



# **Alachua County Citizens Academy**

## **Alachua County Growth Management Department**

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# Who Are We??

- The Growth Management Department has 2 Divisions, The Codes Office and the Office of Planning and Development. We have approximately 52 full-time employees and are located in the County Annex Building across from the Criminal Courthouse.



# Codes Department

The Codes Department has three primary functions:

Building Inspectors: Enforcement of the Florida Uniform Building Code. Building inspectors are in the field on a daily basis to ensure that all construction in Alachua County (and many of our municipalities) meets Code.



# Codes Department

- Codes Enforcement: Responsible for the enforcement of Alachua County's Adopted Code including the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). This includes items such as the tree ordinance, trash in your neighbor's yard, illegal signs, activities not permitted in your zoning district, etc. The majority of violations occur as the result of citizen complaints to the department (there are 4 inspectors to cover the entire County)



# Codes Department

- Codes Clerks: Responsible for issuing building permits and other permitting activities (Last year Alachua County issued more than 4,000 building permits of all types). Also responsible for the dividing and subdivision of land.



# Planning and Development

There are four divisions within the Office of Planning and Development:

Comprehensive Planning: Responsible for developing the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is the blueprint for growth and projects out approximately 15 years from its adoption. It is reviewed and updated approximately every ten years.



The Comprehensive Plan also contains the Future Land Use Map, which designates areas for growth within the unincorporated part of Alachua County.





# Planning and Development

- The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Unit supplies graphic materials and computer imagery to the department, other County agencies and to the citizens of Alachua County. They are also responsible for maintaining our website ([www.alachuacounty.us](http://www.alachuacounty.us) - Click on 'Departments' and then 'Growth Management')





# Jerry's Top Questions

When is my road going to be widened?

Can I rezone my agricultural property to commercial?

What is my address?

What is my zoning?

Can I do 'xxx' in my zoning district?

How do I report my neighbor??



# Jerry's Top Questions

'What is happening in 'x'?  
(surrounding municipality or county)

'There are men surveying on an  
adjoining parcel. What does that  
mean?'

'I hear there's a Super Wal-Mart  
going in near me. Is that true?'



# Projects of Significance

- 8th Avenue Extension Planning (connect Parker Road and 143<sup>rd</sup> Street) as part of ongoing plan to create a grid going east and west
- Celebration Pointe (ongoing)
- Continued increase in building activity as part of the economic recovery



# Growth Management Resources

- [www.alachuacounty.us](http://www.alachuacounty.us) then 'Departments' then 'Growth Management'
- 'MapGenius' Developed in-house, it allows anyone to search the entire unincorporated portion of the county for parcel specific information such as zoning, schools, flood zones, etc.
- [www.mapgenius.alachuacounty.us](http://www.mapgenius.alachuacounty.us)