### DEPT OF DOING

# Annexation Strategies

August 24, 2017

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## Challenge One:

To create a tangible vision that inspires residents in the unincorporated area to join the City of Gainesville:

...what does Gainesville offer that families and neighborhoods need?

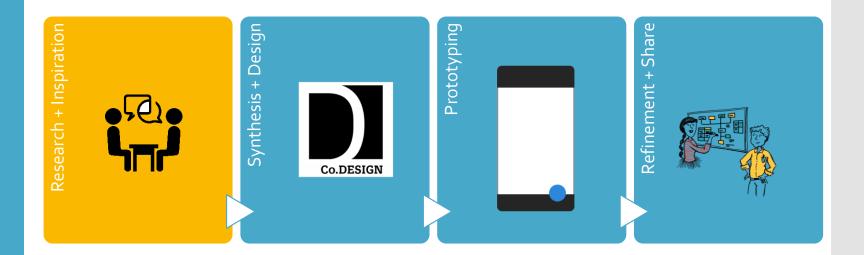


## Challenge Two:

To rethink, redesign and prototype a communication strategy that builds momentum around offering municipal services to neighborhoods that need them.



Approach





### SO FAR, WE'VE...

#### **SPOKEN WITH NEIGHBORHOODS**

Sterling Place Finley Woods Phase I

#### **ANALYZED FIRE RESPONSETIMES**

Northwest Gainesville South 13<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **EXPLORED PAST REFERENDUMS**

Southwest Annexation, 2002 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Annexation, 2008 Eastside Annexation, 2009 Northwest Annexation, 2012

#### **BRAINSTORMED BENEFITS OF ANNEXING**

Maintain response time for fire services Elimination of GRU surcharge







# insights & themes

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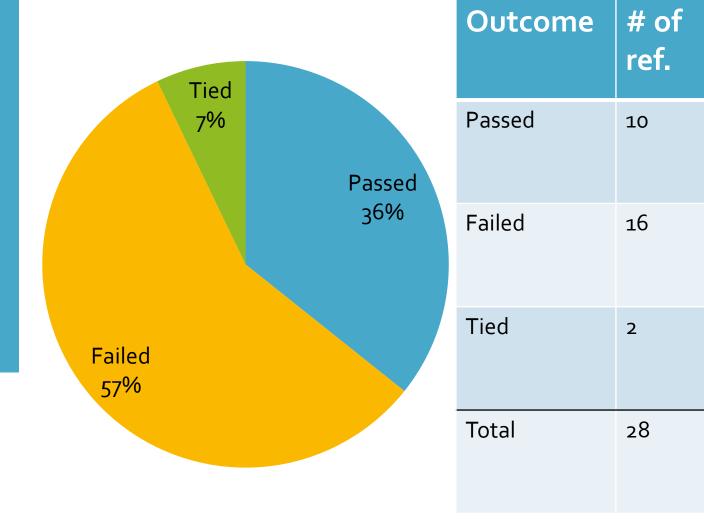
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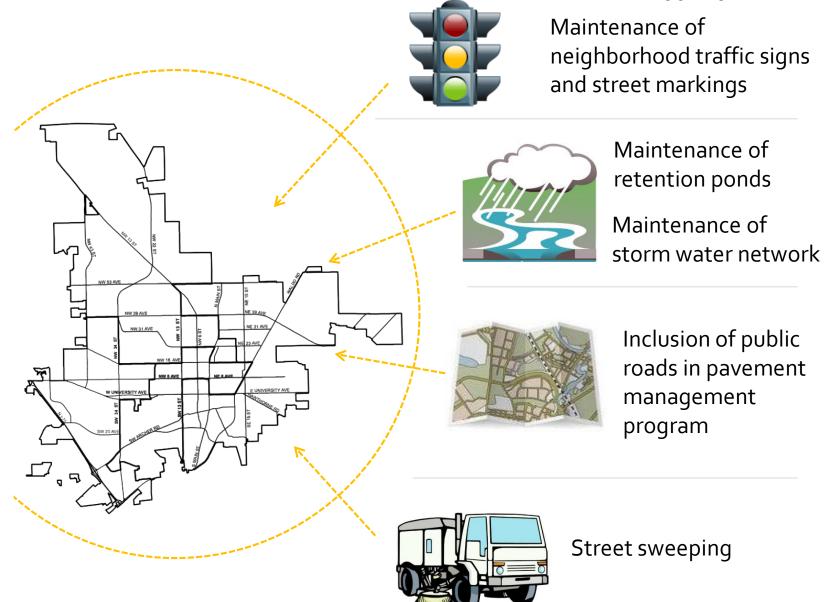
Past annexation referendums have a 36% success rate

