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# MEETING NOTICE

## CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **June 23, 2022**. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **6:00 p.m.**

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## **AGENDA CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology  
Gainesville, Florida

June 23, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology

May 26, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair  
Robert Brown, Vice-Chair  
Jim Catron  
James Tallman  
Marihelen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Clark  
John Meeks  
Reina Saco  
Donnie Waldrep

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Yeatter

Noting the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair Bouie Hutchinson at 6:06 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bouie Hutchinson requested approval of the agenda as presented.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler to approve the May 26, 2022 Clearinghouse Committee Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Catron and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler to approve the March 24, 2022 Clearinghouse Committee meeting minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

- #81 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-3ESR)
- #82 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ER)
- #83 - Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #84 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-4ESR)
- #85 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #86 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #87 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
- #88 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ESR)
- #89 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler to group Committee-Level Review Items #81, #82, #83, #84, #85, #86, #87, #88 and #89 for purpose of review. The motion carried unanimously.

Lauren Yeatter, Senior Planner, stated that the staff reports find the comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjoining local governments.

**ACTION:**     **It was moved by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner Brown to recommend that the Council approve the staff reports as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair

6/23/22  
Date

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl      Regional Planning Council Item No.: 92  
Review Date: 6/23/22      Local Government: City of Alachua  
Amendment Type: Adopted Amendment      Local Government Item No.: Ord. No. 22-08  
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 22-2 ESR

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 6/24/22 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

The amendment reclassifies approximately 121.1 acres from Commercial (48.4 Acres) and Agriculture (72.7 acres) to Commercial (14.4 acres), High Density Residential (17.8 acres), Moderate Density Residential (53.2 acres) and Conservation (35.7 acres) (See attached).

**1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

The subject property is located adjacent to U.S. Highway 441 which is identified and mapped in the regional plan as part of the Regional Road Network. However, the staff report states that there are no transportation facilities that would be deficient as a result of this amendment. Therefore, adverse transportation impacts to the Regional Road Network are not anticipated as a result of the amendment.

The subject property has some wetland areas mapped as a Natural Resource of Regional Significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Nevertheless, no significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance are anticipated as those areas are proposed to be classified as Conservation.

**2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION**

The City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, is not anticipated to create significant adverse impacts to adjoining local governments.

**Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?**

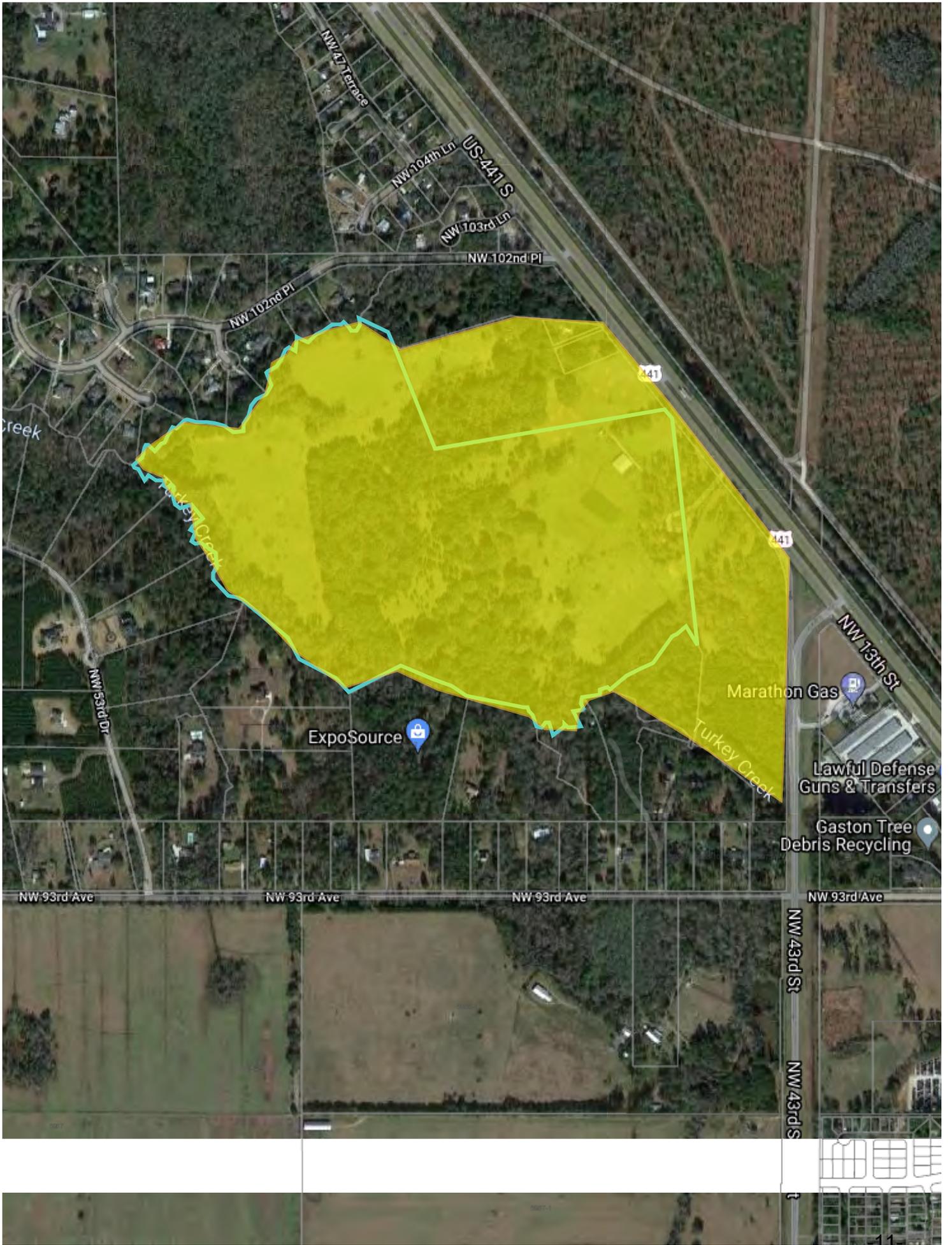
It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Yes _____	No _____
Not Applicable	_____ <b>X</b> _____

