



# Evaluation & Appraisal and Update of Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030

## *Work Plan*

*Presentation to Environmental Protection Advisory Committee Meeting*

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# Participation in Update of County Comprehensive Plan

Work Plan for Evaluation & Appraisal & Update of  
Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030

<https://growth-management.alachuacounty.us/formsdocs/Work-Plan-Comp-Plan-Update.pdf>

For info and to sign up for meeting notices see  
Alachua County Growth Management website:

<https://growth-management.alachuacounty.us/planning/CompPlanUpdate>



# Presentation Outline

- Comprehensive Plan
- Work Plan for Evaluation & Appraisal and Comprehensive Plan Update

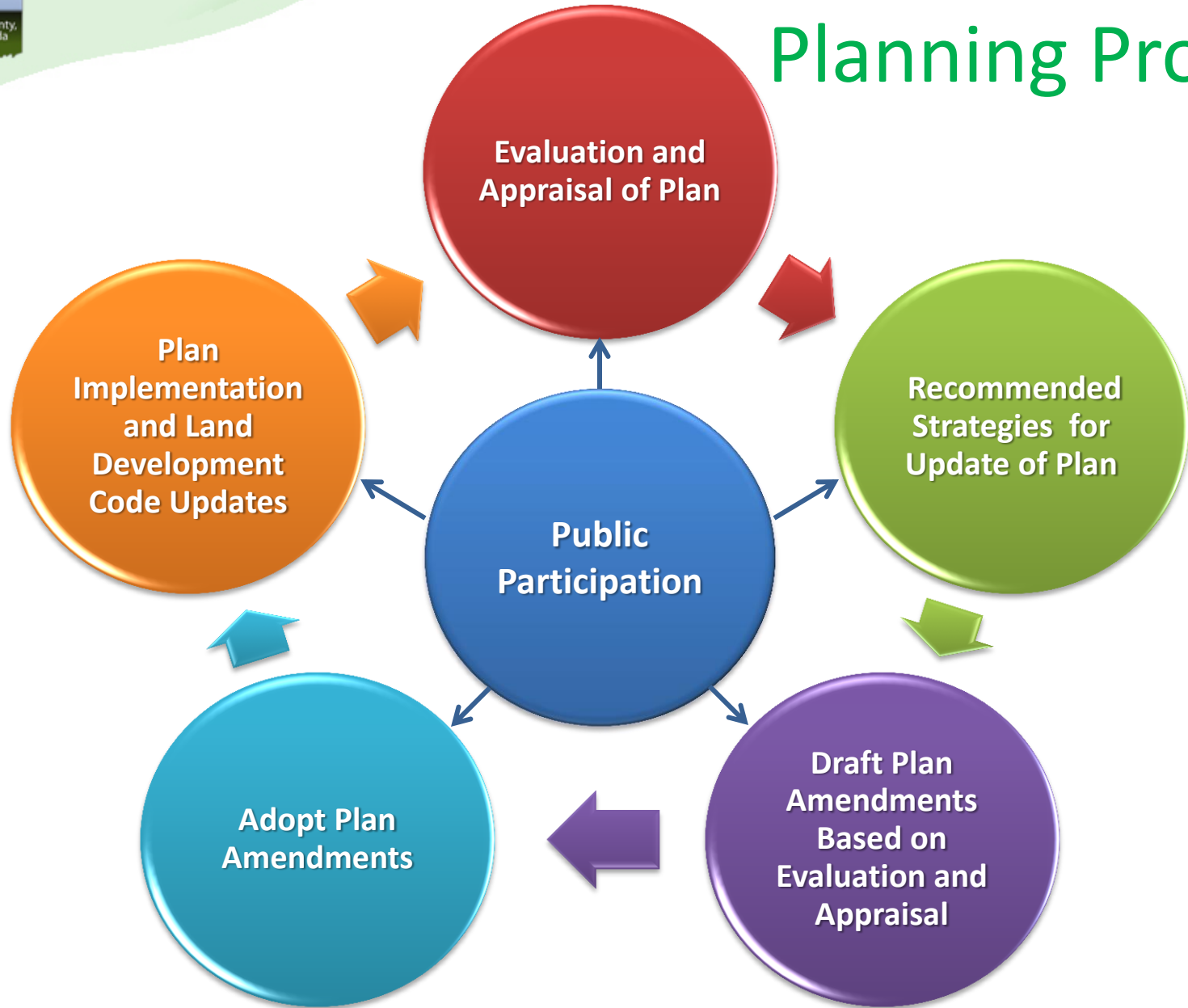


# Role of the Comprehensive Plan

- Expression of the community's long-range vision
- Policy framework adopted by the Alachua County Commission for guiding local decision-making
- County's Plan addresses a broad range of topics
  - Built Environment
  - Natural Resource Protection
  - Public Facilities and Services
  - Intergovernmental Coordination
  - Energy
  - Economic Development
  - Capital Planning
  - Housing
  - Historic Resources
  - Community Health
- Data and Analysis-Based
- Development decisions must be consistent with Plan