### History of Annexation Referendums 1985 - 2012





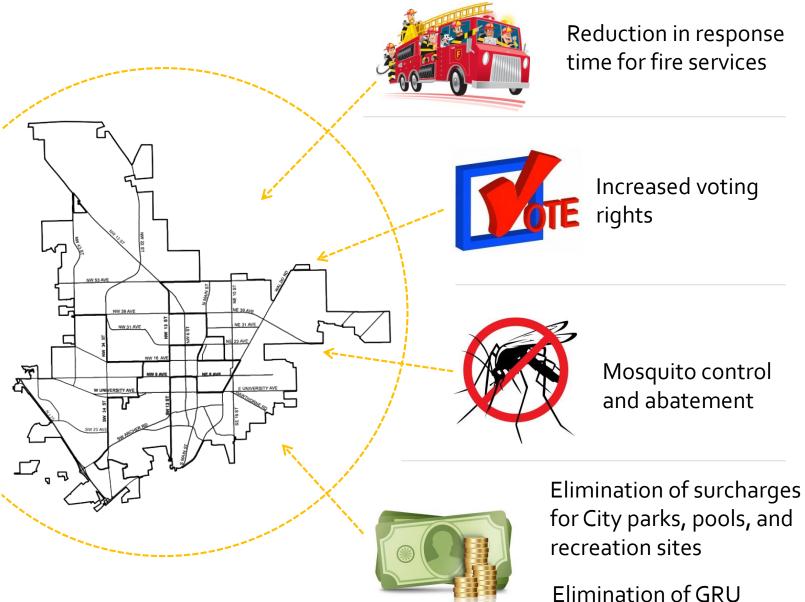
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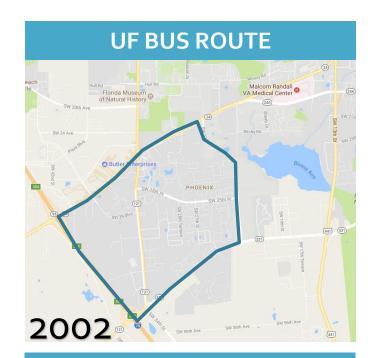
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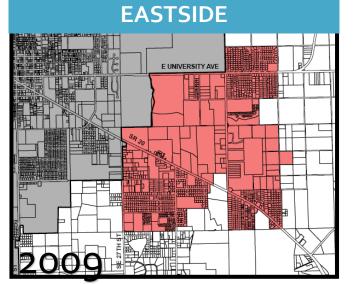


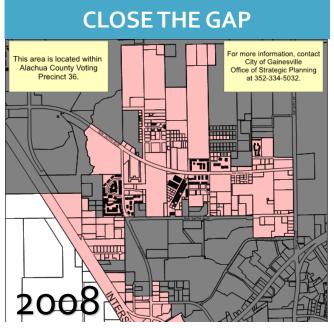


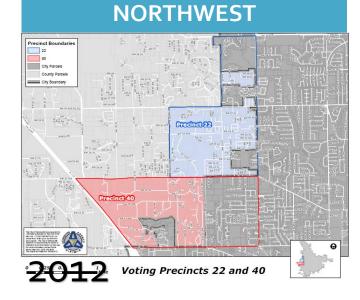
Issue-specific annexation referendums are more likely to pass





