



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



LIBERTY COUNTY



GADSDEN COUNTY



JACKSON COUNTY



GULF COUNTY

2020 - 2021 PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
HOPES TO STRENGTHEN NORTHWEST
FLORIDA'S HEMP INDUSTRY

HOW THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL
COULD IMPROVE FLORIDA'S CAPITAL REGION

HEMP AND 'BUILD BACK BETTER': PERFECT
TOGETHER TO BOOST JOBS, ECONOMY IN
NORTH FLORIDA?

It has been an honor to take over for Commissioner Merritt as ARPC Chair and continue the tradition of growth and innovation at the ARPC.

Despite the setbacks caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the ARPC has continued to find innovative solutions to the complex issues facing our diverse Region. By channeling the momentum and new partnerships that have developed over the past year, we seek to continue to evolve ARPC programs and initiatives in a manner that best suits the needs of our member local governments and regional stakeholders.

Please use this annual report as a guide to ARPC's activities and accomplishments over the past year. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we approach 2022 with renewed energy, insight, and motivation.

Sincerely,


Kristin Dozier
Chair



TLH BRIEFCASE: AUG. 29, 2021

RENEWAL FUELS INC. (RNWF) ANNOUNCES
INITIATION OF FLORIDA HEMP FIBER
INNOVATION PROJECT

TECHSTARS STARTUP WEEK TALLAHASSEE
SPOTLIGHTS NEEDS, STRENGTHS OF LOCAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

PEDALING AND PAINTING: MELISSA FRANKLIN
PUTS CYCLING AT HEART OF TALLAHASSEE
PUBLIC ART



LEON COUNTY



FRANKLIN COUNTY



JEFFERSON COUNTY



CALHOUN COUNTY



WAKULLA COUNTY

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
HOSTS ECONOMIC WORKSHOP

FLORIDA HEMP STAKEHOLDERS
MULL HOW TO GROW INDUSTRY
IN BIG BEND

NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAN
BOOST THE POST-PANDEMIC
RECOVERY

HURDLES STILL REMAIN FOR ROOTING
NORTH FLORIDA'S HEMP INDUSTRY

FRANKLIN 98 LIVING SHORELINE

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
ANNOUNCED NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN
COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANTS

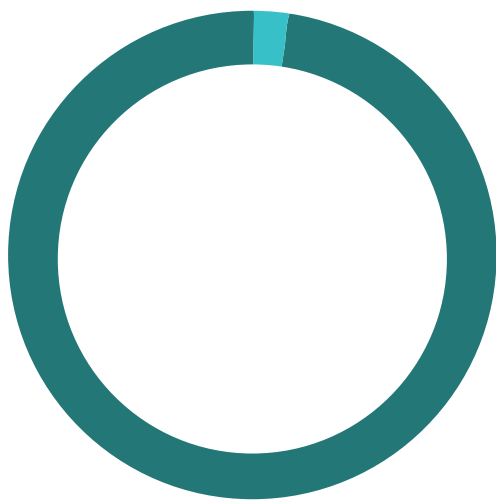
TALLAHASSEE MAN WORKING TO ADD
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO SOUTH
SIDE

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
SETS HIGH GOALS FOR HEMP
PRODUCTION

SHORELINE RESTORATION:
'PROTECTING COMMUNITY,
CONSERVING THE COAST'



**TOTAL BUDGET
\$3,060,900**



**ARPC MEMBER DUES
\$69,700**

**ADDITIONAL REVENUE
\$2,991,200**

PER SECTOR

- FEDERAL: 15.6%
- STATE: 24.4%
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 10.6%
- NON-PROFITS: 48.7%
- PRIVATE SECTOR: 0.6%



