

City of Alachua Joint Planning Area Interlocal Agreement: Status Update

Board of County Commissioners May 26, 2020

Board Request

January 14, 2020: Commissioner Cornell moved that staff agenda in the next 60 to 90 days the approved Joint Planning Area Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Alachua on December 11, 2018, and update the Board on what has occurred under this agreement.

Alachua County, Florida

Background

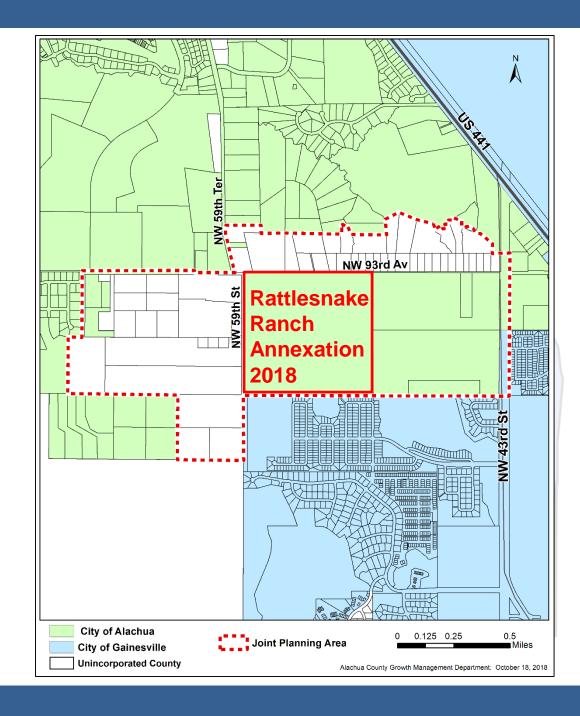
8/14/18: County initiated local government conflict resolution process with City of Alachua relating to "Rattlesnake Ranch" annexation due to issues with statutory annexation requirements and concerns related to service delivery.

9/12/18, 9/26/18, 10/30/18: Conflict assessment meetings

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Joint Planning Area



Key Provisions of Joint Planning Area Agreement

- City may annex lands within Joint Planning Area without objection from County on the basis of failure to meet statutory requirements regarding enclaves, compactness, and contiguity.
- Notification to other party and 30 day comment period on proposed land use actions.
- County offers and City accepts ownership of NW 93rd Avenue and NW 59th Street within the Joint Planning Area.

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- Traffic methodology letter and study required for proposed development with > 25 peak hour vehicle trips.
- If property is in City, traffic study must be provided to County for review and comment.
 - Study must address operational and safety improvements attributable to proposed development.
 - City shall require developer to pay full costs of any necessary transportation system improvements as a condition of the development plan.

Key Provisions of Joint Planning Area Agreement

- Central water and wastewater connection requirement for proposed developments above certain size and density.
- Future negotiation on fire services within joint planning area if
 City no longer receives services from County.
- Future negotiation on solid waste collection services.
- City to invite Sheriff to negotiate service arrangements within the Joint Planning Area.

Implementation Actions to Date

- Roads transferred from County to City:
 - NW 93rd Avenue
 - NW 59th Street
- No additional annexations proposed within joint planning area.
- No proposed comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, or development plans in joint planning area.

Board Discussion and Questions

