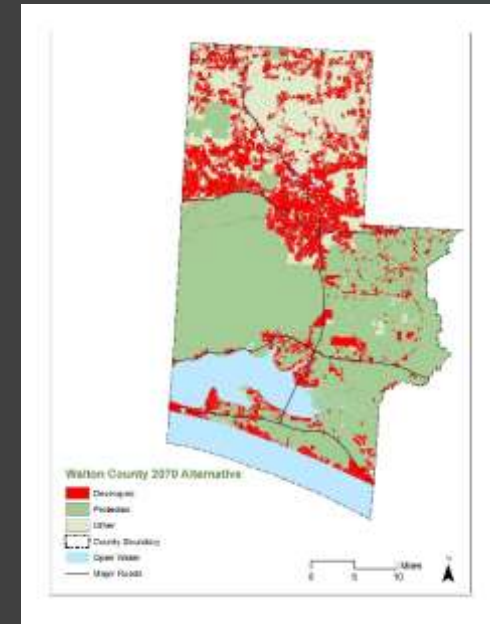
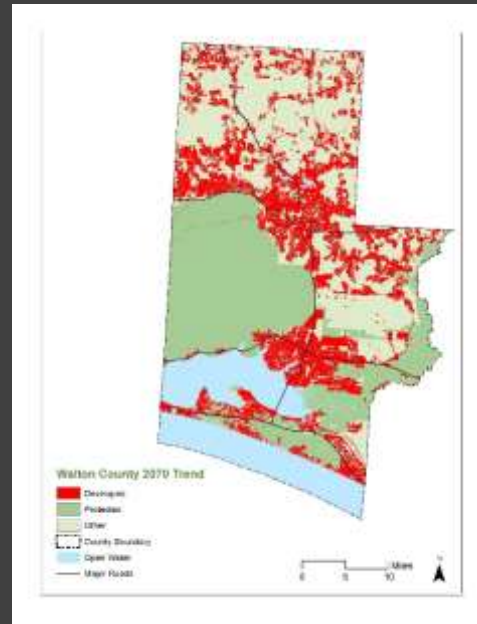
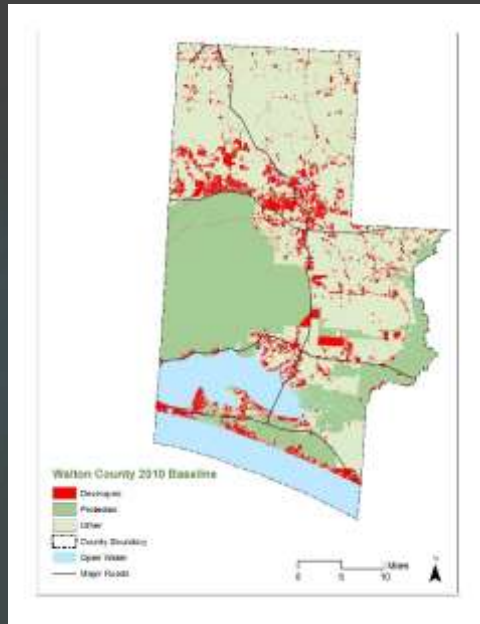


Walton County 2070

WHAT CAN WE DO TODAY
TO PLAN FOR A BETTER TOMORROW?



1000 Friends of Florida



- ▶ Florida's leading nonprofit advocate of sustainable development
- ▶ Working with citizens, community and state leaders, conservation and business groups
- ▶ Building better communities
- ▶ Saving special places

Our co-founder, Nathaniel Pryor Reed 1933-2018



His vision: Protecting
Florida's environment,
economy and quality
of life by responsibly
managing growth

Photo by Mac Stone



1000 Friends' highlights in Walton County



- ▶ Supporting citizens in challenging plan to repeal Dune Lakes protections, leading to study on human impacts
- ▶ Reviewing study and highlighting priorities





