



To preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida.

Kandase Lee | Executive Director

# WELCOME TO THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Emerald Coast Regional Council is one of ten regional planning councils in the state of Florida. ECRC supports northwest Florida by planning for and coordinating intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems, providing technical assistance to local governments, and meeting the needs of the municipalities in our seven-county region: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes.

## MISSION

The mission of Emerald Coast Regional Council is to preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida by providing professional technical assistance, planning, coordinating, and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies, and the public.

## VISION

The vision of Emerald Coast Regional Council is to be the premier regional council for community collaboration and innovative solutions.

## VALUES

**EXCELLENCE** - We commit to exceptional service and results.

**INTEGRITY** - We uphold standards of character and respect.

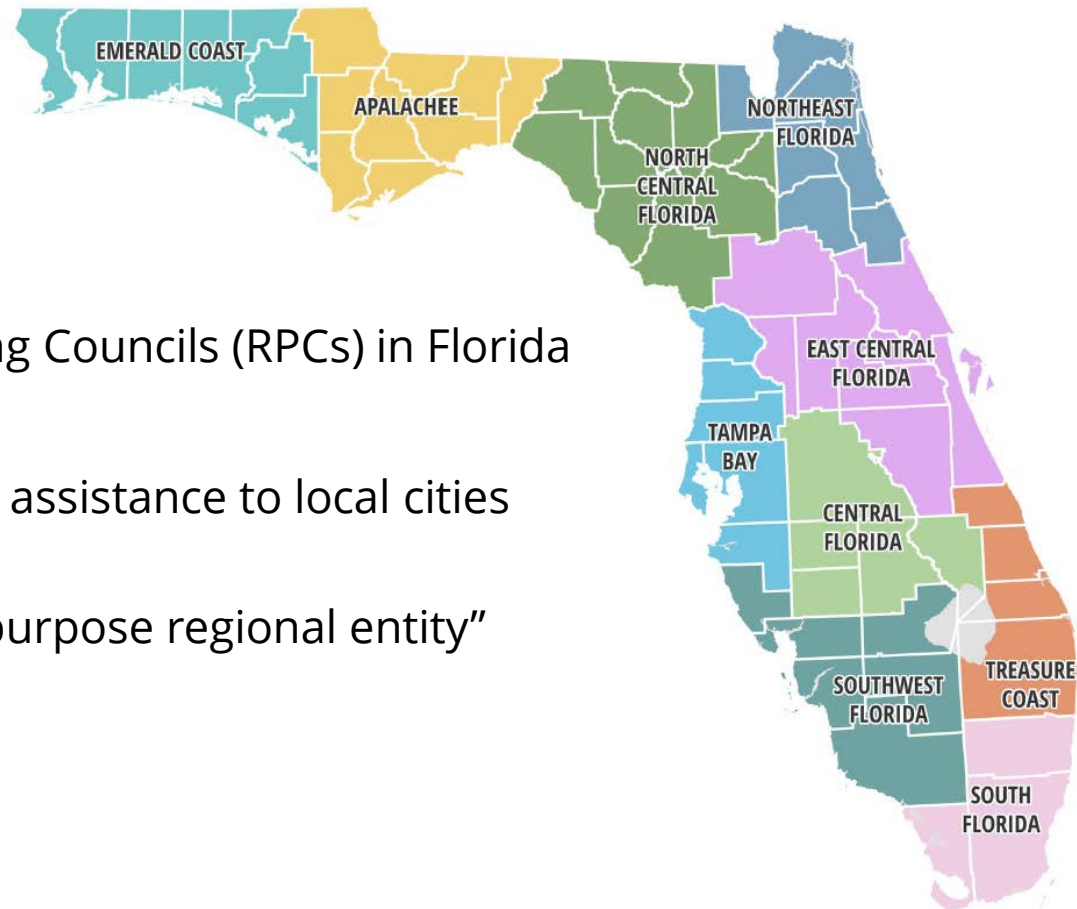
**TEAMWORK** - We provide individual dedication to collaborative efforts.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** - We accept responsibility for all we do

# WHAT IS A REGIONAL COUNCIL?

Regional Planning Councils offer services to all cities and counties throughout the state of Florida.

- There are 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) in Florida
- Created by Chapter 186, F.S.
- Provides planning & technical assistance to local cities and counties
- RPC are “Florida’s only multi-purpose regional entity”
- ECRC was founded in 1964



# SERVICE AREA

Emerald Coast Regional Council provides services to the municipalities across a seven-county region.

