

# **Northeast Florida Regional Council**

Serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity, formed in 1977 Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. The NEFRC's mission is to bring communities together to communicate issues, convene stakeholders and construct solutions. Florida Statute F.S. 186.54 defines the core responsibilities of all Regional Councils and the NEFRC provides additional services based on the current needs of the local jurisdictions. The City can contract directly with NEFRC, without going through the procurement process.

# **Economic Modeling**

Regional Councils statewide purchased a license for the REMI software, which provides economic analysis on the impacts a specific project will have on a local community. The estimated cost per REMI project model is \$25,000. Each year the NEFRC completes between 15 – 20 REMI requests for the City of Jacksonville. The Council provided the economic modeling for Project Rex and played a role in bringing Amazon to Jacksonville. This work is provided by the NEFRC at no charge thereby saving the City an estimated \$375,000 annually.

# **Economic Development**

The Northeast Florida Regional Council serves as the Economic Development District (EDD) for the Northeast Florida Region. An EDD is a designated planning office that is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to provide technical assistance for application processing, administration of awarded projects, and identification of regional funding opportunities.

Recent projects with a direct benefit for the City of Jacksonville:

- Procured EDA Grant funding to partner with JaxUSA to create Elevate Northeast Florida in 2017. \$150,000 in funding with additional matching dollars. NEFRC contributed \$25,000 for match.
- Procured EDA Grant funding to further Post Disaster Redevelopment Planning in the Region in 2018. Direct
  efforts in the City include assistance in furthering/establishing a Community Organizations Active in Disaster
  (COAD) to serve the citizens in both short- and long-term recovery.
- Procured EDA Grant Funding to further Resiliency Efforts in the Region in 2018. Specific work in the City includes:
  - Served as a resource for the City's Resiliency Committees (AAA Group) with the AAA group
    recommending for the City to support and partner with the NEFRC in our resiliency efforts.
  - Provide technical assistance support for the Beach Communities' Sea Level Rise Symposium held in June 2019 and ongoing work in developing grant applications for further funding.
  - Support each year of the City's Environmental Symposium. The NEFRC Program P2R2 (NEFRC's
    business led committee on resiliency) received a Regional Award for Excellence in the Government
    category, recognizing their continued efforts.

**Emergency Preparedness** 

The Northeast Florida Regional Council Emergency Preparedness Program provides training and exercises for county partners and outside agencies to prepare the community for the treats that face northeast Florida. Current projects that directly impact Jacksonville include:

- A 10-year relationship with JEA working on their annual hurricane preparedness exercise and related disaster preparedness efforts.
- A current contract, at extremely low costs for services, with the Jacksonville Sheriff's office for complex exercises in 2020.

NEFRC administers the Healthcare Coalition in Northeast Florida. This organization serves the healthcare community in preparing for disasters through technical assistance, training and exercise programs. Additionally, the Coalition provides funding for member projects to address the vulnerabilities of the healthcare system. Direct benefits to the City of Jacksonville include:

- Over 200 Coalition members from the Jacksonville healthcare community
- All hospitals in the City are active members of the Coalition
- Training and exercise opportunities for healthcare facilities to prepare for and recover from emergencies and disasters
- Over the last two fiscal years, the City of Jacksonville healthcare facilities and have received over \$130,000 in project funding, representing 60% of the available funding for 18 counties. This included \$15,000 to JFRD for the purchase of equipment last year.
- Stop the Bleed Program- Duval County Public Schools received over 1,175 Stop the Bleed Kits to put in schools at no cost with a value of over \$43,000. This initiative was support by US Congressman by John Rutherford, with a visit to Jacksonville to express his support.

Through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Hazardous Materials, training and exercises are provided to first responders. In addition, specific work is being undertaken with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for an information exchange of hazmat data to help dispatchers better ensure the safety of law enforcement officers first on scene.

• In last two fiscal years, nearly 500 Jacksonville first responders have been trained, for a value of \$30,000.

NEFRC produces the Regional Evacuation Study, which supplies the Region including the City of Jacksonville, with data that supports operational evacuation decision making. This includes all storm surge data in the planning stage, which the City uses to create evacuation zones to ensure the safety of the public. During Hurricane Dorian the Council supported the Health and Medical Branch of the City's EOC.

