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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: January 2015

OUTREACH

- Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair of the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee, met with Bill Killingsworth, Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Division of Community Development, to discuss several issues, including the need to move forward with the Governor's economic development appointments to regional planning councils.
- Along with Chairman Teeple, met with representatives of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Division of Strategic Business Development and Bureau of Labor Market Statistics to see whether the Department and the Councils could better coordinate their respective economic modeling programs.
- Met with Jenna Titcomb and John Thomas from the Florida League of Cities regarding coordinating the regional activities of the Florida Local Government Coalition with the appropriate regional planning councils.
- Congratulated Jon Steverson on his appointment as the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Reached out to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, District 3, to promote the continuation of the District's transportation planning contracts with the Apalachee and West Florida Regional Planning Councils.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attending the following meetings: Rural Economic Development Initiative; Florida Defense Support Task Force; Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s (EFI's) Stakeholders Council; EFI's Legislative Committee meeting; EFI's meeting of its Board of Directors; Florida .
- Prepared and submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity FRCA's 2014-15 second quarter report demonstrating implementation of the *Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development*.
- Attended the first meeting of the Florida Department of Transportation's Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System Plan Update Steering Committee.
- Participated in the Florida Chamber Foundation's 2015 Transportation Summit.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and U.S. Department of Transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Provided support to FRCA's Executive Director, Ron Book, and Chairman Teeple to address certain legislative issues.
- Coordinated with Mr. Book to ensure FRCA was represented at the Sadowski Coalition's meetings with House and Senate leadership.
- Finalized the 2015 FRCA Legislative Agenda as approved by the FRCA Policy Board on January 9, 2015 and posted it to the FRCA website.
- Created and distributed a Legislative Highlights report covering the January 5-9, 2015 Interim Committee Week and reviewed pertinent bills and issued related bill tracking reports.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Worked with Mr. Book to respond to a constituent concern in the Withlacoochee region.
- Participated in a variety of conference calls involving the Executive Directors, FRCA President Pat Huff, and Policy Board presenters in preparation for the January 9, 2015 FRCA Policy Board meeting.
- Prepared for and participated in the January 8-9 FRCA meetings.
- Finalized the logistics, secured speakers, developed agendas, and drafted meeting summaries for the February 12-13, 2015 FRCA meetings.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: February 2015

OUTREACH

- Developed and issued FRCA's Winter 2015 electronic newsletter, which focused on RPC "tools in the toolbox," economic modeling, and promotion of the FRCA annual report.
- Arranged a meeting between Bryan Koon, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and Brian Teeple, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Florida Regional Council and Chair of the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee, as well as Chris Rietow, Executive Director of the Apalachee RPC, to discuss funding for hazardous analyses and the implications of Senate Bill 484 on RPC emergency management functions.
- With confirmed support from the West Florida and Apalachee RPCs, sent a letter to Sherri Martin, Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, supporting redesignation of the Northwest Florida Rural Area of Opportunity (formerly known as the Northwest Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern).
- Continued to reach out to staff from the Florida Department of Transportation, District 3, to encourage their continuation of the District's transportation planning contracts with the Apalachee and West Florida Regional Planning Councils.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attending the following: a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, and Florida State Emergency Response Team Stakeholders Group, as well as Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s monthly teleconference.
- Attended a meeting of the Florida Department of Transportation's Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System Plan Update Steering Committee.
- Attended the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter's annual Public Policy Workshop.
- Attended and helped staff the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which was an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Transportation, and U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Helped FRCA's Executive Director, Ron Book, and Brian Teeple, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Florida Regional Council and Chair of the FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee, craft a letter to the Governor explaining the role and value of RPCs.
- Attended/monitored numerous committee meetings in the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives and reviewed and summarized relevant pieces of legislation as needed.
- Created and distributed two Legislative Highlights reports covering four 2015 Interim Committee Weeks and issued several iterations of FRCA's bill tracking report.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Updated the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs job description to reflect practices that have evolved over the past three years and recognize the existence of and need to implement FRCA's first Strategic Operating Plan.
- Updated the FRCA Website to address regular maintenance issues and post meeting agendas and summaries.
- Prepared for and participated in the February 12-13 FRCA meetings.
- Finalized the logistics, secured speakers, developed agendas, and drafted meeting summaries for the March 12-13, 2015 FRCA meetings.

