

## **Green Ribbon Panel (GRiP) 2017**

**Who:** Fourteen citizens chosen for their expertise, knowledge and activism regarding environmental issues. Each City Commissioner will choose two members, with the Mayor choosing the chair.

**What:** A citizen advisory board empaneled specifically to identify potential environmental issues within the city and create or update ordinances pertaining to these issues for the purpose of making the City of Gainesville a more sustainable city; and creating a series of environmental ethical ordinances to guide future environmental projects; and answer our guiding questions, and subsequently make recommendations to the City Commission on priorities to be considered for implementation.

**When:** To be impaneled as early as the end of 2017 and to return recommendations by the Fall of 2018.

**Where:** The October 26<sup>th</sup> General Policy Committee Meeting and, if accepted, a meeting of the full City Commission.

**Why:** So the Gainesville City Commission can receive expert citizen advice regarding actions we can and should take to improve the stewardship of our natural environment, and to ensure citizen involvement in these vital issues.