NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Project Subcommittee Meeting
April 14, 2009

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS: DUVAL AND PUTNAM COUNTIES

The first meeting of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 9:00 am, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

The following are the projects identified for Duval and Putnam Counties

<u>Duval</u>

- Port expansion widening projects to the road network
- I-295 widening (downtown Jacksonville)
- Right-of-way acquisition and construction of 9B
- Laura Street improvements and beautification projects (downtown Jacksonville)
- Bike and pedestrian path (Greenland Generating station to Baymeadows Road)
- Jacksonville Journey: increased education and decrease in crime rates
- Bus rapid transit: regional interconnectivity
- St. Johns River Initiatives
- Brandy Branch solar panel project: green energy project
- Cecil field spaceport: niche high-end market; potential for regional aerospace training center

Putnam

- East Palatka water and sewer expansion project: funds to be used to bring potable water and sewer to East Palatka, which has CR 207 (connects St. Johns to Putnam County) and US 17, a regional north-south corridor.
- West Putnam Business Park
- Palatka water and sewer upgrade:
- Airport expansion: air cargo center
- Walmart distribution center
- Expansion of Orlando Deland high speed rail project into Putnam County
- Land acquisition: use of EDA funds to acquire and entitle properties for industrial, commercial, and business park use