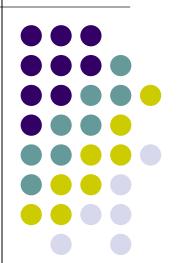


# Osceola County, Florida Vision and Growth Strategy

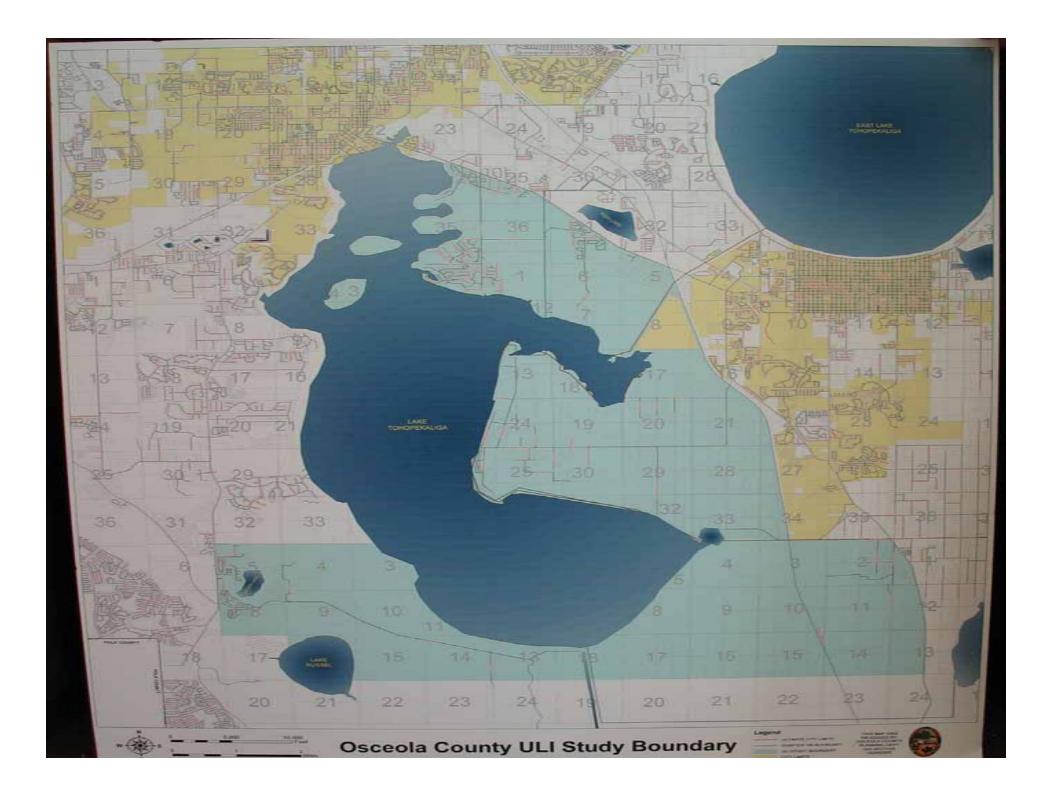


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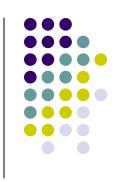
# Introduction

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#### **About ULI**



- Independent Nonprofit Education and Research Organization
- Mission: To Provide Responsible Leadership in the Use of the Land in Order to Enhance the Total Environment
- Established in 1936
- Almost 30,000 Full and Associate Members Worldwide
- Representing the Entire Spectrum of Land Use and Real Estate Development Disciplines

#### **Advisory Services Program**



- To Bring the Finest Expertise to Bear on Complex Land Use Planning and DevelopmentProjects, Programs, and Policies
- Over 400 Panels Nationally and Internationally





#### **Chair**

#### Roger L. Galatas

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#### **Andrew Borsanyi**

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#### **Pat Hawley**

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#### **David Godschalk**

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#### **Ann Saegert**

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#### **Gerard P. Tully**

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#### The Process



- Overview by County and Council Staff
- Sponsor Briefing and Tour
- Interviews of 56 Individuals
- Completed Outline of Information
- Presentation of Recommendations
- Final Report to be Published

