



MICCOSUKEE

Rural Community | Sense of Place



HEROLD HILL RD

MOCCASIN GAP RD

CRESWELL LOOP

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MICCOSUKEE RD

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Placemaking

In 2016 the Leon County Board of County Commissioners directed the Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department to conduct the first sense of place study in a rural community. The Strategic Initiative (Q5, EC1) “Perform a Sense of Place study for the Miccosukee community” (2016), was adopted with the Revised Leon County Strategic Plan on January 26, 2016. This strategic initiative related to the Quality of Life Strategic Priority, (Q5) “Create senses of place in our rural areas through programs, planning and infrastructure, phasing in appropriate areas to encourage connectedness” (2012). It also relates to the Economic Strategic Priority, (EC1) “Integrate infrastructure, transportation, redevelopment opportunities and community planning to create the sense of place which attracts talent” (2012). The purpose of the Miccosukee sense of place study is to identify opportunities to help strengthen the connection between people and the Miccosukee community. The initiative will allow citizens to make extraordinary improvements in their community and provide an outlet for proactive and positive change.

During the development of this plan, an opportunity arose for Leon County to acquire ownership of the Concord School site. Knowing that this was an important component to the Miccosukee Community Park, it was apparent that the plan should take into account the potential this site could play in the future of Miccosukee. In November of 2017, this item went before the County Commission and the school board agreed to convey the property to Leon County. With this transaction complete, the plan has moved forward looking at this site and the role it will play in the Miccosukee Community.

Placemaking is not just the act of building or fixing up a space, but a process that fosters the creation of vital public destinations: the kind of places where people feel a strong stake in their communities and a commitment to making things better. Simply put, Placemaking capitalizes on a local community’s existing assets, inspiration, and potential to ultimately create good public spaces that promote people’s health, happiness, and well-being.

A place is more than a sum of its parts and typically has a shared character, personality, or identity. While no place is like any other, one common element runs through each—its people! No one knows more about a place than the people that live there, experience it every day, and make it their own.

A rural community has a sense of place all its own. The rural character is rooted in the settlement patterns of the original inhabitants and the agricultural economy. Out of these roots, emerges a legacy of reliance on the land as a source of pride and livelihood that is carried down from generation to generation.

The geography of the rural community is also unique. The landscape is rich with environmental amenities and a natural aesthetic. Development is dispersed and distances between households and centers of activity are relatively large. Rural communities are also characterized by fewer retail and employment centers and the sense of place is partly defined by the civic and religious institutions that connect community residents.





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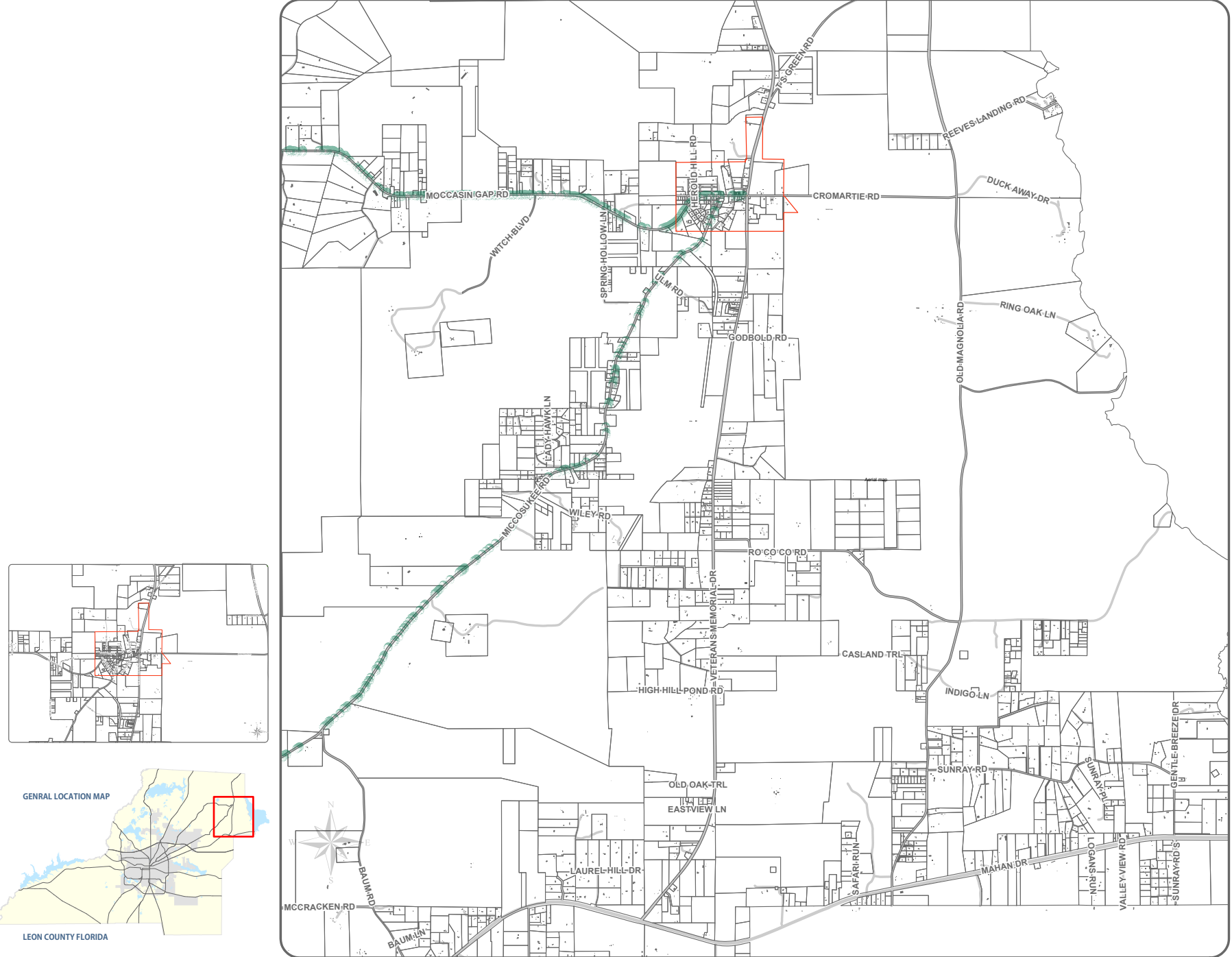
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Introduction to the Miccosukee Community

The Miccosukee community is located in northeast, unincorporated Leon County. This rural community is centered around the intersection of Moccasin Gap Road and Veterans Memorial Drive, and encompasses the Rural and Rural Community zoning and land use categories. The boundaries of Miccosukee are defined by the residents who live and work in the community. The bounds are identified as the Georgia state line to the north, Lake Miccosukee to the east, U.S. 90 (Mahan Drive) to the south, and Bradley's Pond at Old Centerville Road to the west.

The center of the Miccosukee community is marked by a small cluster of community facilities and commercial uses at the two-way stop intersection of Moccasin Gap Road and Veterans Memorial Drive. The commercial uses include the convenience store/gas station and a thrift store in a former U.S. Post Office on the northwest corner of the intersection. Community facilities include the Miccosukee Community Park and recreation area to the southeast, and a nearly 3,000 square foot Community Center approximately 500 feet west of the intersection on Moccasin Gap Road. The Miccosukee Community Park includes the approximately 7,500 square foot Concord (Old Miccosukee) School building previously owned by the Leon County School Board. In January of 2018 this site was acquired by Leon County Government and currently serves the Miccosukee Boys and Girls Club. Beyond the central intersection lies a historic church, residential properties, and a small gated subdivision, Shire Ridge, to the west. Beyond the Rural Community zone lies Reeves Fish Camp to the east and a number of estate homes and hunting plantations.



