	WJCT	The Jessie
Offices	10	17
Actual Size	3,700	4,800
Rent per Square Foot	\$25.32	\$18.08
Total Rent per Month	\$7,805.66	\$7,233.60
Technology Fee	-	\$1,300
Escalator per Year	3%	3%
Term	3 years, ends 12/1/25	5 years

Significantly lower cost per square foot than WJCT and comparable private office buildings in Jacksonville.

Building Space Plan



Considerations

- Located in downtown Jacksonville, the building does not have parking. This will require an additional cost each month for employees that NEFRC will cover.
- Several costs savings – including storage, internet is included with technology fee and there will be a change in VOIP providers which will likely provide savings.
- Potential for long term savings on other items including IT contract with outside vendor.

Parking

- Staff will be given a parking stipend to cover general parking at a nearby garage (\pm \$65/ month at COJ Yates Garage)
- Fleet vehicles will be stored in reserved spaces at a nearby garage
- Building has covered loading dock for easy loading
- Board & other meetings can get parking validated

Overview of Letter of Intent*

- Lays out terms of lease
- Special requirements because of the Council's status as an 'agency of the State'
- Lease will be drafted in consultation with attorneys for both the Council and the building.

*Action Item

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2024 Hurricane Season

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DATE: APRIL 24, 2024

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: ERIC ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RE: **THE 2024 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON**

Mr. Scott Cordero, the Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, has been invited to present to the Board at its June meeting. In preparation for the June presentation, staff will highlight Colorado State University’s (CSU) initial forecasts, as well as discuss preparedness activities across the Region.

While the National Hurricane Center has yet to release its initial predictions for the upcoming Atlantic hurricane season, Colorado State University’s Tropical Weather and Climate Research Team typically kicks off the early season forecast. CSU hurricane researchers are predicting an extremely active Atlantic hurricane season in their initial 2024 forecast as indicated below:

ATLANTIC BASIN SEASONAL HURRICANE FORECAST FOR 2024

Forecast Parameter and 1991–2020 Average (in parentheses)	Issue Date April 4, 2024
Named Storms (NS) (14.4)	23
Named Storm Days (NSD) (69.4)	115
Hurricanes (H) (7.2)	11
Hurricane Days (HD) (27.0)	45
Major Hurricanes (MH) (3.2)	5
Major Hurricane Days (MHD) (7.4)	13
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (123)	210
ACE West of 60°W (73)	125
Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (NTC) (135%)	220

Scientific graphic showing the Atlantic basin seasonal hurricane forecast for 2024 from the Colorado State University team

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2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Eric Anderson, CEM, AICP
Deputy CEO

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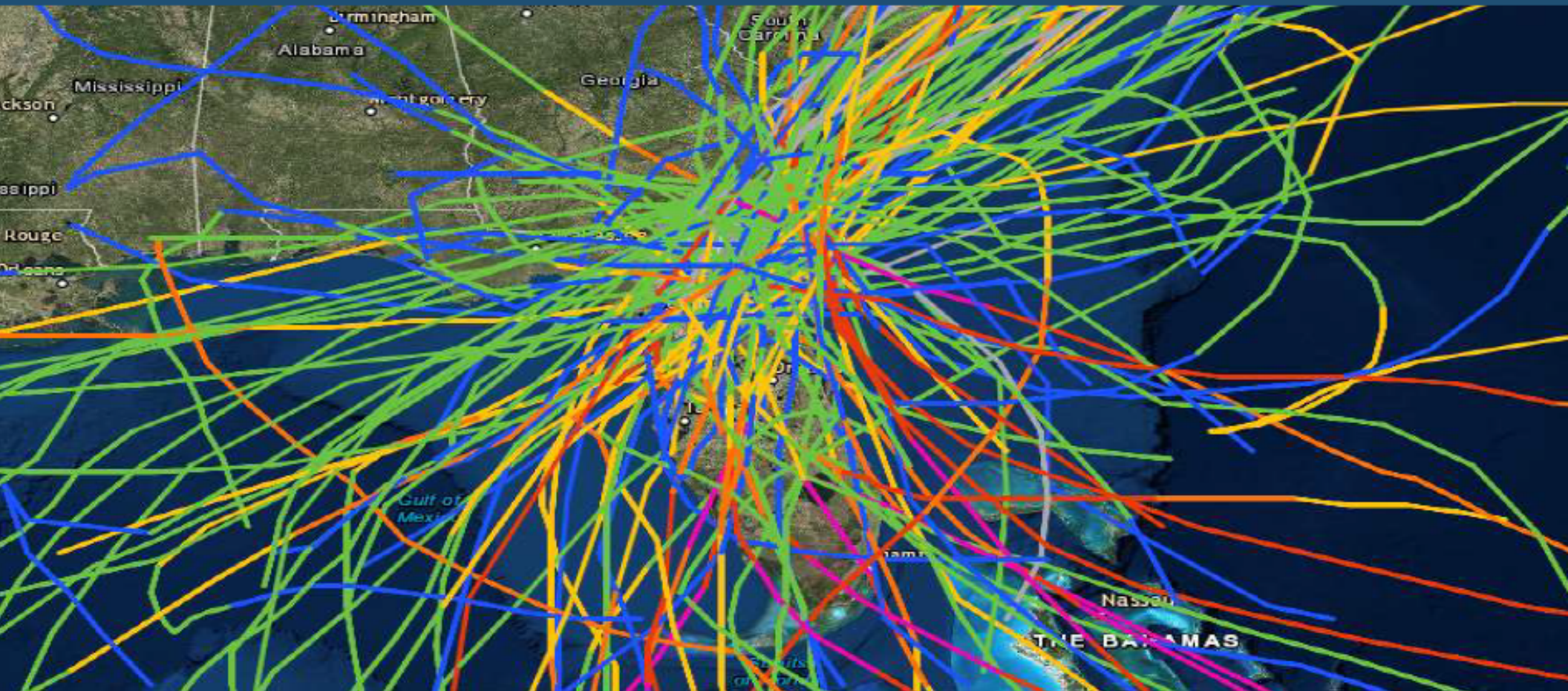
Initial Forecast – Colorado State University