#### **Presentation Covers**



- Response to Questions Posed
- Market Assessment
- Planning and Design
- Development Strategies and Implementation
- Conclusions and Recommendations
- Lessons Learned Example Community

### **Market Potential**

Andrew Borsanyi
Gerard Tully



#### **Market Potential**



- Central Florida Overview
- Residential Market
- Commercial Market

#### **Orlando MSA**



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest Growing Region in US
- Projected 2.5% Annual Growth (vs. 1% National)
- Long Term Drivers
  - Unique Tourism Assets
  - Regional Transportation
  - Diversifying Economy
  - Strong Business Climate
  - Relative Affordability
  - Land Availability
- 100% Population Growth by Mid-Century

#### **Residential Market**



- 30,000 New Homes Sold Last Year
- Residential Market Drivers
  - Household Growth
  - Current Population Turnover
  - Second Home
  - "Horizontal Hotel" Investment
  - Retiree
- 35,000+ Homes Per Year Demand

## **Projected Supply**



- Less than 130K Units in Approved DRI's
- 3-4 Years Supply
- 55K Units in Proposed DRI's
- Supply Challenged to Meet Demand

#### Where Will Growth Go?



- I-4 Corridor Becoming Built Out
- The Turnpike
- Osceola and Lake Counties

## **Osceola County**



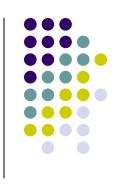
- Current Population = 11% of MSA
- 7,000 New Home Sales Last Year
- 23% of MSA Total
- County Capturing Double Its Historical Share

#### Osceola Future



- 30% of Approved Units in DRI's
- 50%+ of Proposed Units in DRI's
- The Linchpin of MSA Growth

#### **MSA Office Market**



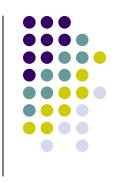
- Strong Market: 10% Vacancy
- 50 Million Square Feet Total
- 2 million Per Year Net Absorption
- 60 million Square Feet in Approved DRI's
- 30 Years of Supply
- High Competition

#### **MSA** Industrial Market



- Strong Market: 6% Vacancy
- 120 Million Square Feet Total
- 2.5 Million Per Year Net Absorption
- 60 million Square Feet in Approved DRI's
- 20+ Years of Supply
- High Competition

#### Retail



- High Competition
- 30 Million Square Feet Approved
- Community Retail Per 15,000 Residents
- Regional Mall Per 400,000 Residents
- East Toho Need 6 Integrated Town Centers
- Mall Only in 10+ Year Term

#### Conclusion



- Residential for Orlando MSA
- Integrated Community Retail
- Selective Office and Industrial

## **Planning For Success**



- The Choice To Remain 'Rural' Is <u>Not</u> An Option
- By Focusing On Where You Will Urbanize
  - You Will Also -

Determine What Will Remain 'Rural'

As A Community You Can Create The Vision

#### Minimize The Frustration



- Periods of Dynamic Growth Are Frustrating
  - Crowded Roads
  - Crowded Schools
  - Diminished Levels of Service
- Good Planning Minimizes The Problems
- Knowledge Of The End Product Helps

# The Single Greatest Obstacle - TRANSPORTATION -



- The Quality of Commerce and Lifestyle Both Depend On Adequate Transportation Systems
  - Upgrade of Existing Roads Needed
  - Planning For Future Roadways
  - Integration Of Transit
    - Include Future Transit Patterns
  - Pathways, Bikeways, and Trails
    - Pedestrian Mobility

#### **Additional Infrastructure**



- Utility Extensions
- Municipal Services
- Education
- Housing Affordability
- Parks and Recreation
- Programs and Incentives

"Even If you are on the right track you'll get run over if you just sit there"

# Historic Patterns - Future Needs



- Ranches To Ranchettes
- Early Planned Communities
- Future Models
  - Higher Densities Growing Beyond 3/Acre
  - Diversity Of Housing Choices
  - Integration of Mixed Uses
  - Schools, Parks and Open Space

# **Think Strategically**



- The 'Private Sector' Mindset
  - Regulatory Practices That Move You Forward
  - Responding To Trends
  - Defined Goals Flexible Options
  - Meeting Market Demands
- Stability Of Leadership
- Partnering In Good Times and Bad

