



Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee

# Future Annexation Strategy Referral

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# Presentation Outline

## ▶ **Background**

The Rusk Report & Existing Annexation Strategy

## ▶ **Policy**

Impacts on Annexation

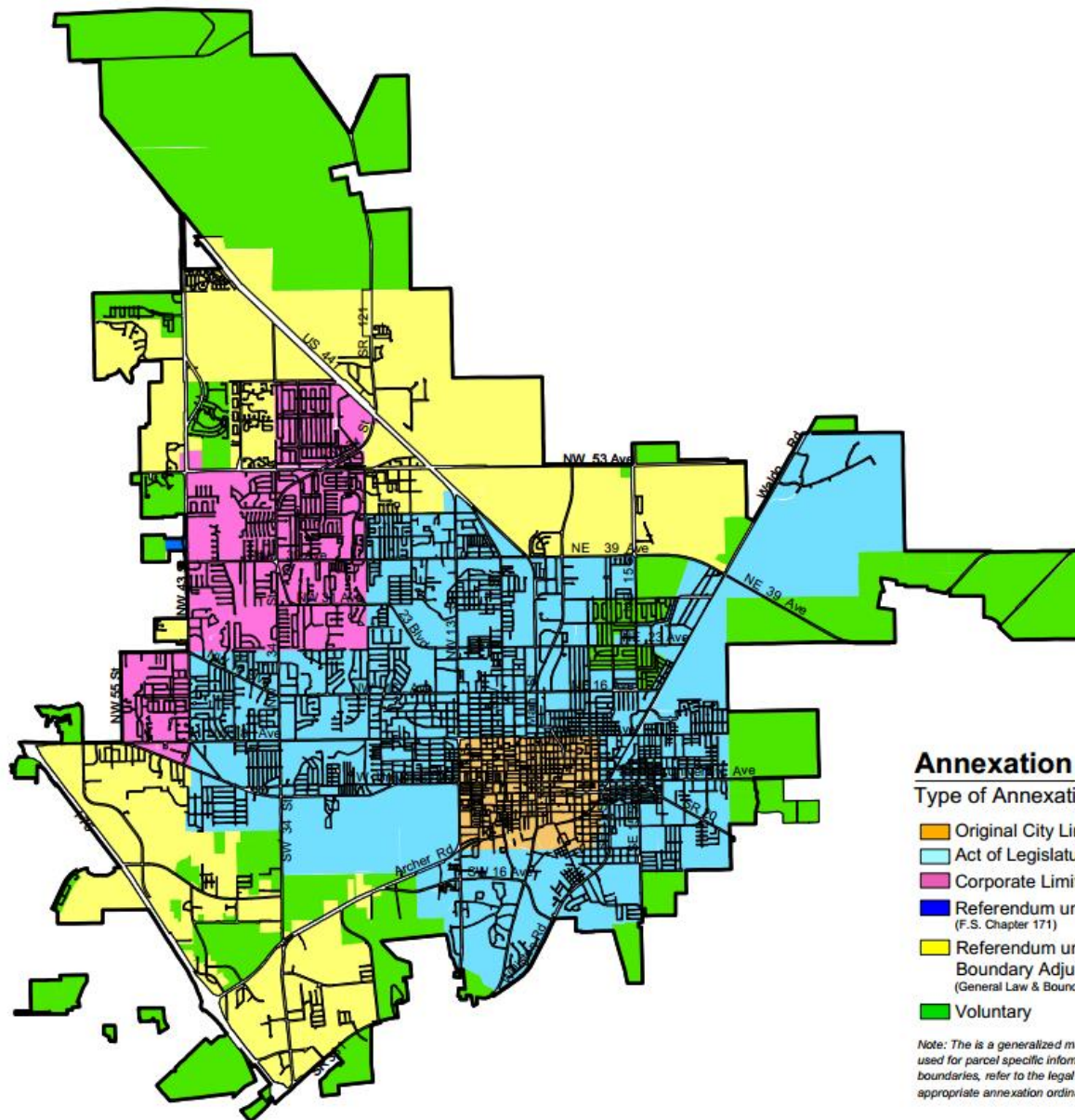
## ▶ **Action**

Discussion of Future Annexation Strategy

# Rusk Report: “Healthy City, Healthy Region”

*“In the Age of Sprawl, a central city’s ability to defend its market share of regional growth through annexation is vitally related to the city’s economic, social, and fiscal health.”*