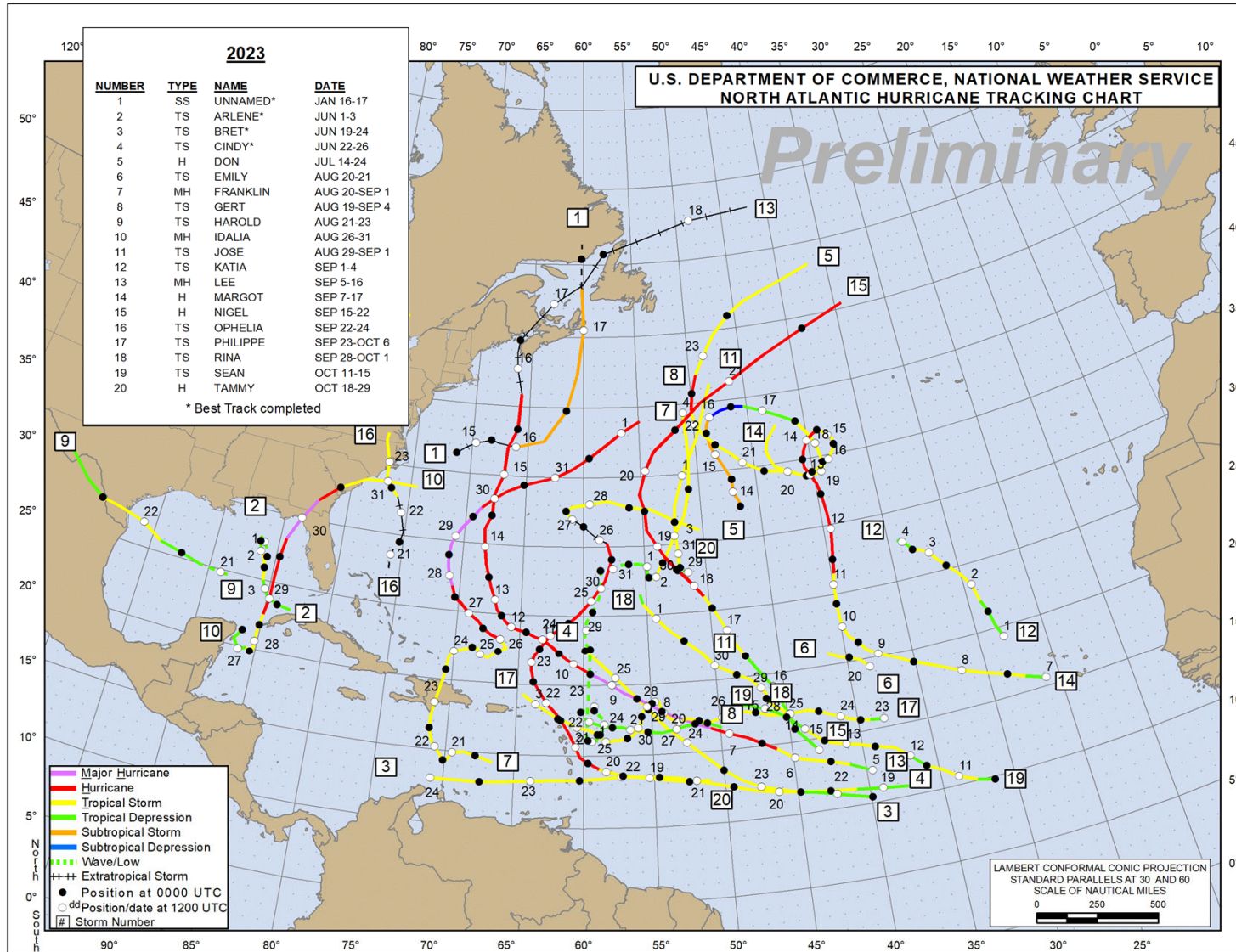
Upcoming Activities

- June Presentation - Scott Cordero, NWS Jacksonville
- St. Johns County Hurricane Exercise – May 30
- JEA & City of Jacksonville Hurricane Exercise – June 4-6