History

The Miccosukee community is rich with history dating back to the Creek Native Americans that once inhabited the area, to the small community of churches, schools, and general stores that were established in the 19th century to serve the growing agricultural industry. Settlers were drawn to Miccosukee for the fertile soil, resulting in the formation of some of the area's largest cotton plantations. Following the Civil War, large tracts of land were purchased as quail hunting estates by northern industrialists, but agriculture remained the dominant economic force and, as a result, the Florida Central Railroad service was established by 1887. Agriculture sustained the community until the boll weevil insect infestation of 1916 drastically slowed agricultural production and eventually resulted in the discontinuation of railroad service in the 1940s following the Great Depression. The legacy of the agricultural plantations and their subsequent decline is a common plot in the personal histories of the community's multi-generational residents.

The Miccosukee community was designated a Florida Heritage Site in 2004 by the Leon County Board of Commissioners and the Florida Department of State. A sign commemorating the designation is erected near the intersection of Veterans Memorial Drive and Moccasin Gap Road. Several historically significant properties have been added to the National Register of Historic Places including the Miccosukee Methodist Church and three historic homes on Veterans Memorial Drive. The original site of the Concord Schoolhouse is another historically significant place in Miccosukee. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1897, during the Reconstruction Era, to serve African-American students in the community. Following integration, the school was combined with the Miccosukee School, which operated until the 1980s. The historic Concord Schoolhouse structure was relocated to the Tallahassee Museum and is now a part of the "Old Florida" exhibit.





Community Assets

Rural Character + History

The scenic beauty of rural Miccosukee is one of its greatest assets. Both Moccasin Gap Road and Miccosukee Road are designated as canopy roads and provide entries to the community that contribute to the idyllic character and natural aesthetic. The landscape is characterized by low-density residential development, open fields, recreational uses, and limited community services.

Recreational opportunities in Miccosukee provide a unique alternative to what's available in the city. The rural community boasts natural amenities for outdoor recreation including hunting and fishing. The area is very popular with regional cyclists; hundreds of riders from across the U.S. flock to Miccosukee for the renowned Spaghetti 100 race each November. Reeve's Landing and Cypress Landing, on Lake Miccosukee, are public facilities owned and maintained by Leon County and contribute to the area's recreational options.

Miccosukee's rich cultural history is another significant asset of the community. This history is reflected in the preservation of historic structures and several have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Additional historic resources are present in the mature vegetation, majestic oaks, and vernacular architecture of churches, schools, and homes constructed in the 19th and early 20th centuries.



Public Spaces + Community Facilities

Public spaces and community facilities create opportunities for area residents to connect with one another and their surroundings. Miccosukee is served by two such spaces, each within 500ft of the central intersection at Moccasin Gap Rd and Veterans Memorial Drive.

- The Concord (Old Miccosukee) School, constructed in 1940, and Community Park is a combined educational facility and recreation area with a playground and ball fields. The school building and associated recreation facilities once served as a community school that was closed in the 1980s. Today, the building houses the Miccosukee Boys and Girls Club, and is owned and maintained by the Leon County Government as of January 2018. This building is nearly 78 years old and is currently in need of major renovations to continue operating as a community amenity.
- The Miccosukee Community Center is a 2,404 square foot multi-purpose room with a kitchen and restrooms, located on approximately one acre at the corner of Moccasin Gap Road and Billingsley Road. The Community Center is owned and operated by Leon County Government, and can be rented for use. It also serves as the location of weekly community activities including exercise classes and tutoring, as well as occasional Senior Center Lunch and Learn meetings. The existing structure is at a point where the maintenance cost required to upkeep the building is going to cost more than the building value.

Civic + Religious Institutions

The Miccosukee rural community also benefits from the presence of active civic and religious institutions. Organized groups of individuals, united by a set of shared beliefs or purpose, add value to the community. For example, the Miccosukee Youth Education Foundation (MYEF) provides bi-weekly tutoring for school-aged children, adult education courses, and summer classes at the Miccosukee Community Center. Many community members are also involved in one of the four local churches that provide weekly services and community assistance.





Goals

Through public engagement events and several site visits with the residents of the greater Miccosukee Community, conversations with a broad range of residents revealed both strong connections to their community and a variety of priorities they have for the area. While a diverse range of perspectives were expressed, many common themes arose. One common theme was the importance of preserving what makes the Miccosukee community unique by maintaining its rural character.

This plan identifies a series of goals, objectives, and strategies to strengthen the identity of the Miccosukee Community and address the priorities of all the citizens.

Goals include:

- Goal 1: Facilitate Community Engagement While Promoting Identity and History
- Goal 2: Communicate Land Development Opportunities and Constraints
- Goal 3: Explore Opportunities to Enhance Community Services
- Goal 4: Improve Transportation Safety



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could be extended
to include the
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Station

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Comprehensive
Plan about
access to houses

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Community
Center

MicroSokke
near
Station



Goal 1: Facilitate Community Engagement While Promoting Identity and History



VILLAGE OF MICCOSUKEE

In 1778 the British mapped this once thriving community, originally called "Mikasuki," with "sixty houses, a square, 28 families and 70 gunmen." The village was first settled by Native Americans of Creek descent who were often in armed conflict with white settlers. In 1818 Andrew Jackson and his men invaded, defeating the forces of village leader Kinhagee. Most of the Native Americans fled, but the area's fertile soil drew settlers and the area was soon resettled. A U. S. Post Office was built in 1831, as were churches, schools, and general stores. The town became a prime location for some of the area's largest cotton plantations. After the Civil War, agriculture remained the mainstay, and by 1887 a railroad served the community. In the 1890s, wealthy northern industrialists began purchasing large tracts of land to use as winter quail hunting estates, taking thousands of acres of land out of agricultural production. Yet the community continued to thrive until the boll weevil insect infestation of 1916 and the Great Depression (1929-1935) destroyed Leon County's agricultural base. The rail line ceased operations by the mid-1940s, leaving the Miccosukee community of today rich in turn-of-the-century charm.

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Objective 1.1: Establish a Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

The working group could be similar to that of the Midtown Merchant Association, which implements the Midtown Action Plan. This has been beneficial to Midtown as a way for those involved in the area to meet and discuss ideas and goals.

The working group will work to accomplish the goals and objectives in this plan. In addition, this group will organize others to become more involved in the community to help accomplish the vision of this plan.