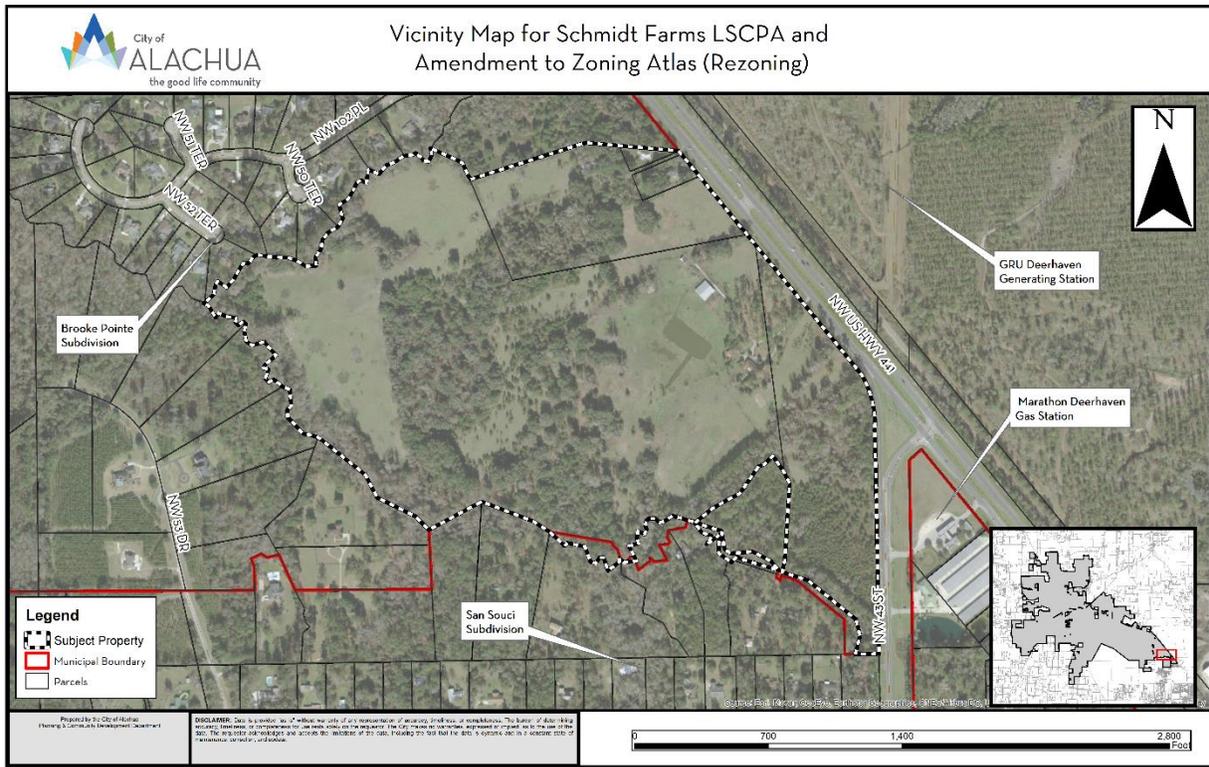


**EXCERPTS FROM THE  
CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**

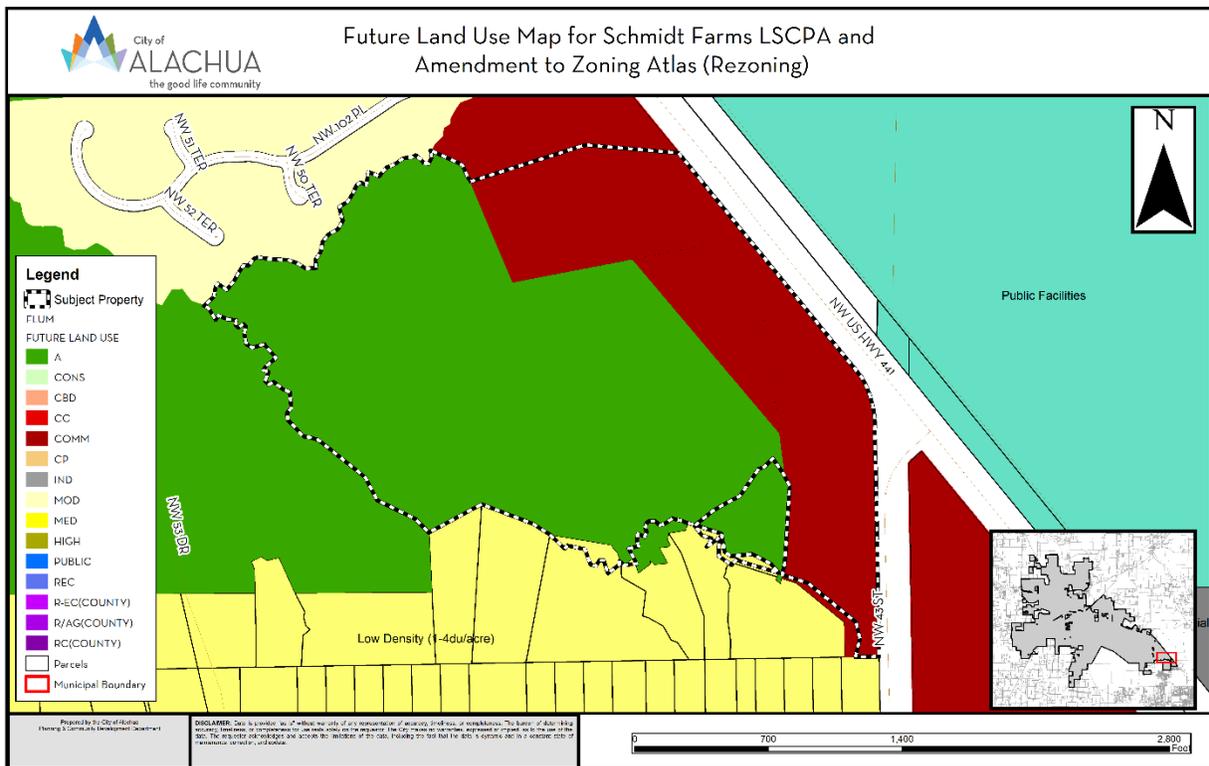




# Map 1. Vicinity Map



# Map 2. Future Land Use Map with Subject Property







**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl  
Review Date: 6/23/22  
Amendment Type: Adopted Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 93  
Local Government: Dixie County  
Local Government Item No.: CPA 22-03  
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 22-1ESR

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 6/24/22

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

County item CPA 22-03 amends the County Future Land Use Map by reclassifying 140.00 acres from, Environmentally Sensitive Area, Very Low Density (less than or equal to 1 dwelling units per 40 acres) to Environmentally Sensitive Area, Low Density (less than or equal to 1 dwelling units per 10 acres) (see attached).