Rick Scott
GOVERNOR



Jesse Panuccio
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 21, 2015

The Honorable Sarah Heard
Chairwoman
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Martin County Administrative Center
2401 Southeast Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Dear Chairwoman Heard:

The Department of Economic Opportunity has reviewed the Martin County adopted comprehensive plan amendment 14-2ESR ("the Amendment") in accordance with the expedited state review process set forth in section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.). As you are aware, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) commented that the Amendment will arbitrarily restrict agricultural uses under the Right to Farm Act and that the County's regulation of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems is in conflict with the Departments of Health and Environmental Protection's authority. The County Commission adopted the Amendment on a 3-2 vote. Several private parties have now filed lawsuits alleging that the Amendment is not "in compliance" as the term is defined in section 163.3184, F.S.

The concerns of DACS and the private parties were conveyed to the County Commission prior to its final adoption of the Amendment. A greater willingness to negotiate in advance of costly litigation would be more consistent with successfully reconciling the multiple aims of growth management, which include both environmental protection and economic development. Planning through litigation is not a model for success.

Because the concerns raised by DACS and other parties will be litigated in the proceedings already initiated by the private parties, the Department does not believe it is necessary to litigate an additional and potentially duplicative challenge. Nonetheless, the Department strongly encourages the County to work with area stakeholders to mediate the issues raised.

Because the Amendment has been challenged by private parties, the Amendment is not in effect at this time and no development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on the Amendment may be issued or commenced.

Sincerely,

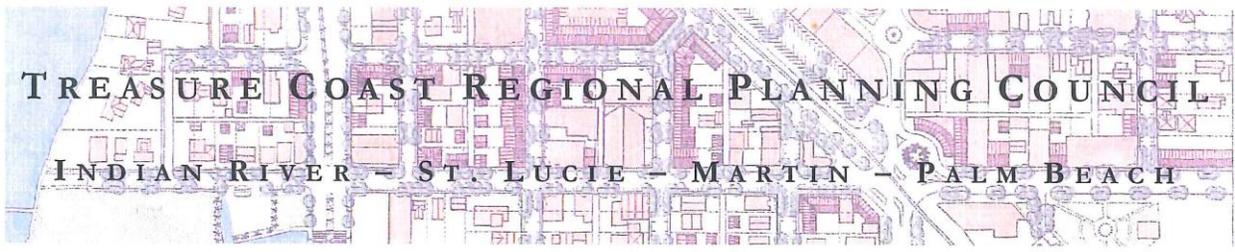
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William B. Killingsworth, Director
Division of Community Development

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Enclosure(s): Procedures for Adoption

cc: Nicki van Vonno, AICP, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department
Michael J. Busha, AICP, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayors of the Treasure Coast Region

From: Michael J. Busha, AICP, Executive Director 

Date: February 5, 2015

Subject: Complete Streets Challenge

Please stay alert for any opportunities you see in your jurisdiction where the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is involved. Council is working on three different "complete street" efforts with FDOT and local jurisdictions in Palm Beach County related to US 1. Our District IV FDOT staff has been very accommodating and supportive of these efforts. Please let me or Council's Director of Strategic Development and Policy, Kim DeLaney, know if Council can be of any assistance in this regard. Thank you.

Attachments

cc: Tod Mowery, Chair, TCRPC

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Secretary Foxx Challenges Mayors to a Complete Streets Approach

Smart Growth America | Posted: Sunday, January 25, 2015 6:35 pm

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx launched the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets, inviting mayors and other local elected officials to take significant action to improve the safety of their constituents who walk or bicycle in the next year.

