



# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Update

**BoCC Workshop: October 21, 2025**

**Topic Area: Community Facilities and Services**

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## Workshop Purpose

- Overview of adopted Comprehensive Plan Elements
  - **Transportation Mobility**
  - **Recreation**
  - **Solid Waste**
  - **Community Health**
- Review conceptual staff recommendations for Plan updates
- BoCC direction and input to staff on potential amendments to Plan
  - Staff will draft amendments based on BoCC discussion and direction

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## BoCC Workshop Schedule for Issue-Based Discussion

- ✓ August 12<sup>th</sup> – Land Use and Development
- ✓ September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Housing and Economic Development
- ✓ October 7<sup>th</sup> – Environmental Protection and Resilience
- **October 21st - Community Facilities and Services**
  - Includes Transportation, Recreation, Solid Waste, Community Health
- December 2nd – As needed

## State Deadline

- Must transmit Plan amendments for state review by April 1, 2026
- At minimum, County must transmit amendments needed to reflect changes in state statute.

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## Transportation Mobility Element – Overview

**GOAL:** *Establish a multi-modal transportation system that provides mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorized-vehicle users, users of rail and aviation facilities, and is sensitive to the cultural and environmental amenities of Alachua County.*

### Key Policy Concepts:

- Mixed-use interconnected development patterns that can support high frequency transit, promote walking and biking, and reduction of vehicle miles of travel and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Implementing a Multimodal Transportation Capital Improvements Program (CIP) which proactively addresses projected transportation needs for the next 20 years.
- Implementing level-of-service guidelines for pedestrian, bicycle, express transit, and motor vehicle facilities.
- Monitoring traffic safety data and developing plans to improve roadways and intersections that have documented safety problems.
- Coordinating improvements or expansions of aviation facilities to prevent obstructions to airport operations.

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## Transportation Mobility Element – Recommended Updates


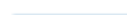







*Objective 1.6: Provide a system of safe, pleasant, convenient, and Continuous bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the community.*

