

Taco E. Pope, AICP

Narrative:

Taco is a Florida native and 31-year resident of Northeast Florida. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and has more than fourteen years of local government experience in the State of Florida serving as both a technical practitioner and administrator. Currently, Taco serves as the Assistant County Manager for Nassau County. Prior to moving into the County Manager's office, Taco served Nassau County in the role of Planning and Economic Opportunity Director where he was instrumental in fostering a collaborative approach to community planning through meaningful public engagement, transparency, and the cultivation of active networks.

Something Interesting:

Taco represented the USA as a member of the USA Tomahawks (now the USA Hawks), the USA's representative team in Rugby League, for three years and earned a number of international appearances including three Atlantic Cup Championships and a World Cup Qualifying match. Taco also played six seasons in the AMNRL/USARL with the Jacksonville Axemen rugby league team and was placed into the Jacksonville Axemen Hall of Fame in 2014. <http://www.jaxaxe.com/hall-of-fame/>