**1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

The subject property is not located within one-half mile of the Regional Road Network as identified and mapped in the North Central North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, therefore significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to affect the Regional Road Network.

The subject property is located within a wetland, floodplain, and Ecological Greenway area as identified and mapped in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. However, the County Comprehensive Plan contains adequate policy direction to prevent significant adverse impacts to the natural resources. Therefore, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance as a result of the amendment.

**2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION**

Adverse extrajurisdictional impacts are not anticipated to occur to adjoining local governments as a result of the amendment.

**Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?**

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Yes _____	No _____
Not Applicable	_____X_____



**EXCERPTS FROM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**



# Dixie County

Future Land Use Plan Map 2025



TAYLOR COUNTY  
Steinhatchee River

GILCHRIST COUNTY

T8S

T9S

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AMENDMENT NO. CPA 22-03  
From: Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Very Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 40 acres)  
To: Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 10 acres)

### FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CLASSIFICATIONS

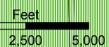
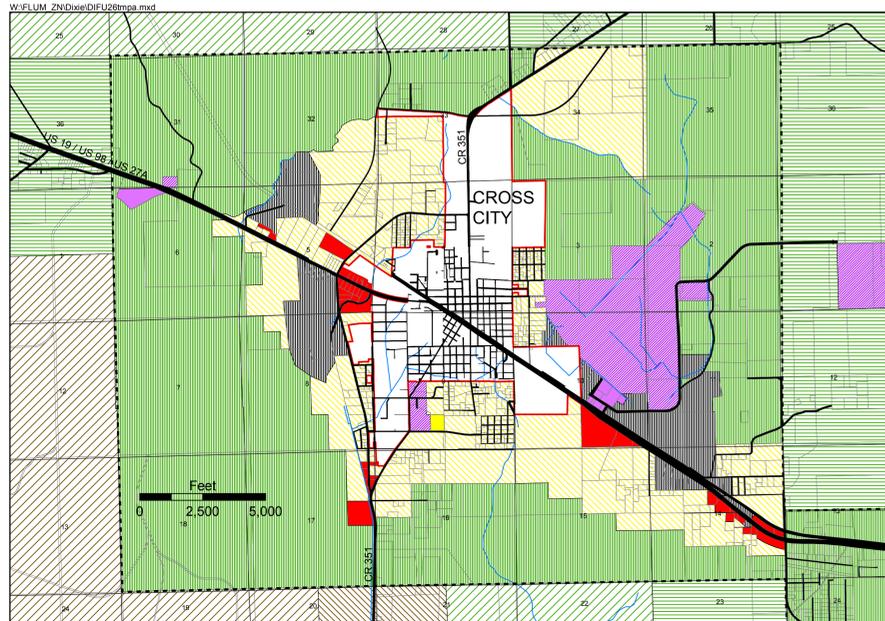
- No Future Land Use Classification
- Conservation
- Recreation
- Public
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Very Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 40 acres)
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 10 acres)
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Moderate Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 5 acres)
- Agriculture - Very Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 40 acres)
- Agriculture - Low Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 10 acres)
- Agriculture - Moderate Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 5 acres)
- Agriculture - Medium Density (≤ 1 d.u. per 2 acres)
- Residential - Low Density (≤ 2 d.u. per acre)
- Residential - Moderate Density (≤ 4 d.u. per acre)
- Residential - Medium Density (≤ 8 d.u. per acre)
- Residential - High Density (≤ 20 d.u. per acre)
- Commercial
- Industrial

### OTHER MAP FEATURES

- County Boundary Line
- Incorporated Area
- Designated Urban Development Area
- Lake
- River or Stream
- Coastal High Hazard Area
- Category 1 Storm Surge Boundary (Based on Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) Computerized Storm Surge Model)

Source: County Property Appraiser, 2017.

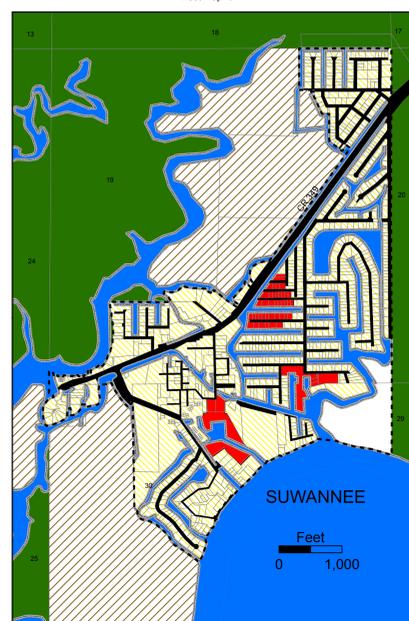
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LEVY COUNTY  
Suwannee River