Their first action: attending the Mayors' Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets this March. Their second: taking a Complete Streets approach locally.

The Challenge is based on USDOT's 2010 Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation announced by former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, and it includes several activities for Mayors to implement in their cities and towns. After not just committing, but actually taking, a Complete Streets approach, mayors should look to identify and address barriers for people of all ages and abilities, to gather and track data, to use solutions appropriate to the community and its goals, and to be opportunistic during routine resurfacing requirements.

Now is a great time for cities to take a leadership role in this issue. While pedestrian deaths dropped slightly in 2013, bicyclist fatalities continued to rise, and the combined fatalities for people walking and bicycling represented nearly 17 percent of all road deaths in 2013. And, as the 2014 *Dangerous by Design* report on pedestrian fatalities notes, these deaths are over represented among people of color and older adults.

Crafting and adopting a Complete Streets policy is the first of those steps. Smart Growth America's *Local Policy Workbook* asks communities to consider their unique goals and qualities in developing appropriate policy language, and the annual collection of the best Complete Streets policies in the country gives real-world examples of well-written policies.

Instituting a Complete Streets policy is a smart way to expand choices and achieve multiple community goals with every transportation investment. Smart Growth America has identified five broad implementation steps for jurisdictions to consider, with references and examples from other communities:

Planning for implementation: Assessing current procedures and activities and planning for the full implementation of Complete Streets

Changing procedure and process: Updating documents, plans, and processes used in transportation decision-making, from scoping to funding, and creating new ones if necessary

Reviewing and updating design guidance: Updating or adopting new design guidance and standards to reflect current best practices in providing multimodal mobility

http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com/topic_channels/development/article_2b893dbc-a4f3... 2/4/2015

Offering training and educational opportunities: Providing ongoing support to transportation professionals, other relevant agency staff, community leaders, and the general public so that they understand the Complete Streets approach, the new processes and partnerships it requires, and the potential new outcomes from the transportation system

Measuring performance: Creating or modifying existing metrics to measure success in accommodating all users on the project and network levels

SOURCE: Smart Growth America

United States
Department of Transportation

Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets



Photo Caption: U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx at the [2014 Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place Conference](#)

Secretary Foxx is challenging mayors and local elected officials to take significant action to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year. Mayors' Challenge participants will be invited to attend the Mayors' Summit for Safer People, Safer Streets in March, and their cities will spend a year helping their communities undertake seven activities to improve safety. The challenge is based on the [2010 USDOT Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation](#).

Cities can join the challenge [here](#) or by emailing their Team Leader's contact information to pedbikesafety@dot.gov

Mayors and other elected city officials can participate by leading a call to action and helping their cities take on the Challenge activities outlined below.

Call to Action

- **Issue a public statement about the importance of bicycle and pedestrian safety**

- **Form a local action team to advance safety and accessibility goals**
- **Take local action through the Challenge activities (listed below)**

Mayors' Challenge Activities

- [Take a Complete Streets approach](#)
- [Identify and address barriers to make streets safe and convenient for all road users, including people of all ages and abilities and those using assistive mobility devices](#)
- [Gather and track biking and walking data](#)
- [Use designs that are appropriate to the context of the street and its uses](#)
- [Take advantage of opportunities to create and complete ped-bike networks through maintenance](#)
- [Improve walking and biking safety laws and regulations](#)
- [Educate and enforce proper road use behavior by all](#)

Take a Complete Streets approach

Complete streets make it safe and convenient for people of all ages and abilities to reach their destination whether by car, train, bike, or foot. A Complete Streets approach starts with a policy commitment to prioritize and integrate all road users into every transportation project.

[Read more about Take a Complete Streets approach](#)

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Identify and address barriers to make streets safe and convenient for all road users, including people of all ages and abilities and those using assistive mobility devices

The ability for older adults, young children, and people with disabilities to travel safely is critical to freedom of mobility and quality of life. People may have challenges with eyesight, reaction times, cognitive ability and muscle dexterity that travel difficult.

