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April 22, 1999

The Honorable Paula DeLaney Mayor, City of Gainesville Post Office Box 490-19 Gainesville, Florida 32602

Dear Mayor DeLaney:

The Department has conducted a preliminary review of the County's proposed comprehensive plan amendment received on March 26, 1999, DCA Reference No. 99-1ER, and has determined to review the amendment as described below. The Department has not received any recommendation for review from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council or any affected person regarding the proposed amendment.

The Department has determined that the proposed plan amendments, listed below, should be formally reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, and an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report will be issued for these amendment(s):

215CPA-98PPB, which amends policy 2.1.1 of the FLUE to lower the minimum density in the MDR and HDR to eight du/a, to exempt lots of certain sizes from minimum density requirements in those categories, and to allow single family use in the HDR category.

These amendments will be recognized as DCA reference number 99-1ERA. Please refer to this amendment number when addressing or forwarding correspondence regarding these amendment(s).

The remaining proposed amendments listed below need not be formally reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, and the ORC report will be waived for these amendment(s):

192CPA-98PB, which amends objectives and policies of the Conservation, Recreation/Open Space, and Stormwater Elements concerning the removal of exotic/invasive vegetation, restoration or improvement of degraded water bodies, and access to corridors and greenways.

248CPA-98P, which amends the FLUE to address school siting requirements.

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224LUC-98PB, which changes 44.6 acres from Agriculture to Industrial, and which is adjacent to several hundred acres currently designated as Industrial and to the rail line.

The local government may proceed to immediately adopt these amendments. These amendments will be recognized as DCA reference number 99-1ERB. Please refer to this amendment number when addressing or forwarding correspondence regarding these amendments.

Please be advised that pursuant to Chapter 163.3189(2)(a), F.S., the Department recommends that the City include the following language in the adoption ordinance regarding the effective date of the adopted amendment:

"The effective date of this plan amendment shall be the date a final order is issued by the Department of Community Affairs finding the amendment to be in compliance in accordance with Chapter 163.3184, F.S.; or the date a final order is issued by the Administration Commission finding the amendment to be in compliance in accordance with Chapter 163.3184, F.S."

Further, the Department's notice of intent to find a plan amendment in compliance shall be deemed to be a final order if no timely petition challenging the amendment is filed. Any affected person may file a petition with the agency within 21 days after the publication of the notice pursuant to Chapter 163.3184(9), F.S.

This letter should be made available for public inspection. If you have any question, please contact Vicki Morrison, Planner IV, overseeing the review of the amendment, at (850) 487-4545.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager

Mr. Charles F. Justice, Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning
Council