GULF OF MEXICO

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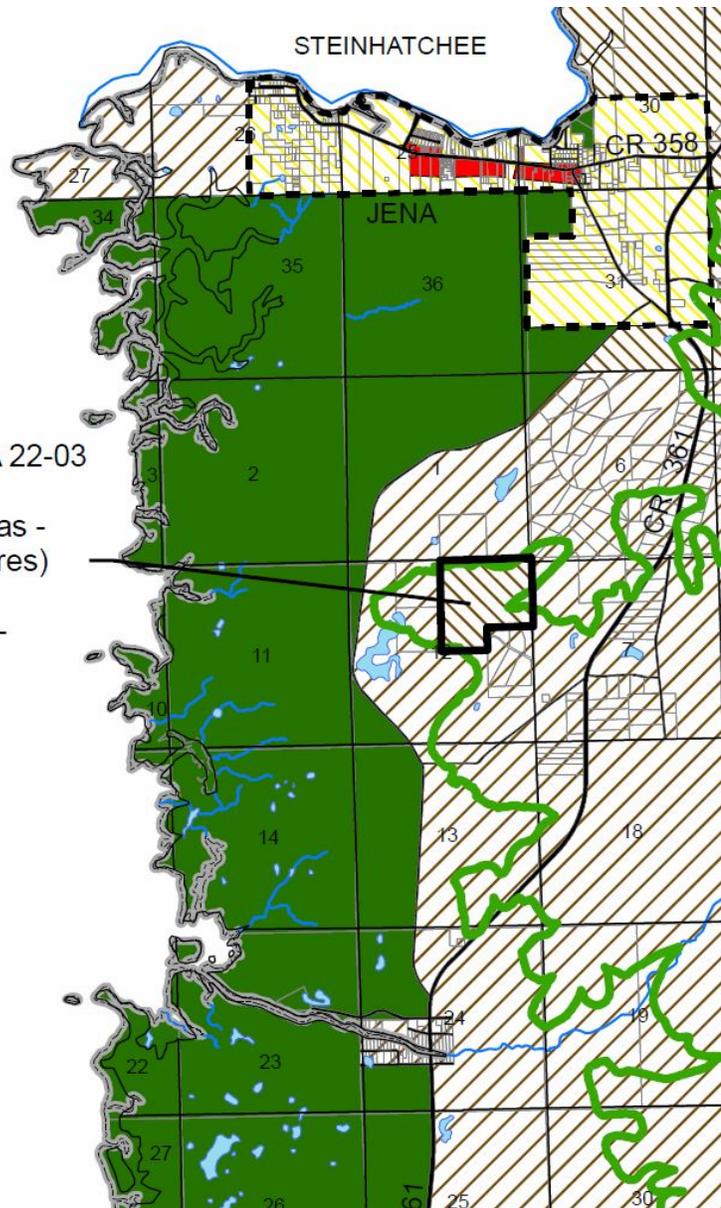
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- AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1991 BY ORDINANCE NO. 91-06
- AMENDED ON DECEMBER 21, 1995 BY ORDINANCE NO. 95-14
- AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1996 BY ORDINANCE NO. 96-15
- AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2000 BY ORDINANCE NO. 00-05
- AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2001 BY ORDINANCE NO. 01-02
- AMENDED ON AUGUST 16, 2001 BY ORDINANCE NO. 01-06
- AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 16, 2006 BY ORDINANCE NO. 06-05
- AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05
- AMENDED ON MAY 3, 2012 BY ORDINANCE NOS. 2012-02 AND 2012-03
- AMENDED ON APRIL 2, 2013 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01
- AMENDED ON JUNE 5, 2014 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07
- AMENDED ON JANUARY 15, 2015 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02
- AMENDED ON APRIL 16, 2015 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05
- AMENDED ON MAY 5, 2016 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05
- AMENDED ON MAY 19, 2016 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07
- AMENDED ON JULY 21, 2016 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10
- AMENDED ON JANUARY 19, 2017 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01
- AMENDED ON JULY 6, 2017 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12
- AMENDED ON AUGUST 17, 2017 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17
- AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02
- AMENDED ON APRIL 19, 2018 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08
- AMENDED ON AUGUST 16, 2018 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-14
- AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17
- AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2018 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-21
- AMENDED ON JANUARY 17, 2019 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01
- AMENDED ON JUNE 20, 2019 BY ORDINANCE NOS. 2019-06 AND 2019-08
- AMENDED ON MAY 21, 2020 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03
- AMENDED ON MAY 20, 2021 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03
- AMENDED ON MAY 19, 2022 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

Note: Please refer to amendment ordinances for legal description of properties 10 acres or less in size and the corresponding land use classifications for these properties.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. CPA 22-03

From: Environmentally Sensitive Areas -  
Very Low Density ( $\leq 1$  d.u. per 40 acres)

To: Environmentally Sensitive Areas -  
Low Density ( $\leq 1$  d.u. per 10 acres)



**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl  
Review Date: 6/23/22  
Amendment Type: Adopted Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 95  
Local Government: City of Madison  
Local Government Item No.: CPA 22-01  
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 22-1ER

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 6/24/22 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

The City is amending the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the City Comprehensive Plan based on an evaluation completed by the City to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended, by amending the text of the Land Use Element, Transportation Element, Housing Element, Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element, Conservation Element, Recreation and Open Space Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Capital Improvements Element, Public School Facilities Element, Property Rights Element and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan (see attached excerpts).

**1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

Significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to regional transportation facilities or Natural Resources of Regional Significance as the amendment does not result in an increase in density or intensity of use.

**2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION**

The City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, is not anticipated to create significant adverse impacts to adjoining local governments.

**Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?**

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Yes _____	No _____
Not Applicable	<u>  X  </u>



**EXCERPTS FROM THE  
CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**



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## II TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

### INTRODUCTION

A traffic circulation system which provides for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods is needed to support existing and future development. The purpose of this plan element is to identify the types, locations and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares and transportation routes in the City and establish a framework for making policy decisions in planning for future transportation needs. The data collected for this plan element and its analysis, contained in the Data and Analysis document, are not part of this plan element, but provide a basis for its formulation.

The Transportation Element is closely related to the Future Land Use Element. This is due to the inherent two-way relationship between land use and transportation. Land use patterns directly affect the demand for transportation facilities, with more intensive land uses generating more traffic and requiring greater degrees of accessibility. Conversely, the transportation network affects land use in that access provided by transportation facilities (existing or proposed) influences the use of land located adjacent to these facilities.

In addition to the Future Land Use Element, the Transportation Element is coordinated and consistent with the remaining plan elements as required by the Community Planning Act. Further, the City's traffic circulation system does not stop at political boundaries. Therefore, coordination between other local governments is a necessary prerequisite to a functional traffic circulation system. The goals, objectives and policies of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element establish guidelines to be followed which provide for coordination between various governmental entities.

The following goals, objectives and policies of this plan element are intended to serve as the plan for traffic circulation needs. The objectives and policies herein provide a basis for addressing transportation needs within the City.

### TRANSPORTATION GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

**GOAL II - PROVIDE FOR A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WHICH SERVES EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USES.**

**OBJECTIVE II.1** The City shall maintain a safe, convenient and efficient Level of Service Standard which shall be maintained for all motorized and non-motorized transportation systems.

