



# Community Update

September 30, 2011

A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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## FY12 Final Budget Approved

The Alachua County Commission gave final approval to the fiscal year 2011-12 budget Tuesday. Commissioners Byerly, Long, and DeLaney voted in favor of the budget while Commissioners Pinkoson and Baird were in dissent.

The Board approved a general fund property tax rate of 8.5696 mills, which represented an approximately 2.3 percent increase over the current year's general fund tax rate of 8.3763 mills. As property values have dropped approximately 3 percent, the new tax rate is projected to generate \$380,000 less than the current fiscal year's approximately \$95.66 million in property tax revenues.



Millage rates for the municipal services taxing units (MSTU) that fund law enforcement, fire services and general county services in the unincorporated county remained at the FY 2011 levels, which will result in a decline in revenues for each MSTU. Property tax revenues for the three MSTUs and the general fund are projected to be approximately \$111.8 million, or about \$838,000 below this current fiscal year's revenues.



# County Receives Award of Excellence for Comprehensive Plan

The Alachua County Commission was presented an Award of Excellence for its Comprehensive Plan on September 27, 2011, by Allison Megrath, AICP, Chair of the Awards Committee for the American Planning Association Florida Chapter.

"The award is based on five criteria: innovation, transferability, implementation, quality and comprehensiveness," said Ms. Megrath. "The Awards Committee this year felt that the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan exceeded the requirements that are provided by the State for a Comprehensive Plan, and so I am pleased to present this award to you."

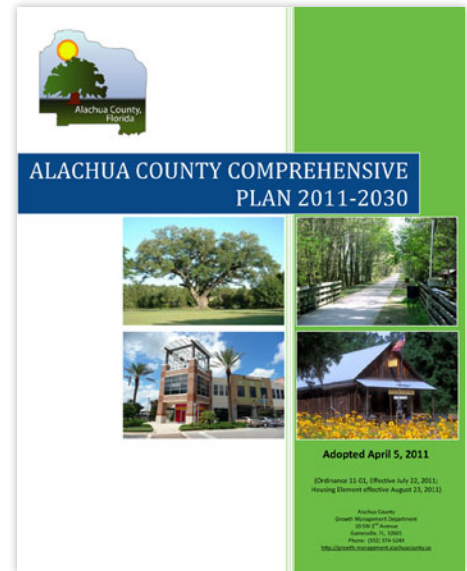
The Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030 consists of reinforcing strategies throughout the Plan's 15 Elements, including new Energy and Community Health Elements, to achieve the community's vision in the areas of land use, transportation, housing, energy, health, economic development and resource protection, and to help create a vibrant, healthy and sustainable future for all residents and businesses, and for many generations to come. The Comprehensive Plan can be accessed online [here](#).

County Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, AICP, said, "This award by the association of professional planners in

Florida is a tribute to the effort and commitment by the Alachua County community, and the County Commission, to innovative planning in the long term interest of the physical, economic and social well being of the County."

For more information about APA Florida visit <http://floridaplanning.org>.

For more information about the Growth Management Department, go to <http://growth-management.alachuacounty.us> or call 352-374-5249.



Top: Click on the image to view the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030  
Bottom: County Commission Chair Lee Pinkoson, Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, Principal Planner Ken Zeichner, and Allison Megrath, AICP, Chair of the Awards Committee showing the award trophy at the September 27, 2011, County Commission meeting

## 13th Annual Trashformations Recycled Art Competition

From an egret made of milk jugs to a copper butterfly, reused and recyclable materials are finding their way to the Florida Museum of Natural History.



One of the winning pieces from last year's Trashformations competition

The Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives and the Florida Museum of Natural History are hosting the 13th annual "Trashformations," a juried student recycled art show and competition. The competition begins at 5:30 p.m. on November 18, 2011, at the Florida Museum of Natural History (in the [University of Florida Cultural Plaza](#), SW 34th Street and Hull Road, Gainesville).

