

# Solid Waste Management in Alachua County

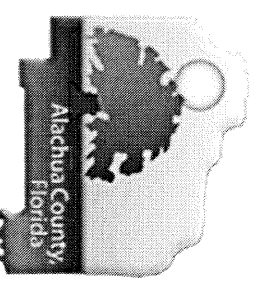
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JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

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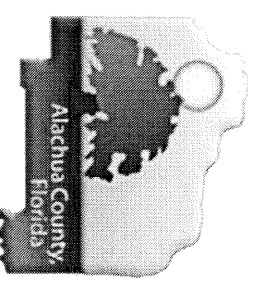
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# Presentation Objectives

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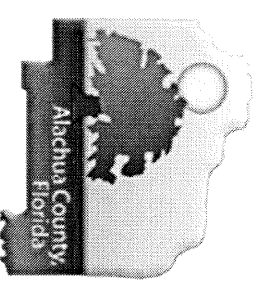
- Review the City/County understanding regarding solid waste recycling and disposal in Alachua County
- Reaffirm the original desired outcomes for City and County solid waste recycling and disposal program
- Authorize the City and County staffs to jointly develop a solid waste recycling and disposal business plan based on achieving the desired outcomes



# Order of Presentation

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- History
- Commitments
  - County/City Interlocal
  - New River Agreement
- Changes in the Marketplace
- Current Conditions
- Issues
- Solutions
- Recommendation

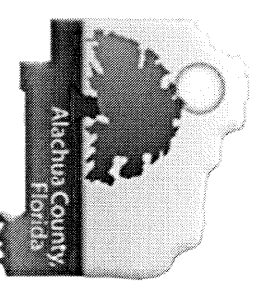


# History – How did we get here?

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In the 1990's:

- Many City & County residents lobbied for alternatives to landfilling waste in Alachua County
- Residents wanted to reduce waste generated and maximize recycling
- Residents wanted environmentally responsible solid waste management services
- Community desired to contract with an environmentally responsible, government owned and managed landfill

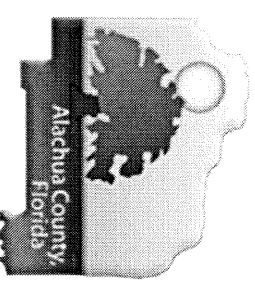


# History – How did we get here?

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Decisions were made:

- To develop and size a solid waste disposal facility to safely and economically serve the needs of the entire population of the County – Environmental Park
- To implement metal, yard waste and tire recycling as part of environmental park
- To contract with New River as an environmentally responsible, government owned and managed landfill

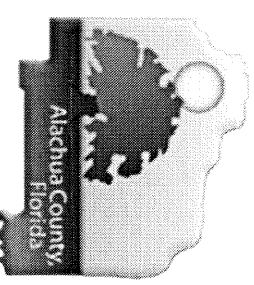


# History – How did we get here?

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Decisions were made (continued):

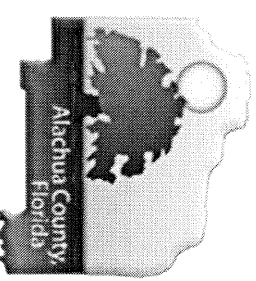
- For City and County to enter into interlocal agreement for County to provide waste disposal
- To continue a volume based residential collection system
- To continue to jointly bid for curbside collection services
  - Lower cost due to economy of scale
  - Seamless delivery of services to our residents
- To implement mandatory commercial recycling
- To increase public awareness of alternatives to waste disposal through education



# Commitments under Interlocal

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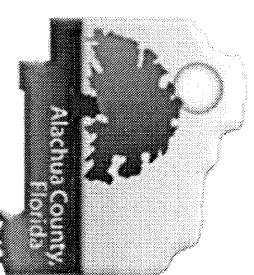
- City Commitments, Interlocal Art. IV
  - To direct all residential waste collected within City to Environmental Park
  - To direct all commercial waste collected through contracts or exclusive franchises to Environmental Park



# Commitments under Interlocal

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- **County Commitments, Interlocal Art. III**
  - Fla. Stat. §403.706: County has authority & responsibility for solid waste disposal
  - To size Environmental Park to accommodate unincorporated county & City's waste
  - To provide City with environmentally-responsible solid waste management services
  - To allow City to use any of County-owned recovered materials processing facilities
  - To supervise operations under Board of County Commissioners
  - To charge agreed-to rate structure





# Commitments under New River Agreement

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- **County**
  - To deliver all acceptable waste within its control
  - Permitted diversion of any & all recycling, recovered materials, organic materials
- **New River**
  - To provide safe, permitted disposal site