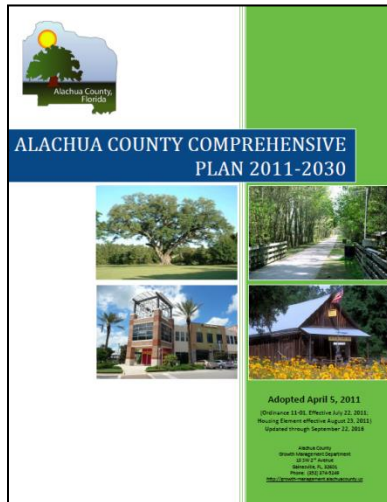
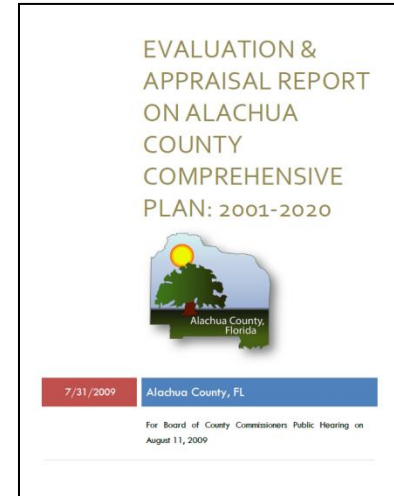
# Comprehensive Planning Process





# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan: 2011-2030

Last Evaluation and Appraisal  
of Plan in 2008-2009



Last Plan update based on  
Evaluation and Appraisal was  
adopted by County Commission  
in 2011



# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan 15 Elements

Future Land Use

Transportation Mobility

Housing

Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer

Solid Waste

Stormwater Management

Conservation & Open Space

Recreation

Intergovernmental Coordination

Capital Improvements

Economic

Historic Preservation

Public School Facilities

Community Health

Energy



# CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT



ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2011-2030







# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan

## Conservation & Open Space Goal

TO CONSERVE, MANAGE AND RESTORE OR ENHANCE THE NATURAL AND HUMAN-RELATED RESOURCES OF ALACHUA COUNTY TO ENSURE LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE FUTURE.





# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Conservation & Open Space Element

## Resource Conservation and Protection

- Embrace multiple, diverse strategies for the conservation of natural systems in Alachua County
- Environmental Information – data, mapping, education, planning
- Identify Resources; Air, Soil, Water, Mineral, Geological, Wetlands, Biodiversity, Ecosystems
- Land conservation priorities and strategies



# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Conservation & Open Space Element



## Resource Conservation and Protection

- Establishes Preservation and Conservation land use categories and standards
- Establishes linkages to Development Regulations and standards for resource protection
- Identifies County natural resources: Air, Soil, Water, Mineral, Geological, Wetlands, Biodiversity, Ecosystems



# Evaluation and Appraisal State Requirements

- Each local government is required to evaluate its comprehensive plan at least every 7 years
- Florida’s “Community Planning Act” amendments adopted in 2011 simplified the Evaluation and Appraisal process and requirements (s. 163.3191, F.S.)
  - Local governments shall evaluate plans to determine if amendments are necessary to reflect **changes in state statutes** since the last update, and notify the state land planning agency.
  - Local governments are “encouraged to comprehensively evaluate and, as necessary, update comprehensive plans to reflect **changes in local conditions**” as part of the process.



