



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Update Process Overview

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation on the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Update Process

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation and provide direction to staff, if any, on the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Update process.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no cost associated with this item. The Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Update will be handled in-house by existing County staff.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

Alachua County will be evaluating and updating its Comprehensive Plan beginning in 2025 through 2026. The last major evaluation and update of the Plan was in 2018-2019. The current update is necessary to address the requirements of Florida Statutes as well as issues of local interest. The attached presentation and Scope provide information about the general process and timeline for the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan in 2025 and 2026. This process will involve extensive community engagement over the course of the next 1 to 2 years.

Florida Statutes Section 163.3191 requires that, at least once every 7 years, each local government shall evaluate its comprehensive plan to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect a minimum planning period of at least 10 years as provided in s. 163.3177(5) or to reflect changes in state planning requirements since the last update of the comprehensive plan, and to notify the state land planning agency as to its determination. Section 163.3191 Florida Statutes also requires each local government to comprehensively evaluate and, as necessary, update its comprehensive plan to reflect changes in local conditions.

The Florida Department of Commerce establishes due dates for each local government to make its determination as to whether any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are necessary to reflect changes in state statutory requirements. Alachua County's due date for making its determination is April 1, 2025. If it is determined that amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are needed, those amendments must then be transmitted for state agency review within 1 year of the County's determination letter.