More 1000 Friends' Walton County highlights

- ▶ Offering expert planning testimony to help Walton County residents challenge changes to the county's comprehensive plan increasing rural residential densities by 500 percent; challenge led to settlement
- ▶ Supporting SWCC in litigation to enforce comprehensive plan to promote high standards on 30 A
- ▶ Commissioning the Walton County 2070 study on future growth and development in the county

1000 Friends' policy priorities

- ▶ Preserving natural and agricultural land from development
- ▶ Restoring and protecting environmental treasures
- ▶ Defending the planning process
- ▶ Expanding the supply of affordable workforce housing
- ▶ Promoting transportation alternatives
- ▶ Preparing for climate change and sea-level rise




Legislative advocacy: win some, lose some ...

- ▶ \$100 million for Florida Forever in 2018; \$33 million in 2019
- ▶ Bills to strengthen water quality rules died in 2019
- ▶ Legislature exceeded governor's budget request for Everglades restoration and water quality improvements
- ▶ 2018 legislation overriding local development limits failed; 2019 legislation undermining comp plan enforcement passed



A SPECIAL REPORT



WHAT IS YOUR VISION
FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE?



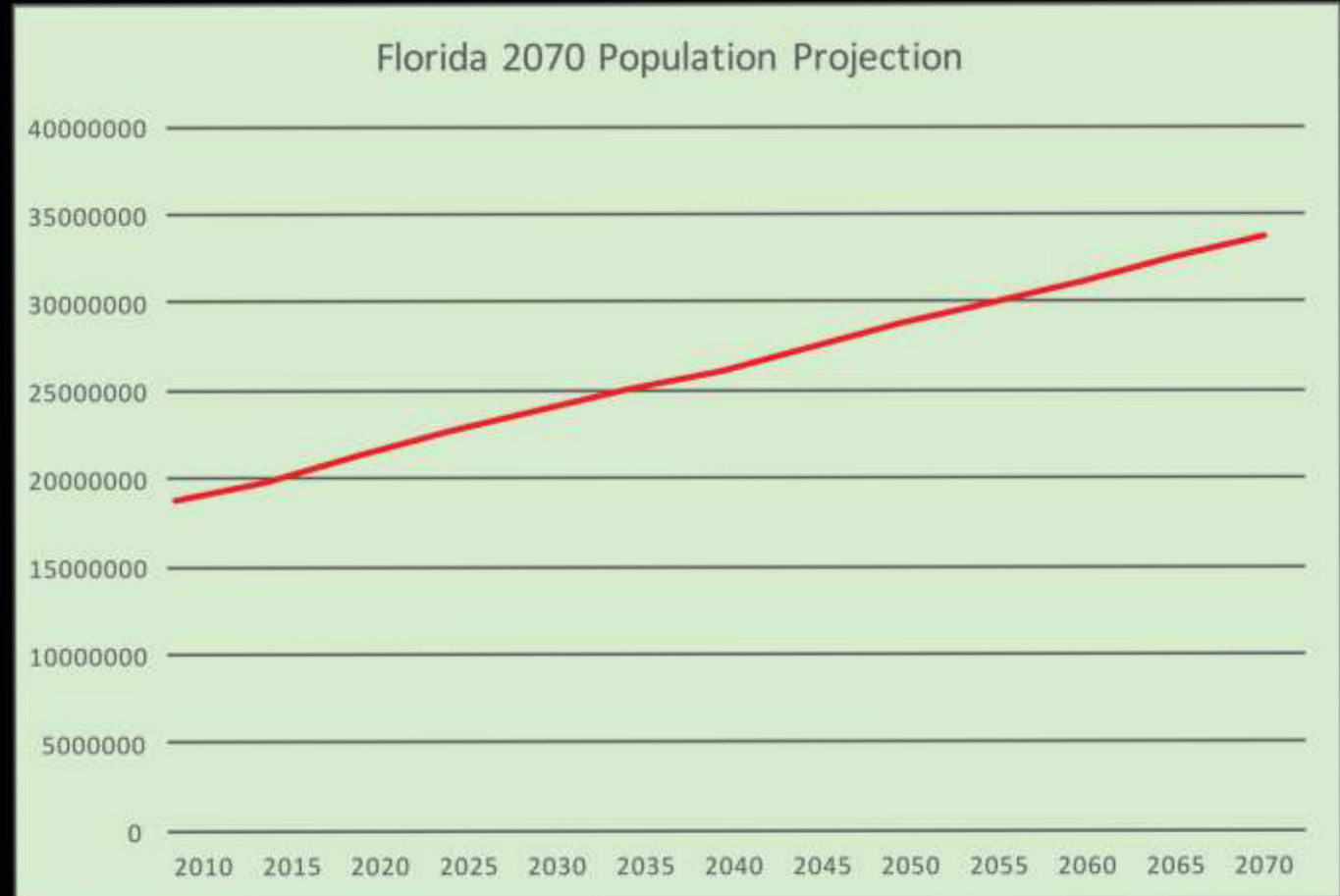
Florida 2070 and Water 2070

- ▶ Three partners:
1000 Friends,
University of Florida,
Florida Agriculture
Department
- ▶ One question:
What is your vision
for Florida's future?

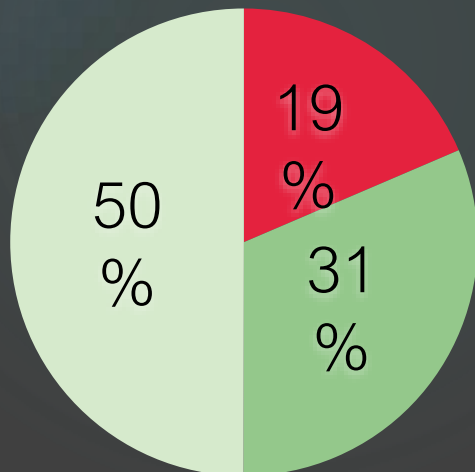


Using moderate projections, by 2070, Florida is expected to have 33.7 million residents, about 15 million more than it had in 2010.

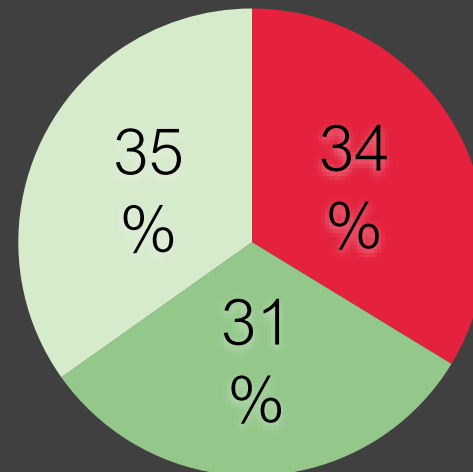
This growth has significant impacts on Florida's lands, waters, roads, and quality of life.