# Annexation History by Type



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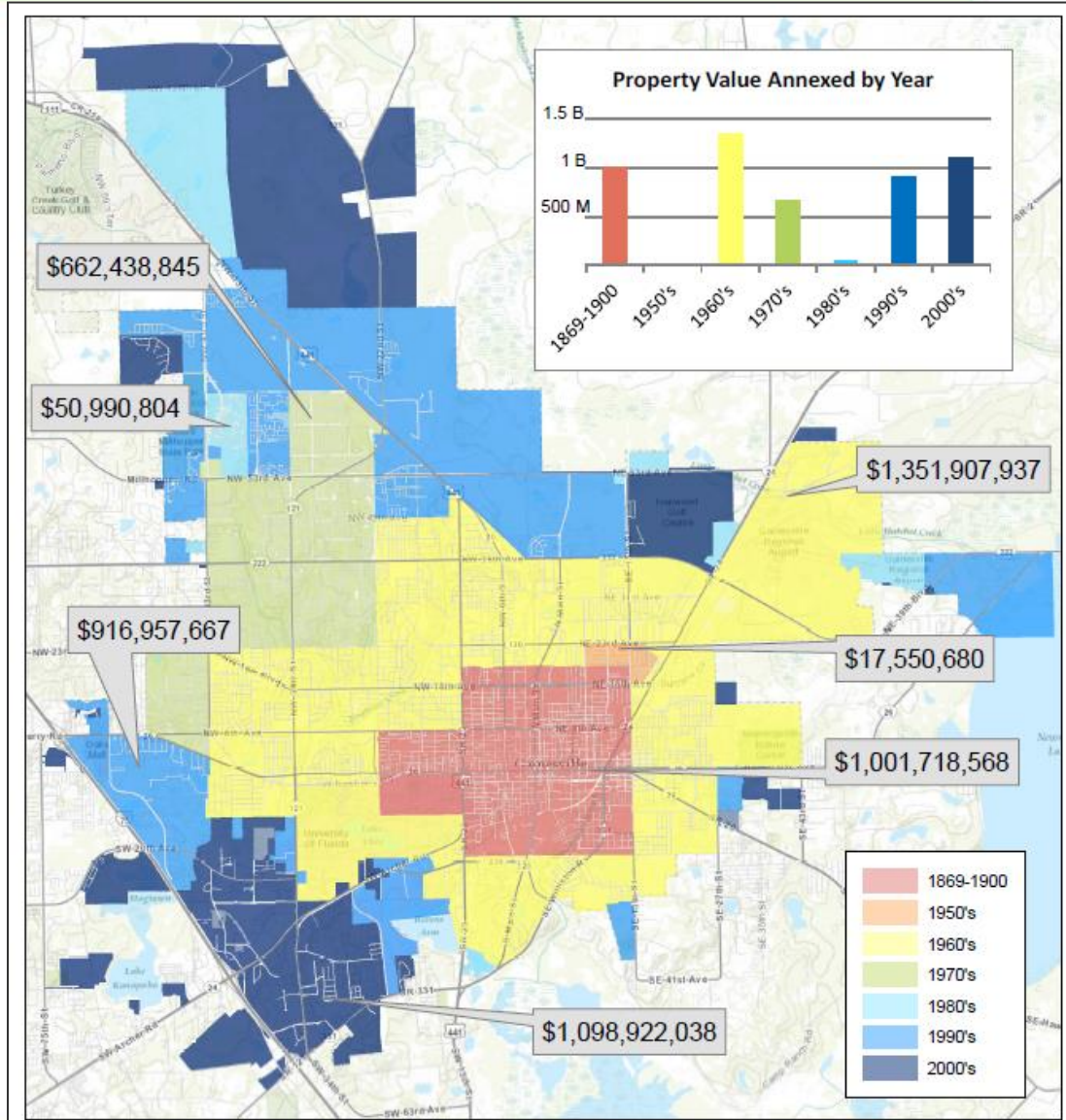
### Type of Annexation

- Original City Limits
- Act of Legislature
- Corporate Limits Council
- Referendum under General Laws (F.S. Chapter 171)
- Referendum under Boundary Adjustment Act (General Law & Boundary Adjustment Act)
- Voluntary

*Note: This is a generalized map and should not be used for parcel specific information. For precise boundaries, refer to the legal descriptions in the appropriate annexation ordinances.*