- Hurricane Activations – NEFRC Staffing Support

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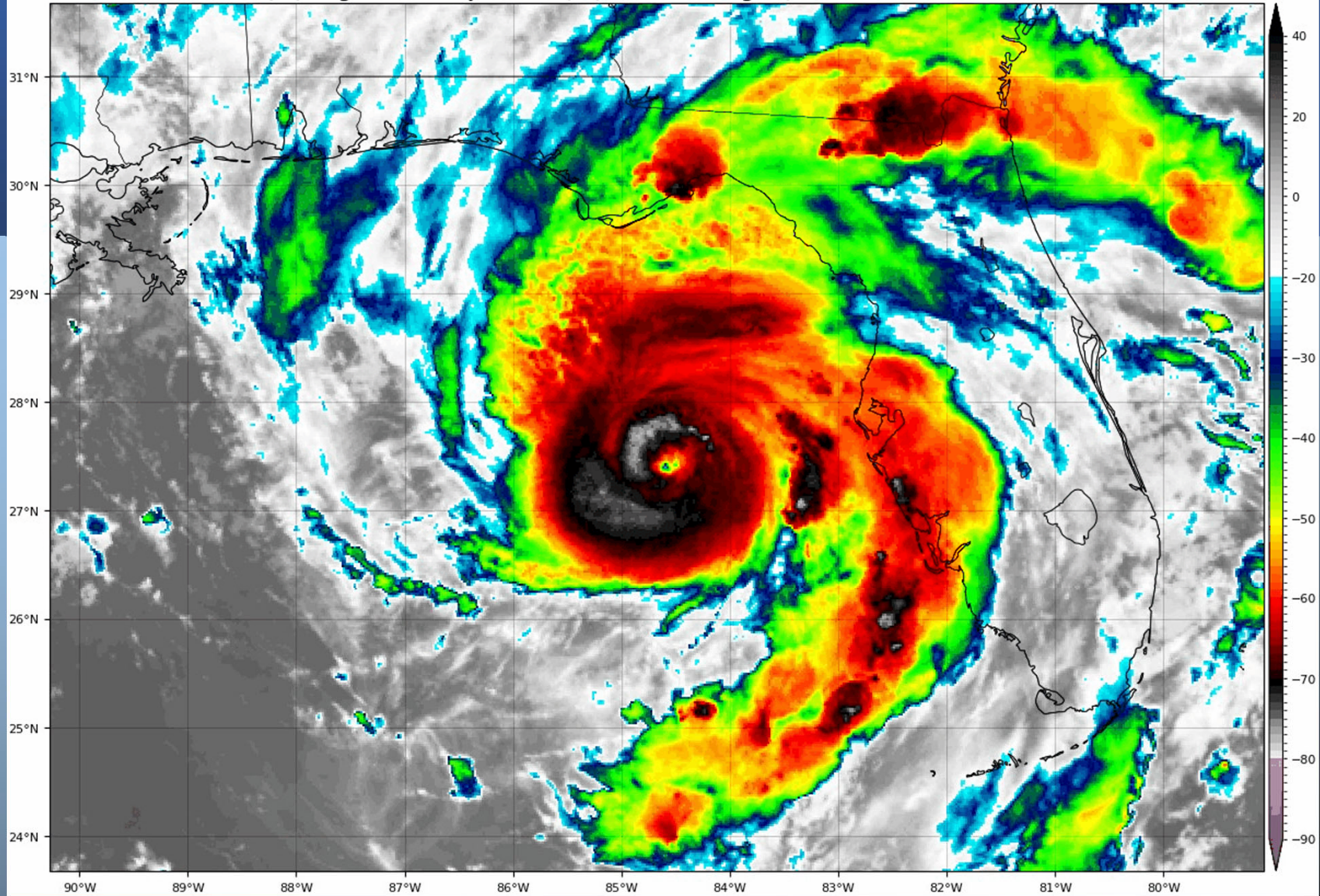
Hurricanes and Tropical Storms Since 1851





