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BREVARD COUNTY

Multiple Vulnerability Assessments in Brevard County

The ECFRPC has been working with entities in Brevard County over the past few years to complete FDEP approved vulnerability assessments. After completing Satellite Beach's assessments last year, the team spent this past year wrapping up the exposure and sensitivity analysis, report writing and final public engagements for the Cities of Cape Canaveral and Indian Harbour Beach. The ECFRPC worked with UCF to integrate social vulnerability metrics into understanding the sensitivity of exposed assets to the surrounding community and utilized future extreme rainfall data developed through another ECFRPC project.

Stay Tuned: The ECFRPC will continue to work with communities throughout Brevard County and region to advance findings from the Vulnerability Assessments into strategic projects to address current and future impacts to critical assets. With no funding for the Resilient Florida Planning Grant Program this FY, the ECFRPC will work with communities to identify other pathways to advance projects or prepare them for next year. The RPC is able to assist in supporting the development of Resilient Florida implementation grant applications.

Assisting South Brevard's Redevelopment

Through its EPA Brownfields grant, the ECFRPC is currently assisting the cities of Melbourne and Palm Bay with conducting environmental assessments on three government owned sites. These services have saved both local governments over **\$50,000**. These analyses will help to spur the redevelopment of these properties into community assets such as parks and other public infrastructure.

The ECFRPC is collaborating with two non-profit organizations located in south Brevard County. The [Community Revitalization Alliance, Inc. \(CREA\)](#) focuses on bringing holistic community and economic development opportunities to distressed neighborhoods in West Melbourne and Palm Bay. Using funding from its Resilient Corridors program, the ECFRPC has partnered with CREA leaders to assist with the development of a Visioning Plan for this community. The first workshop is scheduled for July 25, 2026. ECFRPC staff has also started working on the Food Entrepreneurship and Climate Resilience plan project in conjunction with [Little Growers, Inc.](#) A brownfields grant deliverable, the proposed plan will help to boost the organization's efforts to address food insecurity, increase community resilience, and improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon.

Stay Tuned: The team will continue to offer opportunities for brownfield assessments across the county and region and engage stakeholders to identify the priorities for the program moving forward.

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- As hurricane season is upon us, we joined the **City of Cape Canaveral's Hurricane Expo** to discuss preparedness, low impact development and shoreline stabilization strategies, and other work of the RPC.



- The RPC team was invited to submit a full proposal to the **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund** to advance the **Regional Shoreline Resilience Plan for the IRL**. This project was identified as a regional project in the recently completed Military Resilience Readiness Review. The grant was submitted on June 24th.
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RPC Continues to Support Planning Efforts in Lake County

While Lake County pivoted for the time being to focus on Rural Land Protection Areas at a recent countywide meeting in the spring, the ECFRPC continues to work with Clermont to advance cross-jurisdiction agreement and update to their JPA. Additionally, the team is working with Groveland and the County to finalize the road transfer agreement for compliance with the adopted JPA. Work on JPAs or other agreements will continue after RLPA efforts are complete. The ECFRPC also conducted a courtesy review of portions of the draft Lake County comprehensive plan, especially focusing on linkages to NUWC Okahumpka, Pinecastle Range Complex, smoke-sheds and the recently completed conservation strategy.



Stay Tuned: The ECFRPC will continue to work with the county and municipalities to support, RLPA efforts, JPA or ISBA updates and support planning efforts to align county and military installation priorities.

Update: Bugg Spring and Pinecastle Range Complex Military Installation Readiness Review

The ECFRPC, in partnership with the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) and Jacobs Inc., continue to support and strengthen mission assurance efforts for the **Bugg Spring and Pinecastle Range Complex Military Installation Readiness Review (MIRR)**. The ECFRPC convened a meeting at the Lake County Water Authority, including Lake County, the St Johns Water Management District and the Navy to discuss shared goals around the springshed. Expansion of the modeling, data gathering and interviews continue to inform the vulnerability assessment taking place the months of June and July as well as a focus on IGSA opportunities.

In addition, the ECFRPC attended the **Lake County Land Acquisition committee meeting** that is operationalizing the results of Marxan modeling conducted with conservation experts and the county.



