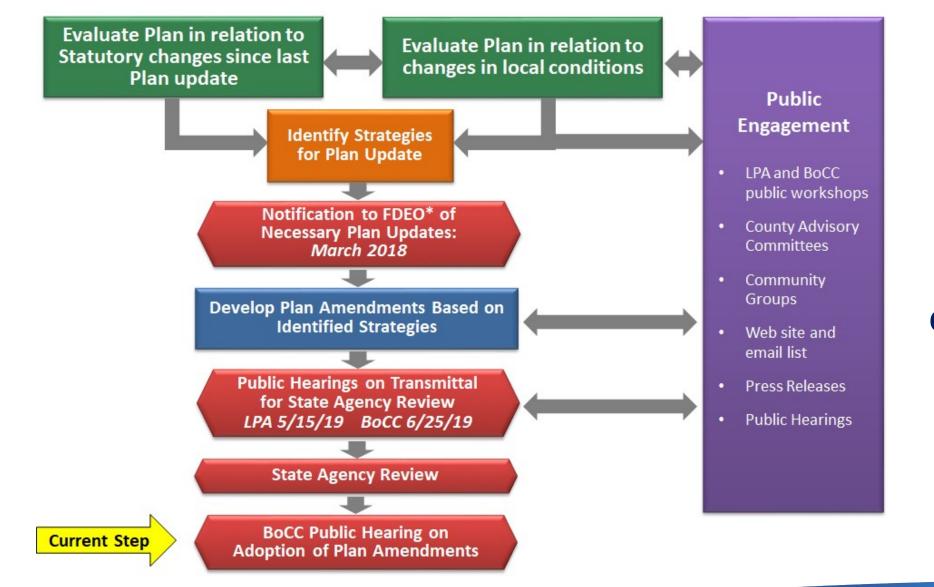


Update of Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030 Based on Evaluation & Appraisal

Public Hearing on Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Update the Comprehensive Plan for the Time Period 2019-2040 (CPA 03-19)

Background and Purpose of Public Hearing

- BoCC voted to transmit the proposed amendments for state review at its public hearing on June 25, 2019.
- Reviewing agencies had no comments on proposed amendments.
- Public hearing is for consideration of an ordinance to adopt the proposed Evaluation & Appraisal-based amendments to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Ch. 163.3191 Florida Statutes.
 - Ordinance updates the Plan for the time period of 2019-2040.



Process for
Evaluation &
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and Update of
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*FDEO = Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

State and Other Agency Review Process

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- Public hearing on adoption of Plan amendments must be held within 180 days of receipt of DEO comment letter.

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- If adopted by County Commission, Plan amendments must be transmitted to FDEO and other agencies within **10 working days.**
- FDEO will notify the County whether the adopted amendment package is complete within 5
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- A petition for **administrative challenge** may be filed by an affected person **within 30 days** after the County adopts the Plan amendments.
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Plan Amendments Addressing Statutory Changes

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Plan Amendments Addressing Local Issues

Four broad categories of topic areas:

- 1. Land Use and Development Standards
- 2. Public Facilities and Services
- 3. Economic Opportunity and Affordable Housing
- 4. Natural Resource Protection

Elements of Comprehensive Plan Proposed for Amendment

Future Land Use Recreation

Transportation Mobility Intergovernmental Coordination

Housing Capital Improvements

Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer Economic

Solid Waste Public School Facilities

Stormwater Management Community Health

Conservation & Open Space Energy

Proposed Changes from the Amendments Transmitted for State Review

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Proposed Amendments Relating to Fire Level of Service Guidelines

Policy 1.2.5 (a), Capital Improvements Element

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Transportation Mobility and Capital Improvements Changes

- Eliminate Transportation Concurrency
- Remove Transportation Backlog Authorities
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Housing Element Proposed Amendments

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Housing Element Proposed Amendments

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- Coordination to ensure the full funding of the programs supported by the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. (Policy 1.4.10);
- Use revenue from sale of escheated/acquired properties to develop affordable housing (Policy 1.4.11);

Housing Element Proposed Amendments

- Pilot matching grant program for landlords to increase water and energy efficiency of affordable units (Policy 2.2.6);
- Incentives to rehabilitate housing units that are affordable to very low and extremely low-income households (Policy 2.2.7);
- Repurposing of existing structures for affordable housing (Policy 2.4.6);
- Strategies to address the continuum of needs (Policies 1.4.9, 3.1.7, 3.1.8 and 3.1.9);
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Conservation and Open Space Element Proposed Amendments

