

Appendix A Comprehensive Plan GOPs

Exhibit A-1

Future Land Use Element

Objective 3.1 The City shall protect environmentally sensitive land, conserve natural resources and maintain open spaces identified in the Future Land Use Map Series, through the Development Review Process and land acquisition programs.

Policy 3.1.1 At a minimum the following standards and guidelines shall be used to protect environmentally sensitive resources identified in the Environmentally Significant Land and Resources map series within the Future Land Use Map Series. The City shall develop and adopt land development regulations that establish criteria for expansion of the minimum standards addressed below.

- a. Creeks: Between 35 and 150 feet from the break in slope at the top of the bank, there is a rebuttable presumption that development is detrimental to the regulated creek. Development must conform to applicable provisions of the land development regulations which prohibit development within a minimum of 35 feet of the break in slope at the top of the bank of any regulated creek.
- b. Wetlands: Developments containing wetlands must avoid loss of function or degradation of wetland habitat and/or wetland hydrology as the highest priority.
- c. Lakes: Developments containing or adjacent to a natural lake (or lakes) must not adversely impact the condition of the lake. Dredge and fill shall be prohibited. Development shall be prohibited within 75 feet of the landward extent of a lake.
- d. Wellfields: Developments must be consistent with Policy 2.3.2 of the Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element.
- e. Major Natural Groundwater Recharge Areas: Developments within this area must be consistent with Policies 2.3.3 and 2.3.5 of the Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element.
- f. Upland Areas: Developments within an area identified as Upland must submit an ecological inventory of the parcel. Based on the inventory, development may be allowed on up to the maximum of 75 percent of the parcel.

Policy 4.4.2 Alachua County LOS standards shall apply until newly annexed lands are given land use designations in this Plan.

Exhibit A-2

Conservation, Open Space & Groundwater Recharge Element

Objective 1.1 Upon adoption of this Plan, the City shall protect all significant environmental lands and resources identified in the Environmentally Significant Land and Resources map series within the Future Land Use Map Series. The City shall continue to identify environmentally significant open space and recreation sites for acquisition.

Policy 1.1.1 At a minimum the following standards and guidelines shall be used to protect environmentally sensitive resources identified in the Environmentally Significant Land and Resources map series within the Future Land Use Map Series. The City shall develop and adopt land development regulations that establish criteria for expansion of the minimum standards addressed below.

- b. Wetlands: Developments containing wetlands must avoid loss of function or degradation of wetland habitat and/or wetland hydrology as the highest priority. Degradation or loss of function that is unavoidable shall be minimized, and the applicant must demonstrate that the project is clearly in the public interest, with final administrative approval by the city commission on appeal, if necessary. The City shall develop and implement land development regulations that at a minimum:
 7. A minimum buffer distance of 35 ft. and an average buffer distance of 50 feet shall be required between the landward extent of any wetland or surface water and the developed area. Larger buffers may be warranted. The criteria for buffer expansion will be developed in the land development regulations;