All artwork entered in the contest must be comprised of 70% or more recycled/recyclable/reused materials. Cash prizes will be awarded for winning entries in middle school, high school and college categories. There will also be The Waste Watcher and Museum awards. Applications (to participate) must be submitted by November 3, at 5 p.m. [Click here](#) for a printable application/brochure.

The Trashformations exhibit is free and open to the public.

For more information [click here](#), or contact the Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives at 352-374-5245.

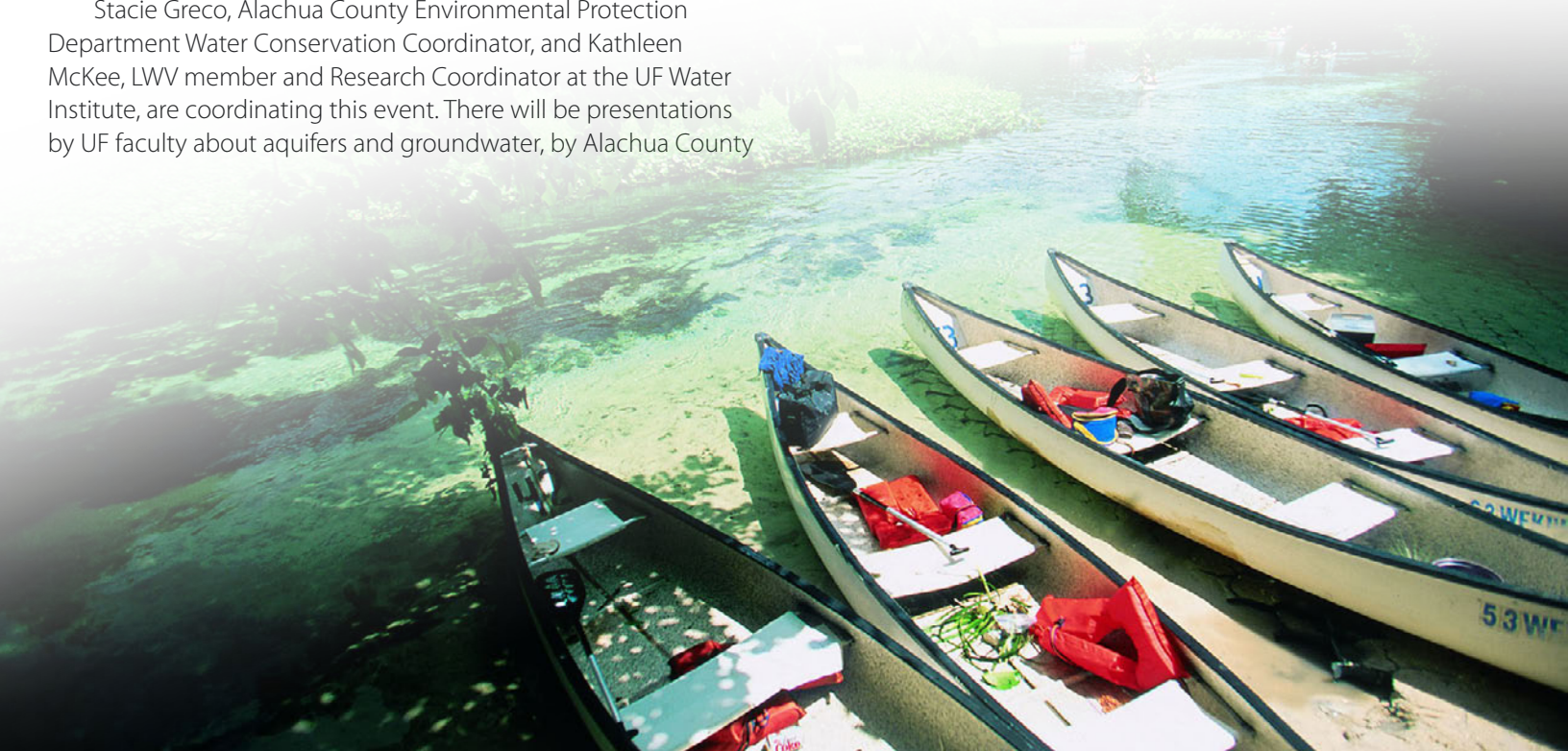
## Future of Water Supply Forum

The League of Women Voters of Alachua County/Gainesville and the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department invite the public to attend a water forum titled "The Status and Future of our Water Supply" on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Oak Hammock (5100 SW 25th Blvd., Gainesville).

