



MEMORANDUM



TO: Tallahassee-Leon County Local Planning Agency

THROUGH: Barry Wilcox, Division Director, Comprehensive Planning Division
Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department

FROM: Artie White, Principal Planner, Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department

DATE: September 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update: Update on *Public Participation Strategy* and Next Steps.

Following the April 26, 2016 update to the Local Planning Agency, the draft *Preliminary Assessment of Community Values* was presented by Planning Department staff at the City of Tallahassee City Commission meeting on May 18, 2016 and at the Leon County Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 24, 2016. Both Commissions accepted the draft *Preliminary Assessment of Community Values* and directed staff to develop a public participation strategy.

Staff submitted an application for a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for funding to hire a consultant to assist staff with facilitating public participation for the Comprehensive Plan Update, but the application for grant funding was not successful.

Based on the news that the Department of Economic Opportunity will not be awarding the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant funding for the Comprehensive Plan Update public participation efforts, Planning Department staff developed a draft *Public Participation Strategy* leveraging available resources. This draft strategy was reviewed with the Comprehensive Plan Update focus group on September 12, 2016.

The draft *Public Participation Strategy* will be refined based on feedback from the focus group. The draft strategy will then be presented to the Local Planning Agency and to the City Commission and Board of County Commissioners.

Next Steps

Updates will be provided at the following meetings:

- Local Planning Agency Workshop on October 12, 2016
- Board of County Commissioners on October 18, 2016
- City Commission on October 19, 2016