



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: June 13, 2016

❖ Coast to Coast Urban-Rural Overlay Design and Atlas

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in partnership with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, recently completed an Urban-Rural Design Overlay for the Coast to Coast Trail Connector (C2C). An atlas was developed with trail assets, amenities, and opportunities. Staff provided a briefing on the project and potential next steps. The TBRPC offers technical assistance on a myriad of planning services including and not limited to: environmental planning, transportation planning, economic development, community visioning, and technical assistance to local governments within the region and on a statewide level. Visit C2Ctrail.com for more information.

❖ Hurricane Awareness

The TBRPC has been in the forefront of Hurricane preparedness since the early 80s both on a state level and nationally. The TBRPC was the first RPC in the nation to complete a regional evacuation study which has served as a model for other communities throughout the United States. Hurricane season began on June 1st, and the Tampa Bay area is consistently ranked as one of the nation's most hurricane-vulnerable locations. However, it has been decades since the Tampa Bay region took a direct hit from a hurricane, and more than ten years since a hurricane has made landfall anywhere in Florida. The recent lack of hurricanes in Florida does not diminish the region's vulnerability, and just a single storm could cause widespread devastation. Staff discussed the threats that hurricanes pose, and described some of the hurricane planning and preparedness activities that take place in the Tampa Bay region.

❖ TBRPC's 2016 Disaster Planning Guide Now Available

June is Hurricane Awareness Month in the Tampa Bay Region. TBRPC's 2016 Disaster Planning Guide, the Official Guide for the Tampa Bay Area, is now available online at: <http://www.tbrpc.org/tampabaydisaster/DisasterPlanningGuide2016.shtml>. Printed copies of the Disaster Planning Guide are distributed through our county emergency management agency partners, and are available at post offices, libraries, and other local government facilities. Additional copies may be available through your county's emergency management office. The TBRPC produced the first Official Hurricane Survival Guide, now referred to as the Disaster Planning Guide in 1981. The TBRPC was the lead agency in producing the first ever Statewide Regional Evacuation Plan in which the entire state of Florida and its county/city emergency management teams can now respond in a planned and coordinated fashion whenever natural disasters impact Florida.

❖ TBRPC Staff Participate in 2016 Pinellas County Hurricane Exercise

TBRPC Regional Hurricane Planning and Preparedness Coordinator Brady Smith and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Coordinator John Meyer visited the Pinellas County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to observe the 2016 Pinellas County Hurricane Exercise. The exercise brought together the key participants that will staff the Emergency Operations Center and provide necessary Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) during a full EOC activation. Participants included representatives from a number of different County government departments, law enforcement and fire rescue

departments, social service agencies, schools, hospitals, utilities, the Coast Guard, and many more. Exercise participants were given scripted “injects” to simulate the types of events that would likely be occurring in the immediate aftermath of a powerful Category 4 hurricane striking the Tampa Bay area. The purpose of the hurricane exercise was to familiarize those personnel providing Emergency Support Functions with the EOC facility, with its tools and technology, and with one another.

All presentations, pertinent links and minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information, wren@tbrpc.org .