**Policy II.1.1** Establish level of service standard at peak hour as defined within the most recent version of the Florida Department of Transportation Quality/ Level of Service Handbook for the following roadway segments within the City:

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ROADWAY SEGMENT NUMBER	ROADWAY SEGMENT DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF LANES	FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION	AREA TYPE	LEVEL OF SERVICE
1	U.S. 90/S.R. 10 (from west city limits to S.R. 53)	4 U	Principal Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
2	U.S. 90/S.R. 10 (from S.R. 53 W to S.R. 53 E/S.R. 145)	4 U	Principal Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
3	U.S. 90\S.R. 10 (from S.R. 53/S.R. 145 to east city limits)	4 D	Principal Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
4	S.R. 53 (from U.S. 90 to north city limits)	2 U	Minor Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
5	S.R. 145 (from U.S. 90 to northeast city limits)	2 U	Minor Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
6	S.R. 53 (from south city limits to <del>U.S. 90\ S.R. 14</del> <u>S.R. 14</u> )	2 U	Minor Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
<del>7</del>	<u>S.R. 53</u> <u>(from S.R. 14 to U.S. 90)</u>	<u>2 U</u>	<u>Minor Arterial</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>D</u>
<del>78</del>	S.R. 14 (from south city limits to S.R. 53)	2 U	Minor Arterial	<del>Rural</del> <u>Community</u>	D
<del>89</del>	C.R. 591 (from north city limits to S.R. 145)	2 U	Minor Collector	Rural	D
<del>910</del>	C.R. 360A (from south city limits to U.S. 90\ S.R. 10)	2 U	Minor Collector	Rural	D

D - Divided Roadway

U - Undivided Roadway

Policy II.1.2 The City shall continue to control the number and frequency of connections and access points of driveways and roads to arterial and collector roads by requiring access points for state roads to be in conformance with Chapter 14-96 and 14-97, Florida Administrative Code and the following requirements for City roads:

1. Permitting one access point for ingress and egress purposes to a single property or development;

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2. Permitting two access points if the minimum distance between the two access points exceeds 20 feet;
3. Permitting three access points if the minimum distance between each access point is at least 100 feet; or
4. Permitting more than three access points where a minimum distance of 1,000 feet is maintained between each access point.

Policy II.1.3 The City shall continue to require the provision of safe and convenient off-street parking and loading standards, which includes the provision for non-motorized vehicle parking, which shall be located on the same lot or parcel of land the parking is intended to serve. Each off-street parking space, with the exception of handicapped parking spaces, shall be a minimum of 10 feet by 20 feet in size. Each handicapped parking space shall be a minimum of 12 feet by 20 feet in size. The City may allow the establishment of such off-street parking facilities within 300 feet of the premises they are intended to service when the practical difficulties prevent the placing of the facilities on the same lot as the premises they are designed to serve.

Policy II.1.4 The City shall continue to require any development which is required to provide a site plan or any development requiring platting, include requirements for an additional 10-foot right-of-way width for bicycle and pedestrian ways to be provided for all proposed collector and arterial roadways, as integrated or parallel transportation facilities.

Policy II.1.5 In accordance with Section 163.3180(5)(h)1.c and 163.3180(5)(h)2 Florida Statutes, as amended, the City shall provide a means by which the landowner will be assessed a proportionate share of the cost of providing the transportation facilities necessary to serve the proposed development. However, the landowner shall not be held responsible for contributing to deficient transportation facilities.

OBJECTIVE II.2 The City shall continue to require that all traffic circulation improvements be consistent with and complement the future land uses on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy II.2.1 The City shall, as part of the capital improvement scheduling of roadway improvements, review all proposed roadway improvements to determine if such improvement will further the direction of the Future Land Use Plan Element.

OBJECTIVE II.3 The City shall continue to coordinate its traffic circulation planning efforts with the Florida Department of Transportation for consistency with the Department's Five-Year Transportation Plan.

Policy II.3.1 The City shall review all comprehensive plans and land development activity for consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation's Five-Year Transportation Plan.

OBJECTIVE II.4 The City shall continue to provide for the protection of future right-of-ways from building encroachment by establishing right-of-way setback requirements, as provided in the rights-of-way policy of this element, for all structures along new or realigned collector and arterial roadways to be provided by either the developer or purchased as additional right-of-way.

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- Policy II.4.1        The City shall maintain provisions which require all structures to provide additional setbacks for the future need of additional right-of-way. Such additional right-of-way shall be provided by the developer of the land as part of the development review process or shall be purchased by the agency improving the road.
- Policy II.4.2        Properties under the same ownership or those consolidated for development shall be treated as one property for the purposes of access management and shall not receive the maximum potential number of access points for that frontage indicated under minimum access spacing standards.
- Policy II.4.3        Large commercial developments shall be required to provide and/or extend nearby local and collector streets and provide street connections with surrounding residential areas so residents may access the development without traveling on arterial streets.
- Policy II.4.4        Shopping centers shall be required to provide a unified access and circulation plan and require any out parcels to obtain access from the unified access and circulation system.
- Policy II.4.5        Existing lots unable to meet the access spacing standards for arterials shall obtain access from platted side streets, parallel streets, service roads, joint and cross-access or the provision of easements;
- Policy II.4.6        Adequate corner clearance shall be maintained at crossroad intersections with arterials.
- Policy II.4.7        The City shall encourage cross-access connections easements and joint driveways, where available and economically feasible.

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## V

### CONSERVATION ELEMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

The following goals, objectives and policies comprise the Conservation Element providing for the conservation, use and protection of the City's natural resources. The data collected for this plan element and its analysis contained in the City's Data and Analysis document, are not part of this plan element but provide a basis for its formulation.

Conservation uses are defined as activities within land areas designated for the purpose of conserving or protecting natural resources or environmental quality and within this Plan includes areas designated for such purposes as flood control, protection of quality or quantity of ground water or surface water, flood plain management, or protection of vegetative communities or wildlife habitats.

The Future Land Use Plan Map addresses Conservation Future Land Use as defined above. The Conservation Future Land Use category, shown on the Future Land Use Plan Map, identifies lands which have been designated "conservation" for the purpose of protecting natural resources or environmental quality. At present, there are no conservation uses within the City. Therefore, until such time as there are areas designated for the protection of a natural resource, this category, although listed, will not be shown on the Future Land Use Plan Map.