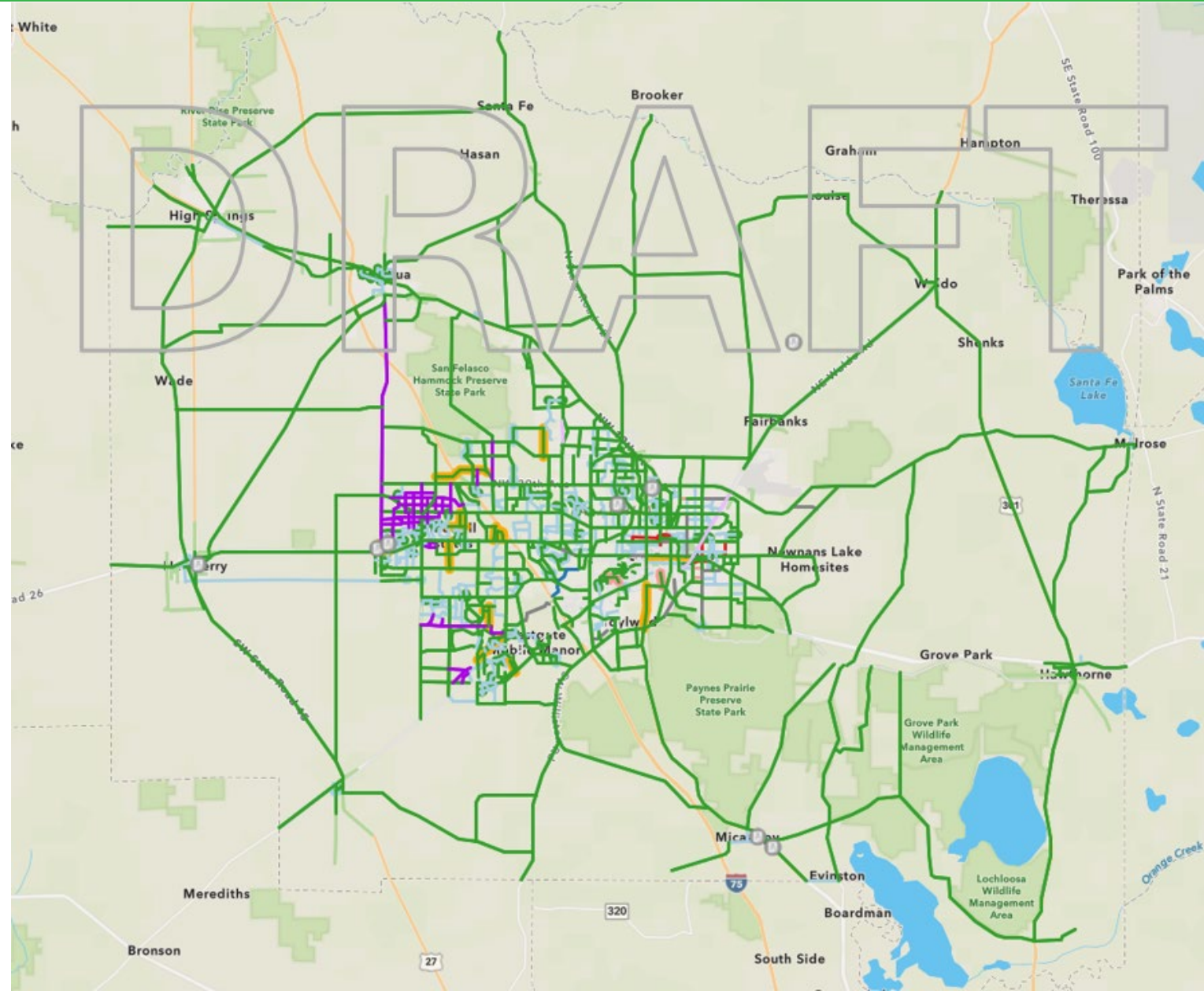
- Adopt the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan (work in progress - estimated for first quarter 2026)
  - Incorporate by reference the Goals, Objectives, Policies & Strategies of the Bike-Ped Master Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

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## Draft All Ages and Abilities Network – Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan

### Primary Facility

-  Bike Boulevard
-  Boardwalk
-  Bike Lane
-  Buffered Bike Lane
-  Separated Bike Lane
-  Shared Use Path
-  Trail Upgrades
-  Developer Driven Connection
-  Funded Project



