



MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: December, 2012

OUTREACH

- Participated in a meeting with staff from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste program to discuss the Department's policy changes as it pertains to doing business with and assisting the public. Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, Chuck Carter (CFRPC), Dwayne Mundy (NCFRPC), and Eric Anderson (NEFRC) participated by phone. There will be additional outreach and continued conversations based on the outcomes of the meeting.
- At the request of a member of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, provided a FRCA Policy Board orientation by phone.
- Held a teleconference meeting with Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils, to discuss his presentations for the January FRCA meetings, brief him on the meetings held in November between FRCA and the Kentucky Association of Area Development Districts, and explore the use of Foundation funding.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Attended the Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting on behalf of Pat Steed (CFRPC), which approved the maps associated with the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan, held elections, and approved the addition of the following five new Greenways and Trails: Jupiter Waterway Trail (TCRPC), North Jupiter Flatwoods Natural Area (TCRPC), Winding Waters Natural Area (TCRPC), John Yarborough Linear Park (SWFRPC), and Big Talbot State Park (NEFRC).
- Attended a Sadowski Housing Coalition meeting which focused on legislative strategy for the coming session and clarified a misconception that there is a glut of affordable housing inventory, and also clarified that Sadowski funds may be used for repairs/upgrades to existing housing stock and are not limited to new construction.
- On behalf of the Southwest Florida and South Florida RPCs, submitted comments to Huiwei Shen at the Florida Department of Transportation on the Department's Guiding Principles for Future Corridors.
- Provided assistance to John Kaliski, Cambridge Systematics, to determine the status of several visioning initiatives in Florida.
- Regularly scheduled monthly meetings that were cancelled for the month of December were the Rural Economic Development Initiative, the Department of Economic Opportunity's Economic Development Liaisons, Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s Stakeholders Council, and, the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

- Received approval of membership in the Florida City and County Management Association, following completion of an on-line ethics exam.
- Joined Floridians for Better Transportation and the Florida Economic Development Council.

LEGISLATIVE

- Drafted revised proviso language for consideration at the January FRCA Business Meeting.
- With the assistance of Commissioner Doug Smith, Martin County; Eric Poole, Florida Association of Counties; and Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, secured the inclusion of language supporting RPC funding and technical assistance role in the Florida Association of Counties' legislative platform.
- Continued to work with Taylor Biehl, staff to the Senate Committee on Community Affairs, on his presentation to the Committee earlier in the month.
- Responded to requests for FRCA's support of the "Legacy" Constitutional Amendment, which was primarily to delay the matter until the summer or fall of 2013, and shared and exchanged information pertaining to the amendment with Scott Dudley, Florida League of Cities, and Deena Reppen, Florida Association of Counties.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Made the following changes to the FRCA website:
 - Revised the Policy Board membership list on the "About Us" webpage;
 - Added the 2013 FRCA meeting schedule and "button" to download the 2013 calendar to the "Meetings" webpage;
 - Added three of the four missing FRCA Annual Reports to the "Publications" webpage (still searching for a copy of the 2000-2001 Annual Report);
 - Added FRCA PowerPoint presentations given at the recent Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities policy committee meetings as well as the presentation given at the National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference on launching and enhancing state associations to the "Publications" webpage;
 - Updated the Annual Events Calendar on the "Publications" webpage;
 - Created a 2013 section on the "Advocacy" webpage; and,
 - Added the Florida City and County Management Association, Florida Economic Development Council, Florida Local Government Coalition, and Sadowski Housing Coalition to the list of State Partners and Organizations on the "Links" webpage.
- Collected National Association of Regional Councils dues data from each of the RPCs.
- Confirmed speakers for the January Policy Board meeting, worked with Ron Book's Office to arrange the Policy Board reception, and helped develop the agenda and prepare the necessary materials for the January FRCA Business meeting.
- Updated the FRCA Policy Board membership list.
- Responded to requests for information from Bruce Ritchie with The Florida Current and Aaron Deslatte from the Orlando Sentinel.