[Read more about Identify and address barriers](#)

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Gather and track biking and walking data

The lack of systematic data collection related to walking and bicycling transportation, such as count data, travel survey data, and injury data, creates challenges for improving non-motorized transportation networks and safety. Communities that routinely collect walking and biking data are better positioned to track trends and prioritize investments.

[Read more about data collection](#)

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Use designs appropriate to the context of the street and its uses

Transportation agencies are encouraged, when possible, to go beyond designing walking and bicycling facilities to the minimum standards. It is more effective to plan for increased usage than to retrofit an older facility. Planning projects for the long-term should anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.

[Read more about appropriate street design](#)

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Take advantage of opportunities to create and complete ped-bike networks through maintenance

Expanding and improving existing roads and facilities to build biking and walking networks as part of regular and routine resurfacing and other maintenance programs can be a low cost alternative to building new roads or widening existing roads.

[Read more about create networks](#)

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Improve walking and biking safety laws and regulations

Traffic laws such as reduced speed, failure to yield, passing, and helmet laws can be effective in improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and others.

[Read more about walking and biking safety laws and regulations](#)

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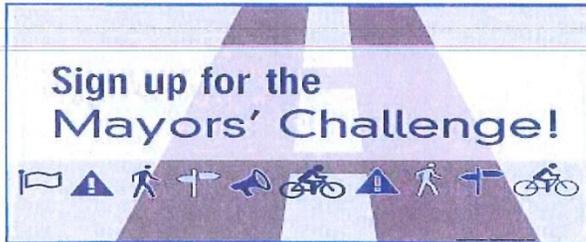
Educate and enforce proper road use behaviors by all

Highly-visible and well publicized targeted enforcement tied with educational campaign has shown to be effective in reducing crashes.

[Read more about education and enforcement](#)

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Related Links

- [Mayors' Challenge O's & A's](#)
- [Mayors' Challenge Webinar](#)

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

US Department of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590
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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

February 17, 2015

Michael Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 Southwest Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to acknowledge and thank the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for your on-going support of the non-profit Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF). SELF greatly appreciates the assistance that we have received throughout the last few years, including past staff support and continued use of office space for client consultations and meetings.

SELF has now completed nearly 1,000 energy audits and closed 331 loans totaling \$2.83 million. We have expanded operations throughout the Treasure Coast region, and most recently opened up a satellite office in the City of Orlando. SELF has also created a new Property-Assessed Clean Energy program in St. Lucie County and recently closed our first PACE project with the Adams Ranch. SELF was also approved last year as a field partner with Kiva.org and we are now raising loan capital worldwide through crowdfunding for single women in distress and soon our new "Veterans Helping Veterans" program.