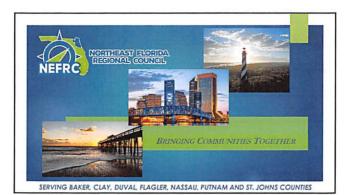
# **Planning and Policy**

The Council provides technical assistance for planning and growth management functions to our member governments, especially those smaller municipalities, with small budgets and limited staff. Current work is ongoing with the Town of Baldwin for their comprehensive plan update and ongoing technical assistance with the Beaches community on sea level rise issues.

In recent years we have worked with the City on planning issues such as:

- The development of the Maritime Management Plan (2018)
- Assistance with the designation of A1A as a Scenic Byway
- Support, along with JTA, to the Regional Transit Working Group
- NEFRC Staff serves as Chair of the Risk Subcommittee for Duval Prepares

NEFRC provides valuable reviews of large-scale comprehensive plan amendments to assure intergovernmental coordination in the growth and development around the region, when there is limited state oversight due to changes in Florida Statutes. Regional impacts are considered and NEFRC provides comments on these changes help to ensure that good planning continues. This service fosters the conversation between counties on the impacts to services and infrastructure as a result of the continued buildout of the Region. As necessary, the NEFRC advocates on our members' behalf, locally, regionally and statewide. This was the case for the Town of Baldwin in the 2019 legislative session regarding thier issue with train blockages. This advocacy work ended with a successful outcome.



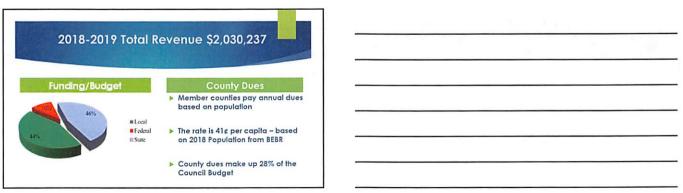


# Northeast Florida Regional Council Regional District 4 Formed in 1977 by an inter local agreement Pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 163 to "...establish an organization that will promote area-wide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state, and local governments ensuring a broad-based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective and enhance the ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries."



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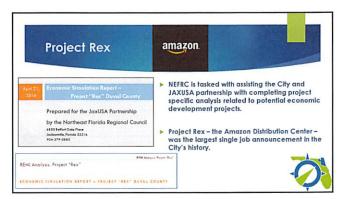
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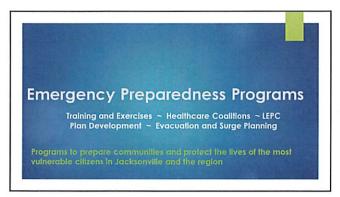




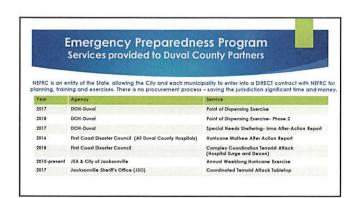


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### Stop the Bleed Initiative

Partner with school districts and frauma centers to provide training and bleeding control kits for all public schools in 18 counties across north Florida

- 4,042 bleeding Stop the Bleed kits provided to 18 counties
- ▶ 1,175 in Jacksonville (29%)
- Congressman John Rutherford attended the Initiative Kick-Off training May 30, 2018 to raise awareness of the project
- Duval County Public Schools is currently implementing the training and kit distribution for all schools
- Program is being duplicated and implemented in numerous counties



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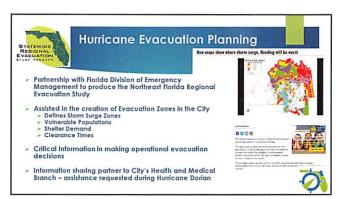
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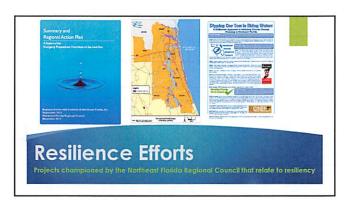
### Northeast Florida Local Emergency **Planning Committee** LEPC

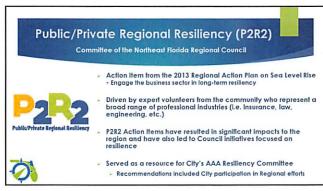
Local Emergency Planning Committees are community-based organizations that assist in preparing for emergencies, particularly those concerning hazardous materials.