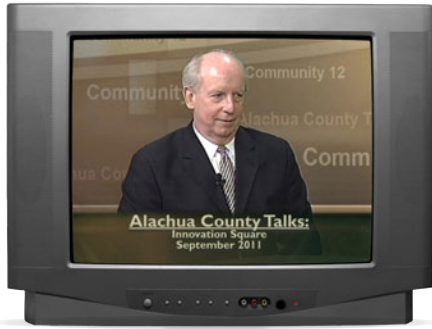
Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Water Conservation Coordinator, and Kathleen McKee, LWV member and Research Coordinator at the UF Water Institute, are coordinating this event. There will be presentations by UF faculty about aquifers and groundwater, by Alachua County

EPD about water permitting, and by Water Management Districts about trends in groundwater in North Florida. Citizens will have the opportunity to have their questions answered during a panel discussion following presentations by regional water experts.

For more information, visit [www.alachuacountywater.org](http://www.alachuacountywater.org) or contact Stacie Greco at 352-264-6829 or [sgreco@alachuacounty.us](mailto:sgreco@alachuacounty.us).



## What's On "Alachua County Talks"



Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the [Channel 12 Show Schedule](#).

Click the television to view this edition of "Alachua County Talks." it features an in-depth interview with Ed Poppell, Vice President for Business Affairs and Economic Development at the University of Florida. The subject is the new Innovation Square District.

For more information, call the Alachua County Communications Office at 352-374-5204.

## County Converts Waste Cooking Oil into Fuel and Electricity



lowering operating costs, the County's production of biodiesel reduces local dependency on foreign oil and increases use of renewable energy.

The 100% biodiesel (B-100) is produced at ACEPD's Hazardous Waste Collection Center and fuels a generator capable of providing enough electricity to allow the Center to be off the local electrical grid for entire workdays. The biodiesel is also being used to supplement conventional fuels for the County's waste hauling truck fleet to reduce fuel costs. ACEPD is currently producing biodiesel at a cost of less than \$2.50 per gallon including the costs of labor and materials.

"For Alachua County, using waste vegetable oil to produce diesel fuel is proving to be a good business practice both financially and environmentally" said Chris Bird, Alachua County Environmental Protection Director. "Improper disposal of waste cooking through sink drains can result in costly plumbing repair bills and pipe blockages and overflows that may cause raw sewage spills into local waterways. What really makes ACEPD's biodiesel program cost effective is that our Hazardous Waste Center already has a well established network for collecting reusable materials such as waste vegetable oil."

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is cutting costs by processing vegetable based waste cooking oil to produce diesel fuel for County trucks and an electrical generator that can power a County building. Besides

ACEPD's biodiesel program partners include a local chemical manufacturer SiVance, Gainesville Regional Utilities, and Oak Hall School. ACEPD has established convenient drop off locations for waste vegetable oil at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center and the five Rural Collection Centers. Most of the used cooking oil collected for this operation is supplied by households. Additionally, ACEPD is receiving materials from two downtown Gainesville restaurants, Emiliano's and Manuel's Vintage Room.

For more information on biodiesel production or to find out more about the County's waste vegetable oil collection service to homeowners and businesses, visit the [waste oil recycling website](#), or call 352-334-0440.



Left and below: A collection sign and equipment used to make biodiesel

# October Extension Programs

## Family & Consumer Sciences Programs

### Financial Management Series - Equipping Your Financial Toolbox

This series includes:

Session One: Managing Your Finances and Making Credit Work for You – October 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,  
 Session Two: Important Papers; What to Keep, Where and How Long, October 17, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,  
 Session Three: Basic Estate Planning – October 24, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Food Safety and Quality Program (ServSafe®)** –October 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

## Environmental Horticulture Programs

**Edible Landscaping in Alachua County** – October 6, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Water Smart -- saving water in your landscape.** Co-instructor: Dr. Aparna Gazula, Commercial Hort. Agent – October 12, 6:30 p.m. to 8p.m.