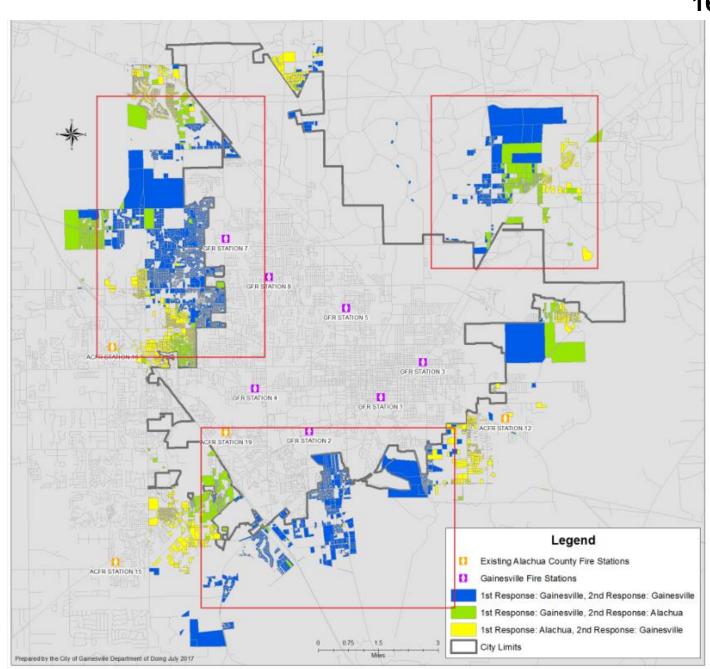






Certain neighborhoods will see an increase in fire rescue response times upon the termination of the FSAA





The County is proposing a fire assessment fee for the first time



# How will proposed fire fees work?

Cleveland Tinker

Alachua County is moving rward with plans to implement a fire assessment fee to y for fire services in unin-rporated Alachua County d four municipalities.

The assessment is expected raise more than \$13 million, i will replace the municipal

and that would have brought in roughly the same amount.

Still, property owners in Alachua County outside the city limits of Gainesville who got notices of the new fire assessment fee have flooded county officials with calls and created their own firestorm on social media.

If I live in Gainesville, does this

Not directly. Gainesville property owners already pay a fire assessment fee through their property tax bills.

#### How does it work?

Besides property owners in unincorporated Alachua County, the assessment will be paid by property owners in Alachua, Arches Hamath services.

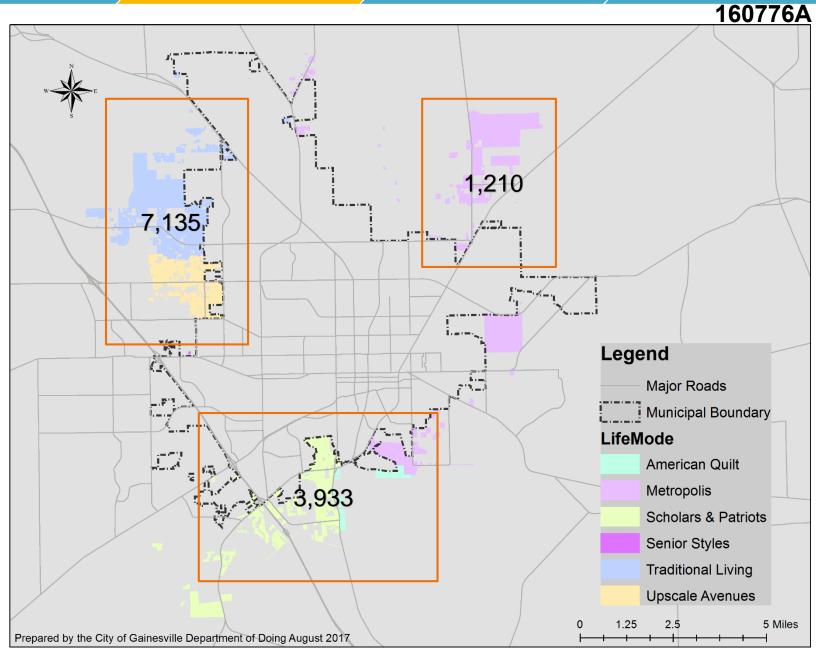
Kim Worley, city manager of Waldo, said Waldo had no choice but to accept the assessment because it does not have its own fire department.