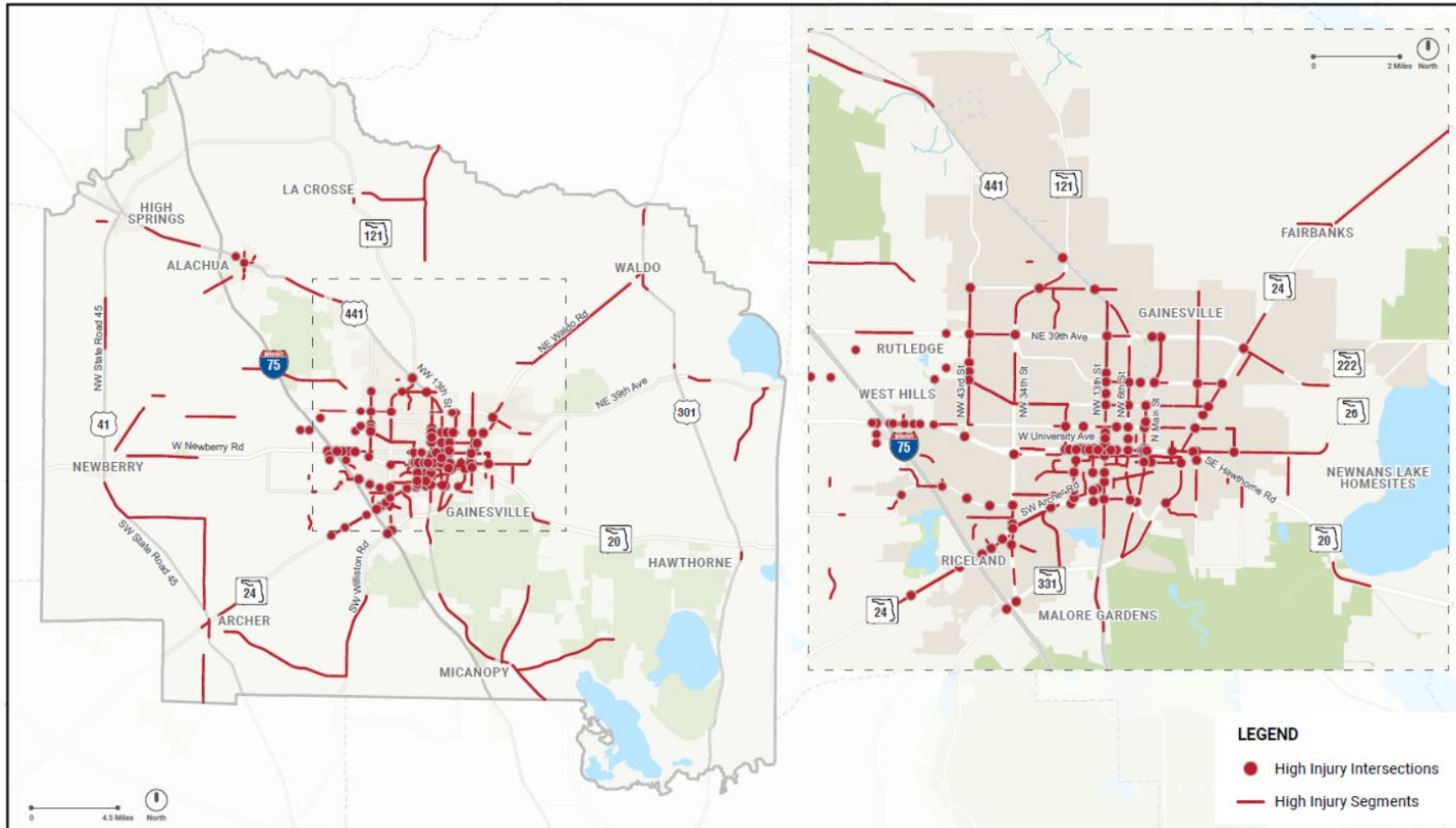
## Transportation Mobility Element – Recommended Updates

***Objective 1.8, Safety:*** *To provide a safe transportation network that supports the needs of all system users.*

- Include policy reference to the County’s “Vision Zero” Resolution.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan (2025)
  - Incorporate various aspects throughout the Transportation Mobility Element.

