

A Community Conversation – Natural Resources.

May 27, 2015 @ 6:00 pm. Alachua County Health Department
224 SE 24th St, Gainesville

Panelist:

[Pegeen Hanrahan \(Community and Conservation Solutions, LLC\)](#)

[Mark Hostetler \(University of Florida\)](#)

[Bob Simons \(Simons Tree Farm\)](#)

[Tom Kay \(Alachua Conservation Trust\)](#)

Moderator:

[Mary Alford \(EPAC Chair\)](#)

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