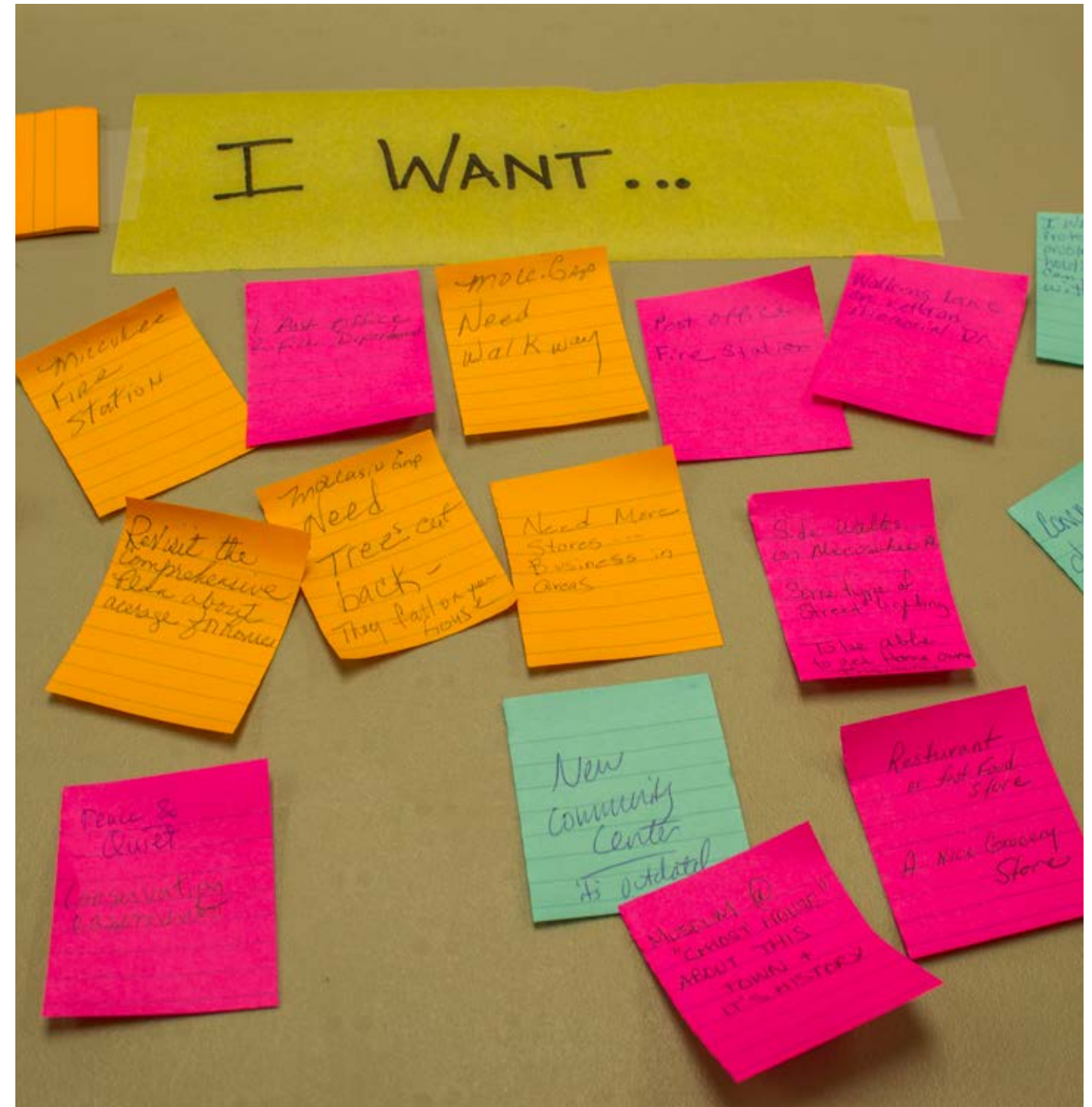


Strategies

- Identify community leaders
- Determine the minimum number of members needed for the group
- Identify members to make up a board to represent all of Miccosukee
- Have the working group schedule regular meetings to discuss the Miccosukee community vision and report information to the county liaison
- Identify a county liaison
- Use the group to identify issues that need to be addressed by the community.

LEAD:
Office of Resource Stewardship

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group



Objective 1.2: Develop a Process to Document and Record the History of Miccosukee

Documenting and recording the history of Miccosukee will ensure that future generations are aware of the community's unique value and heritage. This process may also serve as the foundation for future projects and other objectives, such as heritage festivals, historic markers, or a museum.



Strategies

- Identify a community history team
- Set a regular meeting schedule and location with the team
- Identify tools and resources, such as the StoryCorps app and StoryCorps.me
- Review archives at floridamemory.com
- Have oral history recording sessions

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens
Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
FAMU History Department
FSU History Department
Leon County Library
State of Florida Archives
Tallahassee Historical Society
WFSU

Objective 1.3: Host an Annual Community Festival That Recognizes the Heritage and History of Miccosukee

Miccosukee has a long, fascinating history that could serve as the basis for a community festival. Many residents have researched the community's history, which could be expressed through a community event as a way to celebrate this history with others. Hosting a festival with local farmers, makers, and community members who can speak about the history of Miccosukee provides an opportunity to document, share, and develop pride in Miccosukee's heritage.



Strategies

- Identify a community advocate and organizer
- Build a team to plan and organize the event
- Set a regular meeting schedule and meeting location with the team
- Determine the location of the event, such as the community center or community park
- Recruit farmers, makers, and other vendors
- Identify speakers who can tell interesting and engaging stories about the community

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
The Council on Culture and Arts (COCA)



Objective 1.4: Identify Historic Places Within the Community

Identifying historical places in the community can support the telling of Miccosukee's story and provide the basis for future efforts, such as historic district designations and the installation of historic markers.



Strategies

- Identify a community advocate and organizer
- As a community, identify potential historic places
- Work with the Tallahassee–Leon County GIS Department to map historic sites
- Determine how to honor/ tell the story of these places
- Work with Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department to evaluate historic preservation overlay zoning where appropriate
- Where appropriate, apply for Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources historic markers to identify historic resources
- Apply for Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources historic preservation grants

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
FAMU History Department
FSU History Department
Tallahassee–Leon County GIS
Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department
Tallahassee Trust for Historic PreservationS

Objective 1.5: Identify Cemeteries as Significant Places

Miccosukee has multiple cemeteries throughout the community that are of importance to the community and its history. Identifying these cemeteries can share a piece of the community's history with visitors.



Strategies

- Identify a community member to take the lead
- Conduct a meeting to identify the location of all the cemeteries in the community
- Work with Tallahassee–Leon County GIS Department to map sites
- Work with Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department to develop a cemetery wayfinding system

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
FAMU History Department
FSU History Department
Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department
Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation

Objective 1.6: Acknowledge the Significance of Both the Concord School and the Miccosukee School

Miccosukee was home to two schools, the Concord School and the Miccosukee School. The Concord School was built in 1897 and became one of the five largest African-American rural schools in Leon County. In the 1960s, the Concord School was combined with the Miccosukee School and the site renamed Concord School. The original Concord schoolhouse is preserved at the Tallahassee Museum. Consideration could be given to reflecting the history of the two schools at the current Concord Elementary (Old Miccosukee) School site.



Strategies

- Identify a community advocate and organizer
- As a community, document the story of the two schools
- Work with the Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department on how to implement the objective (i.e a site marker, plaque on school, etc.)

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Office of Resource Stewardship
Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department
Tallahassee Museum

Objective 1.7: Re-Establish the Community Garden

Community gardens make important contributions to all facets of sustainability. By providing access to fresh produce, gardens save participants money, increase access to healthy food, and cut down the amount of fossil fuel used to get food to the dinner table. In addition, community gardens provide educational opportunities and a place to share cultural heritage.



Strategies

- Apply for a materials, technical support, and a grant from the Leon County Community Gardens program
- Apply to the Damayan Garden Project for community garden support
- Request technical assistance from the Leon County UF/IFAS Extension Office
- Working Group will schedule community garden work days
- Work with potential partners to hold demonstrations and classes about gardening
- Establish the Seed Library Program on this site

LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Florida A&M University
Leon County UF/IFAS Extension Office
Leon County Office of Sustainability
Sustainable Tallahassee
Damayan Garden Project





Goal 2: Communicate Land Development Opportunities and Constraints



Objective 2.1: Provide Training and Updates on Development and Permitting Regulations

Many residents have misinformation about regulations and codes and are not up to date on current procedures. Providing updated standards keeps community members in the know and helps them in making decisions about their property. As property is handed down from one generation to the next, the citizens would like to understand how the property can be split and developed. This would also include density, stormwater regulations, environmental regulations, etc.