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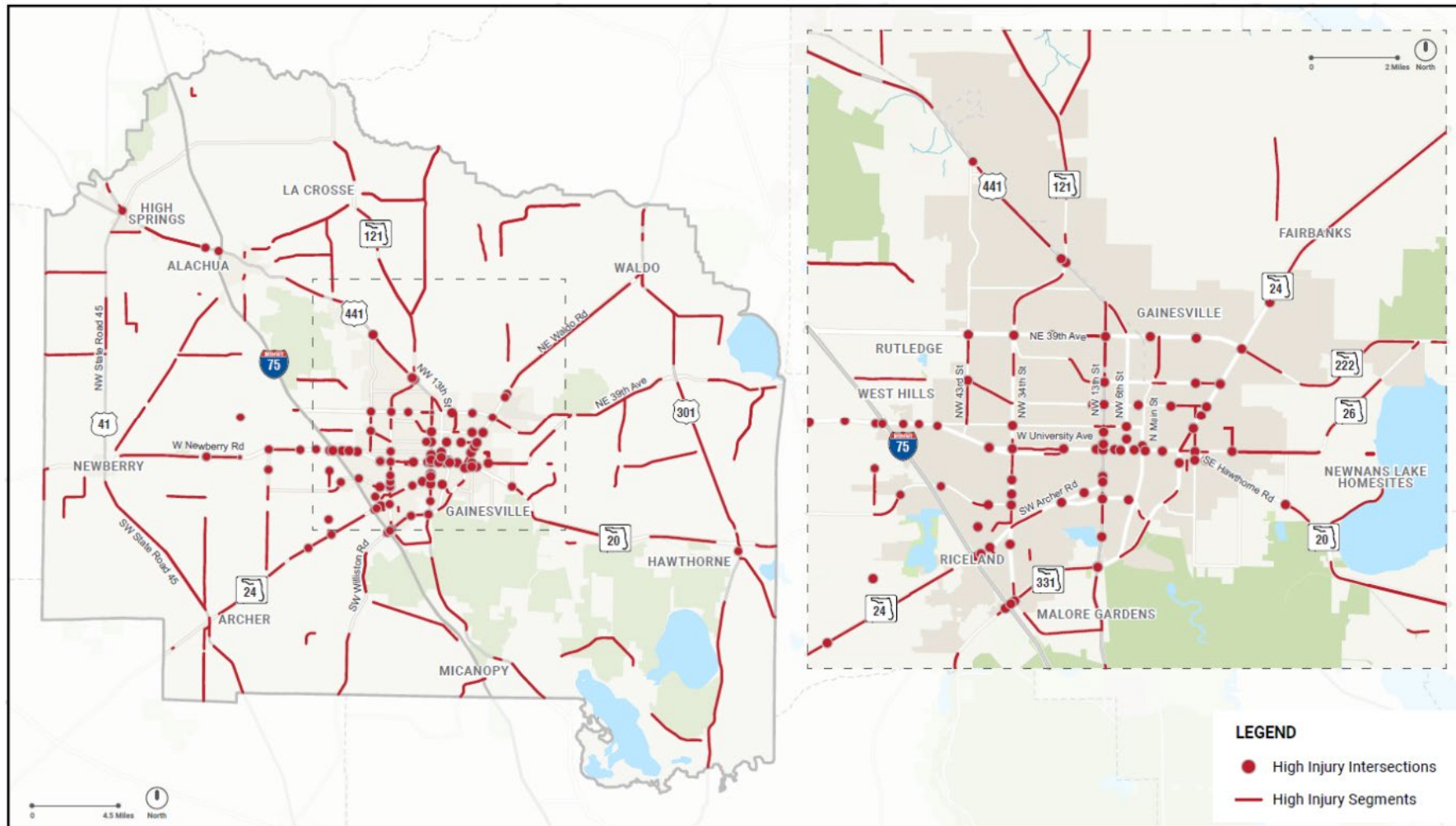
## Pedestrian & Bicycle HIN



HIN = High Injury Network

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## Vehicle & Motorcycle HIN



HIN = High Injury Network

## Transportation Mobility Element – Recommended Updates

***Objective 3.1, Transit:** To assist the providers of mass transit in Alachua County in their planning efforts through coordination, informational support and participation in planning efforts.*

- Update section and related maps to reflect current transit conditions.

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## Recreation Element Overview