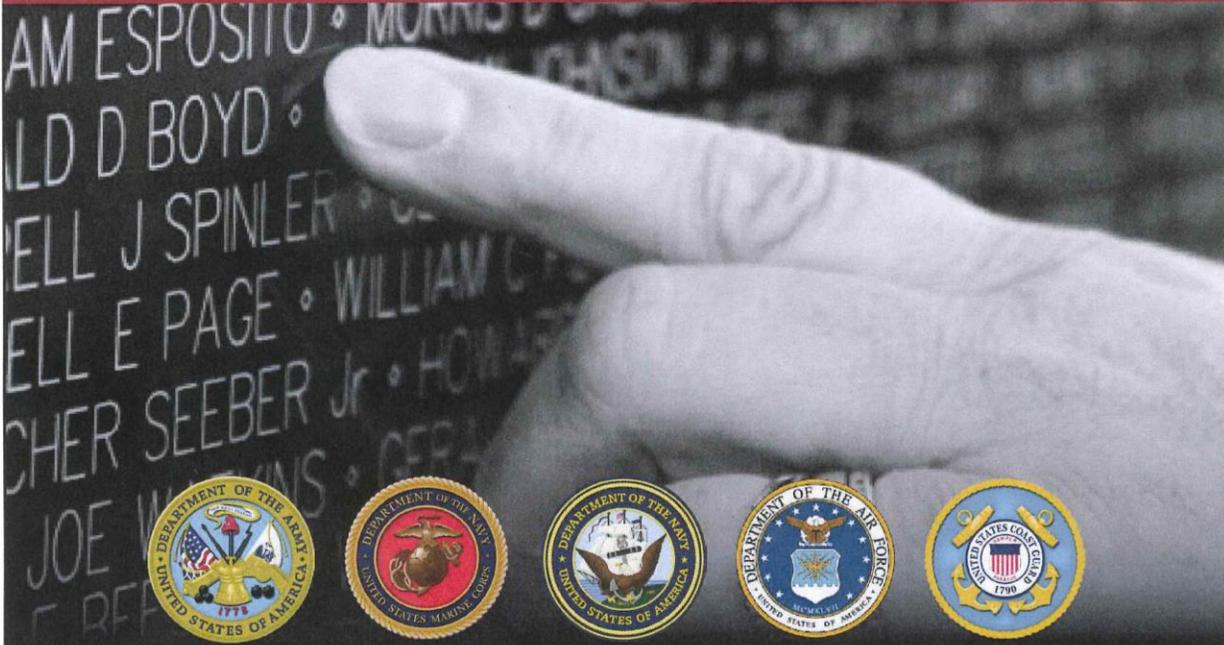
Thank you to Board and staff of the TCRPC for your long-standing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Coward", written in a cursive style.

Doug Coward
Executive Director

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Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region January 23, 2015

Highlights

- **Unemployment falls to 5.1 in December, down from 6.3 in previous year.**
- **16,400 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from December 2013 to December 2014**
- **Job gains primarily in education and health services; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and construction.**

- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - *Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region* (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) and *Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region* (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.
- The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 5.1 percent in December 2014, down 1.2 percentage points from the December 2013 rate of 6.3 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was 0.3 percent lower than the state's unemployment rate of 5.4 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 915,615, there were 46,892 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.
- The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County), and the West Palm Beach – Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In December 2014, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 749,300, an increase of 16,400 jobs over the previous year.

Unemployment Rates*			
Geographic Area	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013
Indian River	6.0	6.5	7.3
Martin	5.3	5.7	6.4
Palm Beach	4.8	5.3	6.0
St. Lucie	6.2	6.7	7.8
Treasure Coast Region	5.1	5.6	6.3
Florida	5.4	5.6	5.9
United States	5.4	5.5	6.5

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.
* Not seasonally adjusted.

- In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in the education and health services (+4,900) industry; professional and business services (+3,800); leisure and hospitality (+2,400) and construction (+2,200).
- The industry that lost jobs over the year was manufacturing (-200 jobs).
- **Port St. Lucie Metro Area:** Annual employment growth in professional and business services (+5.3 percent), education and health services (+2.7 percent); and government (+2.0 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide.
- **Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area:** Employment in leisure and hospitality (+7.1 percent) and other services (+7.7 percent) grew faster in the metro area than in the state. The Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area tied the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metro division for the second highest annual growth rate in other services employment of all metro areas in Florida.
- **West Palm Beach-Boca Raton –Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division:** Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the construction industry, which increased 8.0 percent over the year.

**Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 23, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) was 5.9 percent in December 2014. The December 2014 rate was 1.4 percentage points below the region's year ago rate of 7.3 percent, but 0.5 percentage point above the December 2014 state rate of 5.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 274,104, there were 16,222 unemployed residents in the region.
- Unemployment rates in the counties that make up the CareerSource Research Coast region were: 6.3 percent in Okeechobee County, 6.2 percent in St. Lucie County, 6.0 percent in Indian River County, and 5.3 percent in Martin County.
- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs); the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). Okeechobee County is not included in an MSA. In December 2014, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 179,700, an increase of 2,500 jobs over the previous year.
- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, six of ten industries gained jobs over the year. Education and health services (+700 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by professional and business services (+600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+500 jobs); other services and government (+300 jobs each); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+200 jobs). Manufacturing (-100 jobs) lost jobs over the year. Mining, logging, and construction; information; and financial activities were unchanged over the year.