Strategies

- Hold a Development Support and Environmental Management training/informational session with questions and answers twice a year at the Miccosukee Community Center
- Provide information to the citizen of any potential regulation changes that could affect development
- Rural Lego Exercise

LEAD:
Development Support & Environmental Management

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Leon County Community and Media Relations
Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department

Objective 2.2: Conduct a Community Workshop on the Canopy Roads Management Plan

Several Miccosukee residents have property within the Canopy Roads Protection Zone. Some of these citizens have owned and/or resided on the properties for years and have a wealth of knowledge they can provide as input on the Canopy Roads Plan.



Strategies

- Have the Canopy Road Citizens Community (CRCC) liaison meet with the Miccosukee citizens to gather input

LEAD:
Canopy Road Citizens Community Liaison

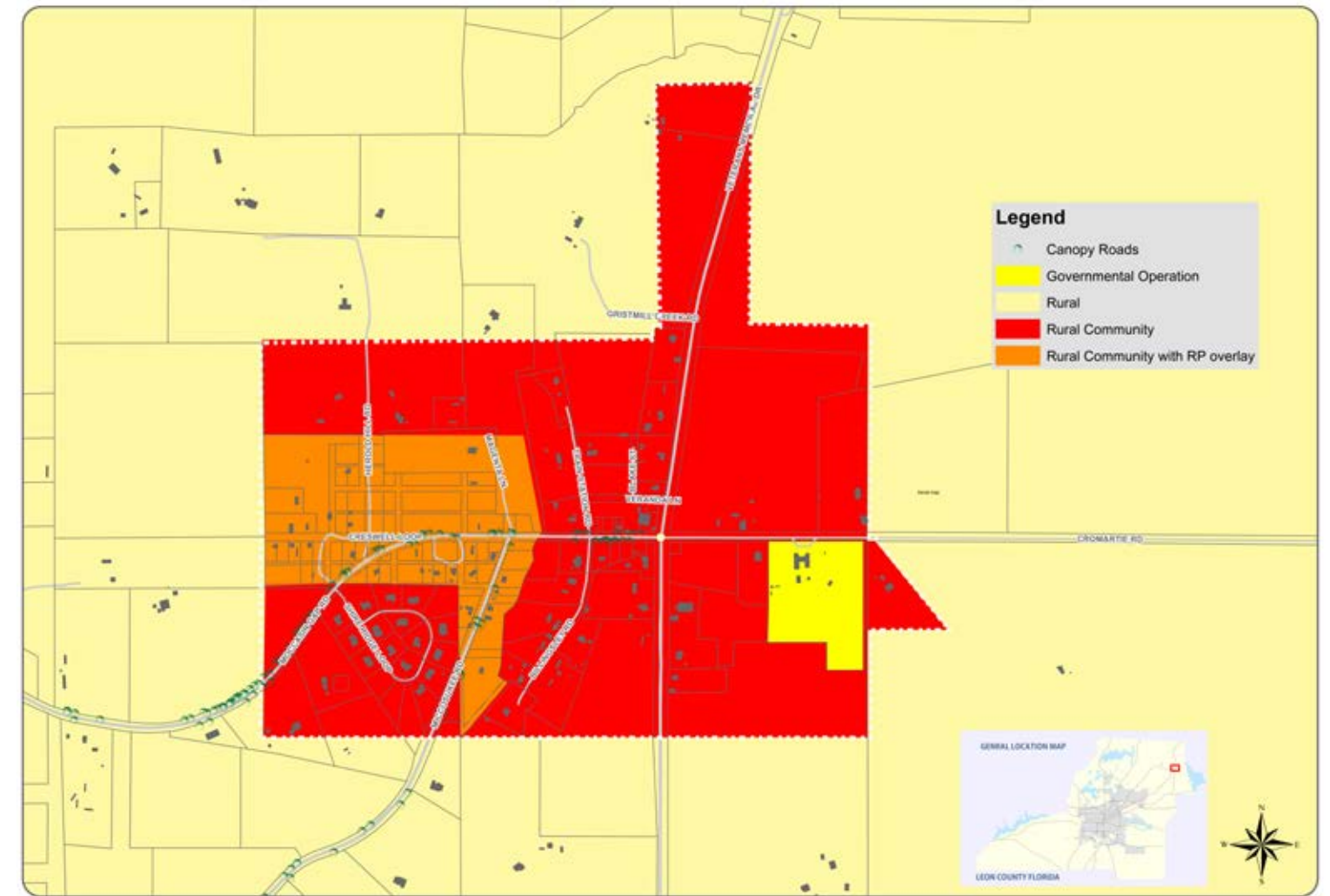
POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Canopy Road Citizens Community Board

Objective 2.3: Re-Evaluate the Residential Preservation Overlay with the Rural Community Land Use and Zoning

The Rural Community land use category on the Future Land Use Map is intended to distinguish long-established unincorporated communities located outside the Urban Service Area. The Rural Community land use category allows residential uses and small business commercial districts where minor office and small- to moderate-sized commercial development provide local and surrounding rural residents access to basic shopping opportunities. The existing Residential Preservation Overlay in Miccosukee limits the uses allowed to only residential development. The Residential Preservation Overlay does not include established residential developments, but rather limits the allowable uses at the intersection of Miccosukee Road and Moccasin Gap Road and along Moccasin Gap in the eastern portion of the community. The removal of the Residential Preservation Overlay in Miccosukee would allow for small-scale commercial uses to serve the general Miccosukee area.

Strategies

- The Comprehensive Planning team at the Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department can evaluate the implications of removing the Residential Preservation Overlay
- The Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department can process a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and associated rezoning as part of a future Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle
- Other Future Land Use Map amendments can be evaluated during the larger Comprehensive Plan Update process



FUTURE LAND USE

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LEAD:
 Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
 Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department



Goal 3: Explore Opportunities to Enhance Community Services



Objective 3.1: Consolidate the Community Center with the Amenities at the Concord School Site

Through a recent land transaction between the Leon County School Board and Leon County Government, Leon County Government now has ownership of the Concord School site. Having previously held the surrounding properties, Leon County Government now holds the entire 15.9 acre site that includes all the ball fields, the community garden, Concord School, and other amenities. Incorporating the community center into this site with the other amenities would enhance the community experience of its users. In addition, having one location that provides all the community amenities will help centralize activities and create a hub for the community.



Strategies

- Identify potential uses and enhancements to both facilities and grounds to serve community needs
- Determine and prioritize the improvements needed to bring the existing building up to current standard as a county facility
- Prioritize funding to begin the process of revitalizing the Concord School building.
- Establish the Concord School site as an emergency comfort station after weather and emergency events
- Explore opportunities to incorporate mobile connectivity on the Concord School site
- Incorporate access to electricity and internet to outdoor public gathering spaces at the Concord School site
- Explore options for library services on this site
- Monitor the need of having a volunteer fire station as the community grows

LEAD:
Office of Resource Stewardship

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Tallahassee- Leon County
Planning Department- DesignWorks

Objective 3.2: Address Garbage at the Concord (Old Miccosukee) School Dumpster

The dumpster off Cromartie Road, on the property of the Miccosukee Park, has been used as a bulk item dumping ground. Many residents have expressed concerns over these items being dumped on the site and the nuisance it is to the community. During the development of this plan Leon County Government acquired ownership of this parcel and addressed this matter. The site will be maintained to the same high standard as the other parks throughout the county.



