
Regional Economic Development Planning Initiatives

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Regional Initiatives

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI)



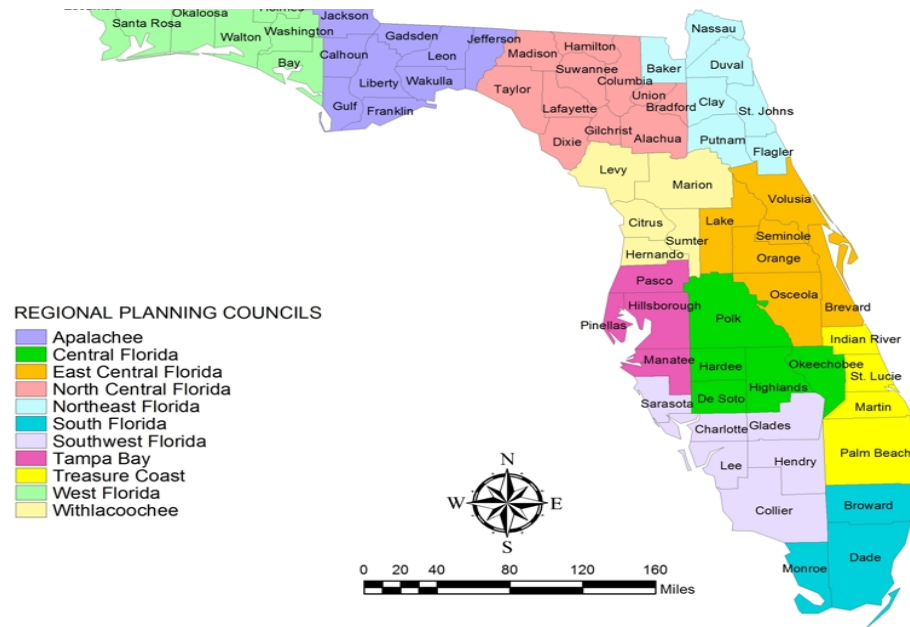
Florida's 11 Regional Planning Councils



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Florida's 11 Regional Planning Councils

- Designated by U.S. Economic Development Administration as Economic Development Districts.
- Charged by EDA to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy through a Strategy Committee.



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy = CEDS PLAN

- Analyzes regional economy, guides regional goals & objectives, identifies investment priorities and funding sources.
- Creates a road map to economic diversity through private sector investment and job creation.
- Serves as vehicle to justify and draw down federal funds.



CEDS Committee Composition

- Business Leaders (Majority)
- Public Officials
- Workforce Development Boards
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Minority and Labor Groups
- Private Individuals



Role of Regional Planning Councils in Economic Development

Regional Planning Councils Complement and Support Local Economic Development Efforts Through:

- Developing and Implementing the CEDS.
- Providing Grant Writing and Technical Assistance to Local Governments.
- Providing Economic Analyses Using Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. Software.



Statewide Alignment and Standardization

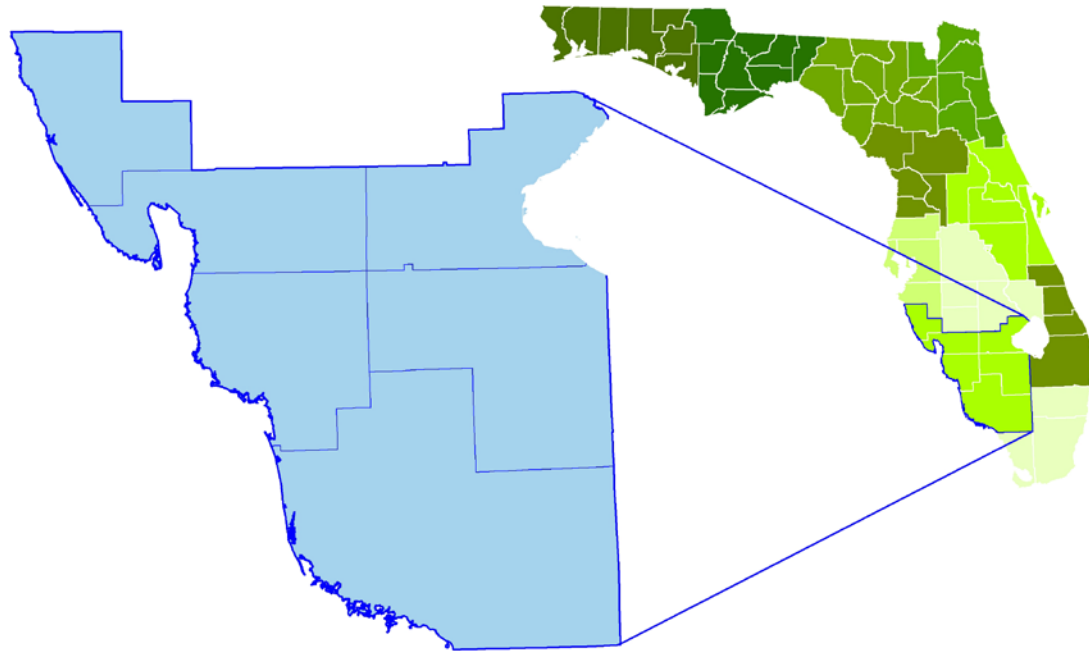
- Coordination among District Strategies
- Common Language and Template for all 11 Economic Development Regions
- Uniform Framework – Six
Pillars of Florida's Future Economy™
- Common Data Sets and Measures
- Alignment with DEO's Statewide Five-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan



Southwest Florida Economic Development District

Convening Volunteer Committee for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

- Charlotte
- Collier
- Glades
- Hendry
- Lee
- Sarasota



Southwest Florida Priority Projects Adopted September 2007

1. FHREDI/Enterprise Florida/Rural Economic Development Initiative Catalyst Sites
2. Regional Entrepreneurship and Incubators Network
3. Airport Economic Projects
4. Principles of Sustainability
5. Regional Innovation Network (Broadband)
6. Cluster Development

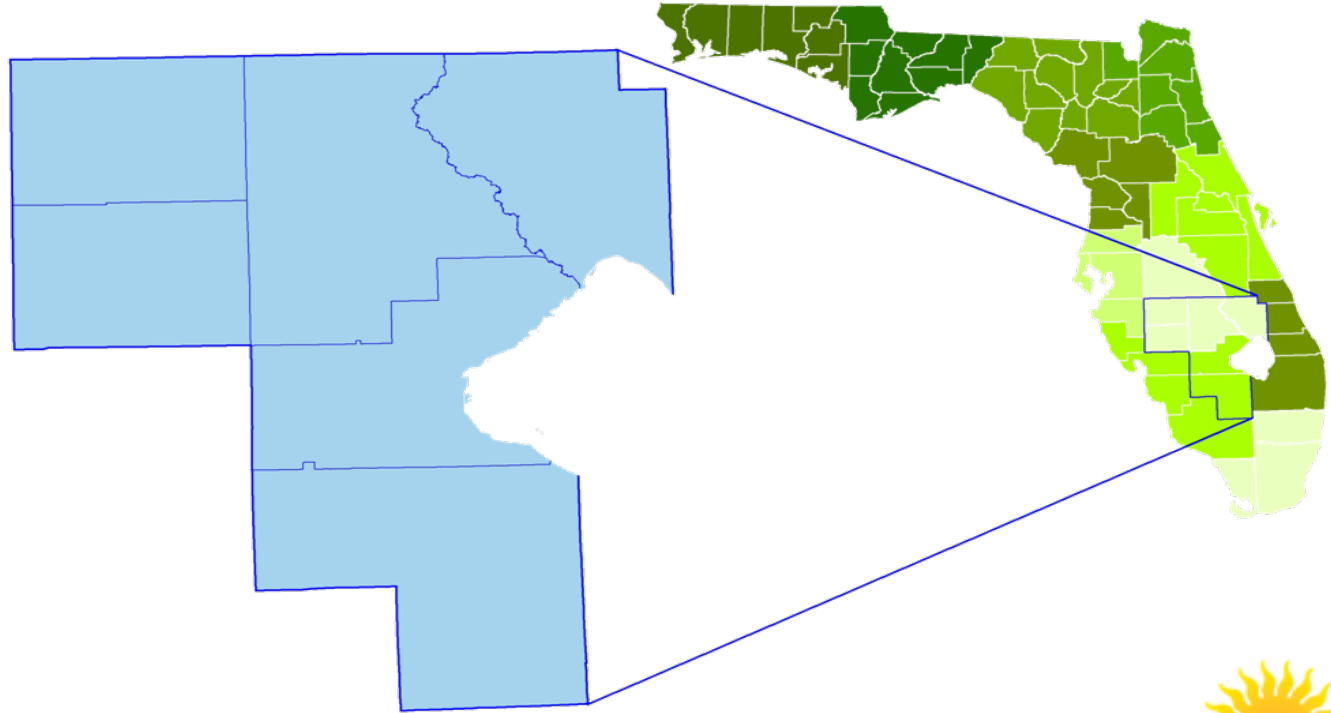


Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc.



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- DeSoto
- Glades
- Hardee
- Hendry
- Highlands
- Okeechobee
- Belle Glade
- Pahokee
- South Bay
- Immokalee



Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc. (FHREDI)

- Public/Private Partnership formed to carry out economic development programs for the South Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Concern
- 6 rural, inland counties plus four communities



Economic Development in Southwest Florida

Charlotte County	Tom Patton	Executive Director
Glades County	Tracy Whirls	Executive Director
Hendry County	Gregg Gillman	Executive Director
Lee County	Jim Moore	Executive Director
Sarasota County	Joan McGill	Vice - President



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