



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



Through collaboration, strategic planning, and a focus on shared goals, ARPC is turning local challenges into regional opportunities – making life better for all who live, work, & play here.

17
GRANTS
APPLIED FOR

54
PUBLIC
INPUT
MEETINGS

21
housing
projects
(built, repaired, or purchased)

26
JOBS
created or retained with RLF funds

133,797
life-sustaining
transports
via Transportation Disadvantaged

472
first responders
trained

224
SQG
SMALL QUANTITY
GENERATOR
VERIFICATIONS

108
MAPS
CREATED

\$3,260,086.56

2024/2025 TOTAL REVENUE

ARPC IMPACT

AVERAGE ROI PER COUNTY FY 2024/2025

● CALHOUN	17:1
● FRANKLIN	48:1
● GADSDEN	10:1
● GULF	9:1
● JACKSON	18:1
● JEFFERSON	12:1
● LEON	26:1
● LIBERTY	21:1
● WAKULLA	10:1

REGIONAL ROI \$22:1



PROJECTS

GROWTH & LAND USE

Town of Havana GM
City of St. Marks - Comp Plan
Gadsden GM
Franklin County Planner
Liberty County Planner
Apalachicola GM

TRANSPORTATION

CTD
RideOn
RRTP- D3

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY

EDA Planning Grant
EDA Disaster Relief Coord.
Apalachee Online 2.0 (Duke)
City of St. Marks Grant Writing
Legacy RLF
Cares RLF
REVIVE RLF
Calhoun SHIP
Jackson HHRP
Jackson SHIP
Gulf SHIP

GEOSPATIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & RESILIENCE

Franklin GIS
Calhoun GIS
Gadsden GIS
Franklin V.A.
SQG
Franklin - 98: GEBF
Regional Resiliency Entity

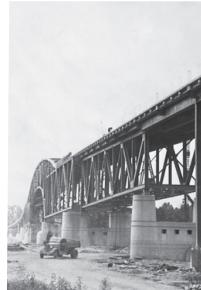
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Big Bend HealthCare Coalition
HMEP
Wakulla RISK
Wakulla CDBG Shelter
LEPC
Hazards Analyses
Hurricane Milton Assistance
FDEM Statewide Cyber-Disruption Response Plan

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FRCA
COC HUD
RCSC

We're the behind-the-scenes partner that makes sure your community has the tools it needs to grow and thrive. You might not see us every day—but you see the results.



CALHOON



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
27	28	29	30
03	04	05	06
10	11	12	13
17	18	19	<small>MARTIN KING LUTHER JR DAY</small> 20
24	25	26	27
31			



JAN 2026

FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Oyster Cook-Off - Franklin

MLK Jr. Parade & Celebration - Jackson

2026 Tri-State Fruit & Vegetable Conference - Gadsden

Cape San Blas Polar Plunge - Gulf

WED	THURS	FRI
31 <small>NEW YEARS EVE</small>	01	02 <small>NEW YEARS DAY</small>
07	08	09
14	15	16
21	22	23
28	29	30



FRANKLIN



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
31	01	02	03
07	08	09	10
14 <small>VALENTINE'S DAY</small>	15	16	17 <small>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</small>
21	22	23	24
28	01	02	03



FEB 2026

FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Florida Riverfest - Calhoun

Annual Robert Wise Chili Cookoff - Franklin

SGI Shrimpfest - Franklin

Mardi Gras Barkus Parade & Festival - Franklin

Valentine's Parade & Festival - Wakulla

Shakespeare in the Park - Leon

WED	THURS	FRI
04	05	06
11	12	13
18	19	20
25	26	27
04	05	06

ARPC BOARD
MEETING



GADSDEN



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
28	01	02	03
07	08	09	10
14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31

ST. PATRICKS DAY



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

MAR 2026

Master Gardners Spring Plant Sale – Jackson
2026 Blues on Reid – Gulf
Springtime Tallahassee – Leon
Field Day Music Festival – Leon
Pride in the Park – Leon

WED	THURS	FRI
04	05	06
11	12	13
18	19	20
25	26	27
01	02	03

ARPC BOARD MEETING



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
28	29	30	31
04	05	06	07
11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28