Strategies

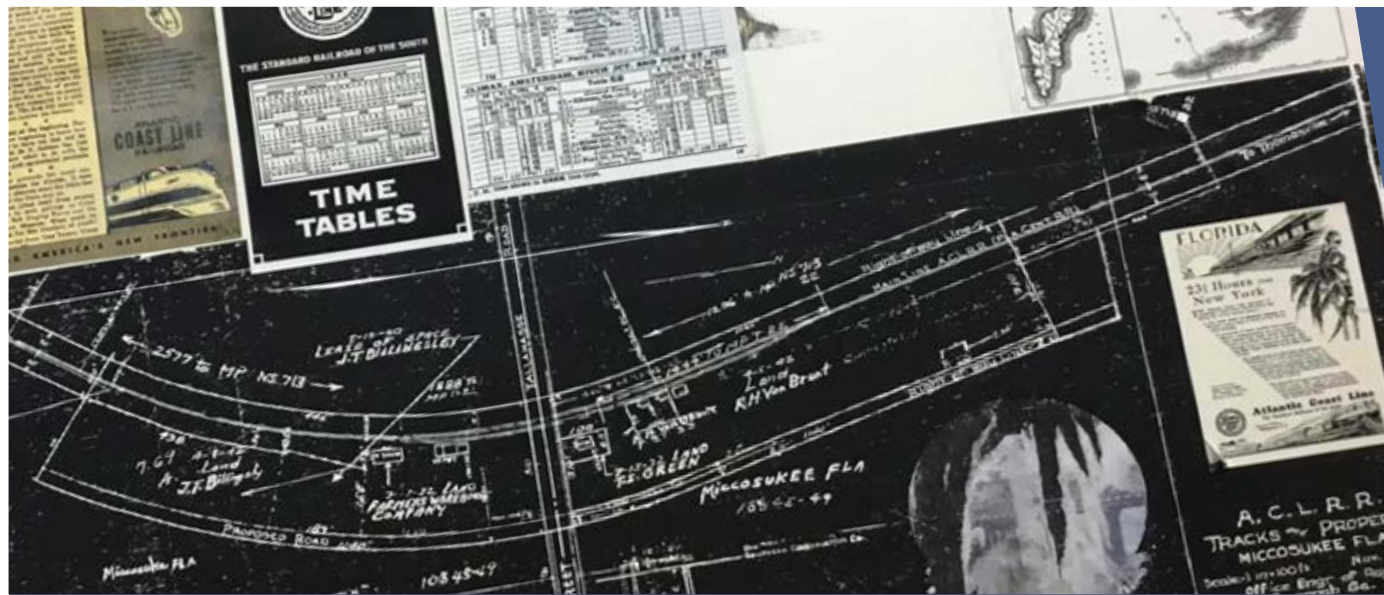
- Should this issue return, contact the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division (850.606.1800) to make them aware or use the Citizen Connect Application: <http://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/service-request/>

LEAD:
Leon County Solid Waste Management Division

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

Objective 3.3: Explore opportunities to create a historical feature that represents the old Miccosukee Rail Depot and the Miccosukee Community

In the 1940s and prior Miccosukee was home to its on Rail Depot. This depot was located on, what is today, the property line of two Leon County Properties, one of which currently has the Miccosukee Community Center. With the existing community center building being in decline, and consolidating the uses on the Concord School site, it is inevitable that the building will be removed and the site revised. This is an opportunity to share the story of the Miccosukee community while including an outdoor gathering space for residents.



Strategies

- Research the Miccosukee Rail Depot History and community history
- Identify potential uses and enhancements for the site
- Begin the process of sharing the history of Miccosukee

LEAD:
Office of Resource Stewardship

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Tallahassee- Leon County
Planning Department- DesignWorks





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Goal 4: Improve Transportation Safety



Objective 4.1: Explore Opportunities to Provide Wider Shoulders on Veterans Memorial Drive for All Road Users

Through community meetings residents expressed concerns over cyclist safety on the roads. Wider shoulders can provide room on the road that would help increase the safety for the cyclist. In addition, this treatment would allow space for vehicles to pull off the road in an emergency situation. Due to constraints with Canopy Roads and existing right away, Veterans Memorial would be most feasible option for this treatment.



Benefits of shoulders for all road users:

- Allowing for driver error and providing space to make evasive maneuvers
- Increasing the sight distance for through-vehicles and for those entering the roadway
- Providing structural support for the pavement, moving surface water farther from the travel lanes, reducing damage to the base and subgrade as well as reducing hydroplaning, splash and spray
- Providing space for maintenance operations and signs
- Providing space for disabled vehicles, mail delivery and bus stops

In many cases, a paved shoulder can add one more critical benefit:

Providing space for bicyclists and pedestrians

Directly quoted from: http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/nuggets_and_nibbles/articles/2013/accommodating.html

Strategies

- Explore phasing options for segments of Veterans Memorial Drive, beginning with areas between U.S. Highway 90 (Mahan Drive) and Cromartie Road (~5.29 miles))
- Identify any roadway improvements planned for Miccosukee
- Work with Leon County Public Works to incorporate this into resurfacing projects or other improvements
- Coordinate with the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency to identify projects appropriate for the Transportation Improvements Program and the Regional Mobility Plan

LEAD:
Leon County Public Works

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group Tallahassee-
Leon County Planning Department

Objective 4.2: Explore Opportunities to Increase the Lighting on Road Segments

Providing lighting will increase the safety of drivers and pedestrian. This should be provided in a way that does not take away from the rural character of the community. Dark sky principles (lighting that is directed towards the ground to avoid light pollution in the sky) should be considered with this type of project.



Strategies

- Identify roadway segments where lighting is needed
- Work with Leon County Public Works to incorporate this into other improvements through the Livable Infrastructure For Everyone (LIFE) Program and Street Lighting program to determine the feasibility of providing street lighting

LEAD:
Leon County Public Works

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

Objective 4.3: Explore Opportunities to Provide Sidewalks from the Community Center Site to the Concord (Old Miccosukee) School

The Miccosukee Community Center site and the Concord School bookend the walkable destinations in the Miccosukee community spanning a distance of about 2,170 feet. Providing a sidewalk in this area would allow for a safer route between these two popular community destinations.



Strategies

- Identify any roadway improvements planned for Miccosukee
- Work with Leon County Public Works to discuss potential opportunities
- Identify funding sources, e.g., the Livable Infrastructure For Everyone (LIFE) Program
- Seek right-of-way donations where Leon County Government does not own land

LEAD:
Leon County Public Works

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group
Tallahassee–Leon County Planning Department

Objective 4.4: Monitor the Transportation Needs of the Aging Population

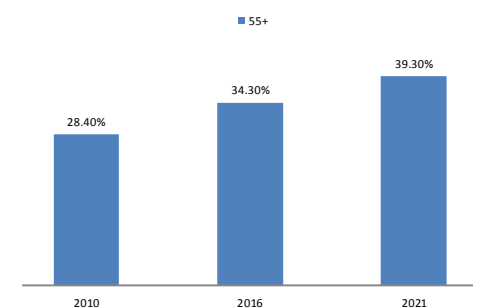
The 55+ population of Miccosukee has increased significantly since 2010 and is projected to continue this growth pattern into the future (see Appendix C, page 37). As the community ages, the need for transportation to and from the grocery store, doctor appointments, and other basic services will increase. This demographic shift will require better access to regular transportation options. Currently, StarMetro, who houses data on ridership, has not seen an increase in ridership for this area since 2010. To date, the Miccosukee area has only eight registered users, and within in the last year, four individuals have used the service for a total of 235 trips.