# The Region, The World and a <u>Crystal Ball?</u>



Think Regionally -

#### **Act Locally**

- Identify Your Role In The Scheme Of Things
  - Population Creates Opportunity
  - Lifestyle Matters
- Create A 'Sense of Place' In A Tourism Driven Economy
- 'Open For Business' Attitude

# Planning - Preparation and Patience



- Have A Vision and Stick To It!
- Plan To Make It Happen
- Develop In A Proactive Manner
- Stay The Course (with Flexibilty)
  - There Are No Overnight Success Stories
  - Make 'Yes' Easy For The Right Proposal
  - Be Willing To Say "No" (Especially In Tough Times)
- Election Cycles Can Be Trying Times

# **Planning and Design**

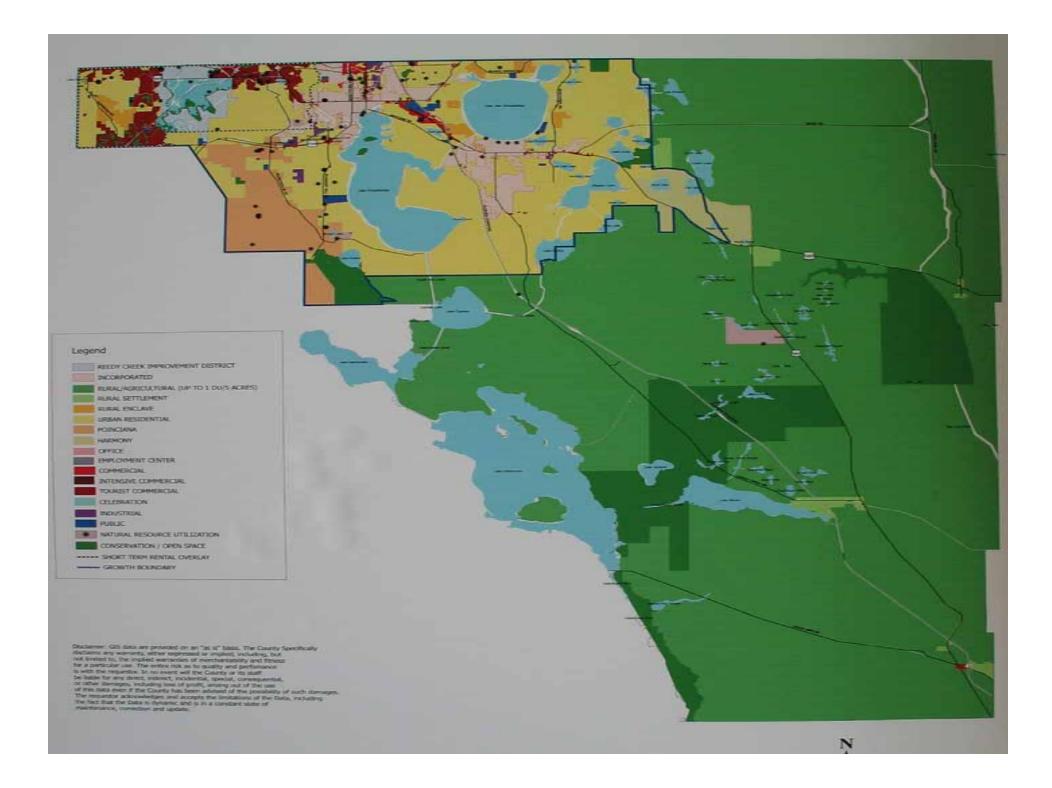
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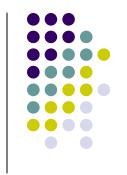