Port St. Lucie metro area

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 132,800 jobs in December 2014, an increase of 2,400 jobs from December 2013 (+1.8 percent). Statewide employment increased by 3.0 percent over the same period.
- Seven industries gained jobs in the Port St. Lucie metro area over the year. Professional and business services (+800 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+600 jobs); government (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction and trade, transportation, and utilities (+200 jobs each); and financial activities and other services (+100 jobs each). Manufacturing, information, and leisure and hospitality were unchanged over the year.
- Annual employment growth in professional and business services (+5.3 percent), education and health services (+2.7 percent), and government (+2.0 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide.

Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area

- Nonagricultural employment was 46,900 in the Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area in December 2014, an increase of 100 jobs (+0.2 percent) from the previous year. The state had a 3.0 percent increase in the number of jobs over the same period.
- Three industries gained jobs over the year including leisure and hospitality (+500 jobs), other services (+200 jobs), and education and health services (+100 jobs). Professional and business services and mining, logging, and construction lost the most jobs (-200 jobs each), followed by manufacturing, financial activities, and government (-100 jobs each). Trade, transportation, and utilities and information were unchanged over the year.
- Employment in leisure and hospitality (+7.1 percent) and other services (+7.7 percent) grew faster in the metro area than in the state. The Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area tied the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metro division for the second highest annual growth rate in other services employment of all metro areas in Florida.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
CareerSource Research Coast	5.9	6.4	7.3
Indian River County	6.0	6.5	7.3
Martin County	5.3	5.7	6.4
Okeechobee County	6.3	6.8	7.2
St. Lucie County	6.2	6.7	7.8
Florida	5.4	5.6	5.9
United States	5.4	5.5	6.5

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Port St. Lucie Metropolitan Statistical Area				Sebastian-Vero Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area			
	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	132,800	130,400	2,400	1.8	46,900	46,800	100	0.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,700	7,500	200	2.7	2,900	3,100	-200	-6.5
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	0	0.0	1,700	1,800	-100	-5.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,500	29,300	200	0.7	10,100	10,100	0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4,600	4,800	-200	-4.2	800	800	0	0.0
Retail Trade	20,500	20,200	300	1.5	8,500	8,500	0	0.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,400	4,300	100	2.3	800	800	0	0.0
Information	1,400	1,400	0	0.0	700	700	0	0.0
Financial Activities	5,500	5,400	100	1.9	2,200	2,300	-100	-4.4
Professional and Business Services	16,000	15,200	800	5.3	4,600	4,800	-200	-4.2
Education and Health Services	23,200	22,600	600	2.7	9,300	9,200	100	1.1
Leisure and Hospitality	16,900	16,900	0	0.0	7,500	7,000	500	7.1
Other Services	6,900	6,800	100	1.5	2,800	2,600	200	7.7
Government	20,200	19,800	400	2.0	5,100	5,200	-100	-1.9

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	CareerSource Research Coast Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas				Florida			
	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	179,700	177,200	2,500	1.4	7,999,400	7,766,700	232,700	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,600	10,600	0	0.0	431,400	396,600	34,800	8.8
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	-100	-1.4	332,500	328,100	4,400	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	39,600	39,400	200	0.5	1,692,000	1,645,400	46,600	2.8
Wholesale Trade	5,400	5,600	-200	-3.6	334,000	324,500	9,500	2.9
Retail Trade	29,000	28,700	300	1.0	1,091,100	1,060,600	30,500	2.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,200	5,100	100	2.0	266,900	260,300	6,600	2.5
Information	2,100	2,100	0	0.0	136,400	134,900	1,500	1.1
Financial Activities	7,700	7,700	0	0.0	531,400	518,700	12,700	2.5
Professional and Business Services	20,600	20,000	600	3.0	1,193,000	1,144,000	49,000	4.3
Education and Health Services	32,500	31,800	700	2.2	1,173,100	1,145,900	27,200	2.4
Leisure and Hospitality	24,400	23,900	500	2.1	1,091,000	1,050,000	41,000	3.9
Other Services	9,700	9,400	300	3.2	320,900	310,200	10,700	3.5
Government	25,300	25,000	300	1.2	1,097,700	1,092,900	4,800	0.4

