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**P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**2022 Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Award Winners Announced**

**Jacksonville, FL** – The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) held the 2022 Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Awards Ceremony and Elected Officials Luncheon on January 5, 2023. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Awards for Excellence and Elected Officials Luncheon celebrated the winners and honored local elected officials in the Region. The NEFRC awards these honors each year to recognize the best projects and the brightest leaders in Northeast Florida.

The Regional Awards recognition program is anchored by the Regional Leadership Award, given to a leader who exemplifies service to community and commitment to regionalism. Past recipients include retired Flagler County Administrator Jerry Cameron, former Florida Times-Union Editor Mike Clark, and U.S. Congressman Aaron Bean. The 2022 recipient of the Regional Leadership award is Margo Moehring, retired NERC Director of Planning and Policy. Ms. Moehring has served both her community and the Region with distinction for over 20 years.

Other award winners include: San Marcos Heights and Victoria Crossing Apartments for Affordable Housing; the American Beach Community Master Plan in Nassau County for Culture and Historic Preservation; the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council for Economic Development and Tourism; Flagler Beach's "Big Blue" Glass Recycling Machine for Environmental Stewardship; Sandi Courson, retired Florida Department of Health Regional Emergency Response Advisor, for Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, the Mayport Waterfront Partnership and the City of Jacksonville for Planning and Growth Management; Clay County Community Fire Rescue Paramedicine for Public Safety; the Florida Department of Health-Baker County and Healthy Baker for Quality of Life; WJCT's Adapt for Resiliency; and the Putnam County Ride Solution for Transportation.

"Each year we look forward to honoring those in our Region who stand out in their efforts to improve the quality of life of citizens in Northeast Florida, as well as our local elected officials who give so much to their communities," said Beth Payne, CEO of the Northeast Florida Regional Council. "This year's winners are examples of the outstanding work that is ongoing in the Region. We always enjoy celebrating their accomplishments in-person at the Awards Ceremony in January."

For more information on the 2022 Regional Leadership Award winners, please visit <https://www.nefrc.org/2022-regional-awards-for-excellence>.

The NEFRC is an independent, regional government agency serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns counties. It provides a regional perspective toward growth management, economic development, emergency preparedness, resiliency, and community development to enhance the quality of life of Northeast Florida residents. For more information about the Northeast Florida Regional Council, visit [www.nefrc.org](http://www.nefrc.org).

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