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- Adopt Outstanding Florida Springs Priority Focus Areas map and associated policies (Policy 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 4.5.6, 4.5.22, 4.6.16).
- Update Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) and Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) language (Policies 4.6.12, 4.6.13)

Conservation and Open Space Element Proposed Amendments

- Update Water Conservation language and new definition of Resilient landscaping.
- Update wetland mitigation language to be consistent with State law and current practices. (Policy 4.7.7)
- Add policy clarifying existing prohibition on incineration activities consistent with proposed new policy in Solid Waste and Future Land Use Elements. (Policy 5.7.10)

Conservation and Open Space Element Proposed Amendments

- New Open Space Objective (5.2) and rewrite of the associated policies (Policy 5.2.1 – 5.2.5) and goals
 - Conservation protection requirements remain the same
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 - Open Space shall be located to best augment required conservation areas, provide accessible open space (community gardens & fields, greens, and pocket parks) and promote greater accessibility by being contiguous or linked through multiuse paths to greenways, parks, and Open Space on adjoining parcels.

Conservation and Open Space Element Map Series

- USDA Soils Map (Map 3), which is currently adopted in the Plan by reference, would be updated with link to latest soil survey online mapping tool.
- Critical Ecological Corridors Map (Map 5) is proposed to be updated.
- New map of Priority Focus Areas (PFA) for Devil's, Hornsby, and Poe Springs is proposed (Map 6).
- New map of Alachua County Greenways and Blueways, with related policies, are proposed (Map 7).

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Stormwater Management Element Proposed Amendments

- Implement an Advanced Stormwater Treatment Code....including provisions for the Sensitive Karst Area, Outstanding Florida Waters, and impaired waters. (Policy 3.1.1, 5.1.6,5.1.11, 5.1.12)
- Removed outdated policies (3.1.3, 3.1.4, 5.1.3, 5.1.4,6.1.3)
- New definitions for Stormwater BMPs, Sensitive Karst Areas, and LID
- Revise Policy 6.1.3, regarding requirement to obtain federal, state, and water management district permits prior to commencement of development, to be consistent with language in Sec. 125.022(4) and (5), F.S.

Recreation Element Proposed Amendments

Policies 1.1.9, 1.1.10, and 1.1.11

- New policies calling for update of Countywide Recreation Master
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- New policy calling for Recreation Master Plan to be used as basis for updating comprehensive plan policies and level of service standards, the Capital Improvements Plan, land development regulations and park/recreation impact fees.
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Recreation Element Proposed Amendments

