

**Notes from EPAC Member Nam Henderson from discussion with Mr. Brandon Kutner
(County Commissioner Candidate)**

1. Water issues most important environmental issue facing Alachua county in future. Mr. Kutner indicated he would be supportive of Alachua County joining up with Tri-County initiative or more general efforts at local control.
2. Alachua County voters have obviously made land conservation a priority however, growth isn't a bad thing. Growth can be tempered with environmental concerns. "All for LEED".
3. Regarding Plum Creek supports development of eastern side of county we shouldn't just be thinking about Plan East Gainesville. Also, is along transportation corridor lots of land in easement/conserved as part of development.
4. He believes county government is by nature designed to shrink over time with growth of municipalities.
5. Has concerns regarding how GRU restrictions/decisions on size of sewage main, infrastructure investment reducing ability of Hawthorne and Archer to grow.
6. While he agrees that budgets have been cut in recent years, thinks overall, total, county budget has gone up.
7. He would like to see more direct citizen participation, between BoCC and advisory boards. Not filtered through staff. Workshops vs informal meetings.
8. Not supportive of county efforts to develop CRA. County shouldn't be in business of re-development. Leave to municipalities.
9. Notes that much of the conservation lands in county in eastern portion, which reduces opportunities for development. Is interested in balancing development and growth.
10. Mr. Kutner offered examples of challenges for economic development such as the interaction between EPD and race track re: ULDC and zoning. As well as issues re classification for Hazmat (solvents + fuels). Indicated there may have been some distance between state documentation/req and generation of complaints from EPD?