



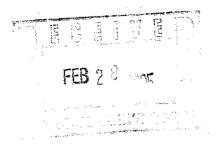
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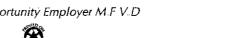


RE: Proposed Update or Designation of Urban Reserve Area Under Boundary Adjustment Act

Dear Ms. Lipscomb:

As indicated in the letter of January 28, 2003 from the Chair of the County Commission initiating the five year review and update of Statements of Services and Reserve Areas, which are the areas reserved under the Boundary Adjustment Act (BAA) exclusively for annexation by the respective municipalities, the update process is being coordinated with the Countywide Visioning and Planning Process (CVPP). As part of the first step in that process, the draft updates of the Statements of Services have been prepared by the Cities of Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Newberry, and Waldo and the County. The drafts for your municipality and the County are enclosed. Now that the Town Hall Meetings portion of the CVPP is complete, it is time for each municipality and the County to formally propose any desired changes to Reserve Areas or establishment of a Reserve Area if one has not previously been established and the municipality now intends to establish one.

The BAA outlines the criteria for designating reserve areas (Section 225.06) and procedures for amending reserve area designations (Section 225.07 and 225.05). Along with these criteria, proposals for Reserve Area Updates should take into account the future vision of the municipality as discussed at the recently completed Town Hall Meetings and the Countywide Visioning Conceptual Land Use Plan meetings in January and February. Maps from these meetings will be presented at the March 11th Countywide Visioning and Planning Consensus Workshop. It is recommended that before taking formal action on specific reserve area updates or designation, updated or new reserve areas should be refined for consideration at the following Countywide Visioning forums: the Countywide Visioning Consensus Workshop on March 11th; the Countywide Visioning and Planning Congress that will take place on April 16th; and, the Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee Workshop scheduled for May 6th Discussion of the proposals at these forums will allow all concerned to make full use of the opportunities for collaboration through the Countywide Visioning and Planning Process and to minimize possible conflicts and overlaps in proposed reserve area boundaries and the need for a subsequent negotiation or mediation process. Your municipality should provide formal notice pursuant to section 225 07(2) of the

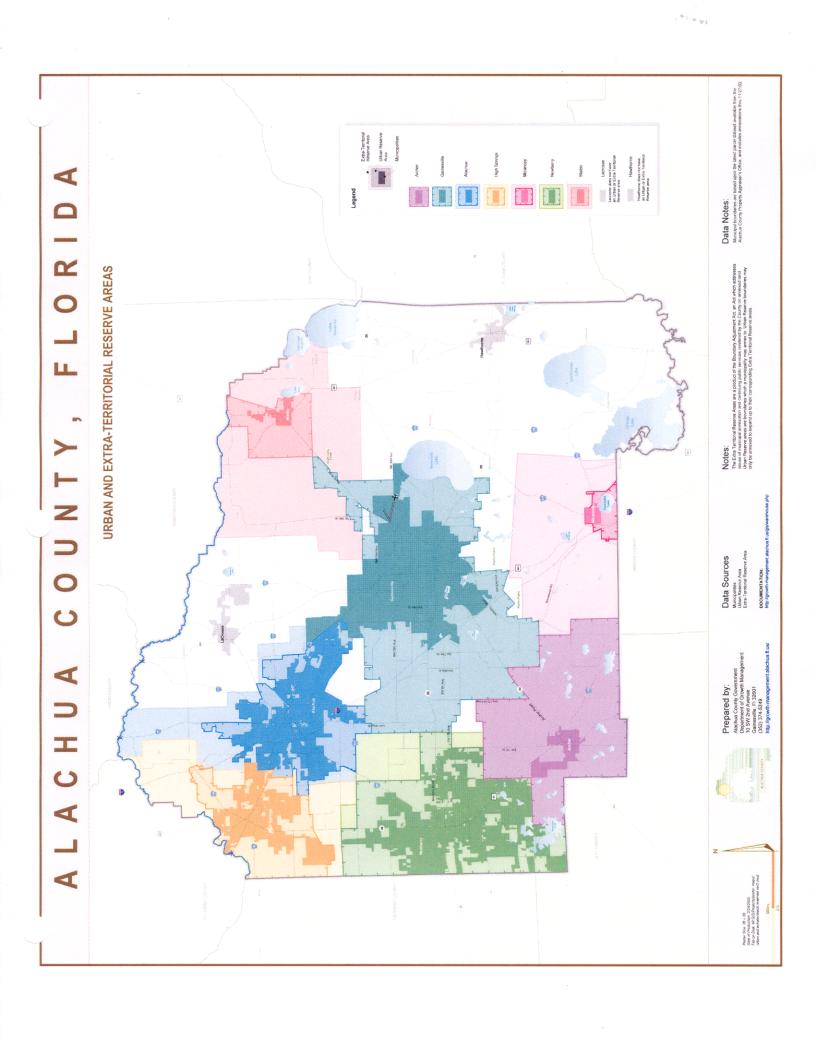


¹ The BAA provides that if there are conflicts or overlaps in the proposed reserve area designations and positions in the SOS, that "the municipalities ... and the county shall attempt through informal negotiation or mediation, assisted by the regional planning council or other mediator acceptable to the county and the municipality or municipalities negotiating with the county, to eliminate any conflicts or overlaps..." There would be a 120 day period following the deadline for designation of updated reserve areas for completion of such negotiations (See section 225 05(6) of the County Code version of the BAA enclosed)

Enclosures for Letter on Proposed Update or Designation of Reserve Areas Under the BAA

City of Gainesville

- Maps of the Current Reserve Areas adopted in 1998: Gainesville area and Entire County
- Excerpts from the Boundary Adjustment Act
 - Section 225.06: Criteria for Designating Reserve Areas
 - o Section 225.05(4)and(7): Establishment of Reserve Areas Position Statements
- Position statements per s. 225.05(7) per SOS adopted for Gainesville in 1998
- Excerpts from the Boundary Adjustment Act: Purpose, Definitions and sections on Reserve Areas
- Current draft of Gainesville updated Statement of Services- per Gainesville submission to County
- Current draft of updated Alachua County Statement of Services
- CD-ROM containing:
 - o Current Draft of Gainesville Statements of Services (if changes to the draft updated SOS are needed, please work from this document)
 - o Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act (complete)



Excerpt from Boundary Adjustment Act on the required position statements

Sec. 225.05. Establishment of reserve areas.

225 05(4) Each municipality shall also include in the statement an identification of the land uses and densities and intensities of development it deems most appropriate for its proposed reserve area or areas. The municipality shall also include in its statement its position regarding the requirements of paragraphs (7)(a), (b), (c), and (d)

225.05(7)

-The county shall also adopt a statement for each reserve area stating:
- (a) Whether the comprehensive plan and land use regulations of the county or the municipality for which the reserve area is designated shall apply prior to its being annexed.
- (b) Whether the municipality or the county shall enforce and administer the comprehensive plan and how proceeds from fines and fees charged pursuant to such enforcement will be distributed.
- (c) Which services identified pursuant to this section the county shall provide and which services the municipality shall provide in the reserve area, both before and after annexation, and how these services will be financed.
- (d) Any other matters related to the reserve area designation on which there is agreement.

(The position statement adopted for Gainesville in 1998 is shown on attached page. This is for reference in developing position statements for update of Statements of Service.)