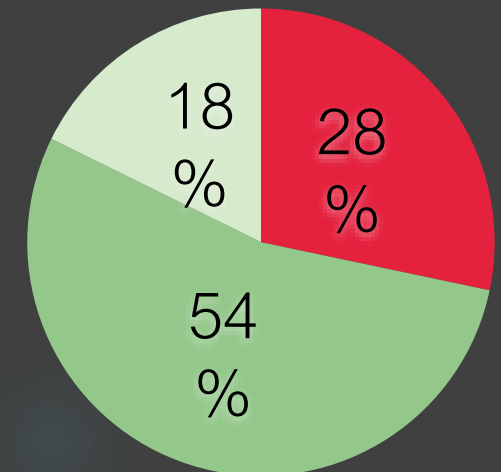
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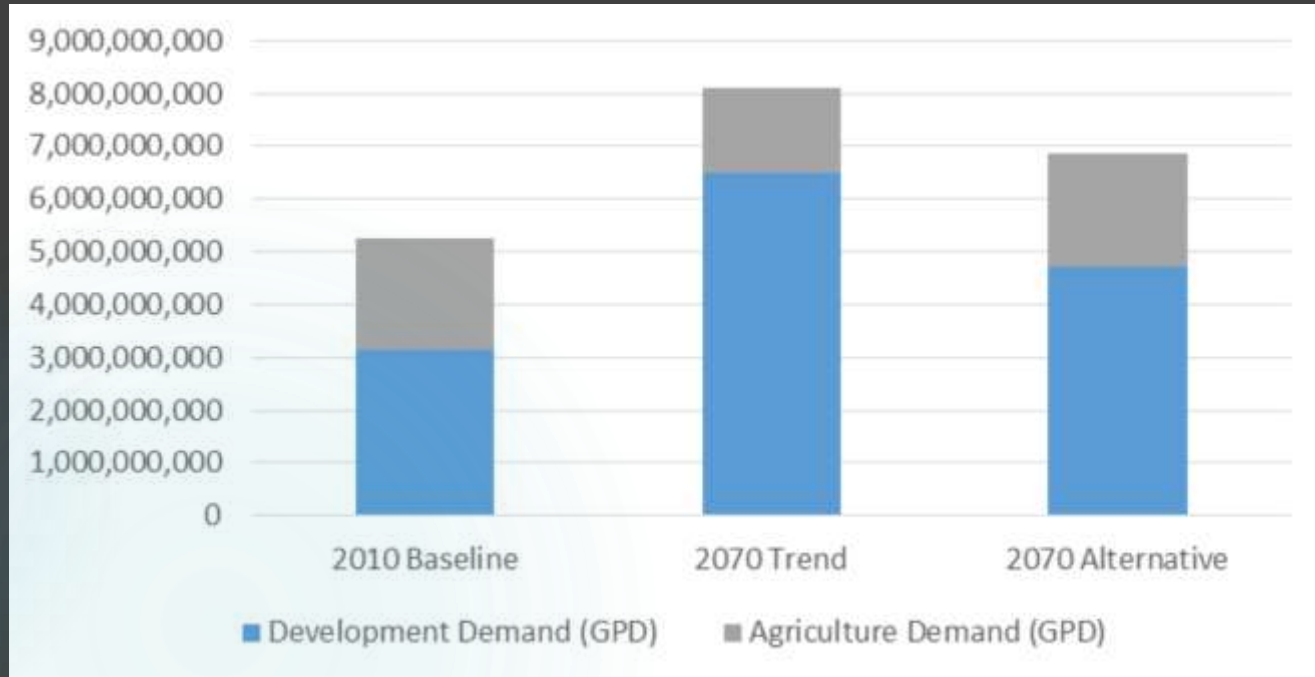


