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## Public Works Department

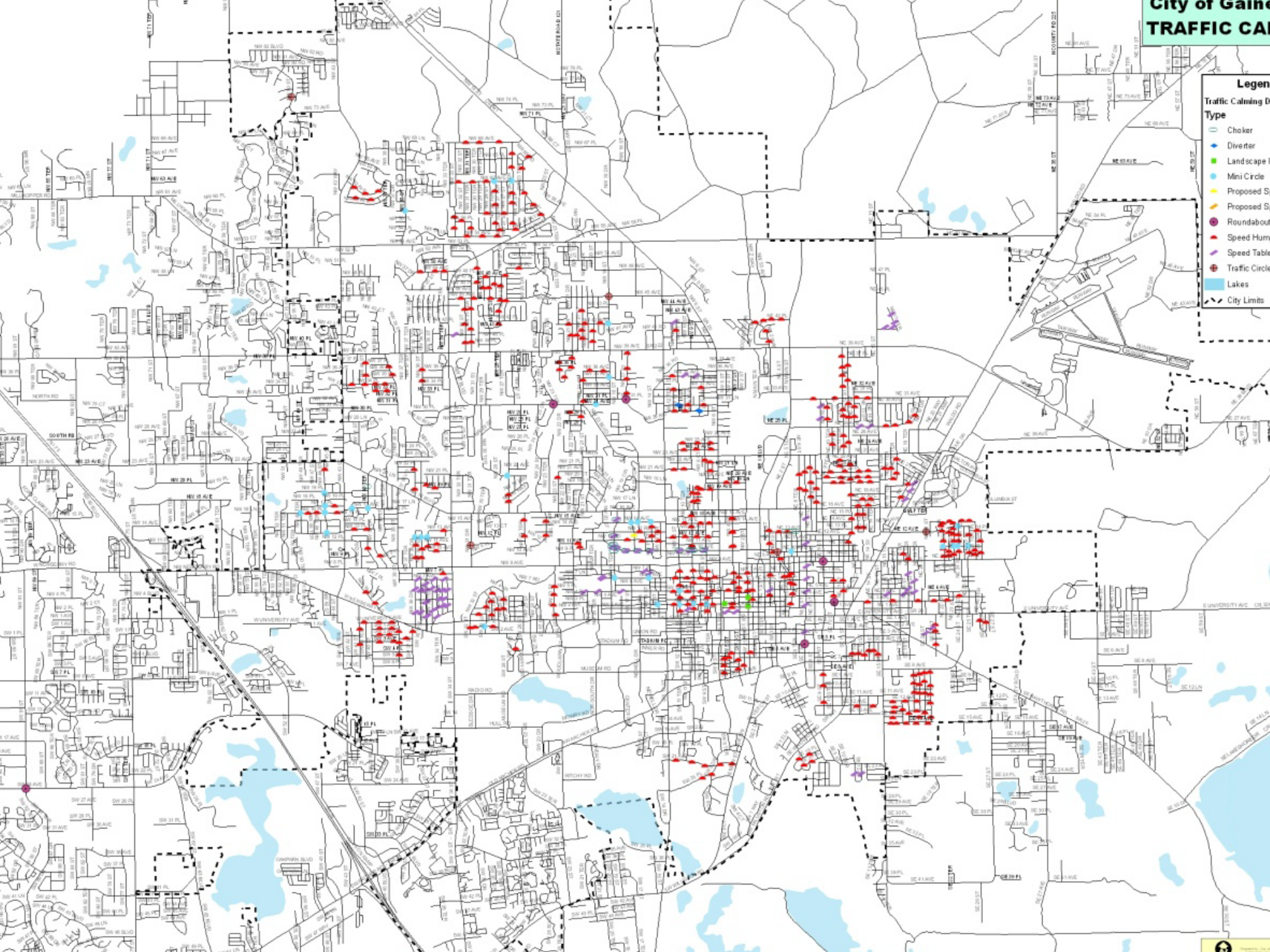
# Residential Traffic Calming 2012 Program Status

# Program Beginnings

- Public Works Dept. began implementing traffic calming in the mid 1980's.
- City Commission adopted the formal Traffic Calming Program Policy in 1997;
- Public Works Dept. received an average of 100 requests per year for traffic calming;
- 58% of the requests were eligible with 6% of eligible requests being voted down by the affected parties;

## Program Beginnings (cont.)

- Public Works Department spent over \$500,000 in speed humps & tables;
- On average \$75,000 per year were spent on installation of traffic calming devices;
- Speed tables had a positive net effect in reducing speeds (10-20% reduction) and eliminating high end speeds – most popular part of program;



- Legend**
- Traffic Calming Device Type**
- Choker
  - Diverter
  - Landscaping
  - Mini Circle
  - Proposed Street
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  - Roundabout
  - Speed Hump
  - Speed Table
  - Traffic Circle
  - Lakes
  - City Limits

# Program Elimination

- Traffic Calming Program was having a negative impact on emergency response times;
- 10% to 15% reduction in response times – per device – for Fire-Rescue & EMS;
- Last “Traffic Calming Fund” project was the radar speed signs in 400-700 block of N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in June, 2008;

# Commission Action

June 28, 2004 – Gainesville City  
Commission Action:

- Placed a moratorium on speed humps and speed tables;
- Decreed that all mini-traffic circles shall be converted to all-way yields and that all traffic shall rotate around them in a counter-clockwise direction;
- Most residents want speed humps / tables – obvious speed deterrent.

# Annual Costs

- There are annual maintenance costs for the existing traffic calming that are encumbered in the Public Works Budget;
- These costs included:
  - Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings;
  - Landscaping & Irrigation;
  - Curb and asphalt repair;