EASTER SUNDAY



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Word of South - Leon

North Florida Wildflower Festival - Calhoun

SGI Brewfest - Franklin

Carrabelle Riverfront Festival - Franklin

KidsFest 2026 - Leon

Sopchopy Worm Gruntin' Festival - Wakulla

Mermaid Bay Festival - Gulf

APR 2026

WED	THURS	FRI
01	02	03
08	09	10
15	16	17
22	23	24
29	30	01

EARTH DAY



JACKSON



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
25	26	27	28
02	03	04	05
09	10	11	12
16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26
30	31		MEMORIAL DAY



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Tupelo Honey Festival – Gulf

Gulf Coast Jam – Gulf

Florida Folk Festival – Jefferson

Estuaries Day – Franklin

Annual Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Festival – Gulf

MAY 2026

WED

THURS

FRI

29

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ARPC BOARD
MEETING



JEFFERSON

**HURRICANE
SEASONS
BEGINS**

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
30	31	01	02
06	07	08	09
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FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

JUNE 2026

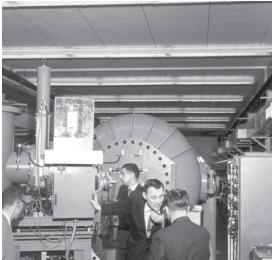
Watermelon Festival – Jefferson
Summer Concert in the Park – Jackson

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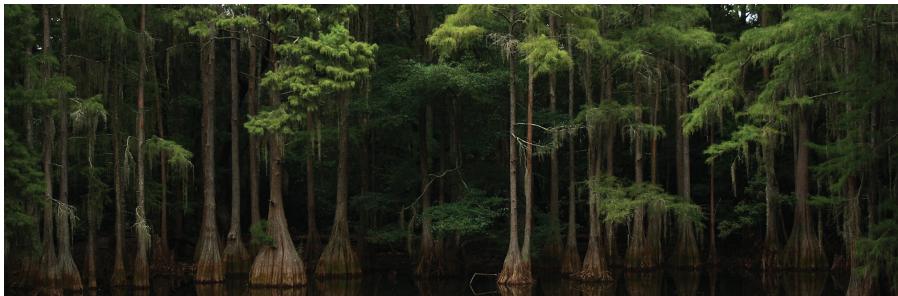
JUNETEENTH



LEON



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
27	28	29	30
04 <small>INDEPENDENCE DAY</small>	05	06	07
11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

JULY 2026

The Artists' Festival – Jackson
Summer Concert in the Park – Jackson
Swamp Stomp Music Festival – Leon

WED	THURS	FRI
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LIBERTY



SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
01	02	03	04
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22	23	24	25
29	30	31	01



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Tallahassee Beer Festival - Leon
Annual Ice Cream Social - Calhoun
Florida Scallop, Music & Arts Festival - Gulf

AUG 2026

WED	THURS	FRI
05	06	07
12	13	14
19	20	21
26	27	28
02	03	04

ARPC BOARD
MEETING



WAKULLA

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
29	30	31	01
05	06	07 <small>LABOR DAY</small>	08
12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22
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SEPT 2026

FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Experience Asia - Leon

Panacea Blue Crab Festival - Wakulla

WED	THURS	FRI
02	03	04
09	10	11
16	17	18
23	24	25
30	01	02

APALACHEE REGION

53

miles of coastline in Franklin County

Longest US underwater cave

1.23 BILLION

gallons of water flow through Wakulla Springs each day

1838

First state constitution drafted in Port St. Joe

100

species of butterflies

0

traffic lights in Jefferson County

700+

miles of trails in Tallahassee

70+

natural springs in Jackson County

1824

First capital of Florida established in Gadsden County

Calhoun County is home to

45

of Florida's 62 natural habitats

100+

historic sites in Jackson County

50% of Liberty County is covered by Apalachicola National Forest

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
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COLUMBUS DAY

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

49
years of
regional
service

28
municipalities

25 Board
Members

9
counties

24 Staff
Members

5
departments

38+ contracts
executed

2 time
zones

OCT
2026

FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Goat Day – Calhoun

Halloween Symphony Spooktacular – Leon

Greek Food Festival – Leon

Graceville Harvest Festival – Jackson

Florida Seafood Festival – Franklin

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ARPC oversees the largest living shoreline in Florida!

Franklin-98 Living Shoreline was designed to withstand at least Category 3 wave energy and has performed well so far. The project is already showing promising signs of early success, withstanding Hurricane Helene and trapping more sediment than anticipated!