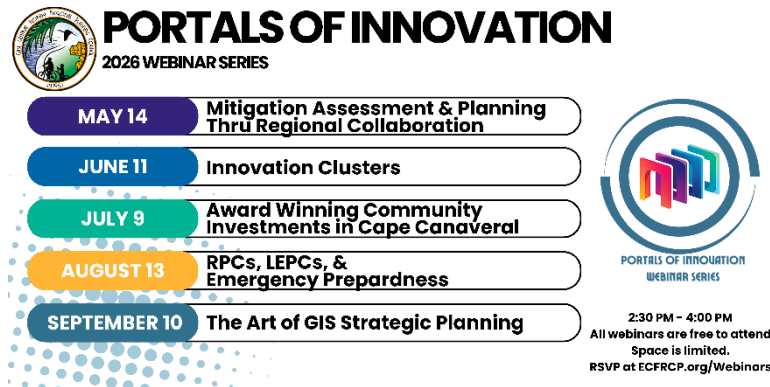
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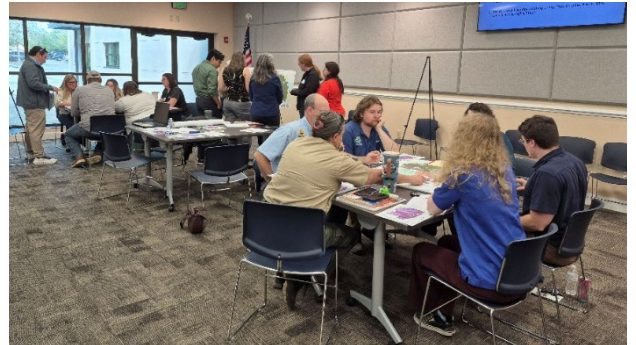


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MARION COUNTY

Rural Lands Protection Strategy Completed for Marion County

In partnership with Stetson University and County staff, and with funding provided by FDEP's Resilient Florida program, the Rural Lands Protection Strategy for Marion County has been completed. Through stakeholder engagement, technical modeling, and policy analysis, an effort to examine priority natural resource areas and ecosystem services, identify gaps and open space opportunities to improve floodplain function and stormwater management, and recommend strategies that support long-term resilience and sustainable growth in Marion County was undertaken. After the final stakeholder workshop held in Ocala in April, feedback was utilized to refine the Marxan spatial optimization model and finalize maps and recommendations. The resulting strategy is intended as a decision-support tool that provides empirical data to help guide Marion County's adaptation strategies and target land acquisition, restoration efforts, and green infrastructure investments – *optimizing conservation spending while maximizing ecosystem service returns*. As the now seventh completed Marxan flood-informed conservation strategy in East Central Florida, it contributes to a regionwide understanding of vulnerabilities and opportunities.



Stay Tuned: The project report and deliverables have been submitted to FDEP for review. The County will receive finalized materials shortly. As next steps, we look towards working with the county to implement recommendations and stormwater strategies, as well as a regional convening for partners to coordinate and explore opportunities for utilizing the data, collaborative opportunities, and project development.

McIntosh Comprehensive Plan Update

The Planning Team has been working with the Town of McIntosh to update its Comprehensive Plan, originally adopted in 1992. Since the Plan was adopted, legislative requirements, planning best practices, and mapping technologies have changed significantly. The Team has been meeting monthly with the Town and engaging residents through visioning and recommendations workshops, a community visioning survey, and a table at the popular Winter Fest.



The new 2026 Plan incorporates legislative updates, community feedback, and the Town Vision Plan into new and revised Goals, Objectives, and Policies (GOPs). The Plan also includes updated and digitized maps, data, and analysis.

