
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 2.7

GOAL# 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Foster economic development and encourage redevelopment



INITIATIVE 2.7: IMPROVE COORDINATION WITH ALACHUA COUNTY IN ORDER TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PLAN AND DEVELOP GAINESVILLE'S URBAN RESERVE AREA

Champion: Erik Bredfeldt, Director of Planning and Development Services

Committee: Community Development Committee

Stakeholders: Alachua County residents, businesses, Alachua County & City of Gainesville staff, developers, etc.

Desired Outcome: The Urban Reserve Area is being planned and developed consistent with the vision of urban development, expressed by the City Commission.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in June, 2008 at a Strategic Planning Retreat to introduce new City Commissioners to the strategic planning process and provide all Commissioners an opportunity to discuss the strategic goals and initiatives.

Progress to Date:

This is a new initiative.

Supporting Documentation:

- [Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act](#)
- [Rusk Report](#), January 2007
- [Annexation Transition Agreement](#), March 2007
- [Status Report: Plan for Orderly Annexations](#), March 2008

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Action Plan to Improve Coordination in Urban Reserve Area for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Implementation of the Community Development Committee's (CDC) recommendations to City Commission concerning Rusk Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City and County explore a jointly appointed corporate limits council as a mechanism to support the City's annexation policy ▪ City and County explore "density" as a method of signaling or requiring annexation of urban areas ▪ City Commission and staff should build a close working relationship with the Alachua County School Board on planning/capital projects 	June 2009
2. Work with Joint City/County Orderly Annexation Team to identify key annexation areas and coordinate pre-planning issues	October 2008

Critical Success Measures

- Increased City involvement in planning decisions in the Urban Reserve Area
- Recommendations in the CDC Report are implemented by target dates
- County wide Visioning and Planning Committee implements policies supported by the City Commission
- Support by Joint City/County elected officials regarding areas identified for annexations