



Putnam County Comprehensive Plan Update

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a local government's blueprint for the future. Growth management legislation was passed in 1985 in response to Florida's commitment to provide the facilities and services that communities need to foster economic growth and preserve natural amenities. The importance of comprehensive planning cannot be overstressed, because it results in decisions regarding long-term issues such as environmental protection and economic development. Section 163.3177, F.S., requires that local government comprehensive plans provide the policy foundation for local planning and land use decisions on capital improvements, conservation, intergovernmental coordination, recreation, open space, future land use, housing, transportation, coastal management (where applicable) and public facilities.

Why is the County updating the Comprehensive Plan?

The County is updating its Comprehensive Plan to account for changes which have occurred since the last update, reflect changes in state law, and to comply with the once every seven years update requirement. Also, Putnam County has been experiencing unexpected growth recently and it is imperative the County be ready should this trend continue.

Who will lead the Comprehensive Plan Update process?

Putnam County staff and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. will be coordinating the Comprehensive Plan update process. Kimley-Horn will work hand in hand with the County Planning staff to complete this project. Input from citizens, the business community and other governmental agencies is needed to ensure that issues are identified and solutions are built into the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Where can I view the current Comprehensive Plan?

You can review a copy of the current Comprehensive Plan at http://main.putnam-fl.com/?page_id=18857 or view the project website at www.putnamcp2035.com.

Will there be citizen involvement in the process?

Citizen participation and input play important roles in establishing the content of a Comprehensive Plan because the use of this plan affects you. There are several ways that you can become a part of the process. You may call or e-mail the county planning or Kimley-Horn staff or fill out a comment form and mail it or drop it off at the Planning Department. We would also encourage you to attend the workshops, presentations and other public outreach opportunities to voice your opinions. Visit the Putnam County Comprehensive Plan Update website at www.putnamcp2035.com. Meeting summaries and the schedule of upcoming meetings will be posted there.

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