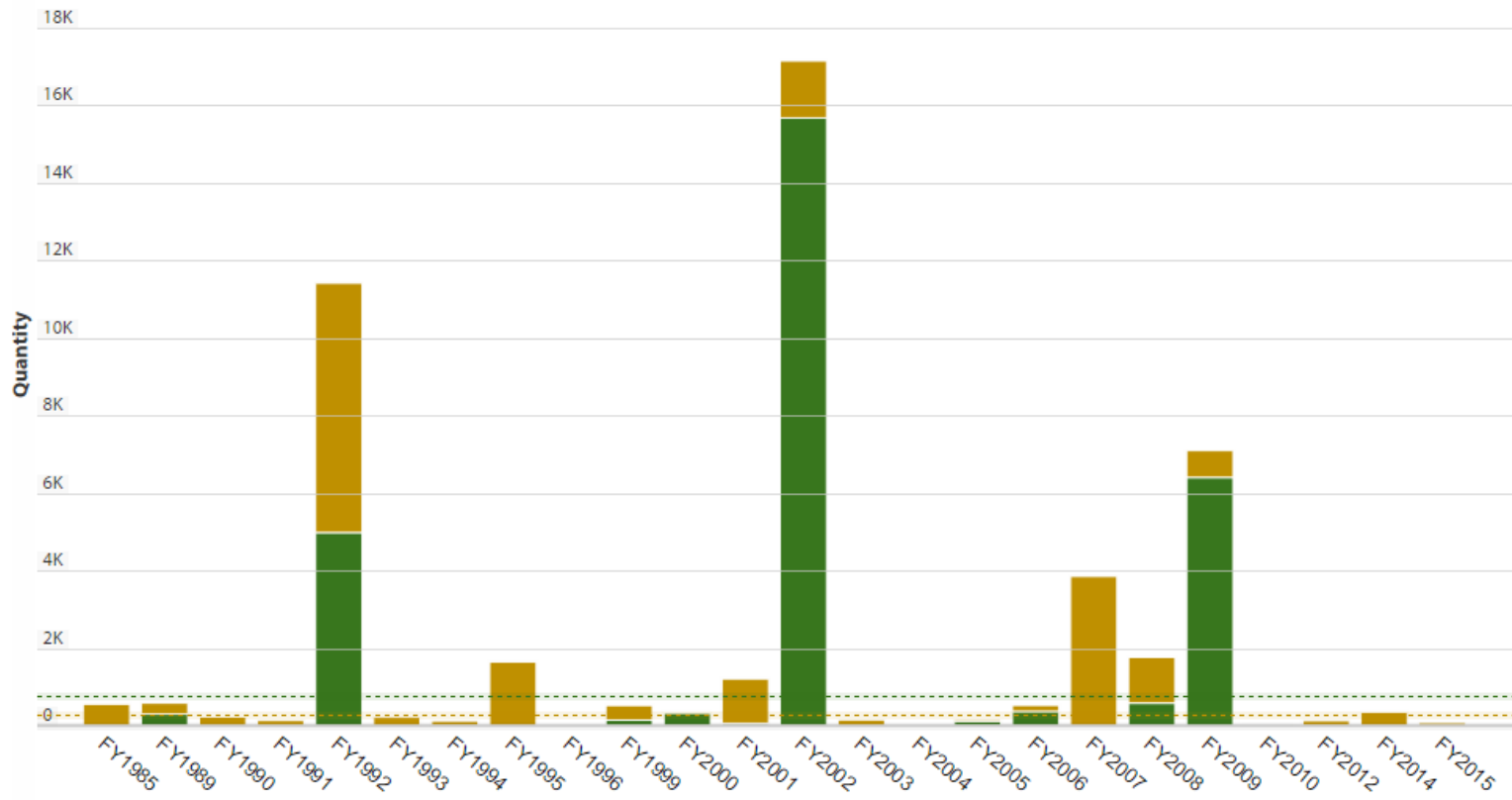
# Taxable Property Value Impact as of FY2013



# Population & Acreage Impact at time of annexation



■ Population Increase due to Annexation    ■ Acreage Increase due to Annexation  
 - - - Average Population Increase per Annexation (711)    - - - Average Acreage Increase per Annexation (254)



## ▶ Annexation Strategy

**Areas seeking to annex into the City of Gainesville will be annexed. The City of Gainesville will facilitate areas desiring annexation, regardless of size. The City of Gainesville will review market research, voting patterns and other information to define areas that have the highest likelihood for annexation.**

# Annexation Policy and Strategy, 2002

## ▶ Annexation Policy 1

- Annexation proposals will be initiated to efficiently provide urban services to areas of unincorporated Alachua County.

## ▶ Annexation Policy 2

- All annexations will be within the adopted Urban Reserve Area. Upon annexation Gainesville will provide to the newly annexed area, the same services that are provided to current municipal residents.

## ▶ Annexation Policy 3

- At least 50 percent of the urban area included in the Gainesville Urban Reserve Area will be annexed by 2010, The unincorporated area of Gainesville is approximately 100 square miles. This will approximately double the area of the City of Gainesville



# Annexation Policy and Strategy, 2002, cont.

## ▶ Annexation Policy 4

- The entire Gainesville Regional Utilities serve area for water, wastewater, electricity and gas that meet the criteria of the Act, will be annexed into the City of Gainesville, as soon as possible.

## ▶ Annexation Policy 5

- Require incorporation into the city limits of Gainesville, in exchange for discretionary benefits.

## ▶ Annexation Policy 6

- The City of Gainesville encourages the annexation of neighborhoods and commercial properties that are contiguous to the city limits.

# Recent Policy Decisions that Impact Annexation

- ▶ Tree Ordinance
- ▶ Environmental Ordinance
- ▶ Suspension of connection charges in unincorporated area

# Request for Guidance

- ▶ Discussion on Gainesville's future annexation strategy and direction to staff

# Urban Reserves