# **Community Building Potential**



- Economic Development
- Public Enjoyment
- Civic Identity





# Not The Same As Regulating the Planning and Design of Multiple DRIs

#### **Start With A Vision**



- Natural, Cultural and Economic Assets
- Citizen Hopes and Aspirations

## A Set of Guiding Principles

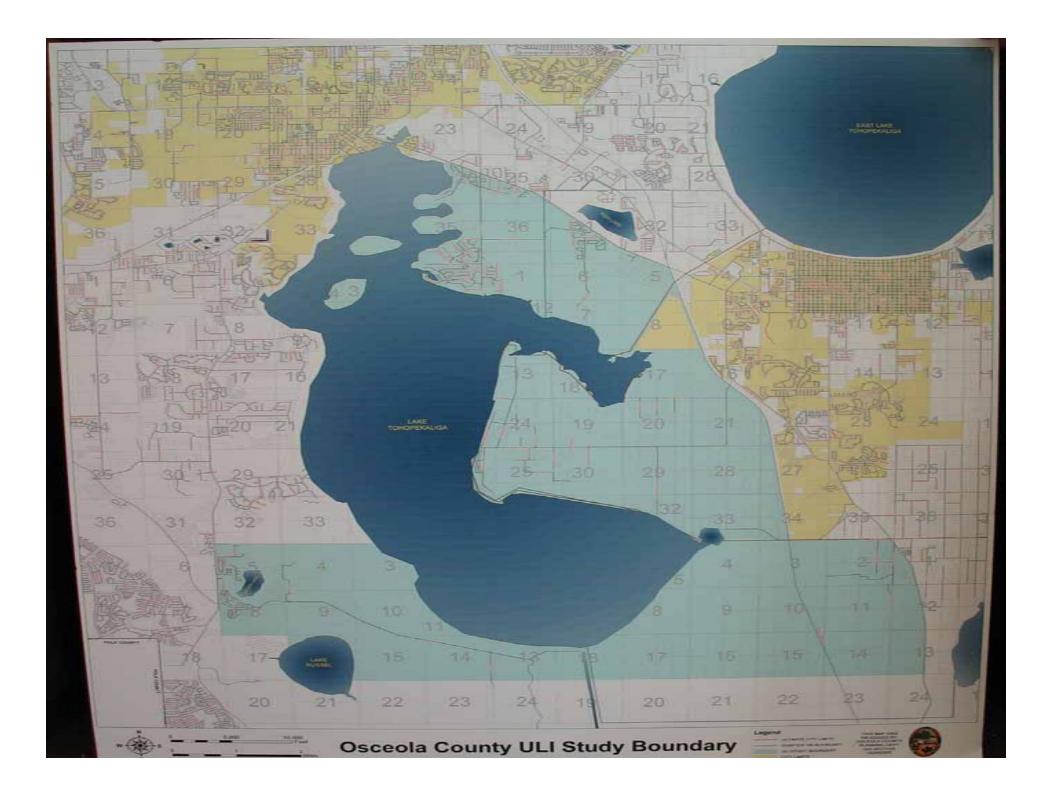


- Celebrate the Environment
- Encourage Economic Development
- Promote Opportunities for Public Interaction
- Allow Flexibility for the Long Term
- Risk Greatness

# Create a Unified Vision for Lake Toho and Its Surroundings



- 5 DRIs
- Bella Lago
- Kissimmee Lakefront
- St. Cloud
- Remainder of Lakefront Property



