

## **Appendix A Comprehensive Plan GOPs**

### Exhibit A-1 Comprehensive Plan GOPs

#### **Conservation, Open Space & Groundwater Recharge Element**

**Objective 1.1** The City shall protect significant environmental lands and resources identified in the Environmentally Significant Land and Resources Series within the Future Land Use Map Series. The City shall identify environmentally significant open space and recreation sites for acquisition.

**Objective 2.4** The City shall amend its land development regulations as necessary to conserve natural systems of surface waters and wetlands; areas subject to high rates of Floridan aquifer recharge; listed species of plants and animals; significant natural communities, and other significant natural and archaeological resource areas, including strategic ecosystems and significant geological resource features; and minimize the spread of invasive vegetation. The adopted regulations shall be designed to maintain these characteristics and resources, and the functions and values which they provide, and allow development activities which are compatible with the conservation of these resource areas as identified in the Comprehensive Plan or by provisions of the Land Development Code.

**Policy 2.4.2** The City shall maintain land development regulations that protect listed species of plants and animals, significant natural communities, significant geological resource features, and strategic ecosystems as based on areas identified and described in the KBN/Golder Associates Report, "Alachua County Ecological Inventory Project" (1996). These regulations shall require that applications for development on parcels within the environmentally significant areas shall include an ecological inventory of the parcel that meets requirements specified in the Land Development Code.

**Policy 2.4.6** The City shall maintain land development regulations for regulated surface waters and wetlands that require:

- a. Buffers and/or setbacks from regulated surface waters and wetlands;
- b. Development to minimize erosion and sediment pollution to regulated surface waters and wetlands;
- c. No net increase in the rate of runoff from development sites adjacent to regulated surface waters and wetlands;
- d. Retention or detention of runoff from developments adjacent to regulated surface waters and wetlands, through on-site filtration in accordance with the Public Works Design Manual;
- e. Retention of vegetation integral to the ecological value of regulated surface waters and wetlands;
- f. Compliance with the City's adopted criteria for controlling sediment and erosion;

- g. Allowance of a transfer of development intensity and density from lower to higher elevations of a site; and
- h. Prohibition on the installation of all septic tanks.

**Policy 2.4.9** The City shall protect floodplains and flood channels through land development regulations that at a minimum meet all applicable State and federal requirements and regulations.

**Recreation Element**

**GOAL 1 PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PARK ACREAGE, FACILITIES, AND RECREATION PROGRAMS EFFICIENTLY AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO URBANIZED RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

**GOAL 2 ESTABLISH A PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM WHICH ENSURES THE VISIBILITY OF, PRESERVATION OF, AND ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT OPEN SPACES OF THE URBAN AREA.**

**Future Land Use Element**

**Policy 2.1.4** The City shall strive to implement certain land use-related elements of Plan East Gainesville, including but not limited to:

- a. Establishing a three-tiered land use transect for east Gainesville to transition land development regulations from urban to suburban to rural; and
- b. Coordinating with Alachua County in its strategy to develop the Alachua County fairgrounds as a mixed-use employment center.

**Objective 4.4 Newly annexed lands shall retain land uses as designated by Alachua County until the Future Land Use Element of this Plan is amended.**

**Policy 4.4.1** Land use amendments should be prepared for all annexed properties within one year of annexation.

**Policy 4.4.2** Alachua County LOS standards shall apply until newly annexed lands are given land use designations in this Plan.

**GOAL 3 ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST LONG-TERM QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL GAINESVILLE RESIDENTS CONSISTENT WITH SOUND SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES THROUGH LAND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES THAT MINIMIZE DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE LAND, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**Objective 3.1**      **The City shall protect environmentally sensitive land, conserve natural resources, and maintain open spaces identified in the Future Land Use Map Series through the Development Review Process and land acquisition programs.**

**Policy 3.1.1**      Standards and guidelines established in Conservation, Open Space, and Groundwater Recharge Element Objective 1.1 and its Policies shall be used to protect identified environmentally sensitive resources.

**Policy 3.1.4**      The City shall protect floodplain and flood channel areas consistent with Policy 2.4.9 of the Conservation, Open Space & Groundwater Recharge Element.

**Intergovernmental Coordination Element**

**Policy 1.2.1**      The City shall proceed with annexation according to the criteria of the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act. Urban areas within its Urban Reserve Area that meet the criteria of “urban in character” as outlined in the Boundary Adjustment Act are subject to annexation by the City.

**Policy 1.4.7**      Upon the annexation of any land, the City shall amend the Comprehensive Plan to reflect data and analysis changes, establish land uses on newly annexed areas, and provide services to meet adopted LOS standards.

**Policy 1.4.8**      In the interim period between annexation and the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan to include the newly annexed areas, the City shall implement Alachua County's adopted Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.