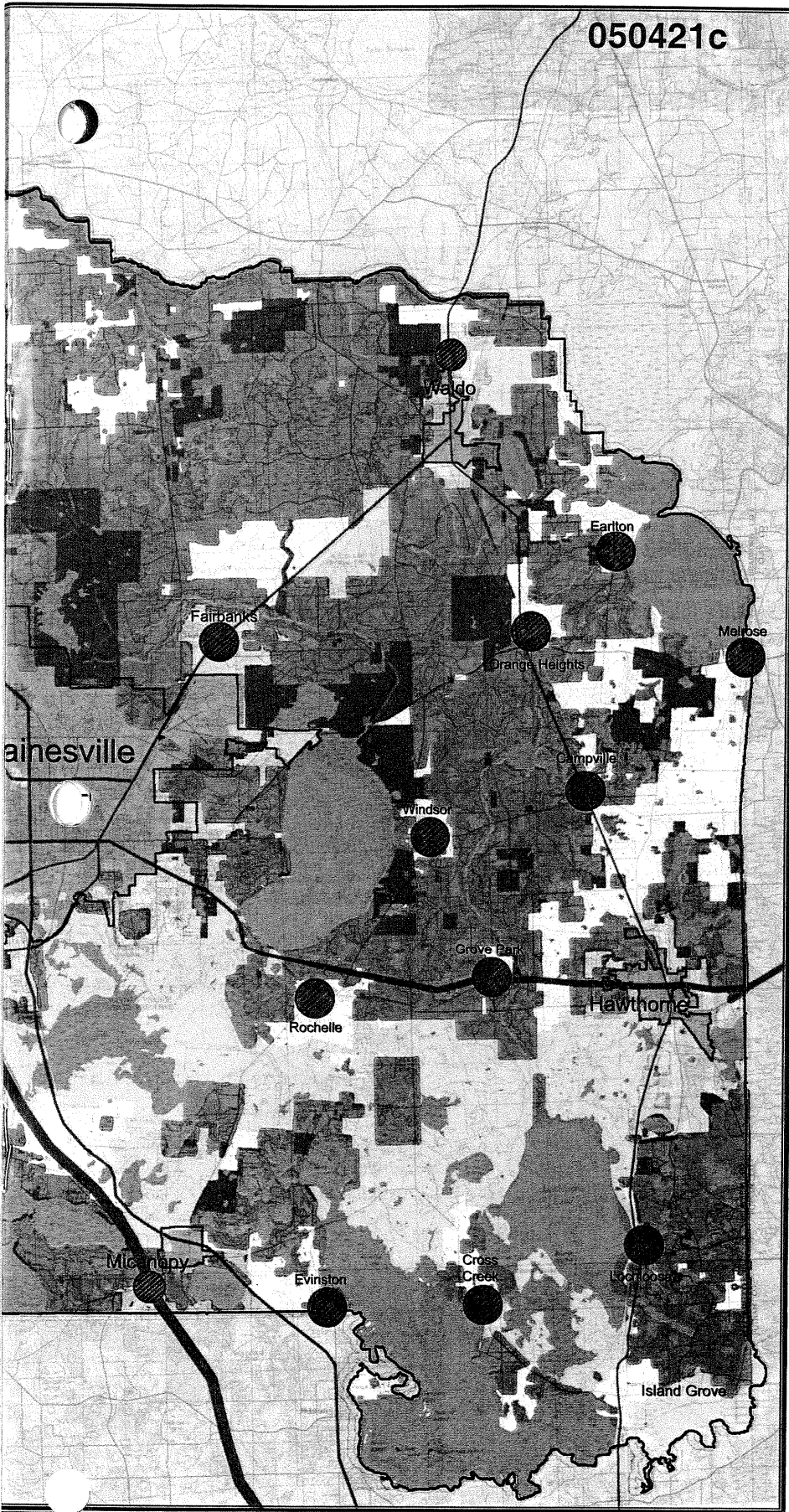


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Action Strategies

Intergovernmental Coordination

- Enter into new interlocal agreements to transition the CVPC into a planning council/commission to advance the countywide vision
- Create a multi-jurisdictional task force to amend the Boundary Adjustment Act
- Pursue legislation to allow for easier annexation of enclaves
- Adopt a new model template for transition of service agreements that distinguishes between rural and urban services

Comprehensive Planning

- Enter into joint planning area agreements for the unincorporated areas to:
- Evaluate county and municipal comprehensive plans within the context of the countywide vision
- Integrate the countywide vision into county and municipal comprehensive plans
- Develop special area plans within each community's Reserve Area and Extraterritorial Reserve Area—based on the countywide vision
- Create an incentive program to encourage private landowners to keep their lands in active agricultural use or as undeveloped preserve areas
- Create a Springs Protection overlay district in the northwest quadrant of the county

Direct Growth Toward Existing Centers

- Seek funds to provide technical planning assistance to all communities to implement these action strategies
- Seek funds to assist small towns in funding needed infrastructure improvements to build capacity and spur downtown revitalization
- Develop a countywide economic development strategy to identify opportunities for growth in each municipality consistent with each individual community's economic goals


CONCEPTUAL PLAN

The conceptual plan demonstrates the location, function and character of future development based on the individual visions for the municipal reserve areas of each municipality. The plan reflects a strong emphasis on maintaining the natural and rural character of Alachua County. Low density residential development is envisioned in strategic locations with strong connections to existing and future town centers, activity centers, and rural hamlets where more intense non-residential development will occur.

Guiding Principles

- Concentrate future growth within existing municipal boundaries
- Create greenbelts/open spaces as buffers between communities
- Preserve the unique character of existing downtowns and town centers
- Focus future annexations primarily on enclaves
- Promote fiscally efficient growth and land use patterns
- Protect private property rights
- Ensure equal participation by municipalities, residents and the county in planning for the unincorporated areas
- Facilitate relationship building and communication between communities

LEGEND

-  preserve areas
-  rural/agricultural lands
-  hamlets/rural clusters
-  low density development
-  activity centers
-  municipal boundaries