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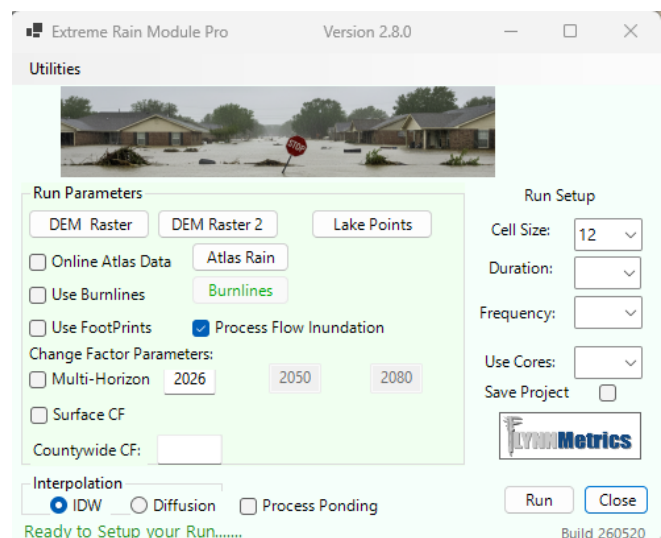
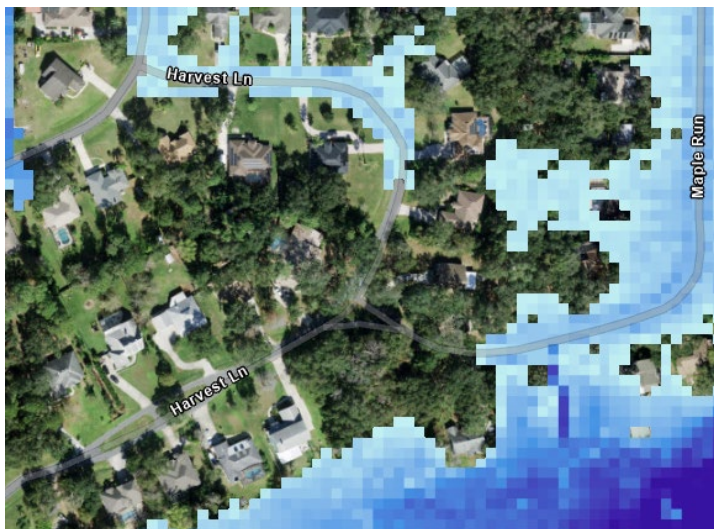
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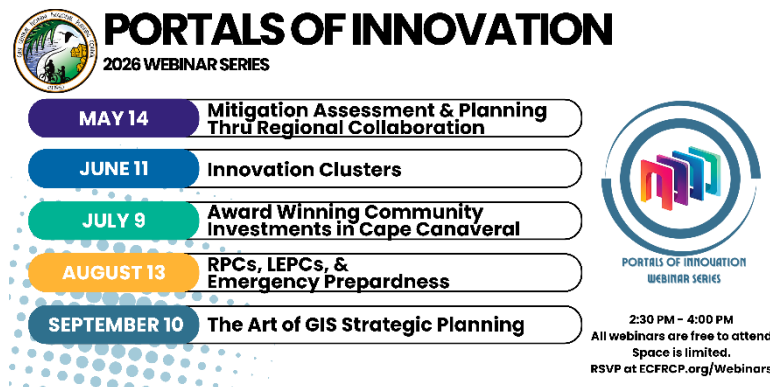