The Future Land Use Plan Map series includes the identification of flood prone areas, wetlands, existing and planned water wells, rivers, bays, lakes, minerals and soils, which are land cover features, but are not land uses. Therefore, although these natural resources are identified within the Future Land Use Plan Map series, they are not designated on the Future Land Use Plan Map as "conservation" areas. However, the constraints on future land uses of these natural resources are addressed in the following goals, objectives and policy statements.

#### CONSERVATION GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

**GOAL V - CONSERVE, THROUGH APPROPRIATE USE AND PROTECTION, THE RESOURCES OF THE CITY TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF NATURAL FUNCTIONS.**

**OBJECTIVE V.1** The City shall continue to enforce provisions within the site plan review process to protect air quality through the appropriate siting of development and associated public facilities.

**Policy V.1.1** The City shall continue to require that all appropriate air quality permits are obtained prior to the issuance of development orders, so that minimum air quality levels established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are maintained in the City.

**OBJECTIVE V.2** The City, in order to protect the quality and quantity of current and projected water sources, hereby establishes a 500-foot wellfield protection area around community water system wells. In addition, the City, in order to protect high groundwater aquifer recharge areas, shall limit development in these areas as specified in the high groundwater aquifer recharge protection policy of the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

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- Policy V.2.1 The City shall, as part of the development review process, require the coordination of development plans with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Management District to assist in monitoring uses which may impact the City's current and projected water sources.
- Policy V.2.2 The City shall protect the present water quality classification established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by prohibiting industrial uses, commercial uses and intensive agricultural uses, such as milking barns and chicken houses, to be located adjacent to the City's surface water bodies. For the purpose of this Comprehensive Plan "surface water" means water above the surface of the ground whether or not flowing through definite channels, and including:
1. A natural or artificial pond, lake, reservoir, or other area which ordinarily or intermittently contains water and which has a discernible shoreline; or
  2. A natural or artificial stream, river, creek, channel, ditch, canal, conduit culvert, drain, waterway, gully, ravine, street, roadway swale or wash in which water flows in a definite direction, either continuously or intermittently and which has a definite channel, bed or banks; or
  3. Any wetland.
- Policy V.2.3 The City shall identify and make recommendations, where appropriate, for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands under the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program or Preservation 2000 program or its successors.
- Policy V.2.4 The City shall continue to require a 35-foot natural buffer around all wetlands and prohibit the location of residential, commercial and industrial land uses within the buffer areas, but allow agriculture, silviculture and resource-based recreational activities within buffer areas.
- Policy V.2.5 The City shall, through the development review process, require that post-development run-off rates and pollutant loads do not exceed pre-development conditions.
- Policy V.2.6 The City shall continue to require all new development to maintain the natural functions of natural flood storage, pollution alternatives, in wetlands and 100-year flood prone areas.
- Policy V.2.7 The City shall participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and regulate development and the installation of utilities in flood hazard areas in conformance with the program requirements. Further, the City shall require all structures to be clustered on the non-flood prone portion of a site or where the entire site is in a flood prone area, structure shall be elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent grade.
- Policy V.2.8 The City shall conserve wetlands by prohibiting, where alternatives for development exist, any development or dredging and filling which would alter their natural functions. If no other alternative for development exists, mitigation will be considered as a last resort using criteria established within the rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. For the purposes of this Comprehensive Plan "wetlands" means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and a duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soils. Soils present in wetlands generally are classified as hydric or alluvial, or possess characteristics that are associated with reducing soil conditions. The prevalent vegetation in wetlands generally consists of facultative or obligate hydrophytic macrophytes that are typically adapted to areas having soil conditions described above. These species, due to morphological, physiological or reproductive adaptations, have the ability to grow,

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reproduce or persist in aquatic environments or anaerobic soil conditions. Florida wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bayheads, bogs, cypress domes and strands, sloughs, wet prairies, riverine swamps and marshes, hydric seepage slopes, tidal marshes, mangrove swamps and other similar areas. Florida wetlands generally do not include longleaf or slash pine flatwoods with an understory dominated by saw palmetto.

Policy V.2.9 The City shall support the Water Management District in their conducting of water conservation programs by assisting with public information programs for water use restrictions in the case of a water shortage.

Policy V.2.10 The City shall comply with the plans of the Water Management District for the emergency conservation of water sources through assisting the Water Management District with public information programs for any water use restrictions in the case of water shortage.

Policy V.2.11 The City shall, as part of the development review process, prohibit the use of drainage wells and sinkholes for storm water disposal in high groundwater aquifer recharge areas, designated by the Water Management District, in order to maintain the natural features of these areas.

1. Stormwater management practices shall not include drainage wells and sinkholes for stormwater disposal. New development, redevelopment and when expansion occurs, existing development shall be prohibited from discharging stormwater into an active sinkhole. Where development is proposed in areas with existing drainage wells, these wells shall be abandoned, including adequate sealing and plugging according to Chapter 62-528, Florida Administrative Code, **as amended**;
2. Well construction, modification or closure shall be regulated in accordance with the criteria established by the Water Management District and the Florida Department of Health;
3. Abandoned wells shall be closed in accordance with the criteria established in Chapter 62-528, Florida Administrative Code, **as amended**;
4. No person shall discharge or cause to or permit the discharge of a regulated material as listed in Title 42, Chapter 116, United States Code, **as amended**, to the soils, groundwater, or surfacewater;
5. No person shall tamper or bypass or cause or permit tampering with or bypassing of the containment of a regulated material storage system, except as necessary for maintenance or testing of those components;
6. The City shall require that the following impervious surface coverages (including buildings and paved areas such as driveways) be maintained within high groundwater aquifer recharge areas, as follows:
  - a. For parcels equal to or greater than 1 acre - impervious surface shall not exceed 20 percent; and
  - b. For parcels less than 1 acre - impervious surface shall not exceed 40 percent;
7. The following uses shall be prohibited in high groundwater aquifer recharge areas, unless it can be demonstrated that the material in the quantity and/or solution stored or the conditions under which it is to be stored does not pose a hazard to human health and environment:

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- a. Wholesale bulk fuel storage;
  - b. Chemical manufacturing;
  - c. Pesticide manufacturing;
  - d. Battery reclamation or manufacturing;
  - e. Electronics manufacturing using halogenated solvents;
  - f. Hazardous waste transfer sites;
  - g. Any site defined by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as a treatment storage or disposal facility for hazardous waste;
  - h. Regional pesticide distribution site; and
  - i. Underground storage tank for the storage of hazardous material except underground petroleum storage tanks.
8. The City shall require a 35-foot setback for all structures from karst features, such as sinkholes.