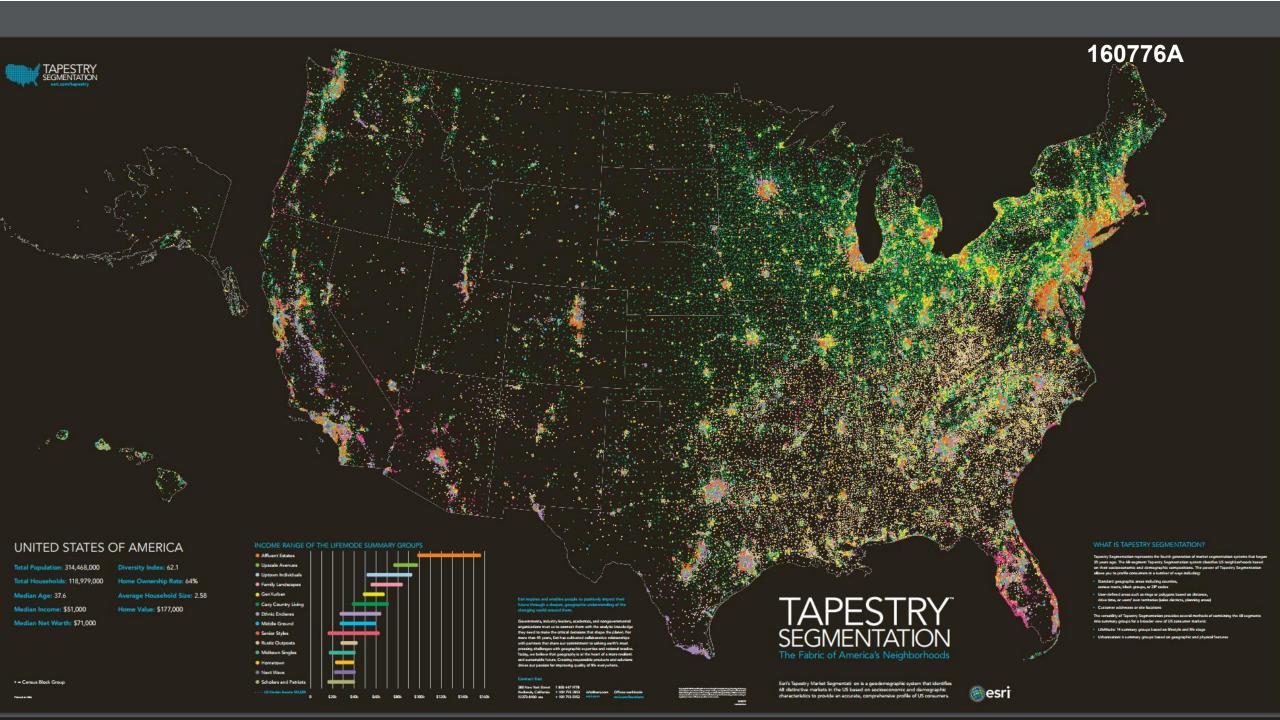
"I'm thankful we have Alachua County fire and rescue services in Waldo, and though it comes with a cost to property owners, we have to have

