

## A Community Conversation - The Built Environment.

June 24th, 2015 @ 6:00 pm  
Alachua County Health Department  
224 SE 24th St, Gainesville

### Panelist:

[Stuart Cullen, PE LEED Green Associate \(Vice-President at George F. Young, Inc.\)](#)

[Ruth L. Steiner, Ph.D., MBA \(Professor and Director of Center for Health and the Built Environment at University of Florida - Department of Urban and Regional Planning\)](#)

[Glenn Acomb, FASLA \(Senior Lecturer at University of Florida - Department of Landscape Architecture\)](#)

[Ivan A. Oelrich, \(President at Oelrich Construction, Inc.\)](#)

[Theresa Spurling-Wood CIE, GGP, LEED AP \(Energy Conservation Specialist for Alachua County Public Schools\)](#)

### Moderator

[Nam Henderson - EPAC member](#)

### Position Statement

The **purpose** of this meeting is to consider what changes can be made in Alachua County to ensure a **sustainable future for our citizens** and a **sustainable future for this unique and wonderful place**.

Our **goal** is to talk briefly about our current state but to **determine what can and should be changed**.

We have selected a panel of experts that have worked hard to make our county a better place and who have a unique perspective about how actions today will impact tomorrow's Alachua County. In order to make this conversation most productive we are, for these meetings, adopting the following policy statement:

**We are here to discuss the future of ALL of Alachua County**, and what we discuss should be applicable to any future development anywhere in the County. **We are not here to discuss any particular project**.

**Sustainability**, for the purposes of this meeting, encompasses the following:

- **Social equity:** providing healthy environments for all of our citizens and visitors to live, work and play;
- **Environmental protection:** management of our ecosystems, our air and water, and our land use;
- **Economically viable:** providing for the prosperity of all of Alachua County's citizens;
- **Forward Thinking:** considering the long term in all decisions.

If you have comments or follow up questions during the meeting, please text them to 352.275.1344 or [gus@alachuacounty.us](mailto:gus@alachuacounty.us)