Strategies

- Monitor ridership on a yearly basis
- Determine if ridership is increasing
- Identify a transportation solution as the needs increase

**Miccosukee
Population 55+ Years Old**



LEAD:
Miccosukee Citizens Working Group

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:
Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Big Bend Transit
Leon County Senior Outreach Program





Plan Evaluations and Updates

The Miccosukee Rural Community Placemaking Action Plan is meant to be a guide to enhance the Miccosukee Community. To account for the projects that have been accomplished, this plan should be evaluated two years from the adoption date. In addition to seeing the achievements, the evaluation will allow the priority list of projects to be reevaluated to determine if the projects should be realigned to meet the current climate of the community. Through the evaluation process, the plan may be amended to reference the projects that have been accomplished and updated with information on each of these projects. As the community deems necessary, projects may be added to the plan during the evaluations. At the two-year evaluation, an appropriate schedule for the next evaluation can be determined.



Appendix A: Miccosukee Community Public Meetings Notices

October 20 - 22, 2016 / Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Mocassin Gap Road

HAVE IDEAS
TO STRENGTHEN THE
MICCOSUKEE COMMUNITY?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE AREA?
COME JOIN US AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY | OCTOBER 20-22
THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOON - 8 PM
SATURDAY 8 AM - 5 PM

MICOSUKEE COMMUNITY CENTER
13887 MOCCASIN GAP ROAD
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309

YOUR INPUT WILL BE USED IN DEVELOPING THE MICCOSUKEE RURAL COMMUNITY SENSE OF PLACE PLAN. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TALLAHASSEE LEON-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND LEON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WILL BE PRESENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DEVAN LEAVINS,
TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AT 850.891.6400.

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Leon County Seeks Input from the Miccosukee Rural Community

Monday, October 17, 2016 |

Leon County Seeks Input from the Miccosukee Rural Community

WHO: Leon County
WHAT: Community Meeting
WHEN: Thursday – Saturday, Oct. 20-22 at various times
WHERE: Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Moccasin Gap Road

In its continuous focus and commitment to engage citizens, Leon County will host a series of public meetings to gain input on ways to strengthen the Miccosukee Rural Community. The meetings will be held on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21 from noon to 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Moccasin Gap Road.

During these times, citizens can visit the community center to share ideas to enhance and shape the Miccosukee community. Representatives from the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and Leon County Department of Development Support and Environmental Management will be present to listen, answer questions, and discuss various topics.

The meetings will be conducted as informal design workshops where citizens can attend at their convenience during the three days and provide input. The meetings will be used to develop a Miccosukee Rural Community Sense of Place plan.

For more information, contact Devan Leavins, Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, at (850) 891-6441 / Devan.Leavins@Talgov.com or Mathieu Cavell, Leon County Community and Media Relations, at (850) 606-5300 / cmr@LeonCountyFL.gov

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Appendix A: Miccosukee Community Public Meetings Notices

March 22, 2016 / Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Mocassin Gap Road



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COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018
TWO MEETINGS
12 NOON - 1:30 PM & 6 PM - 7:30 PM

MICCOSUKEE COMMUNITY PARK
15011 CROMARTIE RD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309

CITIZENS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PLAN BASED ON THE COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY MEETING BACK IN 2016.

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Leon County Seeks Input from the Miccosukee Rural Community

Leon County Seeks Input from the Miccosukee Rural Community

WHO: Leon County

WHAT: Community Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 22 at noon and 6 p.m.

WHERE: Miccosukee Community Park, 15011 Cromartie Rd.

In its continuous focus and commitment to engage citizens, Leon County will host two public meetings to gain input on ways to strengthen the Miccosukee Rural Community. The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Miccosukee Community Park, 15011 Cromartie Rd. Both meeting agendas will be the same, but offered twice for convenience.

During these times, citizens can visit the Miccosukee Community Park to share ideas on the draft Miccosukee Sense of Place Plan. The draft plan was developed with input received from citizens in late 2016. Representatives from the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department and Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship will be present to listen, answer questions, and discuss various topics.

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Appendix B: Summary of Topics Discussed at Public Meetings

Development and Permitting

- Stormwater requirements and holding ponds
- Permits
- Constraints to building on property
- Property taxes
- Urban sprawl
- Ability to divide property for family
- Wind load requirements for structures
- Ability to get financing for development
- Smaller property owners versus larger landowners
- Barriers to entry for people moving back to Miccosukee
- Illegal subdivisions
- Canopy road zones
- Septic tanks

Land use and density

- Allowable density
- Miccosukee is surrounded by large landowners and plantations
- Rural Community Land Use
- Residential Preservation overlay

Community Services

- Fire fee
- Fire stations
- Fire hydrants
- Satellite office with law enforcement and a medical office

- Homeowner's insurance policies
- Community center
- A library branch
- Leon County Government Annex
- Crime prevention program
- Talquin water availability
- Internet availability
- Access to facilities at the park
- Emergency/storm shelter
- Conservation lands
- Lighting behind the community center
- Paving the parking lot behind the community center
- Garbage pick up
- Tree maintenance
- Emergency response times
- Volunteer fire department
- Elementary school or charter schools
- Vending machines in Community Center
- Space for exercise, games, and community functions
- More activities for children and seniors
- Community garden for adults and children
- Regular daily open hours for Community Center
- Build new Community Center instead of renovating the Concord School

Canopy Roads

- Canopy road buffer zone
- Safety concerns

- Vehicles and driveway lines of sight
- Falling limbs and trees
- Tree branches in the electric lines
- Clearing underbrush
- Speed humps to slow traffic at Veterans Memorial / Moccasin Gap intersection

Community Characteristics

- People identify as Miccosukee for miles
- The community desires to come together across race/ethnic, political, and land ownership divisions
- Branding historic resources to create a sense of place
 - Ghost house
 - Historic train path
- Young people move away and do not return
- Creation of jobs in the community
- Concord school, Indian Spring Church, and the Miccosukee Community Center are the three polling places instead of one central community location
- Develop an annual festival
- Develop a farmers' market
- Host a car show
- Collect and display local artifacts

Transportation

- Street Lighting
- Sidewalks to connect community features
- Bike lanes or paved shoulders

- Deep ditches along the roads
- Reflectors on the road
- Speeding
- Conflicts between cyclists and automobiles
- Walking, biking, and horse riding trails