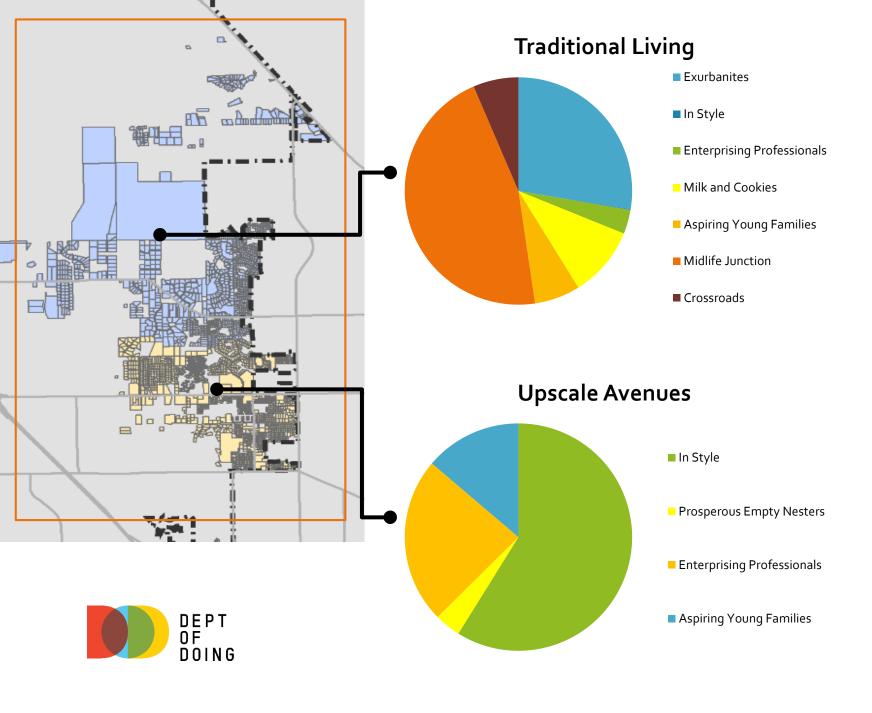


In the neighborhoods most impacted, the population is ...







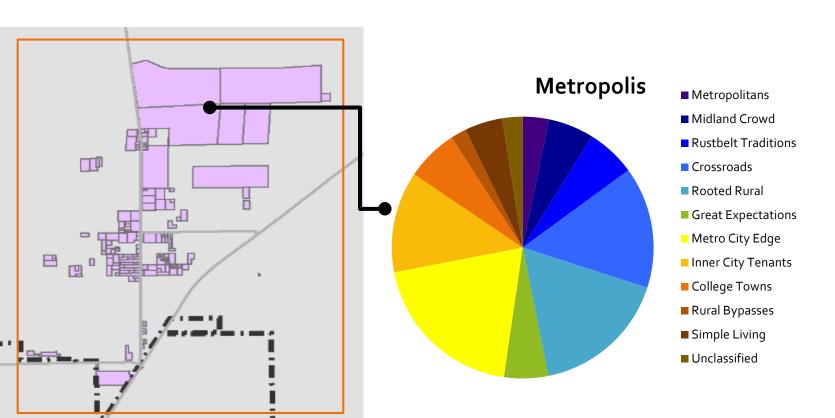


# Hardworking, settled families

- The group's higher median age of 38.2 years
- They typically own singlefamily homes in established, slow-growing neighborhoods
- They rely on traditional media such as newspapers for their news

# Have earned success from years of hard work

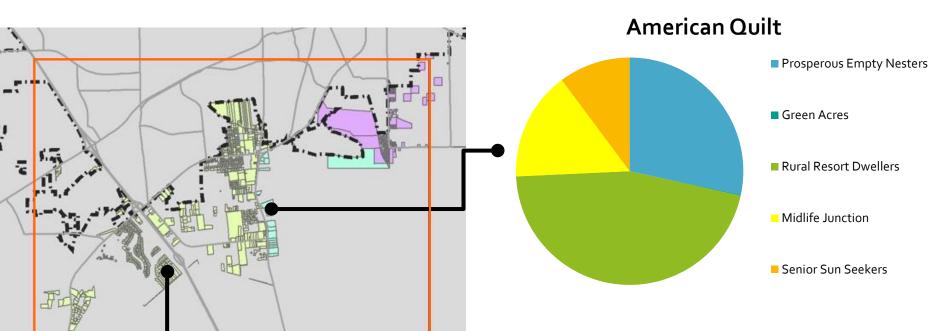
- Many in this group are also well educated with above-average earnings
- They have different housing choices, some have not settled on a home yet, such as the renters among Enterprising Professionals
- The median household income for the group is \$69,770, and their median net worth is \$182,330
- They play golf, lift weights, go bicycling, and take domestic vacations





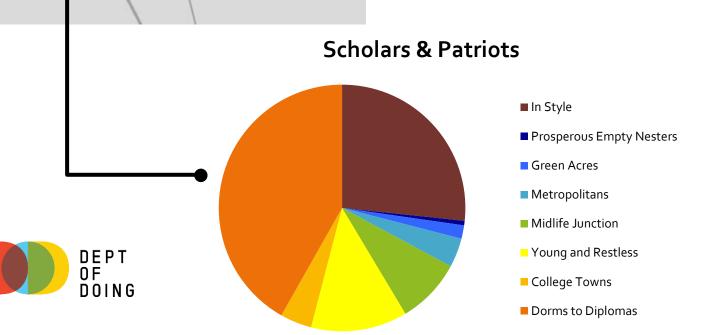
# 160776A Live and work in America's cities