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**HURRICANE
SEASON
ENDS**



FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

NOV 2026

Malone Pecan Festival – Jackson

North Florida Fair – Leon

Friendsgiving Friday – Jackson

WED	THURS	FRI
04	05	06
11 <small>VETERANS DAY</small>	12	13
18	19	20
25	26 <small>THANKSGIVING</small>	27
01	02	03



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FESTIVALS THIS MONTH

Festival of Lights – Leon
Forgotten Coast Festival of Trees – Gulf
Christmas on the Coast – Gulf
Renaissance Park Living Heritage Festival – Jackson
Alford Annual Christmas Tree Lighting – Jackson
Holiday on the Harbor & Boat Parade of Lights – Franklin
Christmas in Panacea – Wakulla
Christmas in the Square – Calhoun
Gadsden County Holiday Experience – Gadsden
Christmas Light Parade – Jefferson
Holiday Cookie Swap – Liberty County

DEC 2026

WED	THURS	FRI
02	03	04
09	10	11
16	17	18
23	24	25
30	31	01

CHRISTMAS EVE
NEW YEARS EVE
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEARS DAY

BOARD MEMBERS

CALHOUN COUNTY

Darryl O'Bryan

County Commissioner

Martha "Mert" Stephens

Councilwoman, City of Blountstown

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Ricky Jones

County Commissioner

Sebrina Brown

Mayor, City of Carrabelle

GADSDEN COUNTY

Brenda Holt

County Commissioner

Evelyn Goldwire

Mayor, City of Gretna

GULF COUNTY

Sandy Quinn, Jr.

County Commissioner

Johnny Paul

Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka

Michael Hammond

Governor's Appointee

JACKSON COUNTY

Paul Donofro

County Commissioner

Kim Applewhite

Councilwoman, Town of Grand Ridge

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jessica Gramling

County Commissioner

John Jones

Councilman, City of Monticello

LEON COUNTY

Rick Minor

County Commissioner

Jack Porter

Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

Lisa Miller

Governor's Appointee

LIBERTY COUNTY

Doyle Brown

County Commissioner

WAKULLA COUNTY

Quincee Messersmith

County Commissioner

Mary Katherine Westmark

Council Member, City of Sopchoppy

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Kristine Morris

Darryl Boudreau

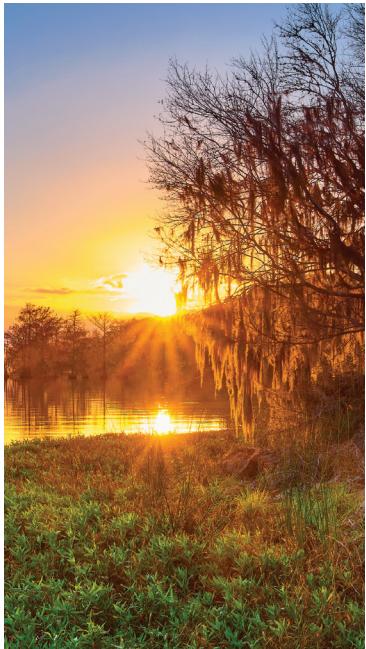
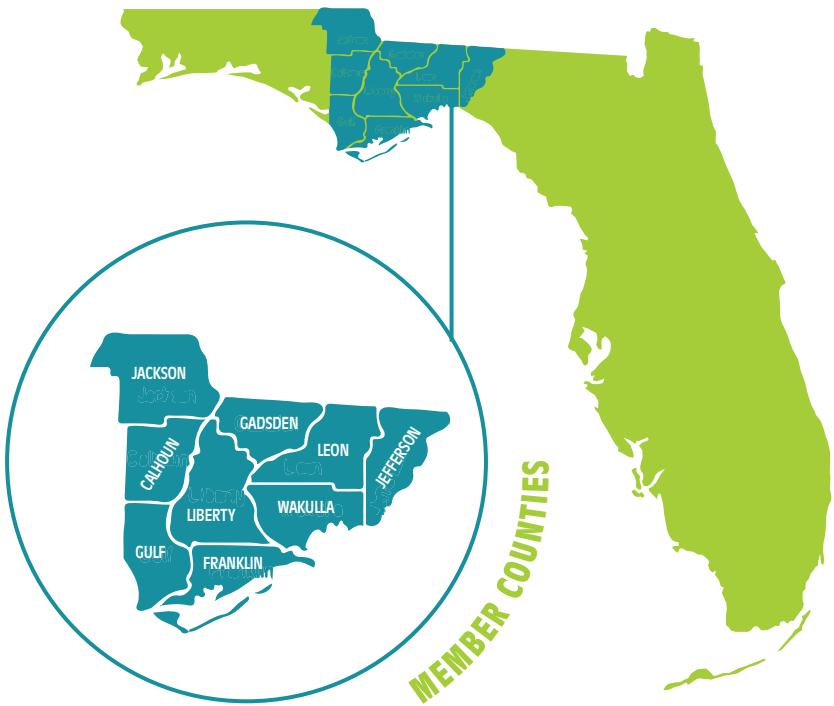
Tanya Branton