Summary of comments from the Miccosukee Youth Educational Foundation

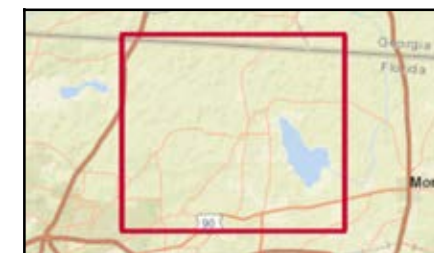
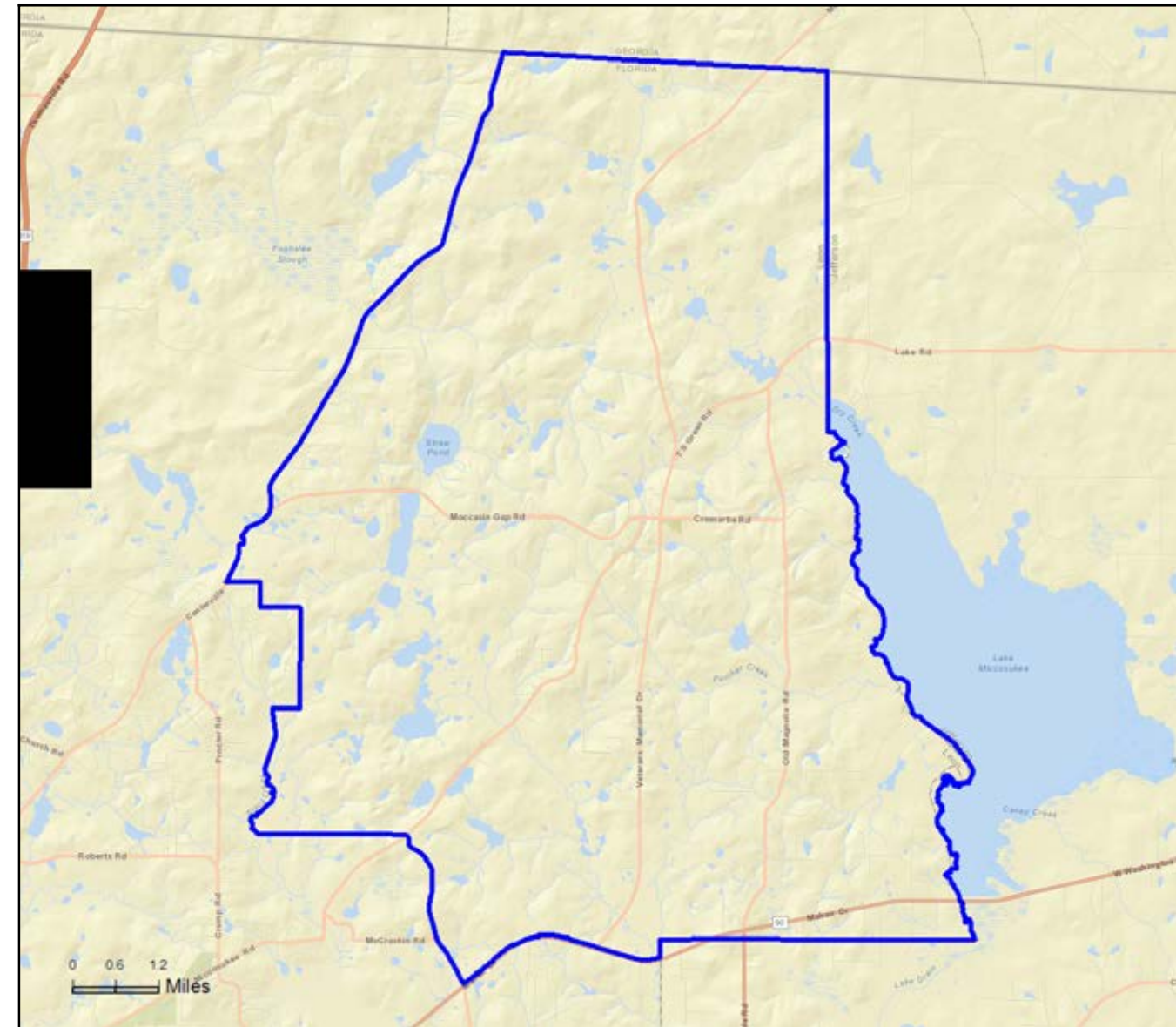
- Five adults, twelve students ranging from kindergarten through high school
- Things they want in the community include:
 - A store
 - Fast food
 - A laundry mat
 - Community swimming pool
 - Library branch
 - Grocery store
- "You have to drive a car" - A kindergartener
- The community needs:
 - Bike lanes
 - Walking path
 - Sidewalk
- "Many people walk"
- "Five miles away is still in the community"
- There are times when multiple groups want/need the community center at the same time.
- The community center with multiple spaces that can be used at the same time. "A coffee shop or small shop inside the community center would be great."

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The Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive plan identifies the Miccosukee Community as the area around Veterans Memorial Drive and Cromartie Road. Conversations with many of the residents revealed that those who identify as part of the Miccosukee Community extend much further out than this location. The Miccosukee Community profile provides demographic data for the geographical area of the Miccosukee Community as defined by residents. The following map is the boundary that is being used to define the Miccosukee Community, based on input from those that identifying as part of the Miccosukee Community. The demographic data following the map is based on the same location as the map. This data provides a snapshot into the makeup of this rural community.



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Population Summary		
2000 Total Population		2,266
2010 Total Population		2,597
2016 Total Population		2,653
2016 Group Quarters		0
2021 Total Population		2,715
2016-2021 Annual Rate		0.46%
2016 Total Daytime Population		1,713
Workers		179
Residents		1,534
Household Summary		
2000 Households		847
2000 Average Household Size		2.66
2010 Households		985
2010 Average Household Size		2.64
2016 Households		993
2016 Average Household Size		2.67
2021 Households		1,011
2021 Average Household Size		2.69
2016-2021 Annual Rate		0.36%
2010 Families		760
2010 Average Family Size		2.99
2016 Families		762
2016 Average Family Size		3.04
2021 Families		774
2021 Average Family Size		3.06
2016-2021 Annual Rate		0.31%
Housing Unit Summary		
2000 Housing Units		936
Owner Occupied Housing Units		78.7%
Renter Occupied Housing Units		11.6%
Vacant Housing Units		9.6%
2010 Housing Units		1,183
Owner Occupied Housing Units		71.5%
Renter Occupied Housing Units		11.7%
Vacant Housing Units		16.7%
2016 Housing Units		1,197
Owner Occupied Housing Units		67.8%
Renter Occupied Housing Units		15.3%
Vacant Housing Units		17.0%
2021 Housing Units		1,220
Owner Occupied Housing Units		67.4%
Renter Occupied Housing Units		15.4%
Vacant Housing Units		17.1%
Median Household Income		
2016		\$60,624
2021		\$67,064
Median Home Value		
2016		\$218,966
2021		\$312,179
Per Capita Income		
2016		\$29,883
2021		\$32,179
Median Age		
2010		42.9
2016		44.8
2021		46.4

Data Note: Household population includes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the household population divided by total households. Persons in families include the householder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Per Capita Income represents the income received by all persons aged 15 years and over divided by the total population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2016 and 2021 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

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2016 Households by Income		
Household Income Base		993
<\$15,000		11.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999		6.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999		10.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999		12.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999		17.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999		9.9%
\$100,000 - \$149,999		20.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999		6.0%
\$200,000+		4.6%
Average Household Income		\$81,828
2021 Households by Income		
Household Income Base		1,011
<\$15,000		11.2%
\$15,000 - \$24,999		6.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999		5.9%
\$35,000 - \$49,999		8.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999		22.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999		10.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999		22.6%
\$150,000 - \$199,999		7.1%
\$200,000+		4.7%
Average Household Income		\$88,559
2016 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value		
Total		811
<\$50,000		17.4%
\$50,000 - \$99,999		7.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999		6.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999		17.4%
\$200,000 - \$249,999		3.6%
\$250,000 - \$299,999		5.1%
\$300,000 - \$399,999		11.1%
\$400,000 - \$499,999		6.4%
\$500,000 - \$749,999		9.4%
\$750,000 - \$999,999		14.8%
\$1,000,000 +		1.0%
Average Home Value		\$338,889
2021 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value		
Total		822
<\$50,000		7.8%
\$50,000 - \$99,999		3.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999		5.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999		21.3%
\$200,000 - \$249,999		4.7%
\$250,000 - \$299,999		6.0%
\$300,000 - \$399,999		9.5%
\$400,000 - \$499,999		6.9%
\$500,000 - \$749,999		11.6%
\$750,000 - \$999,999		22.0%
\$1,000,000 +		1.1%
Average Home Value		\$419,153

Data Note: Income represents the preceding year, expressed in current dollars. Household income includes wage and salary earnings, interest dividends, net rents, pensions, SSI and welfare payments, child support, and alimony.