## Hierarchy of Commercial Components



- Town Center
- Villages (DRIs)
- Neighborhoods



#### **Set of Performance Standards**



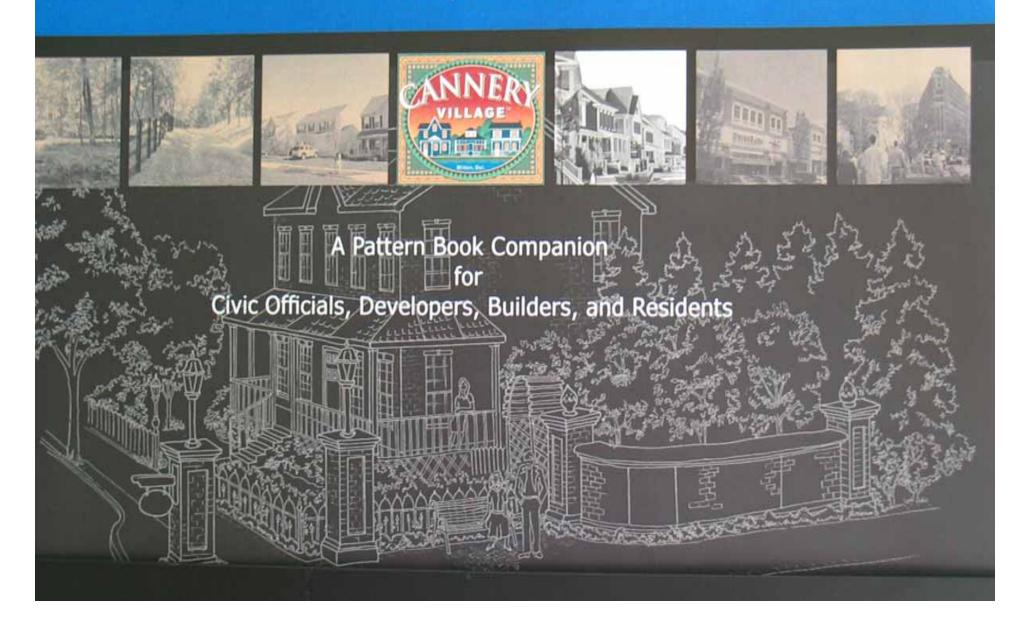
- Public Access to the Lake
- Cluster Development
- Connectivity
- Environmental Protection and Enhancement
- Density and Scale
- Mix of Uses
- Landscaping / Lighting / Signage
- Design Consistency for Public Improvements
- Quality of Public Building and Facilities

