



FACETS Workshop 3:
**The future of the Suwannee River Basin:
Linking water quality, availability, and
economy**

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Florida Governments—A Diverse Collection

*67 counties with 20 being charter county governments and over 400 municipal governments

*Diversity In

Population (2018 Est., Miami-Dade, 2.8M; Lafayette, 8,501)

Geographic area (Palm Beach, 2,578 sq. mi. or 1.65M Acres; Union 245 sq. mi. or 156,800 acres)

Economic Landscape and Base

2017 Median Household Income (Est.-Census Bureau ACS):

St. Johns, \$73,836; Florida, \$53,267

2018 Estimated Millage Impact:

Miami-Dade 1 mill= \$290 M; Liberty 1 mill= \$232,906 (Est from FL DOR).

*2018 Estimated Total Population 20.8M; 2015 (50.7%) in Incorporated Areas and (49.3%) in Unincorporated Areas, With **All Living In A Florida County**



**Decision Makers (Elected State-County-Municipal
and Appointed Decision Maker Bodies) Most
Important Responsibility:**

**Making Sure The “Big Thing” Is Really
The “Big Thing”**

**From A Decision Maker (Elected State-County-
Municipal and Appointed Decision Maker Bodies)
Perspective The “Big Thing” Is Multidimensional:**

Dimensions Include:

Individual Priorities

Collective Board Priorities (it takes a majority)

Intergovernmental Priorities (sometimes)

Fiscal Priorities (not unlimited)

Priority Dimensions Continued

**Individual Priorities and Collective Board
Priorities - Don't Always Match!**

**Intergovernmental Priorities – Some Counties
Work Well Together and Others Don't!**

**Fiscal Priorities – Are Not Unlimited At Any
Level of Government!**

Priority Dimensions Continued

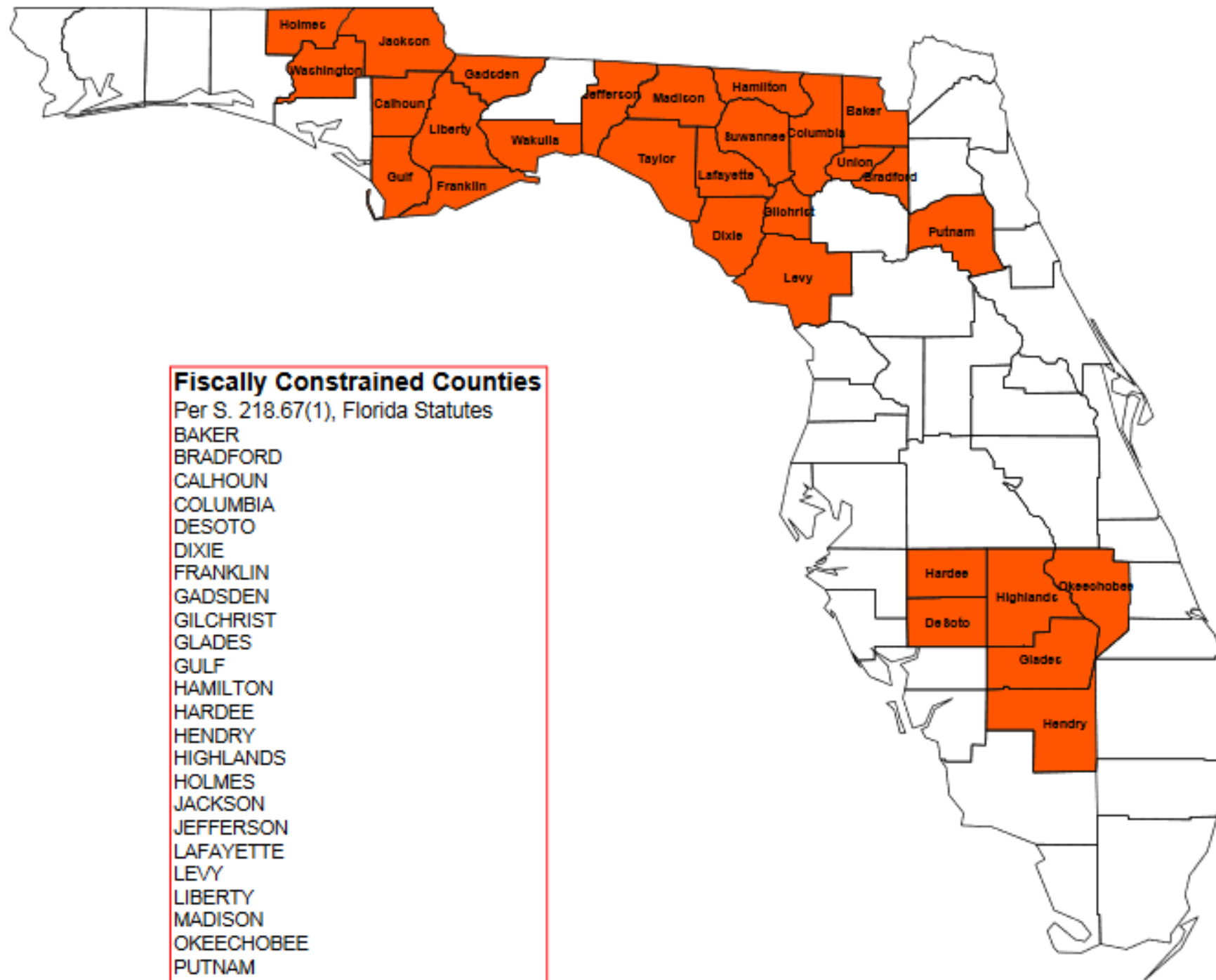
Fiscal Funds – Not Unlimited At Any Level of Government! – Reality