# Sustainability Connection Newsletter

The Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives, Facilities Management Division, Environmental Protection Department and the Sustainability Program are coordinating to produce "Sustainability Connection." This quarterly newsletter contains articles about environmental sustainability topics and projects.

Alachua County Waste Alternatives Specialist, Jeff Klugh said, "Sustainability is quickly evolving from a new idea into normal operations for businesses and governmental organizations." He continued, "Alachua County's various departments have been working to operate in a more sustainable way for some time, and have been successful in many areas."

Click to view the [Sustainability Connection newsletter](#).

For more information contact the Alachua County Waste Management Division at 352-374-5213 or Jeff Klugh at [jklugh@alachuacounty.us](mailto:jklugh@alachuacounty.us).

**Growing Fruit in Alachua County** – October 19, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Attracting Butterflies and Pollinators to Your Garden** – October 27, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

## Agriculture & Natural Resources Programs

**Aquatic Pest Control Applicator Pesticide School** - Wednesday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Worker Protection Standard** – Train the Trainer Workshop - Wednesday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

For more information about these programs, call 352-955-2402. Visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml> for additional programs offered by the Extension Office.

**Alachua County Government Sustainability Connection**  
September 2011

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Questions/Comments can be sent to [jklugh@alachuacounty.us](mailto:jklugh@alachuacounty.us)

**The Ghosts of Water: Past, Present and Future**  
by Stacie Greco  
Water Conservation Coordinator

I am sure that all of you have heard that you should use less water. It is likely you have even heard this message from me as the Environmental Protection Department's Water Conservation Coordinator. What is often missing from the pleas to turn off your irrigation system and to take shorter showers is the explanation of why it is so important to conserve water.

I am borrowing from a story of greed and redemption that we all know well to illustrate how the past, present, and future can motivate us to value the water that freely flows from our tap.

**The Ghost of Water Past- Springs**  
Here in North Florida we are surrounded by so many beautiful springs, rivers, and wetlands that have been tremendous cultural, economic, and recreational resources in the region. Many people don't realize that when they leave the tap running, over irrigate their yards, or neglect leaky plumbing that they are negatively impacting our favorite swimming holes and tourist attractions. Our drinking water comes from the aquifer beneath us, whether it is from your own well or a municipal source. When we turn on our faucets or sprinklers we are using water that may have flowed to one of our springs, had we not re-directed it for our own use. The groundwater that supports us all (including the critters in the springs, rivers, and lakes) is extremely low as depicted by this map created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (page 4). This is a detailed map, but the take home message is that if we continue to use water at a rate faster than it is re-charged by rain, then the springs as we know them will become a thing of the past.

*Springs depend on groundwater. Just like us*

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Click on the image to view the Sustainability Connection newsletter

The Sustainability Connection is a project of the Waste Management Division, Environmental Protection Department and the Sustainability Program

## Voting Experience Starts Early

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections helped create a real life experience for students at Mebane Middle School in Alachua on Tuesday. During their student government elections, students had the opportunity to experience what it is like to “go to the polls.” With voting booths supplied by the Supervisor of Elections, classrooms were set up as polling places where each student received a ballot and was able to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Over the past week, student candidates were out campaigning for various student government positions and the school campus was decorated with numerous election posters to raise awareness. Students proudly displayed “I Voted” stickers they received after casting their ballot. According to Student Government Advisor Alisha Williams, students were very enthusiastic about the elections as well as their voting experience and look forward to another opportunity to vote again in the future.