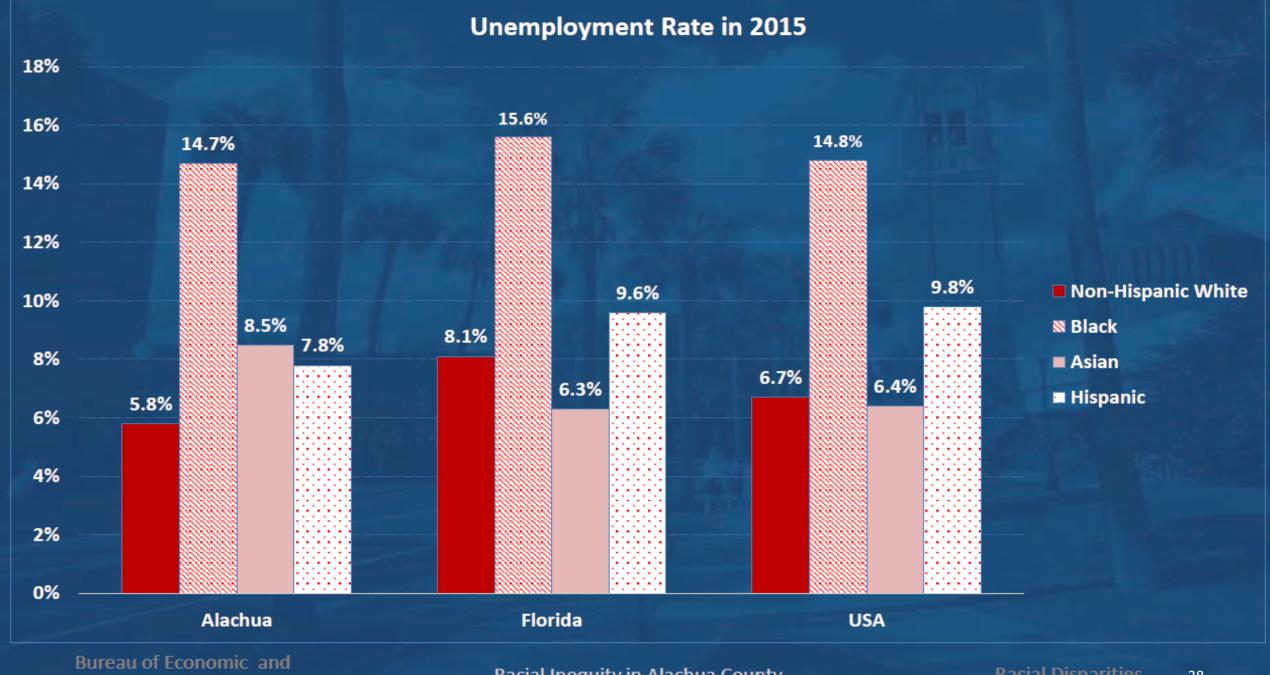
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- Add references to the Greenways Master Plan (Policy 1.3.2) and use of resilient landscaping in County parks (Policy 1.7.3)
- Update 5-year schedule of capital improvements for recreation facilities in Capital Improvements Element Table 3.
 - Time frame has been updated from the transmitted version to add Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and remove Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

EQUITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Understanding Racial Inequity in Alachua County" (BEBR, 2018)

Overview of Report

- Racial inequity involves multiple interconnected factors/forces; Report analyzed multiple areas of disparity
- Two areas for improvement highlighted in Report conclusions:
 - 1. High quality education HS diploma as a baseline; benefits of additional education; good skills training is essential
 - 2. Employment more jobs providing a living wage are essential to ameliorating disparities



Economic Element Proposed Amendments

- Draft amendments to the Economic Element focus existing objectives and policies more directly on achieving equity and eliminating disparities identified in the BEBR Racial Inequity Report
- The proposed amendments reference the 2018 BEBR report as a benchmark for measuring progress on achieving equity and eliminating disparities

Economic Element Proposed Amendments

Goal 1 and Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 and associated policies

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- Revise and expand policies under these and other objectives to spell out related strategies and activities

Other Proposed Amendments Relating to Equity and Economic Opportunity

- Add new policy to address disparities in public school facilities by reviewing the School Board's annual Five Year Work Program and Educational Plant Survey to provide input and ensure that adequate school building conditions and design are provided districtwide (3.7.2 Public School Facilities Element (PSFE)).
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- Add new policy to address disparities, as identified in BEBR Racial Inequity
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Public School Facilities Proposed Amendments

- Eliminate references to Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act.
- Update Public School Facilities Schedule of Capacity Projects in Capital Improvements Element for Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023 (Table 2, CIE) based on capacity project schedule in Alachua County Public Schools 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan (November 2018)
 - One new elementary school identified as an unfunded project for 2021-2022*

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Economic Element Proposed Amendments

Amendments to Local Food Production and Processing

Objective 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and Policies 6.1.1, 6.2.2, 6.3.3 (moved from Energy Element)

- Define and describe a robust local food system.
- Set baseline study targets to increase local food purchases, partners, and components of the local food economy.
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Solid Waste Element Proposed Amendments

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Energy Element Proposed Amendments

Amendments to Reduction Goals

Objective 1.1 and Policy 1.13

Striking reclaimed water for irrigation purposes

Amendments to The Built Environment

Objective 2.2 and Policy 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4

- Adding water conservation as a budget category in the Board's annual CIP
- Adding Florida Water Star standards for County facilities
- Adding water efficiency as a strategy for school facilities

Energy Element Proposed Amendments

Amendments to County Government Initiatives

Objective 5.1, 5.2 and Policies 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.5

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Policies re: equity (1.5.1.; and 1.5.1.2)

Policies re: Health in All Policies (1.3.3. and 1.3.3.1)

Community Health Element Proposed Amendments

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