**GOAL:** *To provide an integrated recreation and open space system for Alachua County.*

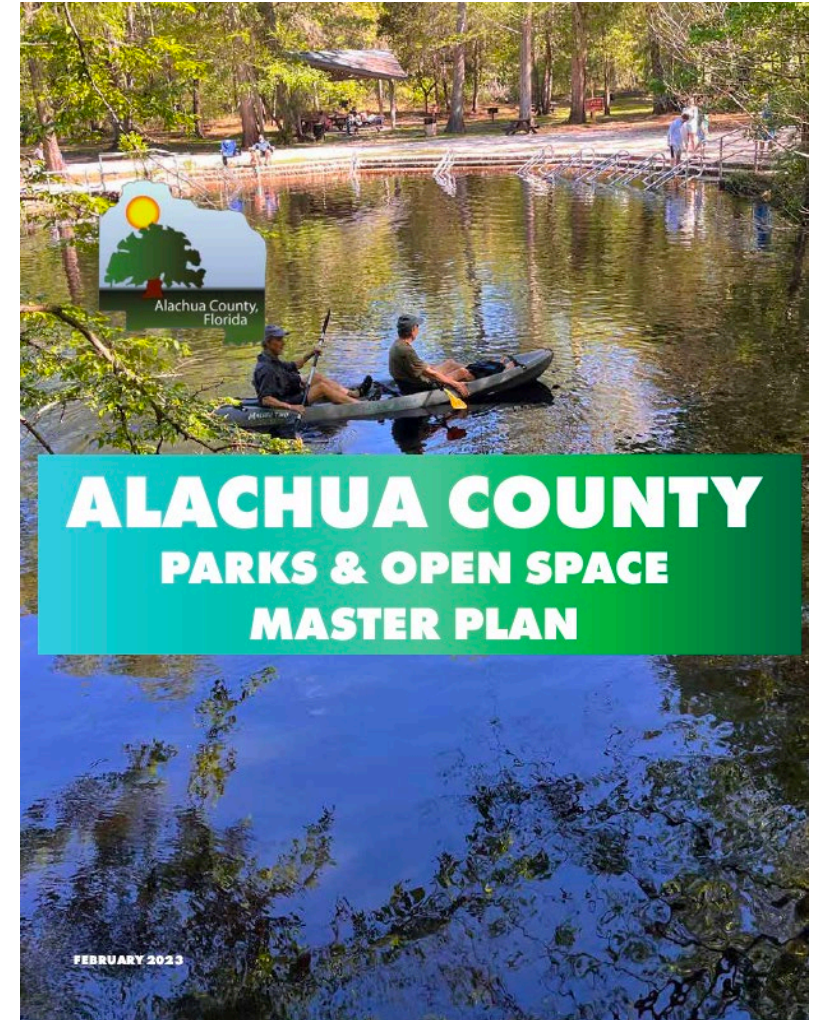
### Key Policy Concepts:

- Developing a recreation system that is equitably accessible, supports diverse activities, and integrates both activity-based and resource-based facilities.
- Population-based level-of-service standards to help identify needs and guide future recreation facility planning.
- Expanding non-automobile access and connectivity through integrated greenways and trails.
- Promoting recreational access to natural resource areas.

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## Recommended Plan Updates – Recreation Element

- Incorporate recommendations from the County's 2023 Parks Master Plan
  - Add geographic-based and park type approach for level-of-service guidelines
  - Update Recreation Site Classifications Table 1 to reflect park types, park sizes, and service areas identified in 2023 Parks Master Plan.
  - Add policy language emphasizing inclusivity and safety for County parks



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## Solid Waste Element – Overview

*GOAL: To provide clean, efficient, economical, and environmentally sound management of solid waste resources in Alachua County.*

### Key Policy Concepts:

- Maintain Leveda Brown Environmental Park as location for centralized management of the County's solid waste. Capacity and function of the Park will continually be evaluated and expanded where necessary to meet changing needs.
- Maintain level of service capacity for a minimum 0.8 inbound tons of solid waste per person per year at the Leveda Brown Environmental Park to accommodate current and future demand.
- Reduce per capita solid waste disposal through a combination of waste prevention, reuse, and recycling.
- Ensure collection and transportation of solid waste is handled safely, securely, and efficiently to protect human health and the environment, and to minimize costs.
- Provide for safe disposal or recycling of household hazardous waste.