Multiple Florida Counties Are Considered Fiscally Constrained
Upside – Water Funds Aren't Only Dependent on Local \$\$

Florida Fiscally Constrained Counties and SRWMD

FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES



- Fiscally Constrained Counties**
Per S. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes
- BAKER
 - BRADFORD
 - CALHOUN
 - COLUMBIA
 - DESOTO
 - DIXIE
 - FRANKLIN
 - GADSDEN
 - GILCHRIST
 - GLADES
 - GULF
 - HAMILTON
 - HARDEE
 - HENDRY
 - HIGHLANDS
 - HOLMES
 - JACKSON
 - JEFFERSON
 - LAFAYETTE
 - LEVY
 - LIBERTY
 - MADISON
 - OKEECHOBEE
 - PUTNAM
 - SUWANNEE
 - TAYLOR
 - UNION
 - WAKULLA
 - WASHINGTON

Source: Property Tax Oversight, DOR

SRWMD Counties

- All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union.
- Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, and Putnam.



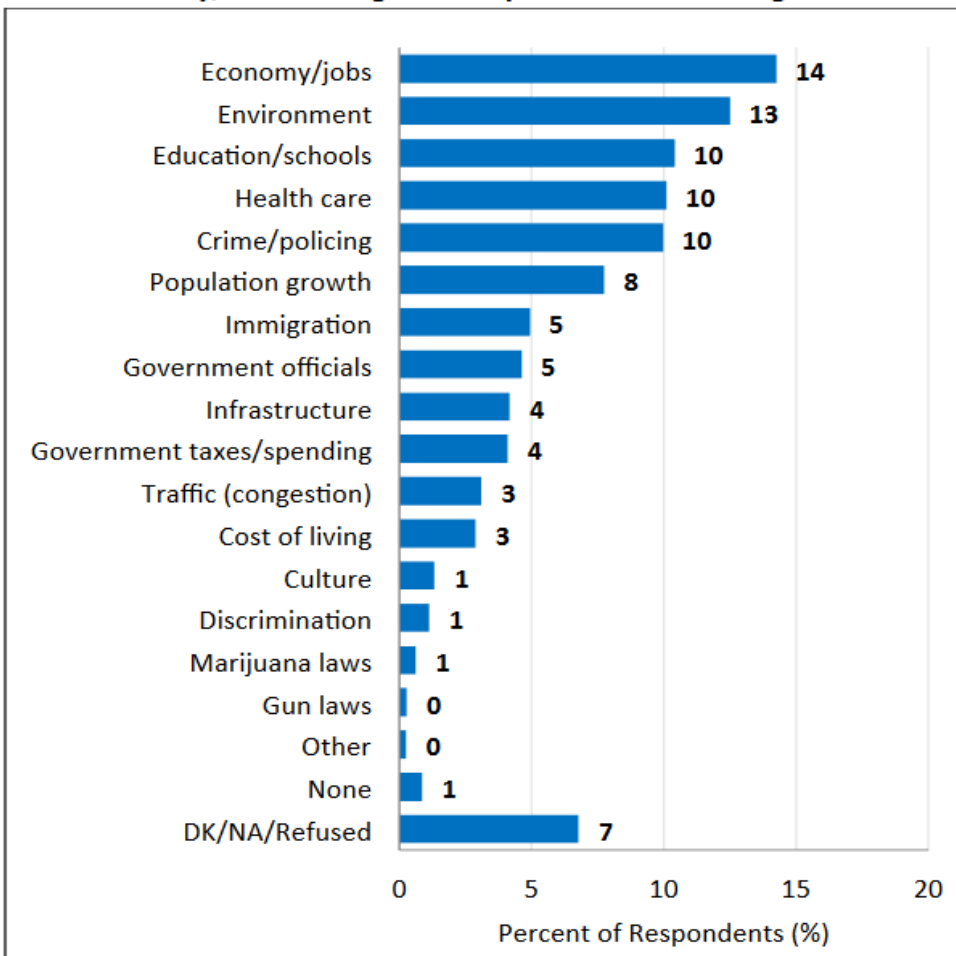
Priority Dimensions Continued

Collaborative Efforts With Other Decision Makers Can Be “Built” But It May Take Some Time

Floridians Already View Economic, Environmental and Growth (Land) As Top 10 Priorities. “Bundling” Priorities May Be Beneficial!

What Do Floridians Say Is Important...
2017 and 2019 Sunshine State Survey

Economy/Jobs Among Most Important Issues Facing Florida



Question wording: “In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing the State of Florida today?”