- Create and conduct a tabletop exercise for JFRD and Anheuser-Busch March 2020 VALUE ADDED – approximately \$15,000
   478 Duval County first responders trained for hazardous materials response
- 2017- present- 20 training opportunities for first responders
   VALUE ADDED for Jacksonville approximately \$30,000
- JSO and the LEPC piloting a project to include chemical facilities into the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system

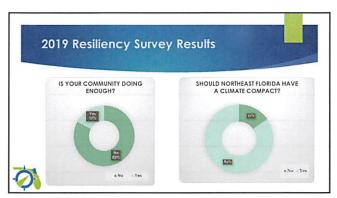
  Allow dispatchers to notify officers arrive on-scene of potential hazardous materials
- Initiated project to upload Duval County's extremely hazardous substance facility locations into the Federal HurrEvac software
- Assists Emergency Management in for planning tropical cyclone and flooding events



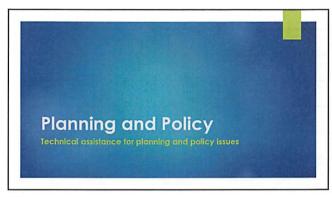








Col	laboration on Resilience — A Best Practice  Climate-related issues do not stop and start at human-drawn municipal or county borders
	Success in regional collaboration on climate change – Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact
	"Today, the Compact represents a new form of regional climate governance designed to allow local governments to set the agenda for adaptation, while providing state and federal agencies with access to technical assistance and support. The Compact's work is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading examples of regional-scale climate action, and it continues to serve as an exemplary mechanism for collaboration on climate adaptation and miligation efforts."



### Jacksonville Technical Assistance

- ▶ Town of Baldwin Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ Town of Baldwin Water Supply Facility Workplan (ongoing)
- ▶ City of Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach and Neptune Beach
  - ▶ Resiliency issues and sea level rise
  - ► Grant writing
  - ► Community engagement
- ▶ Beaches Sea Level Rise Symposium (June 2019)
- Assist in the designation of A1A as a Scenic Byway
- Development of the Maritime Management Plan (2018)



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### Policy Direction from the NEFRC Board

### Comprehensive Planning

NEFRC is the only organization in the Region that takes a holistic view of regional impacts proposed growth and development projects

- Board priority to have a regional perspective to the growth and development
- Board directs staff to take a thorough review of comprehensive plan amendments a
- There is no funding associated with this process.

### Member Needs

Success through Legislative Advocacy for Town of Baldwin's Train Blockage Issue



# Ownership of the NEFRC

NEFRC Board of Directors drives policy and actions of staff

- ▶ City Council appoints local representatives to convey the needs of Jacksonville
- ▶ NEFRC Trends Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow





### CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF CONTINGENCIES & RESERVE ACCOUNTS 09/27/2019

		2018-2019	Transfers		Balance Available		
Acct. No.	Account Title	Budget	Amount	%	Amount	%	
	Operating Contingencies						
JXRS011CCOR	City Council Operating Contingency	100,000,00	(100,000.00)	100.0	_	0.0	
JXRS011MAEO	Mayor's Executive Oper Contingency	100,000.00	(100,000.00)	100.0	_	0.0	
	major o anotativo opor contingente	100,000.00	(100,000.00)	100.0	•	0.0	
	Other Contingencies - GSD					•	
JXRS011CCFP	Reserve - Federal Programs	250,000.00	( 247,750.00)	99.1	2,250.00	0.9	
JXRS011CCJC	Sp Council Cont-JAX Chamber	300,000,00	(300,000.00)	100.0	-,	0.0	
JXRS011CCFMG	Federal Matching Grant	1,770,641.00	(1,571,321,73)	88.7	199,319.27	11.3	
JXRS011MACB	Contingency-Collective Bargaining	12,052,882.00	-	0	12,052,882.00	100.0	
JXRS011CCPSG	Special Council Contingency-PSG	2,624,196.00	( 2,624,196.00)	100.0	-	0.0	
JXRS011FIND	Contingency F.I.N.D. Match	1,736,000.00	(1,736,000.00)	100.0	0.00	0.0	
JXRS011MACBR	Contingency - Coll. Bargaining Reopener	2,000,000.00	(2,000,000.00)	100.0	0.00	0.0	
	Reserves						
JXSF018	Emergency Reserve	61,868,714.00	-	0	61,868,714.00	100.0	
	Other					•	
JECP32CSHIP	Shipyard Env. Cleanup-Reserves	12,511,410.00	( 1,100,000.00)	8.8	11,411,410.00	91.2	
	•						
	Total	\$95,313,843.00	(\$9,779,267.73)	_	\$85,534,575.27		

# CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CONTINGENCIES & RESERVE ACCOUNTS 09/27/2019

		2018-2019	Transfers		Current	Other Transfers		Balance
Acct. No.	Account Title	Budget	Previous	Current	Balance	Not Recorded	Pending	Available
	Operating Contingencies							
JXRS011CCOR	City Council Operating Contingency	100,000.00	(49,200.00)	-	50,800.00		(50,800.00)	
JXRS011MAEO	Mayor's Executive Oper Contingency	100,000.00	(25,000.00)	(15,000.00)	60,000.00	-	(60,000.00)	•
	Other Contingencies - GSD							
JXRS011CCFP	Reserve - Federal Programs	250,000.00	(202,750.00)	-	47,250.00		(45,000.00)	2,250.00
JXRS011CCJC	SP Council Cont-JAX Chamber	300,000.00	(300,000.00)	•		-	•	
JXRS011CCFMG	Federal Matching Grant	1,770,641.00	(1,571,321.73)	•	199,319.27	-	-	199,319.27
JXRS011MACB	Contingency-Collective Bargaining	12,052,882.00	•	•	12,052,882.00	-	•	12,052,882.00
JXRS011CCPSG	Special Council Contingency-PSG	2,624,196.00	(2,624,196.00)	•	•	-	-	•
JXRS011FIND	Contingency F.I.N.D. Match	1,736,000.00	(1,649,200.00)	•	86,800.00	•	(86,800.00)	-
JXRS011MACBR	Contingency - Coll. Bargaining Reopener	2,000,000.00	(2,000,000.00)	-	•	•	· •	-
	Reserves							
JXSF018	Emergency Reserve	61,868,714.00	-	-	61,868,714.00	-	•	61,868,714.00
	Other	_						
JECP32CSHIP	Shipyard Env. Cleanup-Reserve	12,511,410.00	(1,100,000.00)	-	11,411,410.00	-	-	11,411,410.00
		•						
•	Total	\$95,313,843.00	(\$9.521.667.73)	(\$15,000,00)	\$85,777,175,27	\$0.00	(\$242,600,00)	\$85,534,575.27
	Total	\$95,313,843.00	(\$9,521,667.73)	(\$15,000.00)	\$85,777,175.27	\$0.00	(\$242,600.00)	\$85,534,5

### CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA ANALYSIS OF GSD & USD FUND TRANSFERS 09/27/2019

	Account Title	Current Recorded		Enacted Not Recorded		Pending	
Acct. No.		Ref.	Amount	Ref.	Amount	Ref.	Amount
JXRS011CCOR	City Council Operating Contingency					BT 19-118 Ord. 2019-646	(\$50,800.00)
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00	-	(\$50,800.00)
JXRS011MAEO	Mayor's Executive Oper Contingency	TD19-574	(\$15,000.00)			BT 19-118 Ord. 2019-646	(\$60,000.00)
•	Total		(\$15,000.00)		\$0.00	-	(\$60,000.00)
JXRS011CCFP	Reserve - Federal Programs					BT 19-123	(\$45,000.00)
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00	-	(\$45,000.00)
JXRS011CCPAL	Sp Council Contingency-JAX Chamber						
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00	-	\$0.00
` JXRS011CCFMG	Federal Matching Grant		\$0.00				
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00	· -	\$0.00
JXRS011MACB	Contingency-Collective Bargaining						
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00