- They live in older, single-family homes or row houses built in the 1940s or earlier
- Workers in most of the Metropolis segments commute to service-related jobs
- The median value of their homes is \$139,511
- The Metropolis group reflects the segments' diversity in housing, age, and income
- Employment status also varies from well-educated professionals to unemployed
- The median household income of the group is \$43,234
- Their lifestyle is also uniquely urban and media oriented
- They watch a variety of TV programs, from news to syndicated sitcoms, and would rather see movies than read books



### Live in America's small towns and rural areas 160776A

- Manufacturing and agriculture remain part of the local economy, but *American Quilt* also includes workers in local government, service, construction, communication, and utilities
- The Rural Resort Dwellers segment indicates an older population that is retiring to seasonal vacation spots
- Households in *American Quilt* are also more affluent, with a median household income of \$45,501, and more are homeowners
- They like fishing, hunting, power boats, pickups, and country music



# Shared traits include youth, with the attendant lower incomes, and atypical environments such as college life or military service

- Their home ownership rate is low
- Most live in townhouses or apartments, although onequarter reside in single-family homes
- College Towns and Dorms and Diplomas, are predominantly students who are pursuing college degrees
- Students tend to work part-time at low-paying jobs to support themselves while attending school
- Scholars and Patriots residents' eclectic tastes in sports range from yoga to football
- They have wireless Internet connections, notebook computers, iPods, and digital cameras



# some early PROVOCATIONS

## What if:

...longer fire response times motivates neighborhoods to vote to annex?





Discussion

What if:

...residents were surveyed and interviewed to better understand what issues are important to them?





What if:

### ... it's citizen driven?



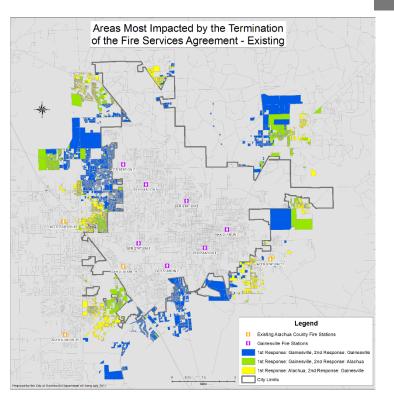




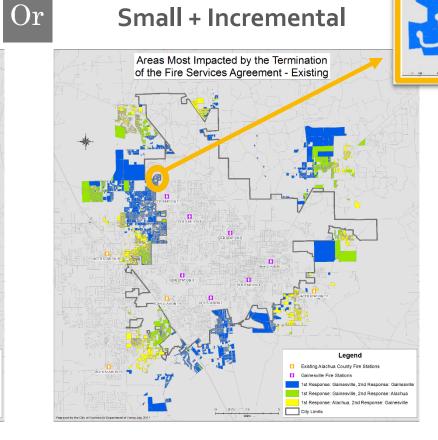
# **Discussion**

Scope





### **Small + Incremental**





City-initiated

Or

Citizen-initiated

Driver





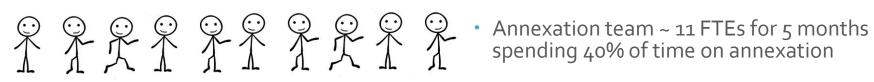


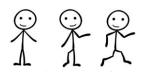
# Resource allocation:

SW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Example



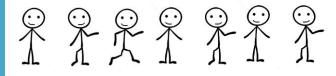
 Strategic Planning Division ~ 4.5 FTEs for 6-8 months spending 100% of time on annexation





• Communications team ~ 3 FTEs for 5 months spending 30% of time on annexation





City Commission ~ 1 Mayor and 6 Commissioners for one day holding signs



• Design Consultant ~ 1 Graphic Design contract





What we need from you:





