2020 Florida Legislature

Legislation Impacting East Central Florida
Regional Planning Council
Legislation Summary:
• Prohibits state-financed construction companies from building certain coastal structures without conducting a sea level impact projection (SLIP) and submitting it to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review

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Legislation Summary:
• permits the DOT to use up to $5 million annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund’s allocation to the M-CORES Program for projects that assist in the development of broadband infrastructure
• Designates the Department of Economic Opportunity as responsible agency for broadband expansion

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Senate Bill (SB) 712

Legislation summary

• Requires remediation plans at the regional level where septic tank leakage responsible for at least 20% of nutrient loads leading to polluted waterways

• Wastewater plant outflows to Indian River Lagoon and tributaries banned after 2025 without implementation of advanced treatment

• Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) required to prioritize inspections of farms near Indian River, Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River and Silver Springs

• Creates wastewater grant program with 50% local match to upgrade septic system, switch wastewater from septic to central sewer, or upgrade sewer treatment plants for nitrate reduction

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Legislation Summary:

- Allows RPCs to use virtual meetings to meet quorum
- Requires 1/3 of voting members to be present at meeting site.
Legislation Summary:
• Legislation requires local governments to add a Property Rights Element to their comprehensive plans by 2023
• Directs DEO to give TAG funding preference to certain small counties /municipalities located near a proposed multi-use corridor interchange.
• prohibits counties from limiting a municipality from deciding land uses, density, and intensity allowed on certain lands
• Not yet transmitted to Governor

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Failed Bills

• SB 250 – Development orders – would have repealed the Brandes amendment to HB 7103 from the 2019 legislative session
• SB 306/381 - State Funds - Would have prohibited the reallocation to the general fund of affordable housing funding under the Sadowski Act (State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust)
• HB 519 - Private Property Rights Protection – would have amended Bert Harris Act
• SB 7016 & HB 1073 Statewide Office of Resiliency
• SB 1232 & HB 913 Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program

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Discussion