



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

## *Work Plan*

*Presentation to Recreation & Open Space 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

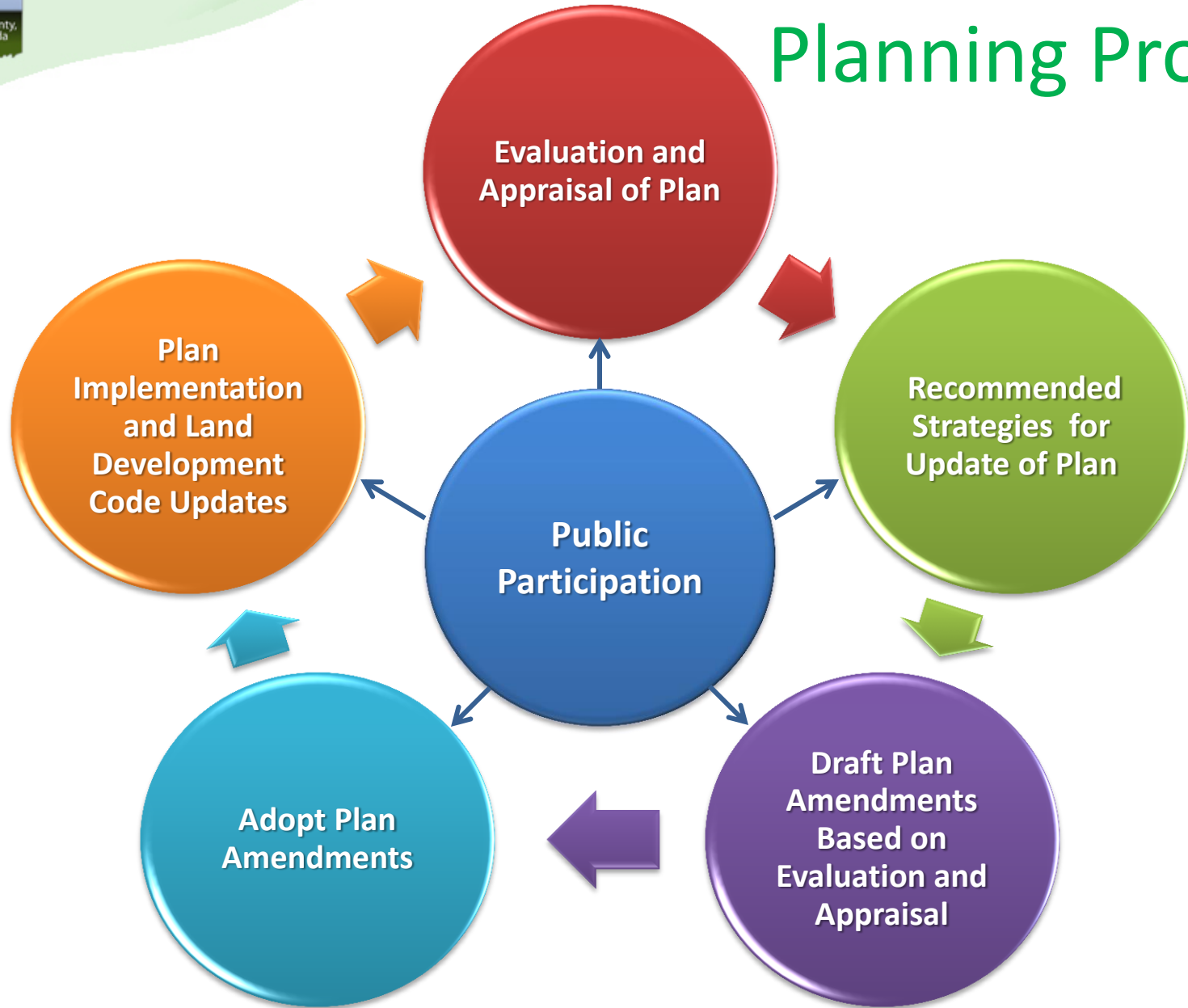


# Role of the Comprehensive Plan

- 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



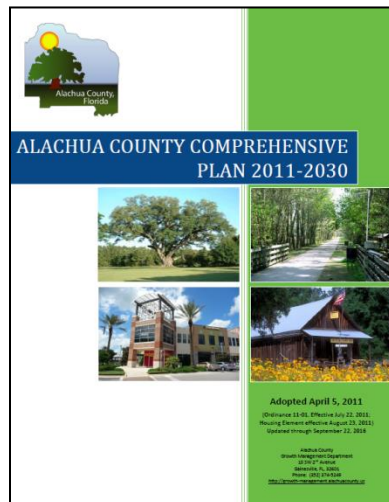
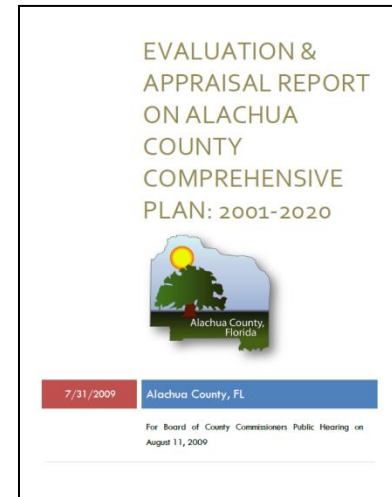
# Comprehensive Planning Process





# 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



# RECREATION ELEMENT

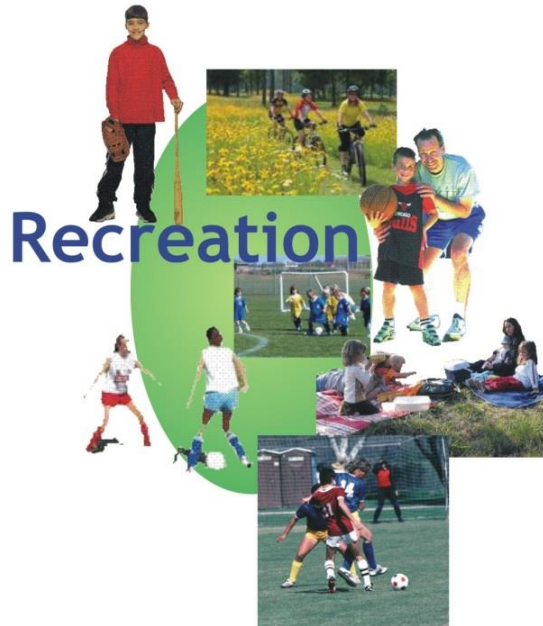






# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element Goal

**PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE  
SYSTEM FOR ALACHUA COUNTY.**





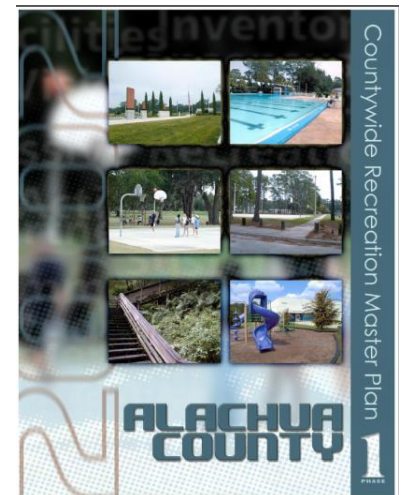
# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element

- Activity-based facilities
  - Level of Service standard 0.5 acres / 1,000 persons
- Resource-based facilities
  - Level of Service standard 5.0 acres / 1,000 persons



# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element

- Recreation Master Plan
  - Park types and characteristics
  - Park planning districts and levels of service
  - Funding and implementation





# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element

- Public/Private Partnerships
  - Municipalities
  - State and Federal Government
  - Alachua County School Board
  - Private and volunteer groups



# Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element

- Access and design considerations
- Develop existing sites and acquire new sites
- Encourage private sector provision
- Current and new funding sources
- Public participation in planning and development



