# Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Review Process



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## What are Comprehensive Plans?

- "The comprehensive plan shall provide the <u>principles</u>, <u>guidelines</u>, <u>standards</u>, <u>and strategies</u> for the orderly and balanced future...development of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements". Florida Statutes 163.3177 F.S.
- These are expressed as <u>Goals</u>, <u>Objectives</u>, and <u>Policies</u>, which must be consistent with a <u>Map Series</u>, and cover the following <u>Elements</u>:
  - Future Land Use & Maps
  - Capital Improvements
  - Transportation
  - Water and Sewer
  - Conservation
  - Recreation and Open Space
  - Housing
  - Coastal Management
  - Intergovernmental Coordination
  - Private Property Rights
- This is the foundational document guiding all decisions related to future growth.



### St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan

- Plan must be evaluated every 7 years to determine if an update is necessary
- Staff recommends update
  - Respond to changes to State regulations
  - Population (and other) change in St. Johns County, impacting all required elements
  - Incorporate updated Master Plans for each service areas/elements (i.e., Parks and Recreation, Fire Services, Libraries, etc.)
  - Incorporate public input
  - Other considerations
- Legally prescribed process
  - Letter of determination (i.e., whether to update) due to State by 08/2024
  - Comprehensive plan transmittal due 1-year later, by 07/2025
  - Similar to a Comprehensive Plan amendment: PZA→ BoCC → State agencies →
    PZA → BoCC adoption



#### Recommended Action Plan

- BoCC direction on letter of determination (whether to update)
- High level review
  - Legal statutorily required update
  - Policy BoCC input (listening tour) on goals/objectives/policies and areas of focus
- Service area/department review
  - Department/service area Master Plan or operational update based on level of service
  - Departmental updates to goals, objectives, policies for each element
  - Departmental update to Map Series
- Draft Comprehensive Plan Update for BoCC and public feedback

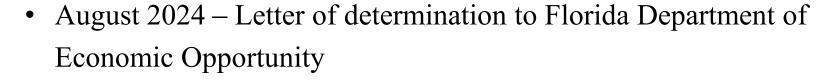


#### Recommended Action Plan cont.

- Public review and comment 30 days
  - Submit comments (via web/email/mail)
  - Public comment meetings
- Staff analysis of public comments
  - Categorization
  - Quantification
- Update the Draft in response to public and BoCC comments
- Final Comprehensive Plan Update



#### Milestones



- June 2025 Latest date for transmittal (PZA Hearing)
- July 2025 Latest date for transmittal (BoCC Hearing)
- State requires 60-day review after transmittal
- Adoption hearings