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## Recommended Plan Updates – Solid Waste Element

- Incorporate “Zero Waste” and “Circular Economy” concepts into the Solid Waste Element
  - Draft Climate Action Plan includes goals, strategies, and action items relating to Zero Waste and the Circular Economy, which, if approved, will need to be incorporated into Comp Plan.
  - Zero Waste: “The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse and recovery of products, packaging, and materials by minimizing discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.” \*
  - Circular Economy is a whole-system approach based upon repositioning disposal and reuse opportunities. Less raw materials are consumed for production, more manufactured materials remain in use, and commodities are recycled to maximize their value. \*
- General clean-up of outdated policies and references



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## Community Health Element – Overview

**GOAL:** Preserve the health of Alachua County residents and promote health in all policies and service initiatives affecting all aspects of the built environment by facilitating health care delivery, improving the equity and livability of the community, and providing all Alachua County residents opportunities for active living.

### Key Policy Concepts:

- Coordinating with local health care providers to facilitate access to comprehensive health care services, particularly for underserved populations.
- Promoting land use patterns and built environments that encourage active lifestyles.
- Promoting local food systems and equitable access to nutritious foods.
- Increasing equitable access to mental health, dental health, and substance abuse services through integrated community efforts.
- Supporting programs to reduce poverty and its effects on health.

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## Recommended Plan Updates – Community Health Element

- Health Care Advisory Board scheduled to review Element at its November meeting. Recommendations may be forthcoming.
- Policy 1.3.2.4 – Remove reference to 2009 Hunger Abatement Plan (references to eliminating food insecurity would remain).
- Policy 1.6.6 – Delete policy on County tobacco licensing program (state preemption)
- General editorial language clean-up

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## Next BoCC Workshop: December 2, 2025 (as needed)

Grace Knight Conference Room, County Administration Building

Topic: To be Determined

## Comprehensive Plan Update Micro Site:

*Contains project information, frequent updates and resident questionnaire*

<https://alachuacounty.civilspace.io/en/projects/alachua-county-comprehensive-plan-evaluation-and-update>

## General Web Site:

<https://growth-management.alachuacounty.us/Planning/CompPlanUpdate>

**Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Update**

Alachua County is in the process of evaluating and updating its Comprehensive Plan for the next 20 years. The last major evaluation and update of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan was in 2018-2019.

The Alachua County Comprehensive Plan is a document adopted by the Board of County Commissioners that articulates broad strategies and specific policies that guide future development and decision-making for the County. The Comprehensive Plan covers various subject areas such as land use, natural resources protection, housing, transportation, parks, economic development, community health, historic preservation, capital investment, and energy. It is designed to enhance the overall quality of life for all residents of Alachua County.

Florida Statutes Section 163.3194 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. 163.317(2) or to reflect changes in state requirements in this part since the last update of the comprehensive plan, and notify the state land planning agency as to its determination.

Florida Statutes also require local governments to comprehensively evaluate and update comprehensive plans to reflect changes in local conditions. This might include changes in demographic trends, land development activity, service delivery plans, community needs and priorities. The update will also take into account other recent planning efforts in the County such as the Parks Master Plan, Fire Master Plan, Climate Action Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Forward Focus: Eastern Alachua County.

[Click here](#) to view the currently adopted Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

**PROJECT PHASES**

- Scoping of Local Issues  
March 2023 - September 2023
- Data Collection and Analysis  
May 2023 - September 2023
- Prepare Draft Amendments to Plan  
September 2023 - January 2024
- Public Hearings on Transmittal of Amendments for State Review  
January 2024 - March 2024
- State Agency Review  
April 2024 - May 2024
- Public Hearing on Adoption of Plan Amendments  
June 2024 - July 2024

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- Comprehensive Plan Summary
- Presentation Comprehensive Plan Update Overview

**Comprehensive Planning Process**

The diagram shows a circular process with four main stages: Update, Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation. Each stage is supported by specific activities: Update (Public Participation, Plan Amendment, Review & Approval); Implementation (Plan Implementation, Review & Approval, Plan Amendment); Monitoring (Plan Monitoring, Review & Approval, Plan Amendment); Evaluation (Plan Evaluation, Review & Approval, Plan Amendment).

**OPEN**

**Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Update Questionnaire**

Closes October 31, 2025 at 7:59 PM

Your opinion matters! Share your thoughts about Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan.

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