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## County Kicks Off Glades Region Master Plan with Public Meeting in Belle Glade

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March 1st, Palm Beach County hosted a kick-off meeting at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade to provide an overview of a region-wide comprehensive plan for the Glades. The project, known as the Glades Region Master Plan, is being funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Challenge Planning Grant program. Its purpose is to develop a blueprint for economic development and redevelopment in the Glades, focusing on major employment centers including the Inland Logistics Center. When completed, this community-driven plan is envisioned to be the basis from which future federal infrastructure dollars can be applied to implement plan components.

Hosts of the meeting included Commissioner Jess Santamaria, and presenters Shannon LaRocque-Baas, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, and Sherry Howard, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Sustainability.

Plan partners provided information and visual aids highlighting various elements of the plan including transit, roadway networks, storm water drainage, water and sewer facilities, affordable housing, coordinated land use policies, workforce training programs, and details on the Inland Logistics Center. More than 100 area elected officials, agency representatives, business owners and members of the general public attended the meeting.

The kick-off is the first public forum in the process that will provide residents and stakeholders in the Glades the opportunity to offer input and express their concerns on issues most important to them, which will help guide the development of the plan.

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