GOES-16 Channel 13 (IR) Brightness Temperature (°C) at 01:47Z Aug 30, 2023

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2024

Colorado State
University

Early-Season
Forecast

ATLANTIC BASIN SEASONAL HURRICANE FORECAST FOR 2024

Forecast Parameter and 1991–2020 Average (in parentheses)	Issue Date 4 April 2024	New “Normals”
Named Storms (NS) (14.4)	23	→ 12
Named Storm Days (NSD) (69.4)	115	
Hurricanes (H) (7.2)	11	→ 7
Hurricane Days (HD) (27.0)	45	
Major Hurricanes (MH) (3.2)	5	→ 3
Major Hurricane Days (MHD) (7.4)	13	
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (123)	210	
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**PROBABILITIES FOR AT LEAST ONE MAJOR (CATEGORY 3-4-5)
HURRICANE LANDFALL ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COASTAL
AREAS:**

- 1) Entire continental U.S. coastline – 62% (average from 1880–2020 is 43%)
- 2) U.S. East Coast Including Peninsula Florida (south and east of Cedar Key, Florida) – 34% (average from 1880–2020 is 21%)
- 3) Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle (west and north of Cedar Key, Florida) westward to Brownsville – 42% (average from 1880–2020 is 27%)

**PROBABILITY FOR AT LEAST ONE MAJOR (CATEGORY 3-4-5)
HURRICANE TRACKING THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN (10–20°N, 88–60°W)**

- 1) 66% (average from 1880–2020 is 47%)

June 6th NEFRC Board Meeting

Scott Cordero, Meteorologist in Charge
National Weather Service – Jacksonville

2024 Atlantic Season Forecast &
Guidance on the Upcoming Season




St. Johns County 2024 Hurricane Exercise **Hurricane Chesterman**


May 30th
St. Johns
County EOC



NEFRC DEVELOPED EXERCISES SINCE 2011




2017 JEA – City of Jacksonville
Full-Scale Hurricane Exercise
Jacksonville, Florida




Exercise Plan (ExPlan)


May 1-5, 2017



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2019 JEA – City of Jacksonville
Joint Hurricane Exercise Series
Jacksonville, Florida

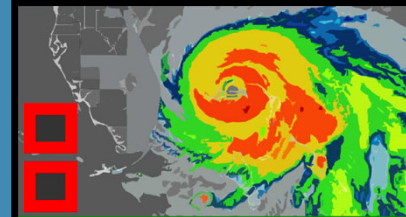


Exercise Plan (ExPlan)


May 6 – May 10, 2019



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2021 JEA – City of Jacksonville
Hurricane Tabletop Exercise
Jacksonville, Florida




Situation Manual (SitMan)


May 18-20, 2021



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2018 JEA – City of Jacksonville
Full-Scale Hurricane Exercise
Jacksonville, Florida



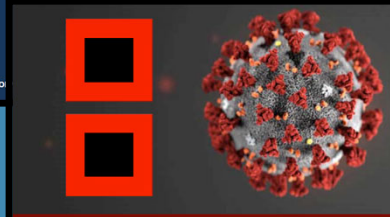
Exercise Plan (ExPlan)

April 30 – May 4, 2018




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2020 JEA – City of Jacksonville
Hurricane and COVID-19
Virtual Tabletop Exercise
Jacksonville, Florida




Situation Manual (SitMan)

May 27-28, 2020




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JEA – City of Jacksonville
2022 Exercise Manual and
Hurricane Resource Guide



June 6-8, 2022



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What Are We Testing?

