

Peebles, Smith & Matthews
State Legislative Concepts & Topics for 2018

MEMORANDUM

From: Peebles, Smith and Matthews
To: City of Gainesville
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“Rebranding” or “Retooling” Florida Forever

- Florida Forever Program
- Rural & Family Lands
- Florida Communities Trust (FCT)
- Florida Recreation Development Program (FRDAP)

State funds to match Alachua County local option sales tax initiative for conservation and recreation.

Local & State Housing Trust Funds:

- In 2017, the state took a step backwards in funding SHIP and other important housing partnerships.

Community Redevelopment Agencies:

- The Legislature is expected to bring back proposals that significantly restrict CRAs.

Economic Development Opportunities:

- In 2017, Special Session, the state created new economic development partnership opportunities focusing on job training/workforce development, transportation and other infrastructure.

Regional Priorities:

- Higher Education – Performance funding and the establishment of preeminent institutions.
- Regional Projects
 - Trails & Multi-use paths (High Springs/Newberry Trail)
 - Alachua County Fairground (New)
- Job Training/Workforce Development
- Legislative Concepts & Topics for 2018
 - Workshop October 3rd – Meet Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA)

- Discuss Federal Priorities