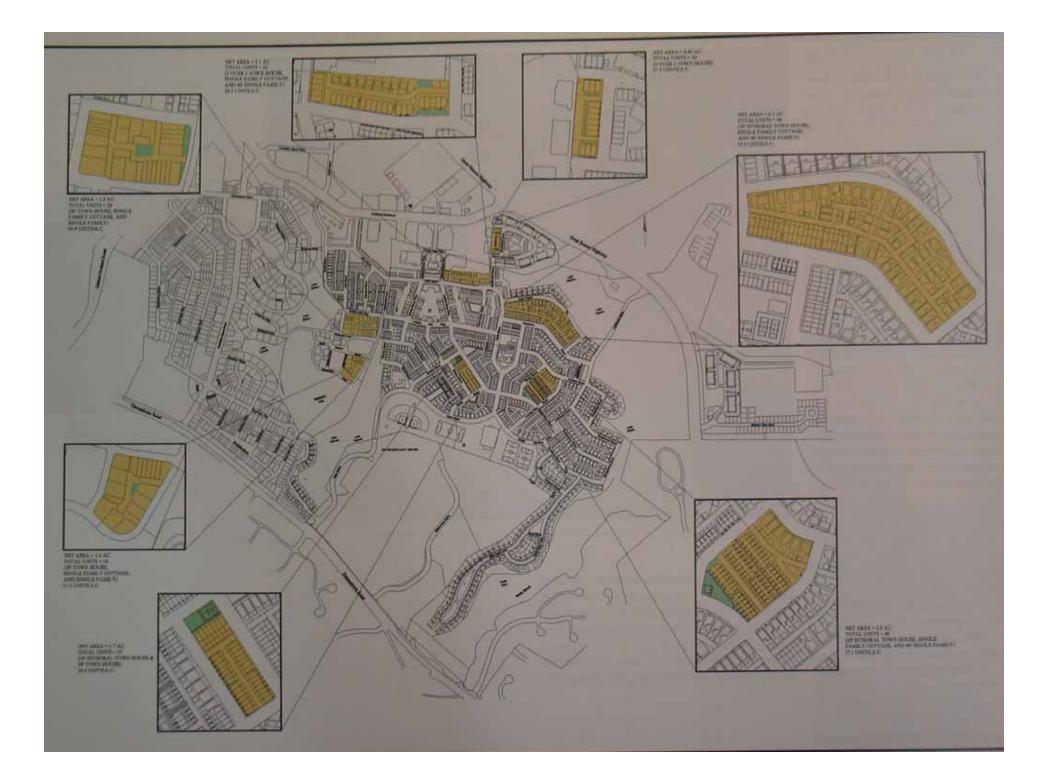


# Community Designs Guidelines for Each Village (DRI)

#### Cannery Village

Milton, Delaware





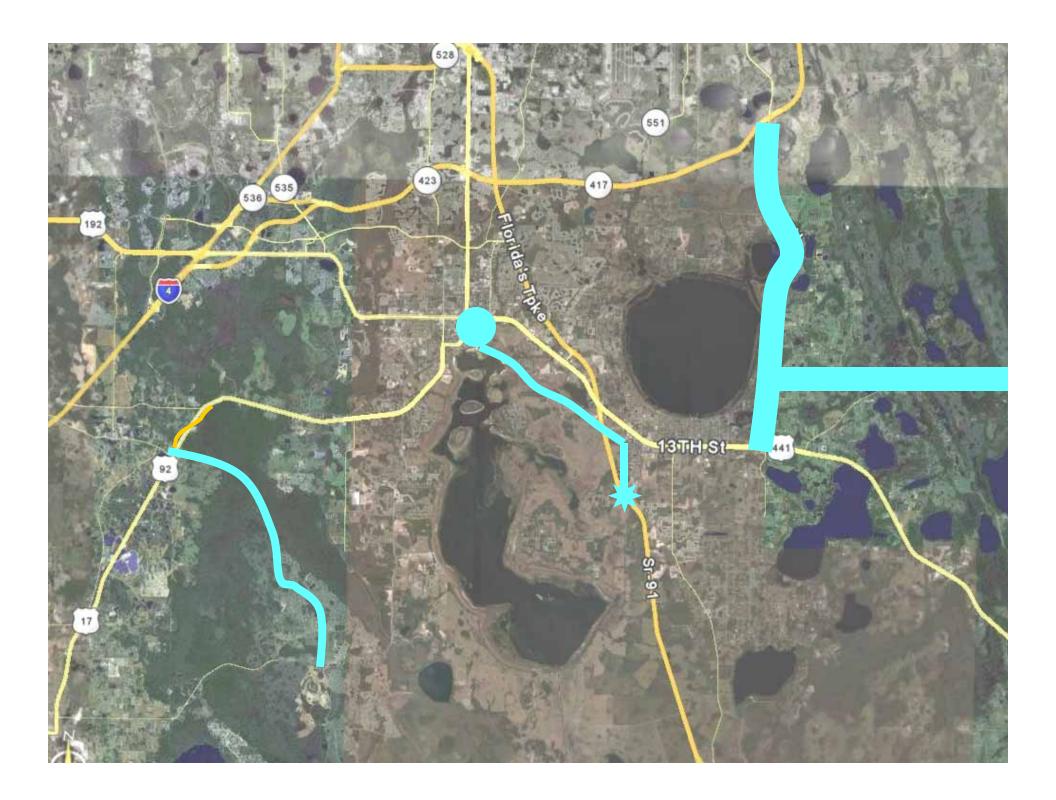
#### Lake Toho Management Plan



- Active Recreation
- Environmental Protection
- Passive Recreation

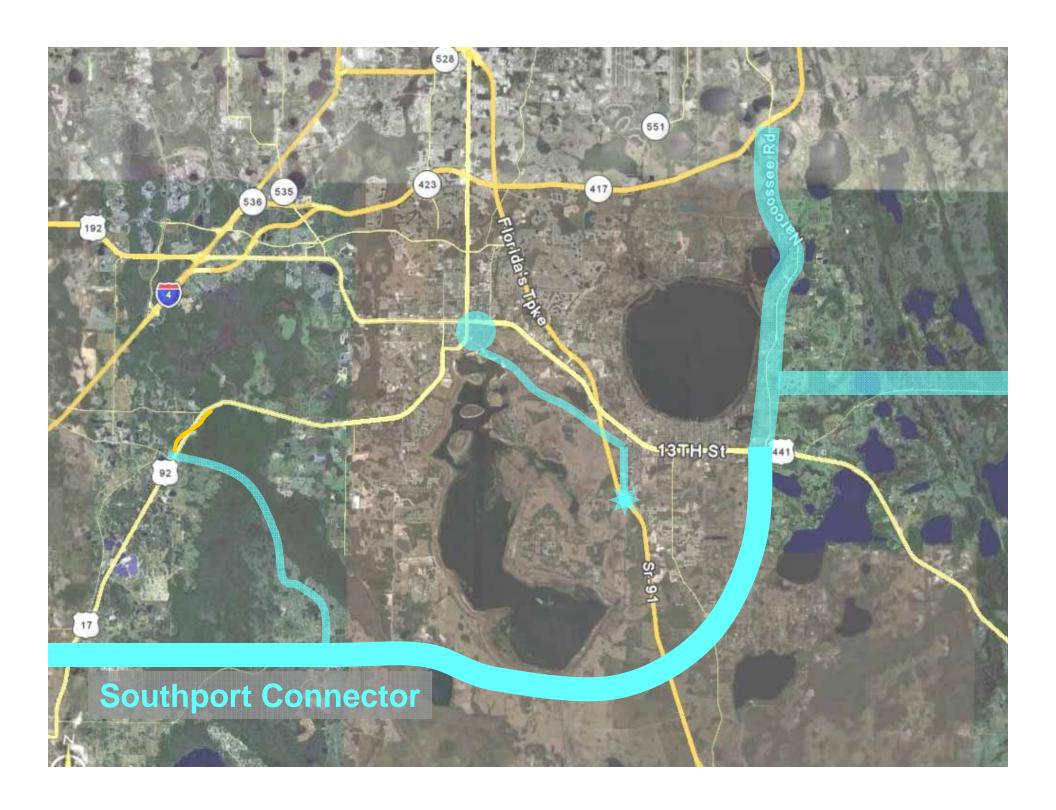


- Existing Regional System
  - Roads
    - Operating At or Above Capacity
    - Lack of Roads on south end of Study Area
  - Transit
    - Primary Link Between Kissimmee and Orlando
    - Secondary Links Within Kissimmee and St. Cloud
  - Pedestrians/Bicycles
    - Limited Amenities
    - Bill Johnson Memorial Pathway



- Study Area DRI's
  - Mixed Use
  - Estimated 250,000 to 400,000 Daily Trips
  - Inter-DRI Coordination
  - Limited Connectivity
     Between DRI's





- Internal Recommendations
  - External Connections
  - North-South 4-Lane Roadway (Convertible to 6)
  - Transit
  - Lakefront Corridor
    - Greenway
    - Bike/Ped Paths





- Implementation
  - Pursue Fast Track Construction of County Planned Improvements
  - Evaluate Alternative Methods of Constructing Development Related Improvements
    - Toll Facilities
    - Community Development District
    - County Transportation Authority

