



Alachua County – Strategic Guide

Equitable and Resilient Community

- Resilient means integrating the environment, the local economy, and equity to achieve sustainability
- Equitable means striving to treat everyone justly according to their circumstances, providing opportunity and access for everyone, while focusing on closing existing equity and access gaps

Guiding Principles:

- We prefer to address the root cause of issues and inequities
- We prefer to utilize a collaborative approach where we seek to hear from all the voices, consider other points of view, and coordinate and leverage relationships to get more done than we could on our own
- We continue to provide mandated services and discretionary services expected by our constituents in a transparent, accountable, efficient and effective manner

Achieve Social and Economic Opportunity for All

- Proactive, collaborative leadership to make the most of the resources Alachua County has
- Build equitable access to health (physical and mental), safety, and opportunity, especially those that haven't traditionally had access to those systems
- An inclusive process that gets all the voices heard
- Focus our Economic Development efforts on local businesses and removing barriers to economic opportunity
- Drive the discussion regarding a central receiving facility as a way to deliver coordinated services, with the intent of getting it implemented
- Work with private and public partnerships, including farms and local food entrepreneurs to build a community food system

Invest in and Protect Our Environment

- Continue Wild Spaces & Public Places
- Desire to include agricultural lands as well
- Focus community planning and growth to address climate change and community and environmental resiliency
- Create a Climate Action Plan and implement Climate Action Plan recommendations
- Implement and refine adopted energy, water, and environmental conservation and preservation plans to benefit all inhabitants

Address the Housing Gap

- Intentional public investment
- Proactive coordination with agencies, municipalities, and other entities
- Clarity of policies and expectations to make it predictable and more likely to be implemented
- County's role is to focus on extremely-low and low income housing
- Take a "whole cost" approach, including operating costs, not just construction and development costs

Accelerate Progress on Infrastructure

- Transparent priorities and progress dashboard
- Investigate Infrastructure Sales Tax in conjunction with Housing Trust Fund, and renewal of Wild Spaces & Public Places
- Be ready for federal investments
- Today's design for tomorrow's roads and infrastructure mindset
- Address internet affordability and accessibility gaps throughout the County
- Improve community mobility and transportation