



Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Z25-000007

Joint Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035 Update

**Board of County Commissioners
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Introduction

- Florida Statutes establish requirements for local governments regarding Water Supply Planning
- County staff worked with City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities staff, in coordination with St Johns River Water Management District staff, to prepare the updated Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035

Overview of Amendments

- County-initiated amendments to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2019-2040
- Updates policies addressing water supply planning in Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer, Conservation & Open Space, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements
- Incorporates by reference the Joint Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP) as required by Florida Statutes

Timeline

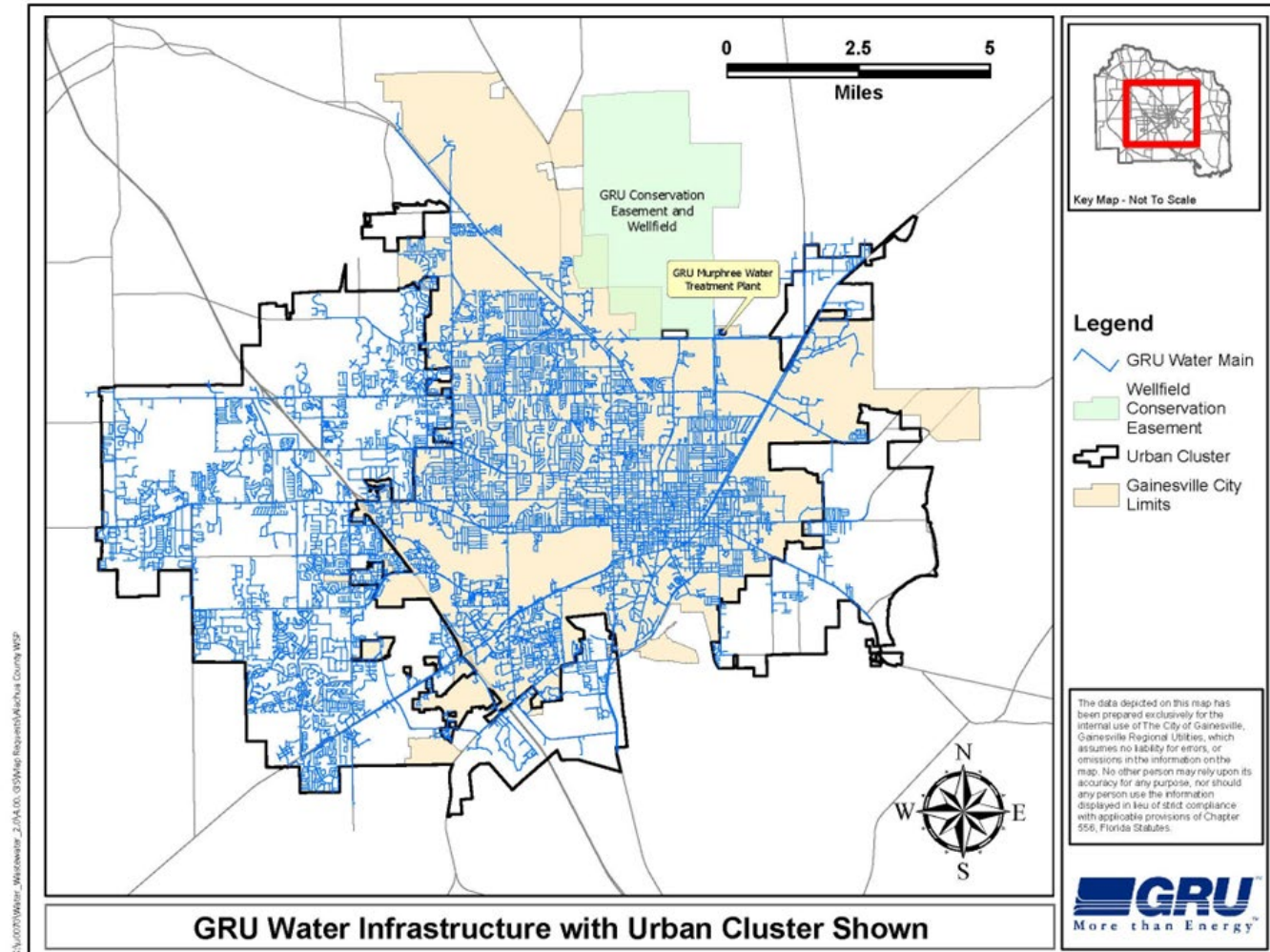
- May 21, 2025: Local Planning Agency/Planning Commission Hearing
- June 24, 2025: County Commission hearing on transmittal of proposed amendments
- TBD: County Commission Adoption Hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments

Background

- In 2005 the Florida Legislature added requirements for water supply planning to Florida Statutes relating to Growth Management.
- Suwannee River and St Johns River Water Management Districts adopted [North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan \(NFRWSP\)](#) on January 17, 2017, and approved an update on December 12, 2023.
- Florida Statutes require local governments to prepare and adopt a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP) into their comprehensive plan within 18 months of approval of a regional water supply plan or its update

- Gainesville Regional Utilities is the principal municipal water supplier for Alachua County's Urban Cluster

Joint Plan



Joint Plan

- The Joint Facilities Plan was originally created in 2017 and adopted water supply and water conservation projects to reduce water demand and meet projected future water supply needs
- Minor updates were made to the 2025 Joint Facilities Plan including updated population projections and water use projections
- Alachua County and GRU will continue to implement water conservation projects to reduce demand
- GRU will construct capital projects for alternative water supply

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Text Changes

POTABLE WATER & SANITARY SEWER ELEMENT

- Policy 7.1.5 The Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035 ~~2018-2028~~ is herein incorporated by reference.

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

- Policy 4.5.12 The County shall cooperate with the Suwannee River Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and local governments to update the Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035 ~~2018-2028~~, conduct current and future water conservation programs and prepare an emergency water management conservation plan.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

- Policy 2.1.2.1 Alachua County shall continue to review proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan and the Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035 ~~2018-2028~~.
- Policy 6.1.1 Alachua County shall coordinate with local governments that supply potable water and/or sanitary sewer services to the unincorporated area to implement the Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2025-2035 ~~2018-2028~~, level of service standards and concurrency management systems, as provided for in the policies of the Potable Water/Sanitary Sewer Element.

Local Planning Agency Recommendation

- Local Planning Agency recommended the Board of County Commissioners transmit proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Z25-000007 to the State Land Planning Agency and other agencies for review and comment.

Staff Recommendation

- Recommend the Board of County Commissioners transmit proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Z25-000007 to the State Land Planning Agency and other agencies for review and comment.

Questions?