PER PROGRAM

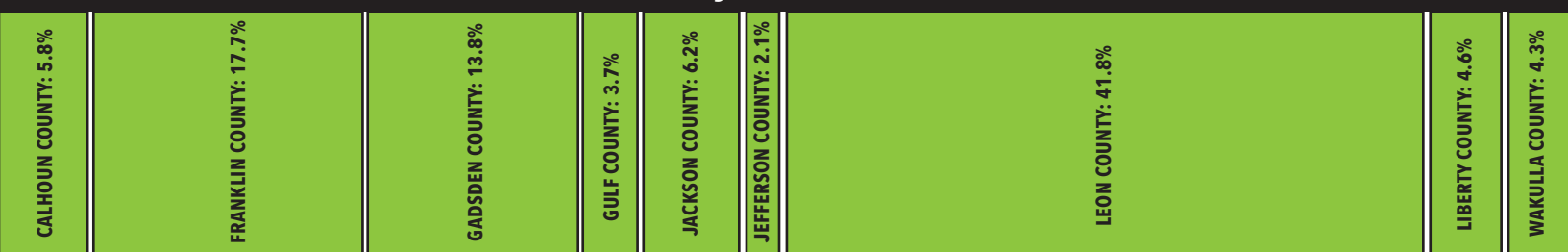
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 21%
- EMERGENCY PLANNING: 9%
- ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING: 47.4%
- HOUSING: 5%
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: 5.6%
- TRANSPORTATION: 12%



\$43:1 RETURN ON MEMBER COUNTIES REGIONAL INVESTMENT

2021 ARPC MEMBER DUES YIELDED A \$2,991,200 DIRECT/INDIRECT RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF \$69,700.