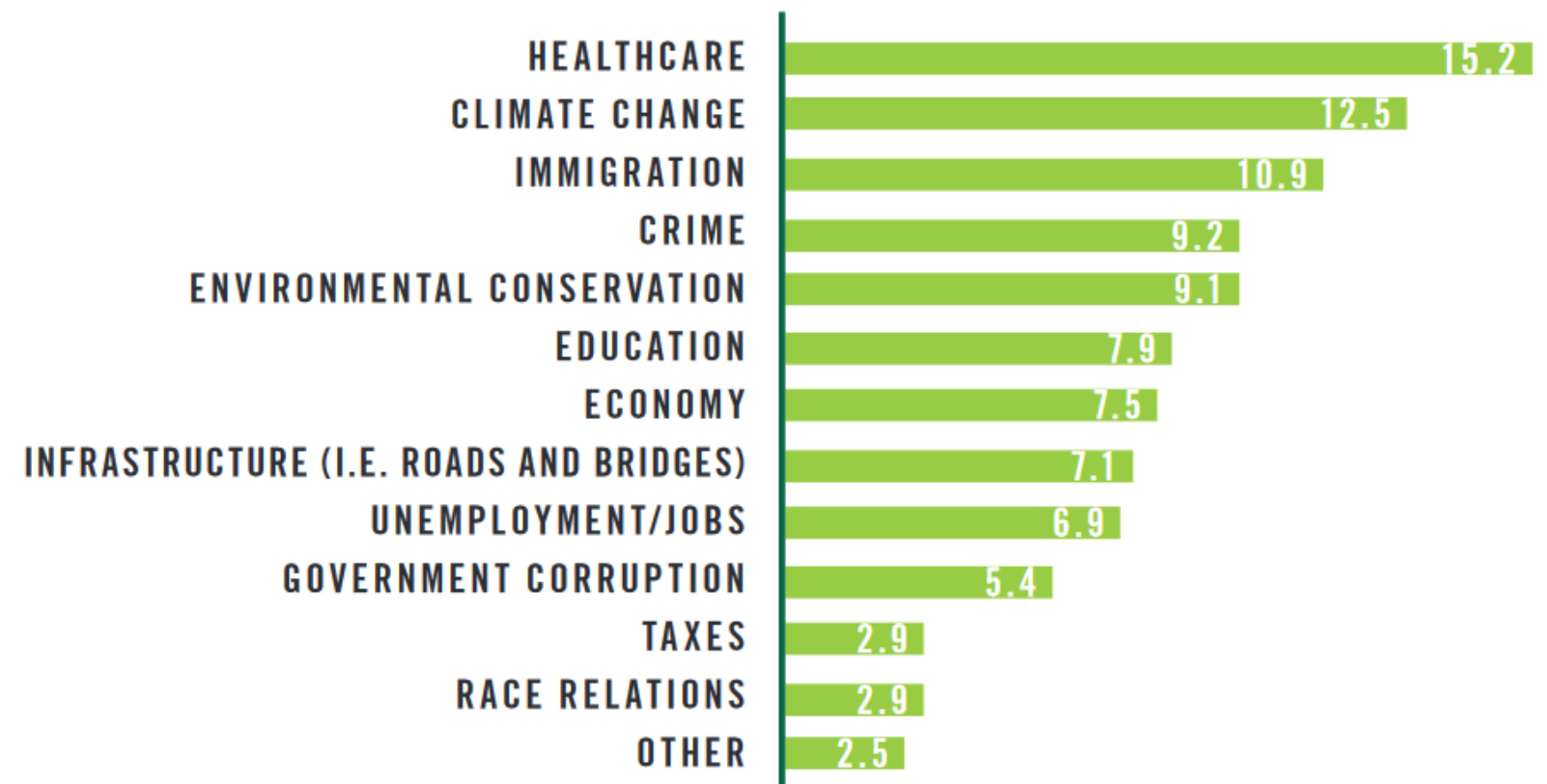
Note: Open-ended question. Bars show unrounded shares, while data labels are rounded.

Source: Telephone survey of a random sample of 1,215 Floridians ages 18 and older conducted July 24-August 14, 2017. Margin of error \pm 2.8%.

2017 USE-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey

Figure 1.

Most Important Issue (Percentage of Respondents)



Source: 2019 Sunshine State Survey

Priority Dimensions Continued

Intergovernmental Relations – Many Counties In This Area of Florida Work Well Together – **That's Good News!**

A More Challenging Issue Is - Water Issues Are Not “Contained” Within A Boundary Area Always– Not A County Line, Not Regional Area Boundaries And Not Even A State Line! You Can't “Make” Others Cooperate!

Remember, Influence and Persuasion Is Not A Given – If You Don't Believe Me Try “Bossing” Another Persons Dog Around - How Did That Work!

Don't Forget These Dynamic Elements In The Public Policy Process?

**Unknowns In The Future – What Types, How
Many, How Frequent?**

**Will “Political” Collaborative Efforts Continue
To Deteriorate?**

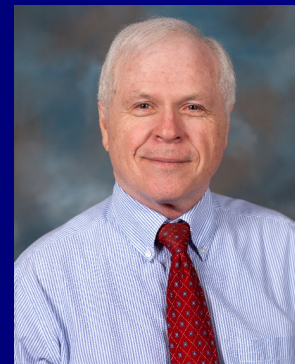
**Pitting Natural Resource Issues Versus
Economic Development Prosperity Is Unlikely
To Conclude In A “Win-Win” Outcome!**

Conclusions

**Consider These Factors In Your Group Discussions
Later – They will Be Applicable In All Groups**

Be Innovative But Not Outlandish

**Thanks For Your Attention and The Opportunity to
Participate**



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