Students at Mebane Middle School participating in school elections

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections will be at the following upcoming events:

October 8  
15th Annual White Cane Walk (10 am – 12 Noon)  
Alachua, Florida at the Old City Hall Parking Lot, SR  
232 & Highway 441

October 8  
Family Literacy Festival (10 am – 12 Noon)  
Behind the Downtown Library Headquarters (in the  
courtyard), Gainesville

October 12  
15th Annual White Cane Awareness (11 am – 2 pm)  
Downtown Library Headquarters, 3rd Floor  
Conference Room, Gainesville

October 15-16  
Newberry Fall Festival (Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm and  
Sunday, 9 am – 3pm)  
Downtown Newberry, Florida along Seaboard Drive  
off Newberry Rd/State Road 26

## The 2011 Alachua County Fair

The 2011 Alachua County Fair will be held this year beginning Saturday, October 22, through Saturday, October 29, at the Alachua County Fairgrounds (3100 NE 39th Ave, Gainesville).

Click to visit the [Alachua County Fair Facebook page](#).

For more information (including ticket prices, hours, ticket locations, directions, etc.), visit the [Alachua County Fair website](#), or contact Stephen White at 352-354-3708 or [alachuafair@gmail.com](mailto:alachuafair@gmail.com).



# Commission Highlights

## September 27, 2011 Board Meeting



Commissioner Rodney J. Long  
 Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney  
 Commission Chair Lee Pinkoson  
 Commissioner Susan Baird  
 Commissioner Mike Byerly

### Video:

- ▶ Regular Meeting morning session
- ▶ Public Hearing evening session

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Bonnie Hinson Retirement

The Board presented a retirement memento to Bonnie Hinson after 41 years of service with the Alachua County Community Support Services Department

### National 4-H Week

The Board proclaimed October 2-8, 2011 as "National 4-H Week" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [4-H Week 2011.pdf](#)

### White Cane Safety Awareness Month

The Board proclaimed October 2011 as "White Cane Safety Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [2011 WHITE CANE DAY PROCLAMATION.pdf](#)

### Fire Prevention Week

The Board proclaimed September 9 - 15, 2011 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Fire Prevention Week 2011.pdf](#)

### Award of Excellence for the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan

The Board received the presentation and award for the American Planning Association Florida Chapter of an Award of Excellence for the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030.

### FY 2020 Fuel Reduction Plan

The Board heard the proposed 20 percent by FY 2020 Fuel Reduction Plan and provided direction.

Attachment: [Alachua County 20 Percent by 2020 Fuel Reduction Plan for Alachua County Fleet 08152011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Alachua County 20 Percent by 2020 Fuel Reduction Plan for Alachua County Fleet 060911.ppt](#)



Community Support Services Director, Elmira Warren, BoCC Chair, Lee Pinkoson, and Bonnie Hinson during Bonnie's Retirement recognition

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Eastside Community Redevelopment Area

The Board authorized staff to advertise the public hearings on the Finding of Necessity for the Eastside Community Redevelopment Area and to establish the Alachua County Community Redevelopment Agency and provide notice to taxing authorities as required by statute. The Board directed staff to reduce the undeveloped land in the plan, to eliminate the funding of individual businesses, and to estimate the staff costs of creating a CRA.

Attachment: [CRA Ordinance Powers.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CRA Resolution Finding.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CRA PowerPoint Presentation2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CRA PowerPoint Presentation2.pptx](#)

Attachment: [CRA Finding Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CRA Map Eastside Boundary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CRA Resolution Declare BoCC Agency.pdf](#)

### CHOICES Agreements

The Board approved the CHOICES agreements with outside providers to deliver health services to Alachua County residents. CHOICES Advisory Board and staff support the approval.

**Amount:** \$697,000.00

Attachment: [Helping Hands CHOICES 6th Amend Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Equal Access CHOICES 6th Amend Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ACHD Flu Mist Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Meridian CHOICES Provider Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCCPresentationChoicesExternalFunding.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ACHD CHOICES Health Ed and Wellness Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [UF CHOICES Mobile Clinic 2nd Amend Final.pdf](#)

### Jail Study Consultant

The Board postponed making a decision on hire a consultant to study the jail until after special meeting with the Sheriff on Tuesday October 4, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Boardroom located at 12 SE 1st Street, downtown Gainesville.

