



Agenda Item Summary

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Economic Development Advisory Committee Accomplishments Report and Work Plan

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation on EDAC's 2023 accomplishments and work plan for 2024

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation

Prior Board Motions:

NA

Fiscal Note:

The item is an informational presentation to the Board and has no direct fiscal impact.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) has made significant progress in its outreach efforts to the municipalities and stakeholders in advancing its economic development priorities in FY2022-23.

Highlights of Major Accomplishments:

- Conducted outreach to three stakeholders (Gainesville Regional Airport & Airport Authority, City of Waldo, and City of Newberry) to better understand their interests and preferences for economic development.
- Supported the development of municipalities' bike/pedestrian plans and ecotourism for integration into a County-wide plan (Trail Towns).
- Monitored and supported the Airport Gateway project.

Highlights of Goals and Objectives for FY2023-24:

- Make recommendations on how the County can promote economic development in the small municipalities.
- Further explore regional water and wastewater service for communities to support economic development and environmental goals.
- Support inter-city dialog around blue ways and greenways.
- Make recommendations to promote entrepreneurship in the County.
- Continue to engage with all municipal governments to hear their thoughts on economic development.
- Monitor and provide recommendations related to CRA projects for East Gainesville.
- Promote the reuse/circular economy potential in Alachua County.
- Monitor and support the development of the business at the Alachua County EcoLoop.

EDAC is committed to working with the County and municipalities to promote economic development and create a thriving community for all.