Distribution Of Total Investment Per County

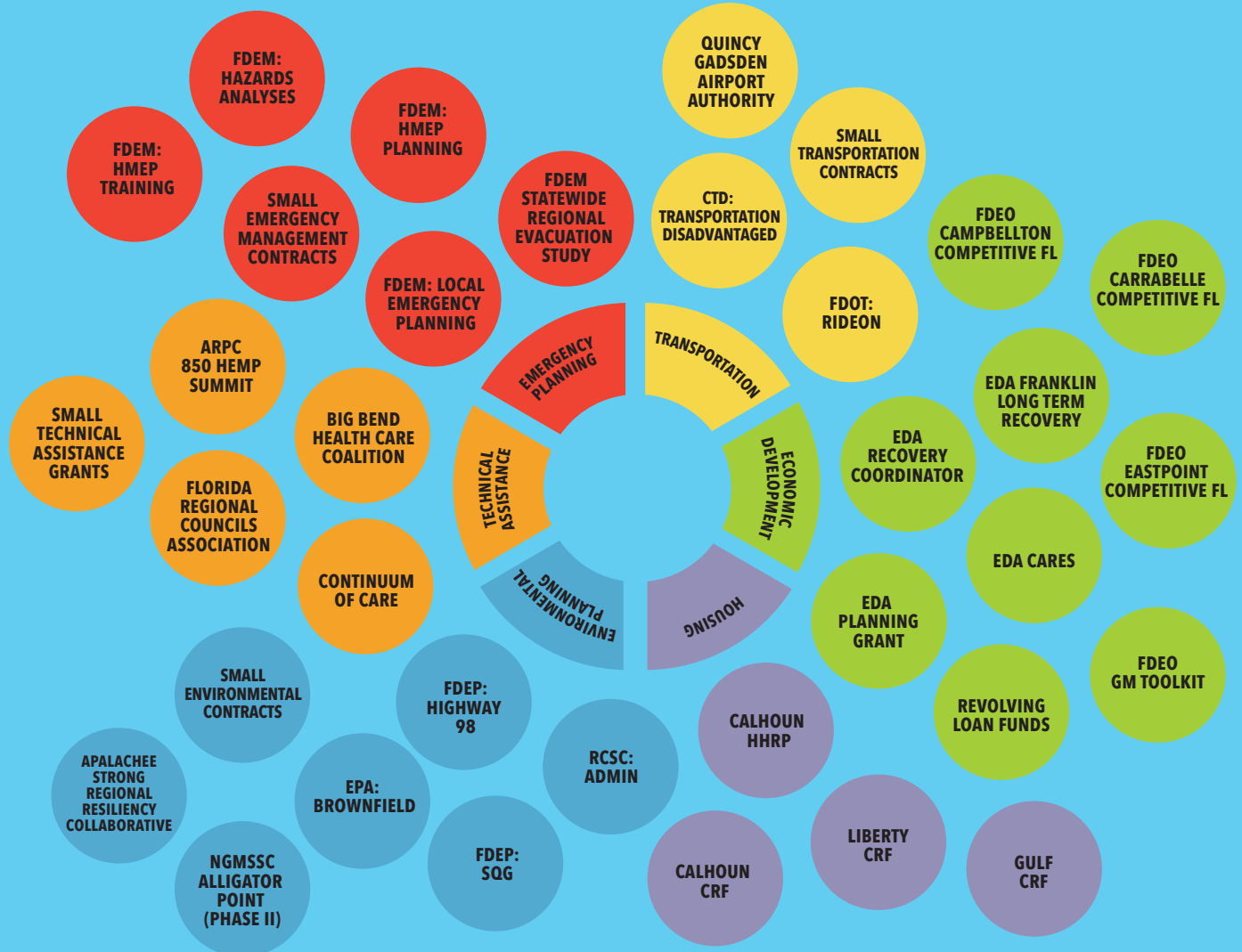




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ARPC PROJECTS PER PROGRAM



* NGMSSC - Northern Gulf of Mexico Sentinel Site Cooperative; CRF - Coronavirus Relief Fund; SQG - Small Quantitie Generators of Waste; HHRP - Hurricane Housing Recovery Program; GM - Growth Management



REGIONAL SNAPSHOT	5,855+ TOTAL SQUARE MILES OF NINE COUNTY REGION	17 NUMBER OF STATE PARKS IN NINE COUNTY REGION	1,101.8 NUMBER OF CENTERLINE HIGHWAY MILES IN NINE COUNTY REGION
	APALACHEE REGION COVERS 10.8% OF FLORIDA TOTAL LAND AREA	942,695 TOTAL ACREAGE OF CONSERVATION LAND IN NINE COUNTY REGION (STATE OWNED AND/OR MANAGED)	363 NUMBER OF STATE BRIDGES IN THE NINE COUNTY REGION

2020 - 2021 ARPC INNOVATIONS

APA FLORIDA VIRTUAL MOBILE TOUR:

On February 23, 2021, the ARPC hosted a virtual mobile tour for attendees of the Florida American Planning Association's annual conference. The virtual tour allowed the ARPC to familiarize conference attendees with the Apalachee Region and learn more about specific ARPC projects within the Environmental Planning, Housing, and Economic Development program areas.

Live on location, ARPC environmental planning team presented a deep dive into the Franklin 98 Living Shoreline project, ARPC housing team demonstrated the process needed to rebuild after a catastrophic hurricane, and ARPC economic development team highlighted success stories and projects in the lovely Town of Campbellton.



APALACHEE REGION VIRTUAL MOBILE TOUR

February 23rd - 12:00 pm ET (11:00 am CT)

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association invites you to explore innovative projects underway in the Apalachee Region!

Apalachee Regional Planning Council staff will be live at several site locations, ready to answer any questions you may have about the progress and impact these programs have throughout the Region.

APALACHEE STRONG REGIONAL RESILIENCY COLLABORATIVE

ARPC received a grant from the American Flood Coalition to set up and implement a Regional Resiliency Collaborative. The Collaborative allows the Region to take advantage of potential funding opportunities for resiliency projects across multiple sectors and provides a forum for resiliency-specific initiatives.



The structure of the Collaborative is comprised of 1) a Steering Committee, the same as the Council's Executive Committee; 2) a Working Group consisting of county and municipal-elected officials and staff; and 3) Private Sector Partners. This structure allows the Region to identify and set initiatives important to our locality. The Resiliency Collaborative has been branded "Apalachee Strong Regional Resiliency Collaborative".

FDEP developed guidance for its new Resilient Florida program, a result of the adopted Senate Bill 1954. The new program will "enhance efforts to protect our inland waterways, coastlines and shores, which serve as invaluable natural defenses against sea level rise. The legislation will yield the largest investment in Florida's history to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change – including sea level rise, intensified storms and flooding" (FDEP).

Apalachee Strong Regional Resiliency Collaborative submitted a project proposal under the FDEP's new Resilient Florida grant program, stemming from Florida's Always Ready legislation. The project, if awarded, will see the creation of Vulnerability Assessments (VAs) for the ARPC's nine counties and their municipalities. The VAs will document infrastructure that is at-risk to flooding and sea level rise under 2040 and 2070 planning horizons, compounded with projected rainfall events. Once completed, project funding can be pursued to address the findings of the VAs. If accepted in its current format, the project will be completed in approximately one (1) year.