JEA Exercise Objectives	Core Capability
Objective 1: Assess the executive management declaration process for deciding between a JEA limited or system emergency.	Operational Coordination
Objective 2: Evaluate JEA processes and tools to communicate with the public.	Public Information and Warning
Objective 3: Analyze the resource request process and monitor resource tracking via Microsoft Teams and phone hotline.	Logistics and Supply Chain Management
Objective 4: Assess priorities for the restoration process to mitigate impacts to JEA services, resources, and critical facilities.	Infrastructure Systems
Objective 5: Demonstrate using JEA's alternate communication capabilities to validate continuity of communications.	Operational Communication
Objective 6: Confirm communication processes with reporting agencies and the public regarding environmental hazards and impacts from a hurricane.	Operational Communication



NEFRC Staff Support During Disasters

Hurricane Matthew (2016)

Hurricane Irma (2017)

Hurricane Dorian (2019)

Hurricane Isaias (2020)

COVID-19 (2020)

Hurricanes Ian & Nicole (2022)

Staff Deployments

Providing additional staff support to county Emergency Management Offices and Emergency Operations Centers during times of disaster and activations.

*Provided at NO-cost

- ESF-5: Planning
- ESF-7: Logistics
- ESF-8: Health & Medical
- ESF-10: HazMat

❖ Over 642 hours of EOC staff support

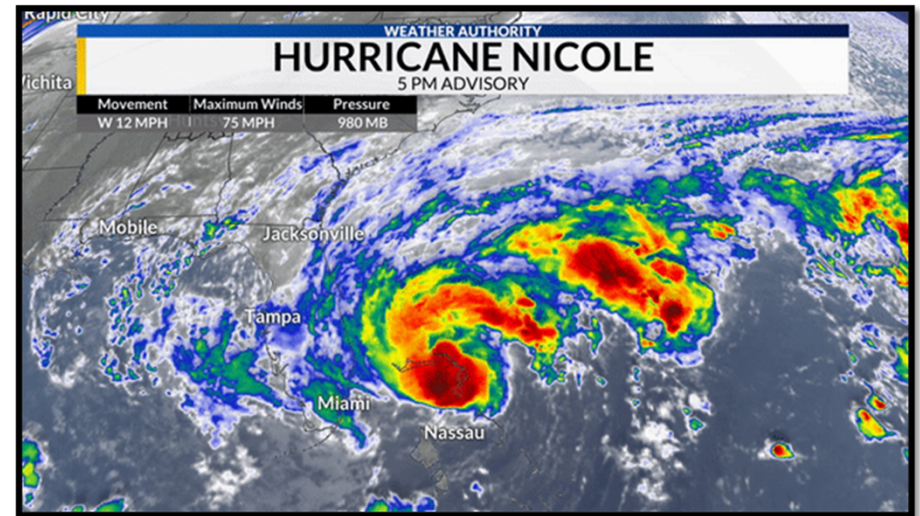
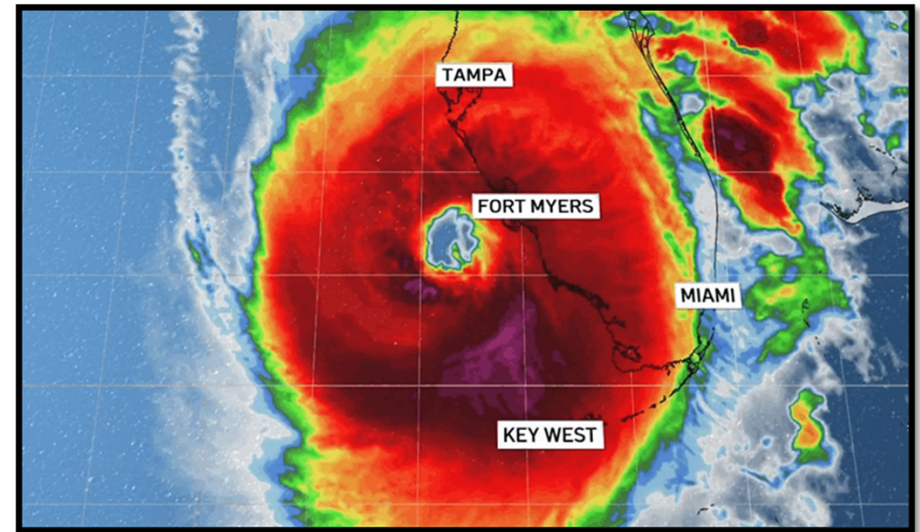


2022 Staff Deployments Hurricanes Ian & Nicole

Response & Recovery Missions

- City of Jacksonville
- City of Flagler Beach
- Flagler County
- St. Johns County

❖ 112 hours of NEFRC staff support





Thank You

**Eric Anderson, CEM, AICP
Deputy CEO**



Public Comment

Limited to 3 min. per speaker



Local & Regional Issues Discussion

President Whitehurst



Ex-Officio Members' Reports

Mr. Register, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Carver, Mr. Conkey



Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Payne

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting – 9 am

Board of Directors Meeting – 10am



Adjournment