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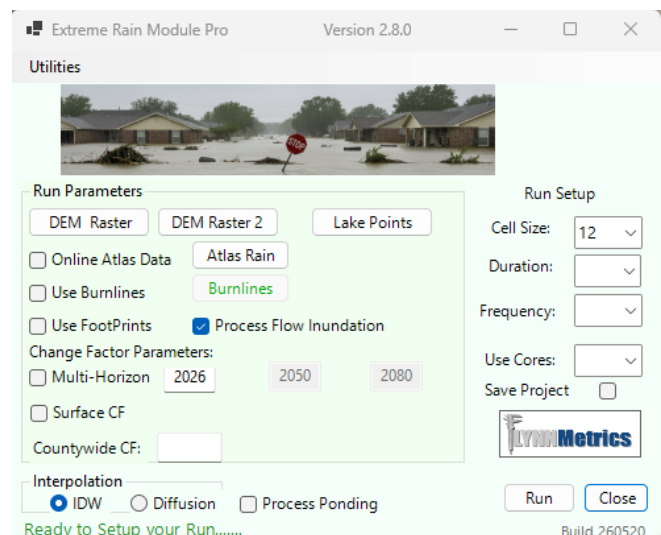
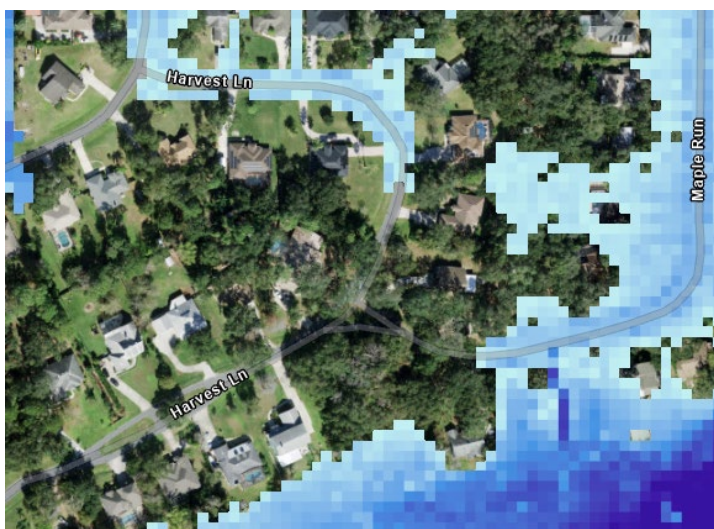
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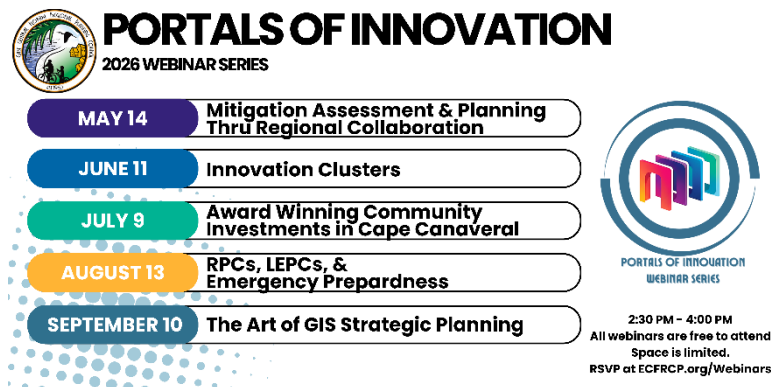
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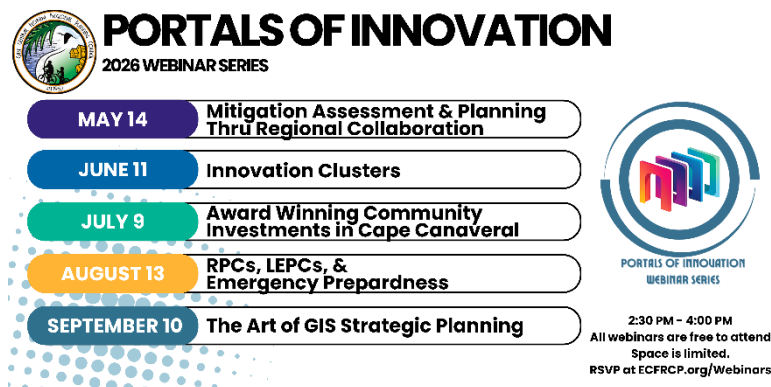


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SUMTER COUNTY

Technical Support Efforts within Sumter County

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partners to utilize existing vulnerability and flood information along with the Marxan tool to identify opportunities for flood mitigation and planning and open space considerations. This effort aims to improve flood data, identify high-risk areas, and inform mitigation strategies and will support the County's LMS priority to develop a flood acquisition strategy. Unfortunately, this program was vetoed in the budget. The RPC is examining other avenues to fund the project. ECFRPC also coordinated discussions between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Florida Silver Jackets to explore potential flood projects and identify opportunities for technical assistance and interagency support.



Stay Tuned: The RPC will continue to seek opportunities to advance County priorities and cross-sector partnerships.