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KRISTIN DOZIER
Chair



RICKY JONES
Vice-Chairman



JIM PEACOCK
Secretary/Treasurer



RANDY MERRITT
Past Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kristin Dozier – Chair (Leon)
Ricky Jones – Vice-Chairman (Franklin)
Jim Peacock – Secretary/Treasurer (Franklin)
Randy Merritt – Past Chairman (Wakulla)

FRCA POLICY BOARD MEMBERS:

Kristin Dozier, Gene Wright & Lisa Miller

CALHOUN COUNTY

Darryl O'Bryan – County Commissioner
Sheila Blackburn – Councilwoman, City of Blountstown
Don Stephens – Governor's Appointee

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Ricky Jones – County Commissioner
Despina George – Commissioner, City of Apalachicola
Vacant – Governor's Appointee

GADSDEN COUNTY

Brenda Holt – County Commissioner
Evelyn Riley-Goldwire – Commissioner, City of Gretna
Henry Grant – Governor's Appointee

GULF COUNTY

Ward McDaniel – County Commissioner
Johnny Paul – Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
Michael Hammond – Governor's Appointee

JACKSON COUNTY

Jim Peacock – County Commissioner
Gene Wright – Mayor, Town of Malone
Vacant – Governor's Appointee

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Stephen Walker – County Commissioner
John Jones – Councilman, City of Monticello
Vacant – Governor's Appointee

LEON COUNTY

Kristin Dozier – County Commissioner
Jack Porter – Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Lisa Miller – Governor's Appointee

LIBERTY COUNTY

Daniel Stanley – County Clerk
Margaret Rankin – Councilwoman, City of Bristol
Davis Stoutamire – Governor's Appointee

WAKULLA COUNTY

Randy Merritt – County Commissioner
Don Grimes – Mayor, City of St. Marks
Vacant – Governor's Appointee

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Michael Fuller – Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Darryl Boudreau – NW Florida Water Management District
Maria Showalter – Florida Department of Transportation
Diane Scholz – Florida Department of Economic Development