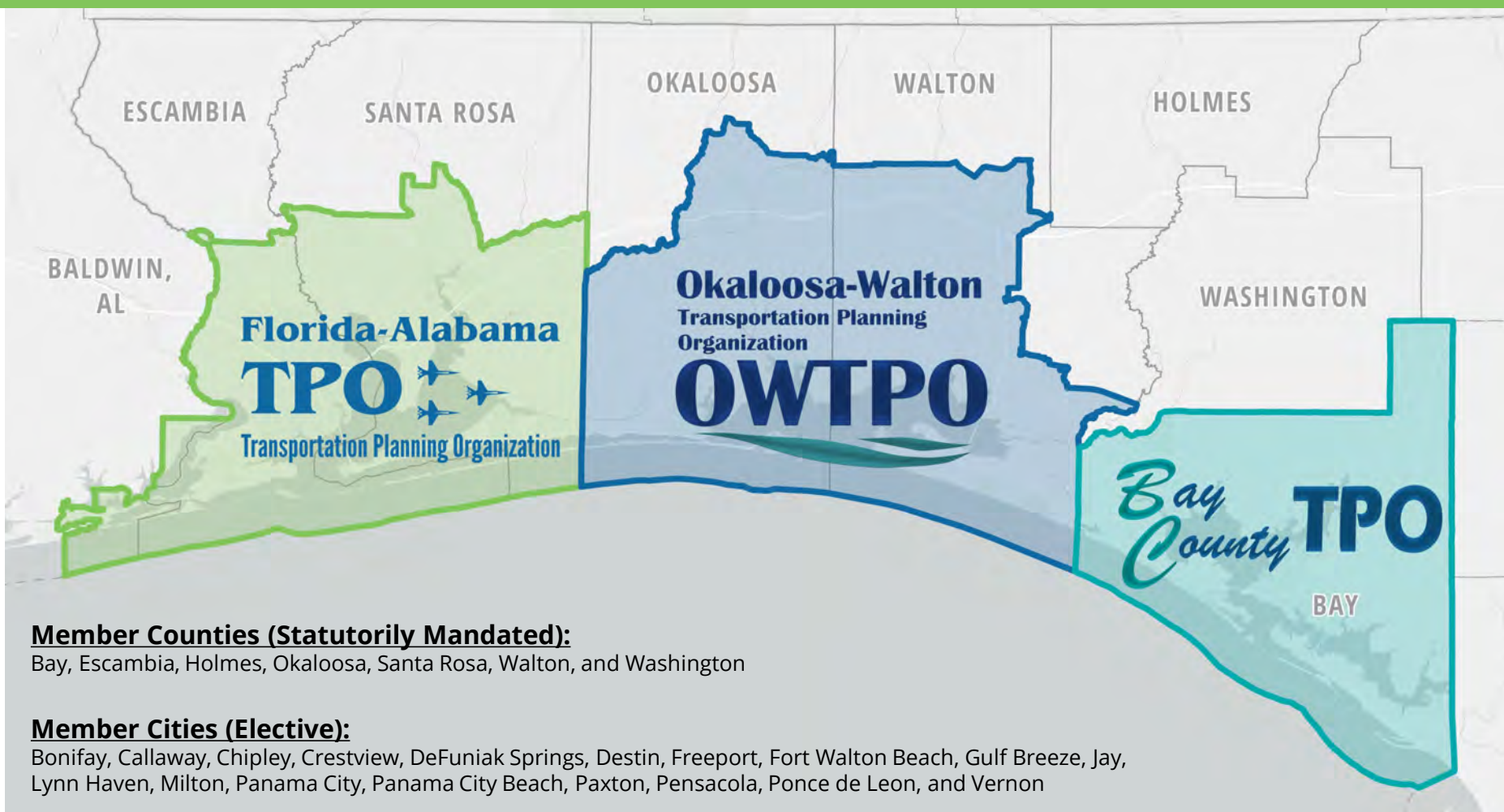


Escambia | Santa Rosa | Okaloosa | Walton | Bay | Washington | Holmes



# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (TPO/MPO)

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emerald Coast Regional Council Board of Directors

ECRC is governed by a Board of Directors who steer the organization towards a sustainable future.

## Counties Above 150K Population

- Appoint 2 members to the board

## Counties Below 150K Population

- Appoint 1 member to the board

## Cities

- Appoint 1 upon paid membership

## Governor of Florida

- Appoints remaining seats



**Council Chair**  
Kurvin Qualls  
Governor Appointee



**Council Vice Chair**  
April Sutton  
Mayor ProTem  
City of Mary Esther

# EXTENSION OF CITY AND COUNTY STAFF

Emerald Coast Regional Council provides services for planning and coordinating intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems by providing technical assistance in the areas listed below.

## No RFP needed

- Access to General Planning Consultant
- HDR & Atkins

## Staffing by Hour or Contract

- Grant Writing/Administration
- Planning
- GIS
- Public Involvement
- Housing
- Environmental

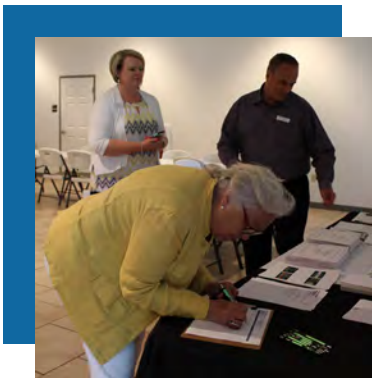




# GRANT WRITING

## Grant Writing/Administration

- City of Pensacola - \$250,000
- City of Pensacola Airport - \$12.2 million
- BARC (Santa Rosa/Escambia) - \$2 million
- City of Milton Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$5.9 million
- Port Panama City - \$10 million
- Walton County Transit Line - \$3 million
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) - \$10 million



# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Our transportation planning experts work with county leaders to provide programs that help plan all modes of transportation.



Florida-Alabama  
**TPO**  
Transportation Planning Organization

Okaloosa-Walton  
Transportation Planning  
Organization  
**OWTPO**

*Bay*  
*County* **TPO**

Emerald Coast  
**Transportation**  
Symposium

**RideOn**  
Commuter Services

# EXAMPLES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

ECRC provides assistance, funding and planning in a variety of areas.

- **Economic Development Planning**

The Federally designated Economic Development District

- **Emergency Preparedness**

ECRC supports numerous activities and programs that prepare and assist our residents in the event of a disaster

- **Land Use Planning**

Assistance to local governments, offering services from long-range comprehensive planning and mapping to intergovernmental coordination and review to include: Comp plan updates, land use planning and amendments.

- **Environmental Planning**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assessments. Santa Rosa County Flood Resiliency.

- **Geographic Information System (GIS)**

Interactive mapping applications and Topographical, Political, Transportation, Demographic, Land use maps and Story Maps

- **Housing Assistance**

Programs include: Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) and State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)

- **Public Involvement**

Ensures that citizens across the region are involved in decisions that will affect their communities through workshops,





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Thank you.