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2010 Population by Age	
Total	2,595
0 - 4	5.2%
5 - 9	6.6%
10 - 14	7.5%
15 - 24	12.8%
25 - 34	8.1%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	19.0%
55 - 64	17.4%
65 - 74	7.6%
75 - 84	2.3%
85 +	1.1%
18 +	75.6%
2016 Population by Age	
Total	2,654
0 - 4	4.7%
5 - 9	5.4%
10 - 14	6.6%
15 - 24	12.0%
25 - 34	10.8%
35 - 44	10.7%
45 - 54	15.4%
55 - 64	18.8%
65 - 74	11.0%
75 - 84	3.5%
85 +	1.0%
18 +	79.4%
2021 Population by Age	
Total	2,715
0 - 4	4.5%
5 - 9	5.1%
10 - 14	6.0%
15 - 24	10.4%
25 - 34	11.5%
35 - 44	10.8%
45 - 54	12.5%
55 - 64	17.6%
65 - 74	15.4%
75 - 84	5.3%
85 +	1.0%
18 +	80.6%
2010 Population by Sex	
Males	1,255
Females	1,342
2016 Population by Sex	
Males	1,276
Females	1,376
2021 Population by Sex	
Males	1,298
Females	1,417

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2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	2,598
White Alone	70.6%
Black Alone	26.6%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	0.6%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	0.5%
Two or More Races	1.4%
Hispanic Origin	2.2%
Diversity Index	45.4
2016 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	2,653
White Alone	67.6%
Black Alone	29.2%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	0.7%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	0.5%
Two or More Races	1.7%
Hispanic Origin	2.6%
Diversity Index	48.5
2021 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	2,715
White Alone	65.4%
Black Alone	31.1%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	0.8%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	0.6%
Two or More Races	1.9%
Hispanic Origin	3.0%
Diversity Index	50.7
2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type	
Total	2,597
In Households	100.0%
In Family Households	89.6%
Householder	28.6%
Spouse	21.5%
Child	33.7%
Other relative	3.6%
Nonrelative	2.2%
In Nonfamily Households	10.4%
In Group Quarters	0.0%
Institutionalized Population	0.0%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.0%

Data Note: Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2016 and 2021 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

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2016 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment	
Total	1,891
Less than 9th Grade	3.2%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	5.3%
High School Graduate	19.8%
GED/Alternative Credential	2.9%
Some College, No Degree	19.8%
Associate Degree	6.6%
Bachelor's Degree	33.5%
Graduate/Professional Degree	8.8%
2016 Population 15+ by Marital Status	
Total	2,210
Never Married	25.5%
Married	66.7%
Widowed	2.9%
Divorced	4.8%
2016 Civilian Population 16+ in Labor Force	
Civilian Employed	97.2%
Civilian Unemployed	2.8%
2016 Employed Population 16+ by Industry	
Total	1,138
Agriculture/Mining	3.3%
Construction	2.4%
Manufacturing	11.8%
Wholesale Trade	5.3%
Retail Trade	9.0%
Transportation/Utilities	4.6%
Information	1.0%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3.1%
Services	51.3%
Public Administration	8.3%
2016 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation	
Total	1,138
White Collar	75.2%
Management/Business/Financial	32.0%
Professional	30.3%
Sales	3.3%
Administrative Support	9.7%
Services	10.9%
Blue Collar	13.9%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	0.0%
Construction/Extraction	2.1%
Installation/Maintenance/Repair	5.2%
Production	1.8%
Transportation/Material Moving	4.7%
2010 Population By Urban/ Rural Status	
Total Population	2,597
Population Inside Urbanized Area	0.0%
Population Inside Urbanized Cluster	0.0%
Rural Population	100.0%



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2010 Households by Type	
Total	985
Households with 1 Person	19.0%
Households with 2+ People	81.0%
Family Households	77.2%
Husband-wife Families	58.0%
With Related Children	24.7%
Other Family (No Spouse Present)	19.2%
Other Family with Male Householder	4.2%
With Related Children	2.4%
Other Family with Female Householder	15.0%
With Related Children	8.6%
Nonfamily Households	3.9%
All Households with Children	36.0%
Multigenerational Households	5.8%
Unmarried Partner Households	5.3%
Male-female	4.1%
Same-sex	1.2%
2010 Households by Size	
Total	985
1 Person Household	19.0%
2 Person Household	37.5%
3 Person Household	17.0%
4 Person Household	14.7%
5 Person Household	7.6%
6 Person Household	2.9%
7 + Person Household	1.3%
2010 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status	
Total	985
Owner Occupied	85.9%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	59.4%
Owned Free and Clear	26.4%
Renter Occupied	14.1%
2010 Housing Units By Urban/ Rural Status	
Total Housing Units	1,183
Housing Units Inside Urbanized Area	0.0%
Housing Units Inside Urbanized Cluster	0.0%
Rural Housing Units	100.0%

Data Note: Households with children include any households with people under age 18, related or not. Multigenerational households are families with 3 or more parent-child relationships. Unmarried partner households are usually classified as nonfamily households unless there is another member of the household related to the householder. Multigenerational and unmarried partner households are reported only to the tract level. Esri estimated block group data, which is used to estimate polygons or non-standard geography.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2016 and 2021 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

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Top 3 Tapestry Segments		
	1.	Green Acres (6A)
	2.	Southern Satellites (10A)
	3.	Top Tier (1A)
2016 Consumer Spending		
Apparel & Services: Total \$		\$2,064,604
Average Spent		\$2,079.16
Spending Potential Index		103
Education: Total \$		\$1,391,402
Average Spent		\$1,401.21
Spending Potential Index		99
Entertainment/Recreation: Total \$		\$3,089,503
Average Spent		\$3,111.28
Spending Potential Index		107
Food at Home: Total \$		\$5,182,746
Average Spent		\$5,219.28
Spending Potential Index		105
Food Away from Home: Total \$		\$3,212,317
Average Spent		\$3,234.96
Spending Potential Index		105
Health Care: Total \$		\$5,847,305
Average Spent		\$5,888.52
Spending Potential Index		111
HH Furnishings & Equipment: Total \$		\$1,870,722
Average Spent		\$1,883.91
Spending Potential Index		107
Personal Care Products & Services: Total \$		\$762,892
Average Spent		\$768.27
Spending Potential Index		105
Shelter: Total \$		\$15,442,411
Average Spent		\$15,551.27
Spending Potential Index		100
Support Payments/Cash Contributions/Gifts in Kind: Total \$		\$2,561,218
Average Spent		\$2,579.27
Spending Potential Index		111
Travel: Total \$		\$1,972,012
Average Spent		\$1,985.91
Spending Potential Index		107
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs: Total \$		\$1,098,514
Average Spent		\$1,106.26
Spending Potential Index		107

Data Note: Consumer spending shows the amount spent on a variety of goods and services by households that reside in the area. Expenditures are shown by broad budget categories that are not mutually exclusive. Consumer spending does not equal business revenue. Total and Average Amount Spent Per Household represent annual figures. The Spending Potential Index represents the amount spent in the area relative to a national average of 100.

Source: Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2013 and 2014 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Esri.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2016 and 2021 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

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