Policy V.2.12 The City shall, as part of the development review process, require the maintenance of the quantity and quality of surface water run-off within natural drainage basins by prohibiting any development which may diminish or degrade the quality and quantity of surface water run-off within the City.

Policy V.2.13 The City, prior to granting approval of a site and development plan for construction or expansion, shall require that all hazardous waste generators and facilities are duly permitted as required by Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, as amended, by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation. In addition, the City, prior to the issuance of a certificate of land development regulation compliance, shall require that all existing hazardous waste facilities or uses which generate hazardous waste show proof of such permit prior to a change in occupancy.

OBJECTIVE V.3 The City shall as part of development review, provide for the conservation, use and protection of soils, minerals, and native vegetative communities.

Policy V.3.1 The City shall continue to require that any mining permit be coordinated with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection so that mineral resources are conserved and used appropriately.

Policy V.3.2 The City shall review any comments by the Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection concerning proposed subdivision plats regarding topographic, hydrologic and vegetative cover factors during the development review process in order to protect and conserve the natural functions of soils.

Policy V.3.3 The City shall require that forest resources be managed as provided in Silviculture Best Management Practices Manual, published by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, latest revision for the multiple uses of recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, erosion control and maintenance of water quality.

OBJECTIVE V.4 The City shall coordinate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, the Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection for the identification and protection of native wildlife and their habitats, including state and federally protected plant and animal species (endangered, threatened and species of special concern), within

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proposed development sites these natural resources from impacts of development by the use of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Regionally Significant Natural Resources map series to identify habitats which potentially contain endangered, threatened or species of special concern, and rare or unique vegetative communities prior to granting development approval.

- Policy V.4.1 The City shall cooperate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in the monitoring and inventorying of wildlife and wildlife habitats within the City.
- Policy V.4.2 The City shall assist in the application and compliance with all federal and state regulations which pertain to endangered and rare species in coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory.
- Policy V.4.3 The City shall require the evaluation of impacts to endangered, threatened, or species of special concern by requiring as a condition of permit approval of all proposed subdivisions of land into 25 or more lots and multi-family, commercial and industrial developments of 50 acres or more a survey of the site for the presence of state and federally protected plant and animal species. If designated species are found on the site or would be affected by the development, a specific management plan will be required from the developer, including necessary modifications to the proposed development, to ensure the preservation of the designated species and their habitat. The Inventory and Management Plan shall be done in consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, but the final approval of the management plan shall be by the City.
- Policy V.4.4 The City, in consultation with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, shall address during the development review process, the mitigation of development activities within environmentally sensitive areas by prohibiting any development or dredging and filling which would alter their natural functions. If no other alternative for development exists, mitigation will be considered as a last resort using criteria established within Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, as amended.
- Policy V.4.5 The developer of any proposed development which is equal to or greater than 20 acres and located within areas identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas shall be required to evaluate the impacts to endangered, threatened, or species of special concern and rare or unique vegetative communities; provided, however, if competent and substantial scientific evidence demonstrating that an endangered, threatened or species of special concern, wildlife habitat or rare and unique vegetative community is located within the area of any proposed development which is equal to or greater than 20 acres is presented to the City at the time of a preliminary plat or site and development plan is reviewed by the City, the developer shall evaluate the impacts on such habitats or communities. As a condition of permit approval of any proposed development within these areas, such evaluation shall consist of a survey of the development site conducted by the developer to identify the presence of any state and federally protected plant and animal species.
- If protected species are found on the development site or would be affected by the development, a management plan shall be required from the developer, including necessary modifications to the proposed development, to ensure the preservation of

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the protected species and their habitat. The City shall require the use of best management practices for the conservation, appropriate use and protection of fisheries, wildlife and wildlife habitats, identify and protect native wildlife and their habitats, including state and federally protected plant and animal species (endangered, threatened and species of special concern), within proposed development sites and protect these natural resources from the impacts of development by the use of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas maps, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Regionally Significant Natural Resources map series to identify habitats which potentially contain endangered, threatened or species of special concern, and rare or unique vegetative communities prior to granting development approval. Both the survey and the management plan shall be done in consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, but the final approval of the management plan shall be by the City.

OBJECTIVE V.5 The City, in order to protect significant natural resources in a manner which is in conformance with and furthers the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, as amended ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, hereby adopts the following maps as they apply to the City as part of the Future Land Use Map Series of this Comprehensive Plan;

1. Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Ground Water Resources, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**;
2. Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Natural Systems, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**;
3. Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**;
4. Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas (Surface Water Improvement Management Water Bodies), dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**; and
5. Regionally Significant Natural Areas - Surface Water Resources, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**.

The following policies provide direction for the use of these maps in applying the referenced policies of this Comprehensive Plan.

Policy V.5.1 The map entitled Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Ground Water Resources, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, included within the Future Land Use Map Series, identifies groundwater resources for the application of the provisions of the high groundwater aquifer protection policy of the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

Policy V.5.2 The map entitled Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Natural Systems, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, included within the Future Land Use Map Series, identifies listed species for the application of the provisions the critical wildlife habitat policy of this element.

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Policy V.5.3 The maps entitled Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, included within the Future Land Use Map Series, identifies publicly owned regionally significant lands for application of the provisions of the conservation land use policy of the Future Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

Policy V.5.4 The maps entitled Regionally Significant Natural Resources - Planning and Resource Management Areas (Surface Water Improvement Management Water Bodies), dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, included within the Future Land Use Map Series, identifies surface water management improvement water bodies for the application of the provisions of the surface water runoff policy of this element.

Policy V.5.5 The map entitled Regionally Significant Natural Areas - Surface Water Resources, dated ~~October 27, 2011~~ **August 23, 2018**, included within the Future Land Use Map Series, identifies surface water resources for the application of the provisions of the surface water protection policy of this element.