# 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)



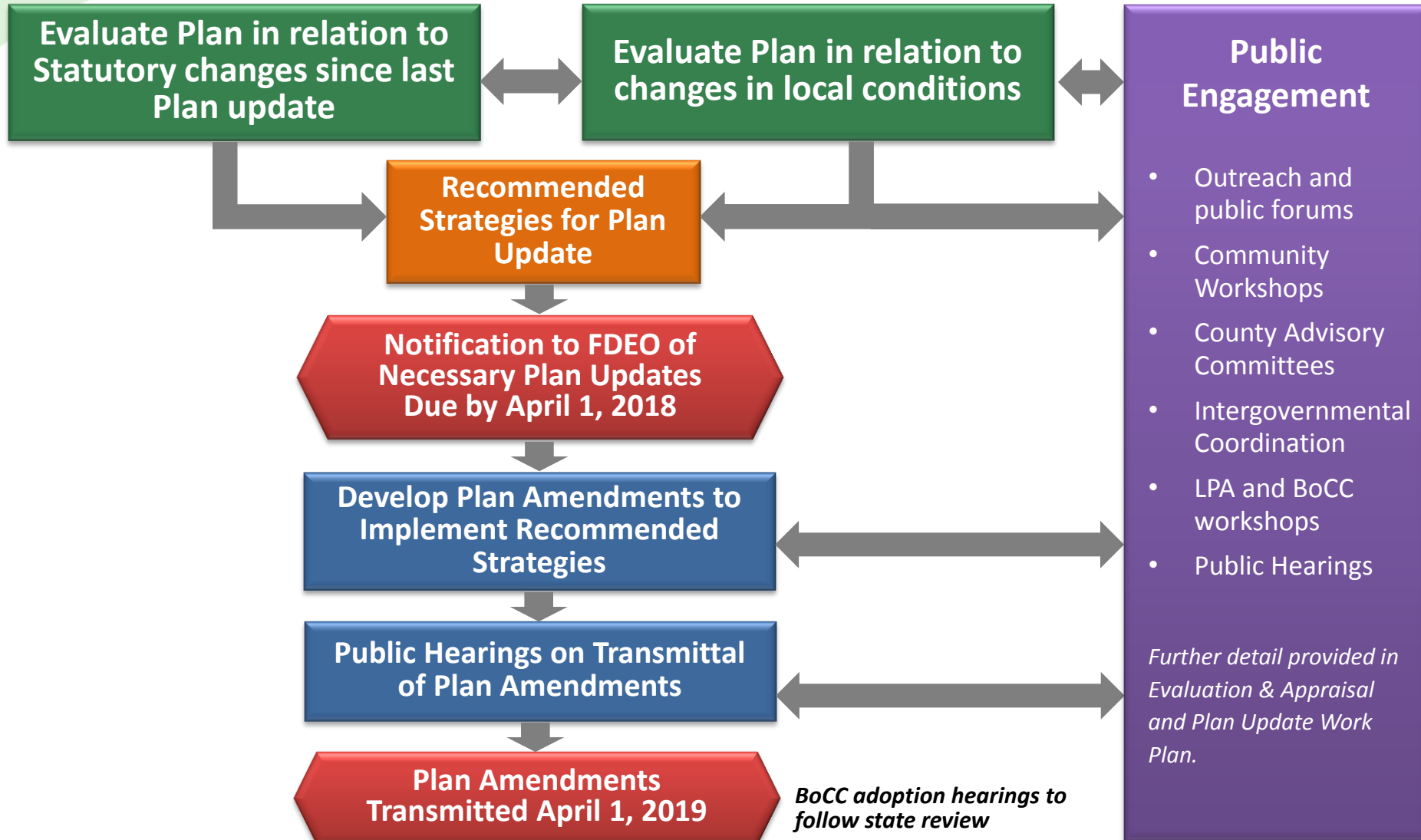
# Interdepartmental Participation







# 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

Statutory Changes

Local Issues and Needs

Develop Data and Analysis

Develop Strategies for Plan Update

Notification  
Letter to  
State  
April 1, 2018

Develop Draft  
Plan Amendments

Public Hearings on  
Plan Amendment  
Transmittal

Plan  
Amendments  
Transmitted by  
April 1, 2019

*BoCC adoption hearing  
to follow state review*

Public Participation

Outreach

Public Engagement

Meetings & Workshops with  
Advisory Committees, LPA, BoCC



# Next Steps

- **Update Data and Analysis**
  - UF BEBR
  - Alachua County Recreation Master Plan
  - Inventory of recreation facilities
- **Changes in Florida Statutes**
- **Identify Local Issues to Consider**

## **Community Discussions**

- Advisory Committees, including Alachua County Recreation & Open Space Committee
- Local Recreation Organizations - Boys and Girls Club, Healthy Communities Initiative, YMCA, Gainesville Sports Organizing Committee (GSOC), Others?

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