Diane Scholz

Greg Slay

LEADING OUR
COMMUNITIES
TOWARD A
VIBRANT
FUTURE
BY LEVERAGING
EXPERTISE TO
DELIVER
INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS
THAT GUIDE
GROWTH,
DEVELOPMENT,
& RESILIENCE.





ARPC
NOISSIN SERVE
OUR MEMBER
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
BY PROVIDING
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
& PLANNING
EXPERTISE
IN A VARIETY
OF DISCIPLINES.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Regional planning is all about collaboration. By pooling resources and coordinating across counties, cities, and towns, ARPC helps communities tackle issues that are too big for any one municipality to handle alone. The benefits are clear:

Cost Savings:

Shared infrastructure projects, like transportation improvements or water management systems, reduce duplication and stretch taxpayer dollars further.

Economic Development:

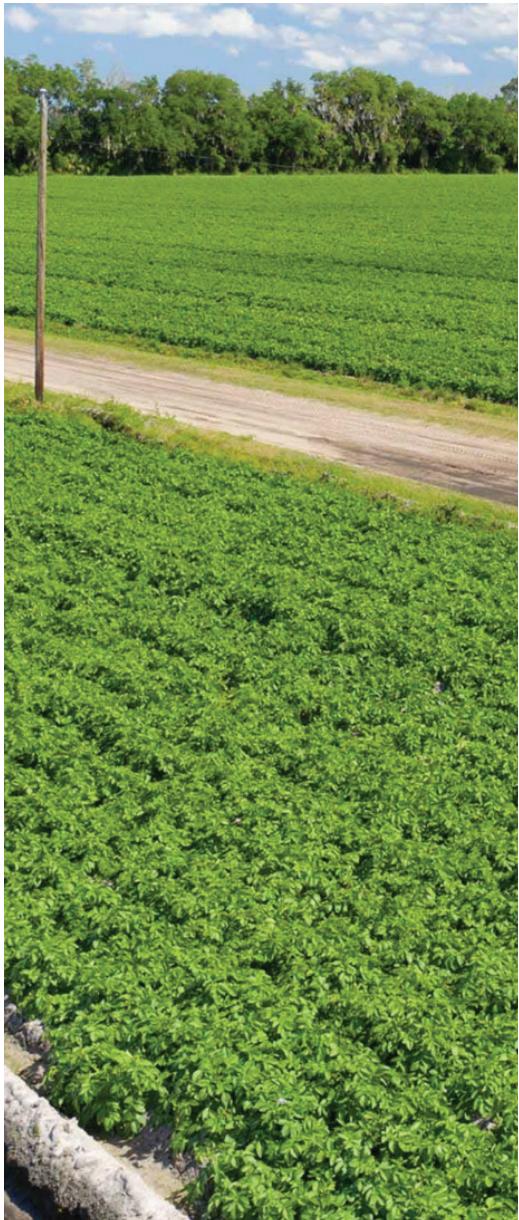
Businesses look for regions that are connected and well-planned. ARPC helps make the Region more attractive to new companies, creating jobs and boosting the local economy.

Disaster Resilience:

From hurricanes to flooding, ARPC helps communities prepare, respond, and recover faster, keeping families and businesses safer.

Environmental Stewardship:

Regional planning ensures that growth is sustainable, protecting natural resources while supporting economic and social needs.





Across the Apalachee Region, ARPC's work touches nearly every aspect of daily life. By coordinating transportation projects, communities see smoother commutes and better public transit. Through regional economic planning, small towns gain the support they need to thrive, while larger cities benefit from stronger regional partnerships. And when emergencies strike, coordinated planning means faster, more effective responses.

Ultimately, ARPC's mission is simple: help communities work together so the whole region prospers. The result is stronger, smarter, and more resilient communities that are ready for today—and prepared for tomorrow.

Regional planning isn't just about government—it's about people. It saves taxpayer money, creates jobs, protects the environment, and ensures that when challenges arise, our communities face them together. By supporting ARPC and regional planning efforts, residents play a part in building a stronger, more connected Region that benefits everyone.

REGIONAL IMPACT