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**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl  
Review Date: 6/23/22  
Amendment Type: Adopted Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 96  
Local Government: City of Jasper  
Local Government Item No.: CPA 22-01  
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 22-1ESR

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 6/24/22 (estimated)

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

The City item amends the City’s Comprehensive Plan to add a new Property Rights Element (see attached).

**1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

The City item is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities or Natural Resources of Regional Significance as the amendment is not anticipated to result in an increase in density or intensity of use.

**2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION**

The City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, is not anticipated to create significant adverse impacts to adjoining local governments.

**Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?**

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Yes _____	No _____
Not Applicable	_____X_____



**EXCERPTS FROM THE  
CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**



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PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The following goal, objective and policies constitute the Property Rights Element, in accordance with the legislative intent expressed in Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended, and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.

PROPERTY RIGHTS GOAL, OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

GOAL X - RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT JUDICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

OBJECTIVE X.1 In local decision making, the City shall consider the statement of rights as enumerated in Policy X.1.1, Policy X.1.2, Policy X.1.3, and Policy X.1.4.

Policy X.1.1 In local decision making, the City shall consider the right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.

Policy X.1.2 In local decision making, the City shall consider the right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.

Policy X.1.3 In local decision making, the City shall consider the right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.

Policy X.1.4 In local decision making, the City shall consider the right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

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**REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND RESPONSE**

Date: 6/23/22

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#94 - Suwannee County - Community Development Block Grant - Corona Virus -  
Environmental Review

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TO: Florida State Clearinghouse

XC: Small Cities CDBG  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
107 E. Madison Street, MSC-400  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508

Fred D. Fox  
Fred Fox Enterprises  
P.O. Box 840338  
St. Augustine, FL 32080-0338

       **COMMENTS ATTACHED**

  **X**   **NO COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PROJECT**

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT  
LAUREN YEATTER, SENIOR PLANNER AT THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL AT 352.955.2200, EXT 113

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# Suwannee County CDBG-CV Application

Suwannee County COVID Quarantine and Treatment Facility



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## **SUWANNEE COUNTY COVID QUARANTINE AND TREATMENT FACILITY**

### **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION**

#### Background

The coronavirus disease COVID-19 pandemic is among the deadliest infectious diseases to have emerged in recent history. The ongoing COVID-19 epidemic is the fifth documented pandemic since the 1918 flu pandemic. COVID-19 was first reported in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019, and subsequently spread worldwide. The first reported case in the United States was near Seattle Washington on January 15, 2020. Because the virus is highly contagious, it rapidly spreads and continuously evolves in the human population. As of October 20, 2021, there have been 45,153,577 (45.15 million) confirmed cases of Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the United States, with 729,309 deaths. In Florida as of the same date, there have been 3,630,835 confirmed cases, with 58,143 deaths. As of October 20, 2021, Suwannee County, with a population of 42,035 people, has a reported 29,181 (21.84% of the County's population) cases of the virus causing 163 deaths.

#### Impacts and Needs

On the healthcare front, the pandemic has impacted thousands of people, who are either sick, have died, or have lost friends and loved ones due to the spread of this disease. The nation's healthcare system, its healthcare professionals, medical supplies and equipment have been severely overtaxed and overburdened. From an economic standpoint, manufacturing has slowed down, supply chains have been disrupted (e.g., paper towel and toilet paper shortages), and both travel and international trade have been impacted. Socially, we have not been able dine out, attend sporting events, go to plays or movies, take vacations, have celebrations, worship or embrace our families and friends as were able to do pre-pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, residents of Suwannee County, the State of Florida, and the United States have been forced to shift how they work, play, exercise, shop, travel, and move through their communities.

Review of the State of Florida's Local Area Change in Unemployment between March 2020 and January 2021 when compared to the Unemployment Change for the same period for the previous year noted Suwannee County's unemployment rate increased by 13.8%.

#### The Project

During the Covid Virus crisis, the Suwannee County Commissioners realized the County does not have a suitable facility to accommodate quarantine needs of infected persons from the general public and first responders who cannot otherwise provide their own means of quarantine and separation from uninfected people when necessary. Likewise, the County does not have a facility within the County that can accommodate temporary housing of persons who are undergoing treatment and need to be isolated from other family members within a household. This deficiency was magnified by the fact that the local hospital shut down just prior to the Covid Virus outbreak. And to make matters worse, one of the two hospitals in neighboring Lake City, which had historically accepted patients from Suwannee County, shut down approximately a year ago. Designated a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, Suwannee County does not have the financial ability to construct a facility to accommodate the need we have for handling persons who are Covid Virus positive and need a facility to either be quarantined or remain isolated while

receiving treatment. The capability of such a facility to isolate and treat affected citizens directly mitigates the spread of the pandemic. The County has obtained an engineer's estimate of probable cost in the amount of \$4,529,480.00 for construction of the 20,000 square foot facility. In an attempt to curb construction costs, the building design would provide a large open area with adequate restrooms and an area for warming prepared meals. The large open area allows the greatest versatility, as it can be divided into numerous units by utilizing portable dividers on an as needed basis, depending on quarantine and treatment needs. The County would also undertake some of the site preparation as a cost saving measure. Land for construction of the facility is already owned by the County. The Suwannee County Commission is requesting \$5,000,000 in assistance under the Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV) program for construction of this desperately needed facility. The facility will provide residents that test positive for the Corona Virus temporary housing to allow them to quarantine from others that are not sick with goal of slowing the spread of the virus.

To serve those residents in most need, and to ensure that the project meets the low- to moderate-income national objective, Suwannee County will ensure that once constructed, that a minimum of 51% of the new facility's occupancy will be reserved for residents that are presumed to be low-to moderate-income under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designation of Limited Clientele. Limited clientele are generally residents presumed to be principally Low-to moderate-income. This presumption covers abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS and migrant farm workers. To meet the criteria, the County may additionally require documentation on family size and income in order to show that at least 51 percent of the clientele are LMI.

The project is located in Tract 970400, Block Group 2, The project will serve the entire County Tracts and Block: 970100 -1,2,3,4 & 5; 970200-1.2 & 3; 970301-1; 970302-1,2,3 & 4; 970400-1,2,3,4 & 5; 970500-1,2,3 & 4; 970600-1,2 & 3. At least 51% of the space in the facility will be reserved for limited clientele clients.