Sumter County's Housing Inventory

The ECFRPC engaged in a housing affordability project to aid Sumter County in understanding current and future affordable housing needs. The project's final deliverable details current housing affordability in the County and uses those same demographics to model a "balanced" housing stock for the year 2050. All data were sourced from the 2023 American Community Survey, and the information was used to create extensive graphs and tables that articulate not only how many housing units are needed but also which type of housing and affordability is recommended. The document also incorporates Sumter County's Live Local considerations, recent multifamily construction trends, and implications for future balanced housing needs. The planning staff also provided East Central Florida case studies highlighting local affordable housing incentives and implementation approaches to help inform future policy discussions.

U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant funded awarded to the ECFRPC was utilized to conduct this analysis.

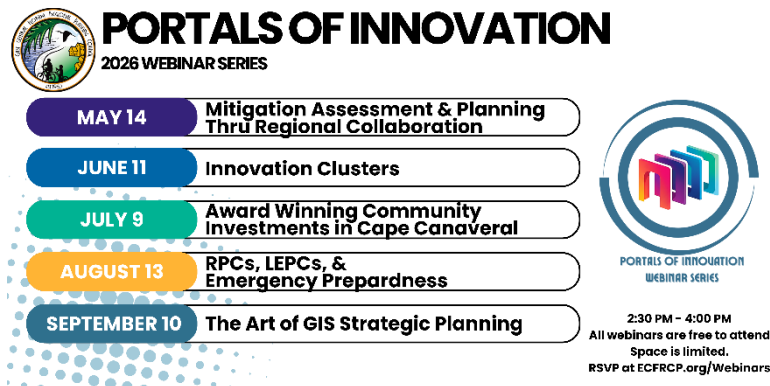
Stay Tuned: The RPC is ready to assist the county in any next steps to support the County's planning and economic development needs.

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- During the week of June 29th, the ECFRPC emergency preparedness team joined **Marion and Sumter Counties, two other RPCs, and other organizations and entities from across the U.S. for the Inaugural CSX Railroad Training for Emergency Managers**. The team plans to ensure the transfer of knowledge throughout the ECFRPC region.
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- The 5th annual **ECF Photo Contest opened in May**. Submissions are accepted from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Photos taken within the past two years, anywhere within the 8-county ECF region, are eligible for consideration.
- We will begin accepting **Diamond Award applications in August**. The 2027 ECF Diamond Awards submission window will be open from August 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. Any project, program, or plan worked on within the past 5 years is eligible for consideration.
- The ECFRPC has assisted the Bicycle Friendly Advocacy Council with their application to the Bicycle Friendly Community Program. The hope is to raise the Villages current Gold Recognition to Platinum Status. This would be the first community in the state to achieve that.



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VOLUSIA COUNTY

Multiple Vulnerability Assessments Completed and Next Steps

The ECFRPC recently completed multiple FDEP approved vulnerability assessments. After completing Volusia County's and Ormond Beach's assessments last year, the team spent this past year wrapping up the exposure and sensitivity analysis, report writing and final public engagements for the cities of Edgewater and Daytona Beach Shores. The ECFRPC worked with UCF to integrate social vulnerability metrics into understanding the sensitivity of exposed assets to the surrounding community and utilized future extreme rainfall data developed through another ECFRPC project.



Stay Tuned: The ECFRPC will continue to work with communities throughout Volusia County and region to advance findings from the Vulnerability Assessments into strategic projects to address current and future impacts to critical assets. With no funding for the Resilient Florida Planning Grant Program this FY, the ECFRPC will work with communities to identify other pathways to advance projects or prepare them for next year. The RPC is able to assist in supporting the development of Resilient Florida implementation grant applications.

EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Submitted for Southeast Volusia

At the direction from leadership at the recent Annual SEV Economic Summit, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), worked with the County, Oak Hill, New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and the Chamber to submit a proposal to EDA's Disaster Supplemental Grant Opportunity to create a Regional Strategic Infrastructure Plan. This effort was a recommendation from the SEV Economic Strategic Plan, completed by the ECFRPC in 2023 and will establish a coordinated examine infrastructure needs and resilience strategies to support economic growth in the region and prepare for future environmental conditions.

Stay Tuned: This is a rolling grant and the ECFRPC anticipates, if awarded, an announcement to be made in early fall.



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