# Development and Implementation Strategies

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### Rural to Suburban/Urban Transition Issues



- Land Use Changes
  - Larger Scale
  - Faster Pace
  - Corporate vs Individual Decisions
- Lifestyle Changes
  - Informal to Formal Procedures (e.g., Interlocal Agreements)
  - Unwritten to Written Rules
  - Professional Staff for Technical Analyses and Consensus Building

### Responding to Suburban/Urban Transition



- Imagine Living and Working in Osceola County in 2025
- Translate Sustainable Development and Smart Growth Goals into Potential Scenarios
- Understand Options and Agree on Specific Vision of Desired Future

#### **Critical Vision Principles**



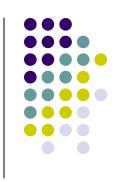
- Sustain Environmental Resources
- Provide Affordable Workforce Housing
- Partner with Regional Transportation and Economic Development Initiatives

#### **Delineating Urban/Rural Line**



- Regulatory Strategy—Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
  - Pro's
    - Predictable Location and Staging of Urban Growth
    - Reduced Costs of Urban Services and Facilities
    - Protection of Critical Environmental and Rural Areas
  - Con's
    - Reduced Returns to Rural Property Owners
    - Cost of Funding Projected Growth Needs
    - Lack of Success in Protecting Large Amounts of Rural Land

