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Re: One Month Progress Report

I am pleased to submit this one month report following the “Cool Planning” workshop conducted by Smart Growth America on September 10, 2014.

1. Education and outreach is needed as part of the planning process and communities, the public and key stakeholders need to be fully engaged in planning processes.
   - Through a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant, the ECFRPC and City of Satellite Beach have been evaluating the City’s vulnerability to various climate and natural hazards including sea level rise. As part of this project, the City is educating and reaching out to the public to include them in the process of evaluating how they wish to address climate resiliency, what they perceive as vulnerabilities to the City, and where they wish to see the City’s efforts be focused. In addition to a public meeting, a public outreach effort is currently underway utilizing Metroquest to solicit input from the citizens regarding vulnerabilities, strategies and goals for the City. This survey is open for public input for six weeks.

2. Collaboration, education and outreach across jurisdictions within the region, providing opportunities to discuss best practices, lessons learned and strategies for various resiliency, and sustainability issues on local and regional levels is essential and a major role of the ECFRPC. The ECFRPC continues to participate in and organize educational opportunities to learn about and market climate adaptation and mitigation planning strategies.
   - ECFRPC staff participated in the NOAA Climate Adaptation Strategies Workshop held in Daytona Beach from November 18-20th.
   - ECFRPC staff participated in the EPA Building Blocks Training Academy in Washington D.C. from December 9-11, 2014. This training will be utilized to develop a technical assistance program to further advance climate resiliency and sustainable community development. This could assist the ECFRPC in the development of materials for a sustainable development code workshop which could be provided regionally.
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3. Promote and support complete streets policy making and implementation across the east central Florida region.
   - The City of Orlando and the ECFRPC partnered to submit a grant to Smart Growth America for a technical assistance workshop concerning “Complete Streets”.
   - ECFRPC participated in the Florida Department Of Transportation Complete Street and Context Sensitive Solutions Workshop held at FDOT Orlando, September 30th. As a result of this workshop and the new effort of FDOT to implement complete streets and context sensitive design, the ECFRPC is beginning conversations and collaboration with the City of Kissimmee to conduct a corridor study along a high speed, dying corridor, for which FDOT had conducted a PD&E without complete street design or major pedestrian safety facilities.

4. Continue to support the development of shared use path systems as connecting corridors between communities.
   - The Coast-to-Coast Connector Trail initiative is well underway in the region to provide a statewide east-west connection of regional trails. To support this effort the ECFRPC attended the Coast-To-Coast Connector Summit on October 1, 2014 and also sits on the MetroPlan Bike/Ped Advisory Committee. Additionally, staff has been participating in the Volusia County update of their Trails Master Plan to ensure regional connection. Staff has also provided comments to the City of Orlando Bicycle Master Plan in an effort to promote shared-use paths and improve walkability and bike/ped safety within the community.
   - The ECFRPC continues to work with Osceola and Orange Counties, and the Cities of Kissimmee and Orlando to complete the Shingle Creek Regional Trail which will connect various communities within and between the Cities of Kissimmee and Orlando. A meeting was held on December 9, 2014.

5. Communities across the region continue to focus on infill redevelopment along various deteriorating corridors. As participants in the workshop, the City of Kissimmee and the ECFRPC are collaborating on conducting an analysis of the State Road 441 Corridor to determine a strategy for redevelopment and the development of a walkable, sustainable and mixed-use/housing corridor. In addition to this, the City and ECFRPC are beginning a housing analysis of the City to determine whether the current housing stock is sufficient, diverse and affordable and what improvements and strategies can be implemented to incorporate the appropriate housing along transit corridors and near the job centers (hospital areas).

6. The City of Orlando, through their Sustainability Program, has been moving many action items forward over the past couple months.
• Development and scheduling of a workshop of key stakeholders to address “Urban Tree Coverage” and how to implement changes in tree plantings and educate on the importance and benefits of trees within the City.

7. The City of Sanford was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from Smart Growth America to Help with Using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) to Accelerate the Development of Sustainable Communities. “Green neighborhoods produce more business opportunities, jobs, household savings and other fiscal benefits. The City is committed to a smarter and greener future and open to innovative approaches for economic development and sustainable growth. With technical help from Smart Growth America, we can incorporate the smart growth principles in neighborhoods throughout the City,” said Mayor Jeff Triplett.