

## FINANCING EFFICIENCY AND LIVEABILITY PROJECTS

Energy efficiency upgrades can improve overall affordability for both the commercial and residential sector. Encouragement of energy efficiency improvements is required of Florida utilities by the Florida Energy and Conservation Act subject to a municipal utility delivering certain volumes of electricity and/or natural gas. The Act requires qualified utilities to establish plans to reduce growth rates of weather-sensitive peak demand and to have the Florida Public Service Commission review and adopt those plans on a cycle not to exceed five years.

### BACKGROUND:

The City of Gainesville has been a leader in creating and supporting energy-efficiency improvements regardless of requirements by the State of Florida.

### GOAL:

The City of Gainesville desires to continue as a leader in energy-efficient improvements.

### POLICY:

The City of Gainesville shall participate with government agencies and non-government entities who provide capital for energy-efficiency improvement programs within its service area, subject to maintaining a neutral financial impact on non-participating GRU customers. GRU will offer on-bill repayment programs in order to facilitate and encourage energy-efficiency improvement programs offered by third parties.