



Alachua County
Department of Public Works
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Development Review
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Mission:

Ensure consistency and compliance of development proposals with the County's approved Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.

Summary of Services:

- Administer development regulations for land subdivisions, private site developments, storm water management, access management and flood plain management to ensure compliance with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and to ensure integration of new development with the existing built and natural environments;
- Make recommendations to the Development Review Committee on issues regarding transportation concurrency, stormwater management, parks and solid waste issues associated with proposed development;
- Make recommendations and provides technical expertise to the Board of County Commissioners regarding comprehensive land use amendments and rezoning requests;
- Make recommendations to the Board of Adjustment on issues regarding zoning variances and variances to the subdivision regulations; The Board of County Commissioners will be considering the elimination of the Board of Adjustment the duties of the Board of Adjustment will be performed by the Growth Management and Public Works staff.
- Provide comments and recommendations regarding all aspects of the Land Development Regulations;
- Review and issue commercial access, paving and drainage improvements permits;
- Review and issue flood hazard area permits;
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map Flood Zone Information and assistance to the public upon request.
- Process and review Pre-Application Screening Applications for all building permit applications.

Public Outreach:

- The Division interacts considerably with the public in its capacity as the administrator of the Flood Hazard Area Ordinance. The Division responds to an average of 300 requests per year for Flood Insurance Zone information. Effective flood plain administration has allowed the County to achieve and maintain a lower classification rating and consequently reduce the actuarial rates that the citizens of Alachua County pay for flood insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risks resulting from the community's actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

- 1) Reduce flood losses;
- 2) Facilitate accurate insurance rating;
- 3) Promote the awareness of the availability of flood insurance.

Alachua County is currently a **Class 6 CRS Community** and receives a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums. Alachua County Public Works has six staff members that are Certified Floodplain Managers.

The Flood Zone Request Line is 352-337-6140