### Regulation of Firearms

The Board conducted a public hearing and adopted the attached ordinance repealing or amending various provisions of the County Code relating to the regulation of firearms.

Attachment: [1\\_FirearmsCodeProvisions.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2\\_FirearmsBill.pdf](#)

Attachment: [4\\_FirearmsMemo.pdf](#)

Attachment: [3\\_FirearmsOrdinance.pdf](#)

### FY12 Millage Rates and Final Budgets

The Board conducted public hearing and adopted the final FY12 millage rates and final budgets for the General County, MSTU - Unincorporated Services, MSTU - Law Enforcement Funds, MSTU - Fire Protection Services and Alachua County Debt Service Funds. Approve the FY12-16 Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program.

Attachment: [4a Resol 12 for Final MSTU Unincorporated Millage.pdf](#)

Attachment: [6a Resol 12 for Final MSTU Fire Service Millage.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 FY12 to FY16 5 Year CIP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 Agenda Final Public Hearing Sept 27 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [3a Reso 12 for Final General County Millage.pdf](#)

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

- Attachment: [3b Resol 12 for Final General County Budget.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [4b Resol 12 for Final MSTU Unincorporated Budget.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [5b Resol 12 for Final MSTU Law Enforc Budget.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [6b Resol 12 for Final MSTU Fire Services Budget.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [7 FY12 Budget Decision Package Tier 1 as of Sept 20.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [8 FY12 Final Budget.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [5a Resol 12 for Final MSTU Law Enforc Millage.pdf](#)

### Future Land Use Map 2030

The Board adopted CPA 02 11 to designate publicly owned parcel as Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2030.

- Attachment: [ORD 11\\_ Millcreek.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Application CPA 02 11.pptx](#)
- Attachment: [FDOE Letter 6 15 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDACS Letter 6 9 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [DCA Letter 6 9 11Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [CPA 02 2011\\_ Mill Creek additions.pdf](#)

### Future Land Use Map 2030

The Board adopted CPA 03 11 to designate publicly owned land identified as Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2030.

- Attachment: [CPA 03 2011\\_ Odum Preserve\\_12 17 2011.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [DCA Letter 6 9 11Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDACS Letter 6 9 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDOE Letter 6 15 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Application CPA 03 11.pptx](#)
- Attachment: [ORD 11\\_ Odum.pdf](#)

### Future Land Use Map 2030

The Board adopted CPA 04 11 to designate publicly owned parcel as Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2030.

- Attachment: [DCA Letter 6 9 11Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [ORD 11\\_ Northeast Flatwoods.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDOE Letter 6 15 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Application CPA 04 11.pptx](#)
- Attachment: [CPA 04 2011\\_ NE Flatwoods Preserve.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDACS Letter 6 9 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)

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- Attachment: [FDACS Letter 6 9 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [DCA Letter 6 9 11Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [CPA 05 2011\\_ Lake Alto.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [FDOE Letter 6 15 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [ORD 11\\_ Lake Alto Swamp.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Application CPA 05 11.pptx](#)

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Future Land Use Map 2030

The Board adopted CPA 06 11 publicly owned parcels as Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2030

Attachment: [CPA 06 2011\\_ Watermelon Pond.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDACS Letter 6 9 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Application CPA 06 11.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ORD 11\\_ Watermelon Pond.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DCA Letter 6 9 11Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDOE Letter 6 15 11 Amend ESR 11 2.pdf](#)

### Land Development Regulation Commission

The Board convened as the Land Development Regulation Commission and found the proposed text amendment as proposed by Staff consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners and adopted the proposed text amendment, as proposed by staff

Attachment: [ULDC\\_EducationalFacilities.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDCOakHallLightingSRComplete.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDCEFOutdoorLighting.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ULDCEFOutdoorLighting.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDCLightingOrdinance.pdf](#)

### Resolution Z-11-14

The Board approved Resolution Z-11-14 with the Conditions and Bases therein

Attachment: [ZOS0711SRComplete.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOS0711NotificationList.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Z0619.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Z1114.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOS0711StaffPresentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOS0711.pptx](#)

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### Proposed Church on DRC Agenda

The following item is on the agenda for the October 6, 2011, 1:30 p.m. Development Review Committee (DRC) held in room 209 of the County Administration Building located at 12 SE 1st Street downtown Gainesville.