# Evaluation and Appraisal Schedule for Alachua County

- Alachua County must submit a letter notifying the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) whether amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements no later than **April 1, 2018.**
- The County must transmit needed amendments for review by state agencies within 1 year of submittal of its notification letter (not later than April 1, 2019)



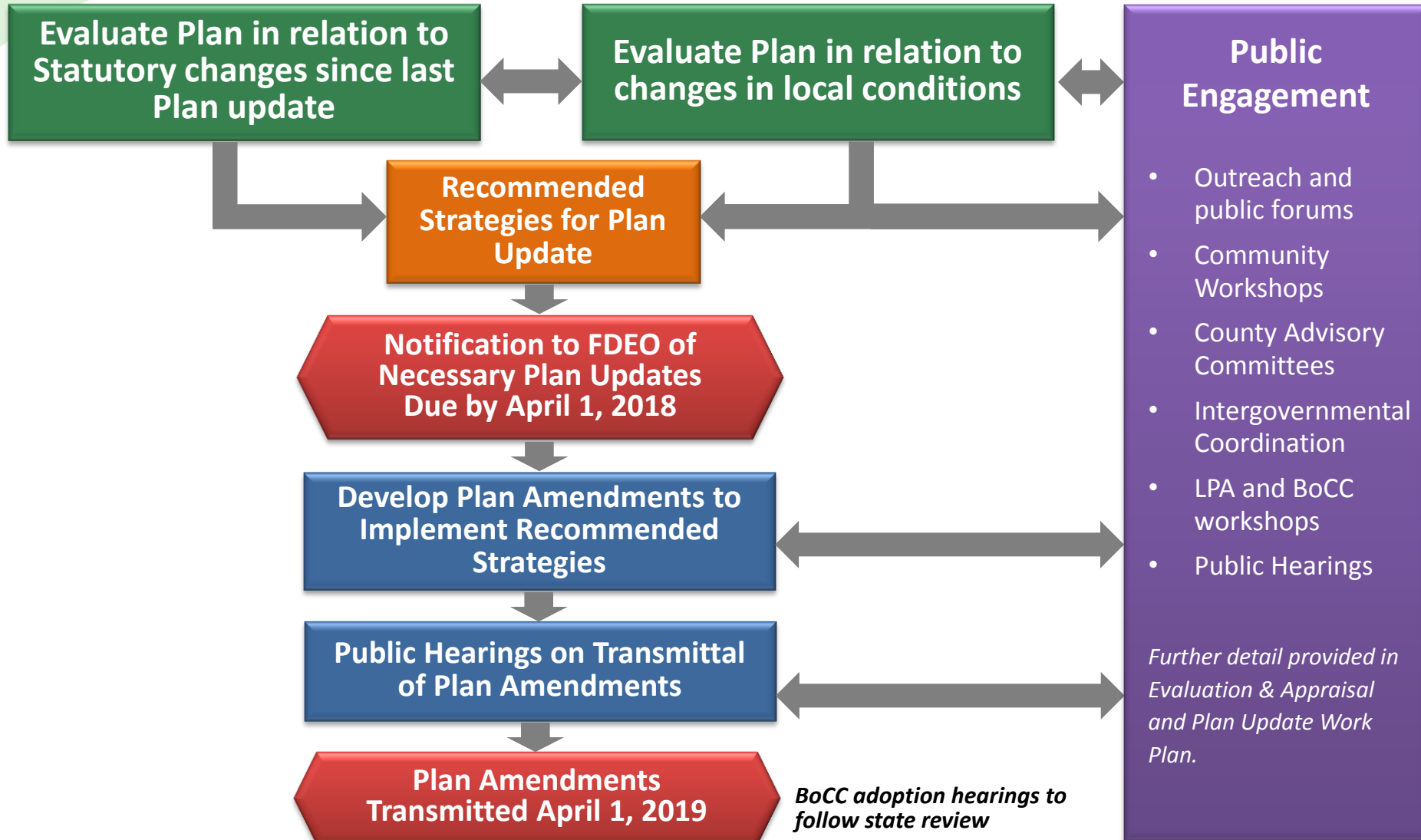
# Interdepartmental Participation



Input from  
Advisory  
Committees,  
Professionals,  
Public &  
Stakeholders



# Evaluation & Appraisal and Plan Update Process





# Public Engagement

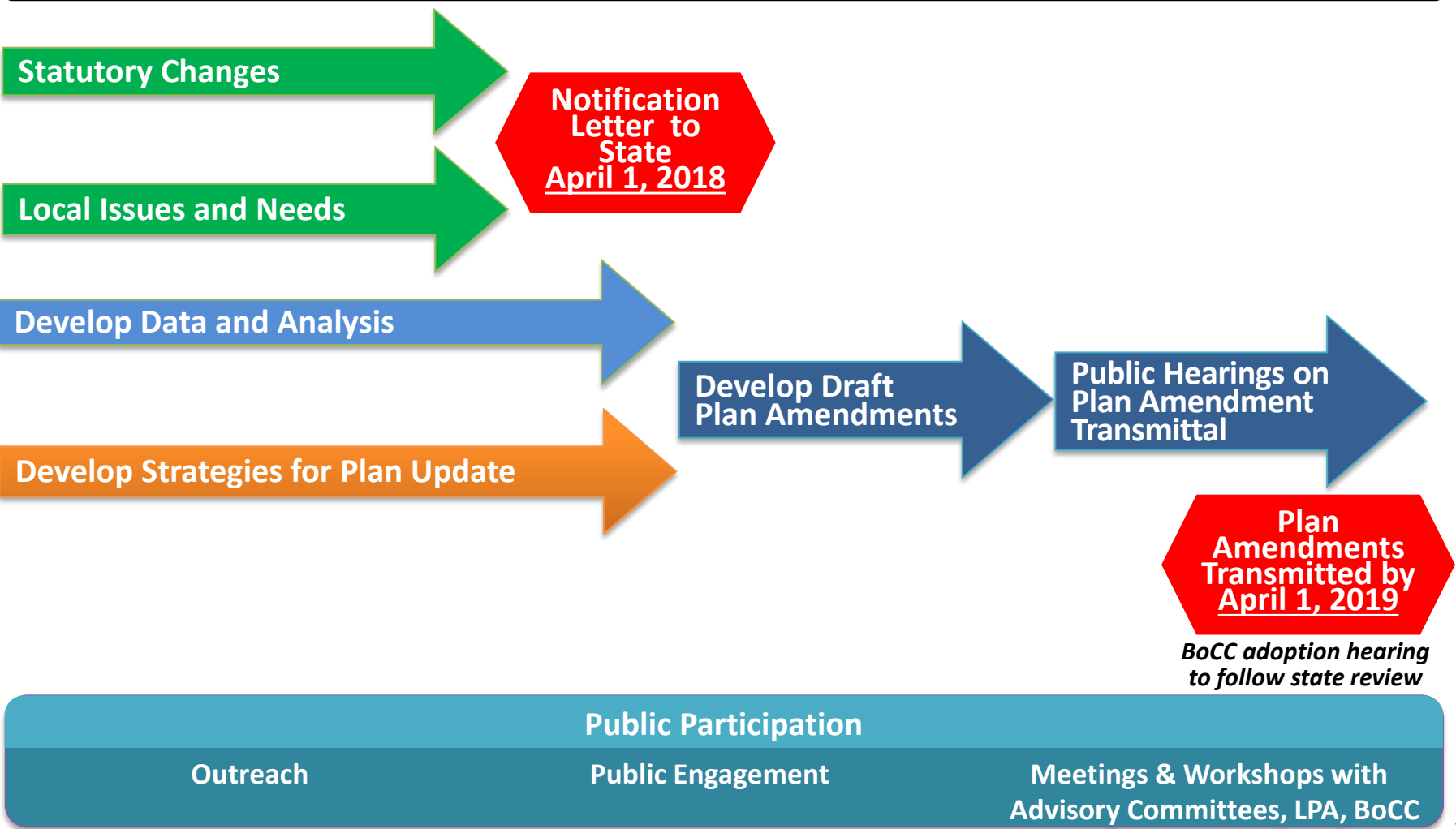
- **Outreach**
  - Website
  - Email List
  - Public Comment Email Address
  - Press Releases
  - Channel 12 Content
  - County Social Media
  - Community Update Newsletter
  - Brochures
  - General & Community Newspapers
  - Community Surveys
- **Direct Engagement with Public**
  - Community Workshops
  - Stakeholder Groups
- **Local Government Meetings and Public Hearings**
  - Advisory Committees, including Alachua County Planning Commission/Local Planning Agency
  - Board of County Commissioners





# Evaluation & Appraisal and Plan Update Timeline

04/17 | 06/17 | 08/17 | 10/17 | 12/17 | 02/18 | 04/18 | 06/18 | 08/18 | 10/18 | 12/18 | 02/19 | 04/19





# Next Steps

- **Update Data and Analysis**
  - Environmental data
  - Environmental indicators?
  - Other?
- **Changes in Florida Statutes**
- **Identify Local Issues to Consider**



## Community Discussions

- Advisory Committees, including Environmental Protection Advisory Committee, Land Conservation Board
- Local Stakeholders- Alachua Conservation Trust, Sierra Club, Others?

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