



# **West Florida Regional Planning Council**

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# Who we are

## Government Agency Established in 1964 – 50 years

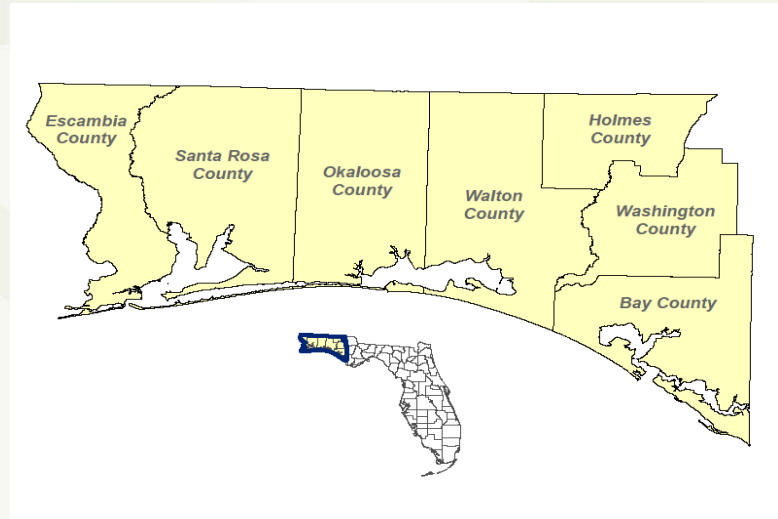
### Mission Statement

The mission of the WFRPC is to provide professional planning, coordinating and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies and the public to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Northwest Florida.

# Service Area

The WFRPC serves the counties of Northwest Florida which include:

Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington and their municipalities



# WFRPC Members

In addition to the seven counties:

- Nine Member Cities: Callaway, Lynn Haven, Panama City, Pensacola, Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Milton and DeFuniak Springs
- Gubernatorial Appointments-2 Escambia Co
- Chair: Mayor Thomas Abbott, Callaway
- Vice-Chair: Commissioner Gene Valentino, Escambia County



# Services Provided

- Economic Development Planning
- Transportation Planning
- Environmental Education
- Emergency Planning
- Technical Assistance & Grant Writing
- GIS Assistance

# Economic Development Administration



The WFRPC is the Federally designated Economic Development District in NW Florida bringing over \$15M to the region since 1997.

West FL has an approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) & is a Six Pillar Region certified by FL Chamber Foundation. Staff provides:

- pre-application assistance
- grant administration



# Brownfields Revolving Loan and Assessment Programs technical assistance and training

Building in Century with asbestos



Washington County  
Jail Facility



Domestic Laundry, Panama City

# Transportation Planning

- Staff to three TPOs
- Resources & Data
- Annual Transportation Symposium
- Transportation Disadvantaged



- rideOn Commuter Assistance Program
- Transportation Rural Liaison





# Land Use & DRI Reviews

- Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)
- Comprehensive Planning Updates



- DRI Review Coordinator
- Sector Plan Reviews

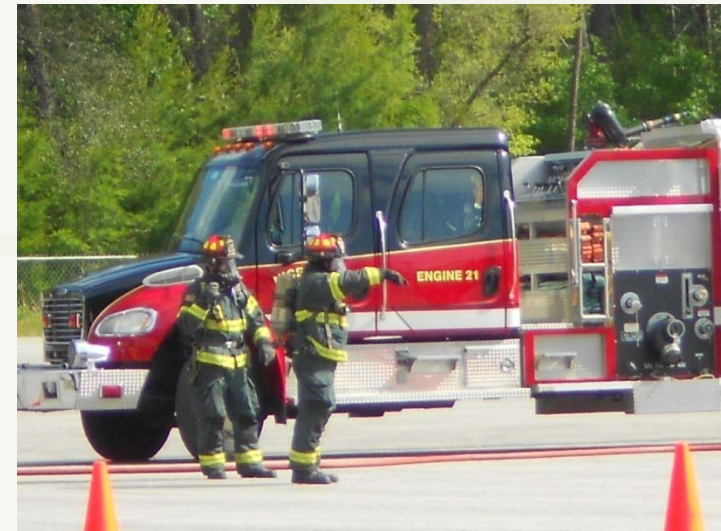
# Environmental Education

- Staff to Pensacola Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) & Education Subcommittee
- Staff to Emerald Coast Clean Cities Coalition
- Energy Resiliency Planning



# Emergency & Homeland Security Planning

- Emergency Response & HazMat Planning
- First Responder Training
- Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study





# Technical Assistance

- Fast Access to Planners & Engineers through WFRPC's consultant contract
- Annual WFRPC Audit
- Grant Writing Services
- Experience Administering Variety of Grants & Programs
- GIS Assistance





*Questions?*



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