**Greater Liberty Hill United Methodist Church** - A public hearing to consider a Preliminary and Final Development Plan for a proposed place of worship including the construction of a sanctuary with a covered entry and associated infrastructure to be located at **7600 NW 23rd Avenue** in Gainesville, FL.

View the [DRC agenda](#).

For more information, contact the Alachua County Growth Management Department at 374-5249 or Christine Berish at [cberish@alachuacounty.us](mailto:cberish@alachuacounty.us).

### Jail Special Meeting 10-4-11

The Alachua County Commission is holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday October 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is in Room 209 of the County Administration Building (12 SE 1st Street, downtown Gainesville). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future operation of the Alachua County Jail with Sheriff Sadie Darnell. This meeting may be viewed live on Channel 12 or online at the County's [Video on Demand](#) site. The meetings will be archived online, to be watched at the viewer's convenience, and replayed on channel 12.

As always, the public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

For more information, call the Alachua County Communications Office at 352-374-5204.

## Advisory Board Appointments

Ms. Beatriz E. De La Espriella was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2014.

Ms. Whitney Mutch was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2014.

Dr. Kent Malone was appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as an Essential Services Personnel to a term ending June 30, 2016.

Mr. Aaron Kelley was appointed to the Human Rights Board as an Attorney to a term ending June 30, 2014.

Dr. Cynthia M. Chestnut was appointed to the CHOICES Advisory Board as a Health Policy Professional to a term ending November 30, 2012.

Ms. Nancy Thayer was appointed to the CHOICES Health Care Board as a Hospital Employee to a term ending December 31, 2014.

# Alachua County Advisory Boards

# Get Involved

The Alachua County Commission is committed to citizen involvement on its advisory boards and is soliciting applications for the following vacancies:

**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:** One citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing, one alternate, one citizen representing employers within the county, one representing laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction

**Alachua County Housing Authority:** One alternate tenant-commissioner (this position requires residency in public housing or that applicant is on the Alachua County Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program)

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board:** Two citizens-at-large

**Board of Adjustment:** Two citizens-at-large

**CHOICES Advisory Board:** One managed care employee, one certified public accountant, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one attorney (w/ expertise in health care), one small business owner (< 100 employees)

**Environmental Protection Advisory Committee:** Three citizens-at-large, one alternate

**Gainesville/Alachua County Arts in Public Places Trust:** One professional in the field of art

**Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board:** One citizen-at-large

**Health Care Board:** One low-income health care consumer, one dentist, one pharmacist

**Historical Commission:** Two citizens-at-large

**Housing Finance Authority:** *One Citizen-at-large (knowledgeable in labor, finance or commerce), one citizen-at-large, one alternate*

**Human Rights Board:** One residential rental manager, one citizen-at-large, one alternate

**Original Florida Tourism Task Force:** One citizen-at-large (should be involved in the Tourism Industry)

**Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee:** *One citizen-at-large, one citizen-at-large (alternate)*

**Regional Transit System Advisory Board:** One senior citizen, one Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Representative

**Rural Concerns Advisory Committee:** *Three citizens involved in agriculture and/or silviculture, one Alachua County Agricultural Extension Office representative, one citizen residing in the unincorporated area outside of the urban cluster, one Preservation of Rural Property Values member*

**Tourist Development Council:** *Two Hotel Owner/Operators, one citizen involved in Tourist Industry/Tourist Development, one alternate*

**Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Program Advisory Council:** One alternate, two citizens-at-large

**Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizens Oversight Committee:** One City of Gainesville Resident (alternate), one Alachua County Resident (alternate)

*Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before December 31, 2011.*

[Click here for an application](#)

Applications are also available at the County Manager's Office on the 2nd Floor of the County Admin. Building, 12 SE 1st St., Gainesville. For more info., call 352-264-6904.