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	611,649	608,576	3,073	0.5
Indian River County	140,955	139,586	1,369	1.0
Martin County	148,585	148,077	508	0.3
Okeechobee County	39,828	39,762	66	0.2
St. Lucie County	282,281	281,151	1,130	0.4
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

Average Annual Wage	2013	2012	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	\$36,858	\$36,764	\$94	0.3
Indian River County	\$37,075	\$37,174	-\$99	-0.3
Martin County	\$38,149	\$39,434	-\$1,285	-3.3
Okeechobee County	\$33,332	\$32,167	\$1,165	3.6
St. Lucie County	\$36,173	\$34,908	\$1,265	3.6
Florida	\$43,651	\$43,210	\$441	1.0

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

**Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 23, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 4.8 percent in December 2014, down 1.2 percentage points from the December 2013 rate of 6.0 percent. In December 2014, Palm Beach County's unemployment rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the Florida statewide unemployment rate of 5.4 percent and 0.6 percentage point lower than the national unemployment rate, which was also 5.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 659,398, there were 31,803 unemployed residents in the county.
- In December 2014, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was 569,600, up 2.5 percent over the year. Florida statewide employment increased 3.0 percent over the same time period.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division gained 13,900 nonagricultural jobs over the year. Job gains were primarily in education and health services (+4,200 jobs) and in professional and business services (+3,200 jobs). Other industries gaining jobs were construction (+2,200 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,900 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,300 jobs); financial activities (+800 jobs); and other services (+600 jobs).
- Industries that lost jobs over the year were government (-200 jobs) and manufacturing (-100 jobs). Employment in information was unchanged.
- Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the construction industry, which increased 8.0 percent over the year.
- In December 2014, the West Palm Beach metro area was one of the top two metro areas in Florida for gains over the year in education and health services (+4,200 jobs).

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.8	5.3	6.0
Florida	5.4	5.6	5.9
United States	5.4	5.5	6.5

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change	Dec-14	Dec-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	569,600	555,700	13,900	2.5	7,999,400	7,766,700	232,700	3.0
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,900	5,700	200	3.5
Construction	29,600	27,400	2,200	8.0	425,500	390,900	34,600	8.9
Manufacturing	15,700	15,800	-100	-0.6	332,500	328,100	4,400	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	108,900	107,600	1,300	1.2	1,692,000	1,645,400	46,600	2.8
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,300	600	2.7	334,000	324,500	9,500	2.9
Retail Trade	75,700	75,400	300	0.4	1,091,100	1,060,600	30,500	2.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,300	9,900	400	4.0	266,900	260,300	6,600	2.5
Information	9,600	9,600	0	0.0	136,400	134,900	1,500	1.1
Financial Activities	38,700	37,900	800	2.1	531,400	518,700	12,700	2.5
Professional and Business Services	102,700	99,500	3,200	3.2	1,193,000	1,144,000	49,000	4.3
Education and Health Services	91,200	87,000	4,200	4.8	1,173,100	1,145,900	27,200	2.4
Leisure and Hospitality	79,600	77,700	1,900	2.5	1,091,000	1,050,000	41,000	3.9
Other Services	30,100	29,500	600	2.0	320,900	310,200	10,700	3.5
Government	63,400	63,600	-200	-0.3	1,097,700	1,092,900	4,800	0.4

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,360,238	1,345,652	14,586	1.1
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

Average Annual Wage	2013	2012	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$48,218	\$47,771	\$447	0.9
Florida	\$43,651	\$43,210	\$441	1.0

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