NEW TEAM MEMBERS

DEVINA LADE
GIS SPECIALIST

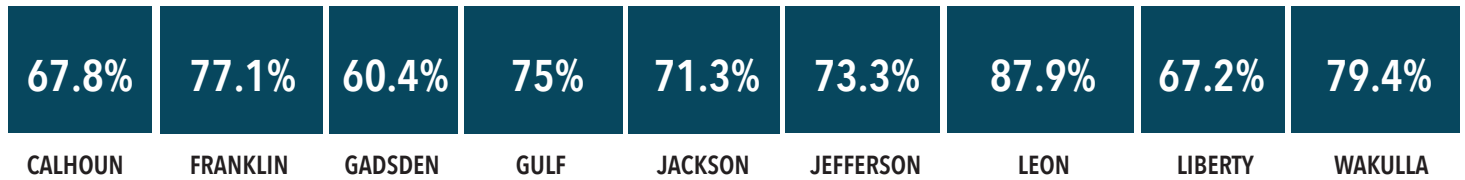
CHRISTIAN LEVINGS
HEALTHCARE COALITION
COORDINATOR

SHARRAND PINARD
URBAN DESIGNER

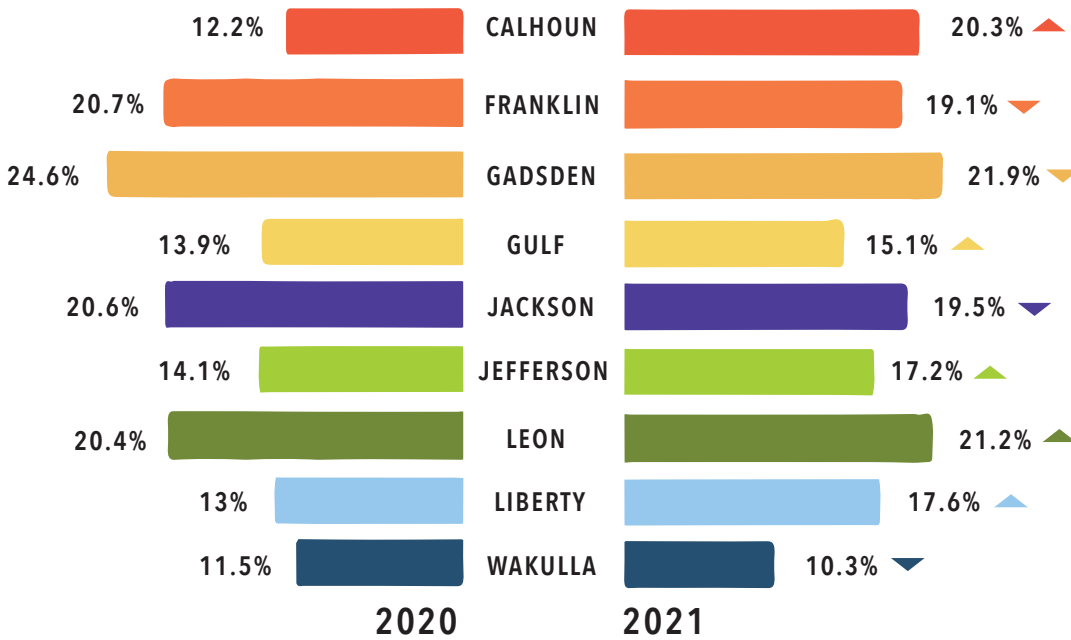
MONICA PITTS
DEPUTY FINANCE
DIRECTOR

APALACHEE REGION AT A GLANCE

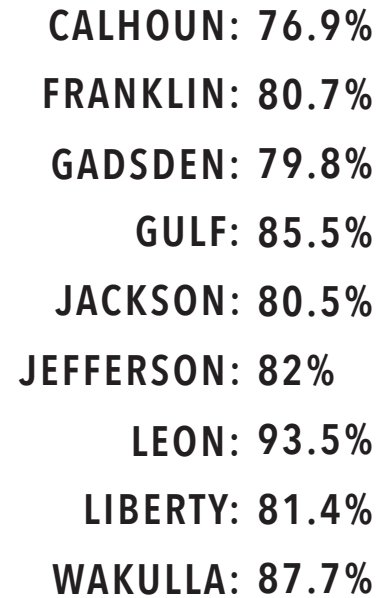
PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH A BROADBAND INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION (2015-2019)



POVERTY RATE PER COUNTY

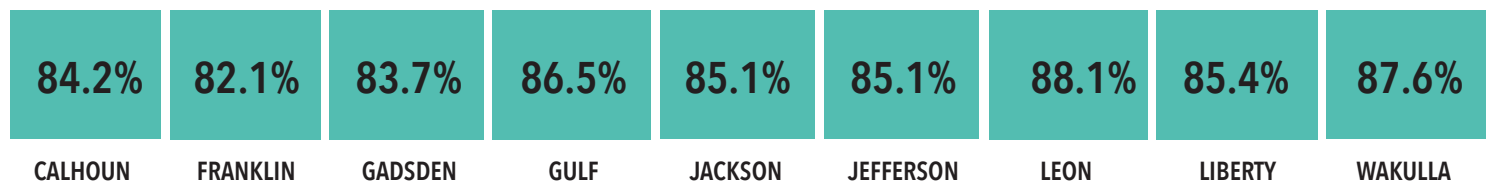


HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



** DATA SOURCED FROM WWW.EDR.STATE.FL.US & WWW.CENSUS.GOV

PERCENT OF POPULATION WITH HEALTH INSURANCE (PER COUNTY)



POPULATION

CALHOUN: 13,648
 FRANKLIN: 12,451
 GADSDEN: 43,826
 GULF: 14,192
 JACKSON: 47,319
 JEFFERSON: 14,510
 LEON: 292,198
 LIBERTY: 7,974
 WAKULLA: 33,764

TOTAL POPULATION OF NINE COUNTY REGION:
479,882

REGIONAL HISTORY

The Apalachee are a Native American people who historically lived in the Florida Panhandle. They lived between the Aucilla River and Ochlockonee River, at the head of Apalachee Bay, an area known to Europeans as the Apalachee Province. They spoke a Muskogean language called Apalachee, which is now extinct.

The Apalachee occupied the site of Velda Mound starting about 1450 CE, but had mostly abandoned it when Spanish started settlements in the 17th century. They first encountered Spanish explorers in 1528, when the Narváez expedition arrived. Traditional tribal enemies, European diseases, and European encroachment severely reduced their population. The survivors dispersed, and over time many Apalachee integrated with other groups, particularly the Creek Confederacy, while others relocated to other Spanish territories, and some remained in what is now Louisiana. About 300 descendants in Rapides and Natchitoches parishes assert an Apalachee identity today.

Source: <http://fcit.usf.edu/Florida/lessons/apalach/apalach1.htm>