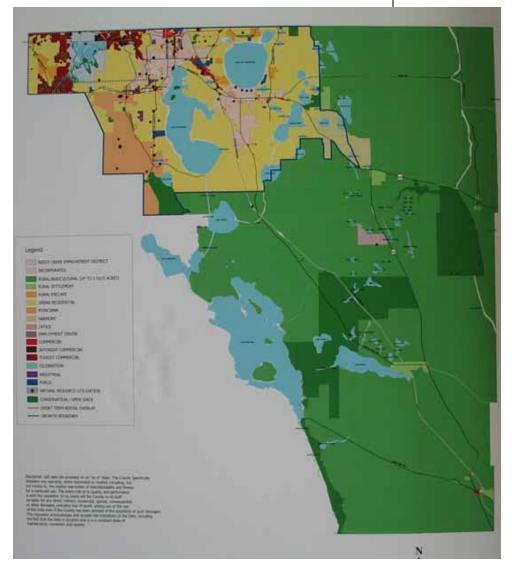
#### **Delineating Urban/Rural Line**



- Market-Based Strategy—Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
  - Pro's
    - Return to Rural Property Owners from Sale of Rights
    - Continuation of Ranching and Other Rural Uses
    - Clustering Development in Designated Receiving Areas
  - Con's
    - Difficult to Make a Market for Rights
    - Opposition to Increased Density in Receiving Areas

#### **Land Conservation Strategies**

- Monitor and Report on Green Infrastructure
- Prepare and Implement Greenprint
- Manage Stormwater Through Low Impact Development



## Lake Tohopekaliga's Water Quality



- Development Considerations:
  - Critical to Water Quality and Quantity, Storm Water Runoff and Flood Protection; At Risk From Poor Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Practices
  - More Critical with Anticipated Growth
  - Requires Regional Approach with Input From All Applicable Governmental Agencies

## Lake Tohopekaliga's Water Quality



- Implementation:
  - Specific Locations and Standards for New Facilities,
     Detention Ponds, Waterways, Buffer Areas, and Vegetation and Wildlife Management in Development Plans and Codes
  - Land Dedication Requirements
  - Impact Fees and Community Development Districts
  - Equalize Economic Impacts
  - Conduct Recreation Carrying Capacity Study and Implementation Recommendations

## Strategies for Equitably Allocating the Costs of Quality Recreational and Conservation Areas



#### Development Strategy:

 Specific Locations and Standards for New Recreational Facilities and Conservation Areas in Development Plans and Codes

## Strategies for Equitably Allocating the Costs of Quality Recreational and Conservation Areas



- Implementation:
  - Land Dedication Requirements
  - Consider Recreation Impact Fees for New Residential Construction
  - Service Charges and User Fees
  - Community Development Districts

## Financing Schools to Accommodate Future Development



- Work Closely With the School District to Identify the Number, Size and Location of Schools to Accommodate Growth, and Include These Requirements in the Development Plans and Codes
- Student Headcount Projections
- Require Payment of Education Impact Fees Early in the Approval/Permitting Process

## Financing Schools to Accommodate Future Development



- Developer Land Dedications
- Community Development Districts and Education Facility Districts
- Reconsider Current Education Impact Fee Exemptions for Resort, Timeshare and Other Limited Occupancy Residential Products

## Financing Schools to Accommodate Future Development



- Encourage the School District to Build Schools Near Where People Live
- Encourage Co-Location of New Schools and Other Community Facilities and Services
  - Libraries, Parks and Other Community Facilities
  - Off-Core Hours Programs for Younger Children and Teens;
     Parenting and English as a Second Language Program;
     Personal Enrichment Programs and Other Activities
- County Funding of Infrastructure Costs for new Schools Not Paid From Other Sources

## Conclusions and Recommendations

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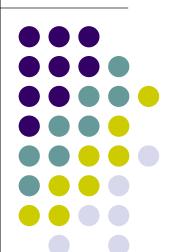




- Osceola in the Path of Growth
- Regional Relationships are Important
- Form Your Vision for the Future Be Patient
- Focus on Building Community Rather than Land Development
- Address Quality of Life Issues
- Important Community Building Blocks
  - Transportation
  - Education
  - Environment/Open Space
  - Public Safety



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