

Elizabeth (Beth) Payne, AICP

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- Experience** [Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jacksonville, FL](#) 2008 - Present
[Chief Executive Officer](#) 2019 to present
Serves the NEFRC Board of Directors and manages Council personnel, budget and programs. Supports seven local governments and fosters relationships with local, state, regional and federal partners in support of Northeast Florida.
- [Emergency Preparedness Director](#) 2014 - 2019
Responsible for all Emergency Preparedness staff, programs and budgets – including North Florida Healthcare Coalition Program, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Training and Exercises, and Local Government Technical Assistance. Staff to the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition Executive Board since 2014 – including a monthly meeting of 10 Board Members. In 2017, awarded through competitive RFP Process, a five-year, \$3.5 million contract from the Florida Department of Health to manage three healthcare coalitions in North Florida (18 counties).
- [Planning Program Director](#) 2012 - 2014
Continued the focus on natural hazard planning, with supervisory experience of Emergency Preparedness planners and administrative staff. Managed the 2013 Regional Evacuation Study update (Content and Budget), assisted in regional exercises and GIS technical assistance. Staff to the Clay County Local Mitigation Taskforce, with quarterly meetings. Special projects for the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
- [Senior Regional Planner](#) 2008 – 2012
Planner with a focus on Natural Hazard planning: assisted local governments to produce relevant Emergency Management planning documents – Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Local Mitigation Strategies, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans, etc. Participated in exercise design and implementation as well as training and curriculum design.
- [Zev Cohen and Associates, Fernandina Beach, FL](#) 2006-2008
[Project Planner/GIS Specialist](#)
- [Rappahannock Area Development Commission \(RADCO\), Fredericksburg, VA](#) 2000-2006
[GIS Planner](#)
- Education** [Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA](#) 2003-2006
Masters in Urban and Regional Planning
- [James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA](#) 1996-1999
Bachelor of Science: Geography with a Concentration in GIS