2070 Trend



2070 Alternative





Water demand

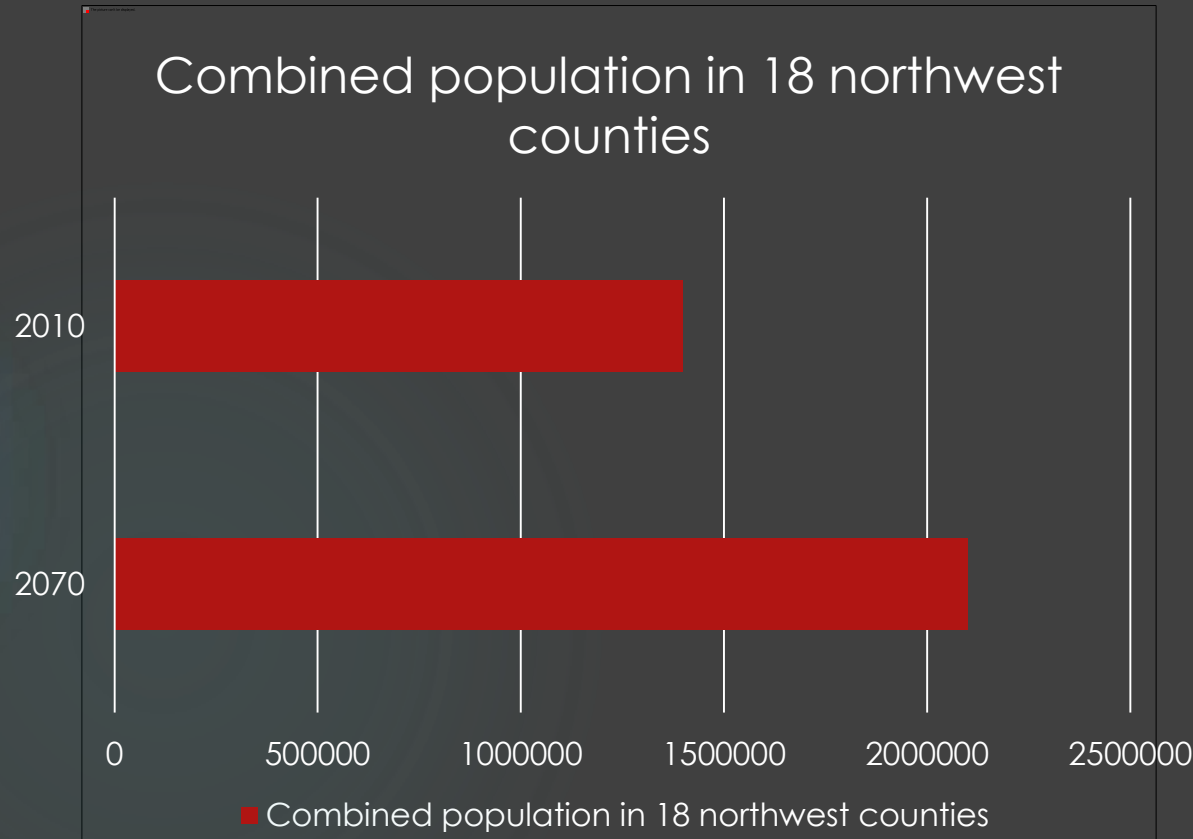
Benefits from compact development:

- ▶ Lower costs for taxpayers for public services
- ▶ More transportation options
- ▶ Less time stuck in traffic
- ▶ More housing choices

Small land-use changes: It all adds up

- ▶ The cumulative impact of multiple small land-use changes will, over time, shape the future landscape of Florida.

Population growth in the Florida Panhandle



► 2010: 1.4
million

► 2070: 2.1
million

2010 Baseline

2070 Trend

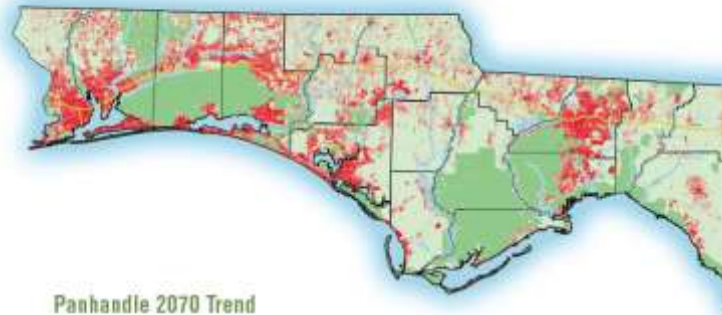
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- Protected
- Other



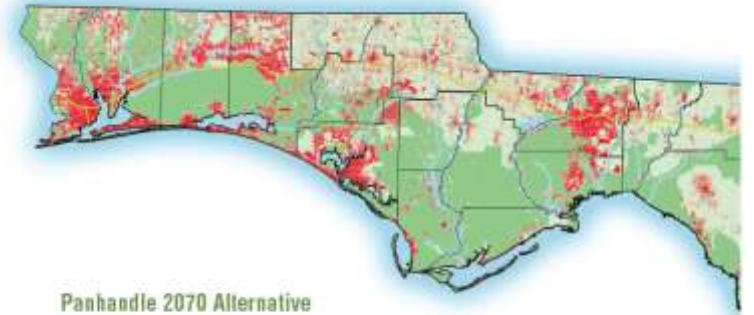
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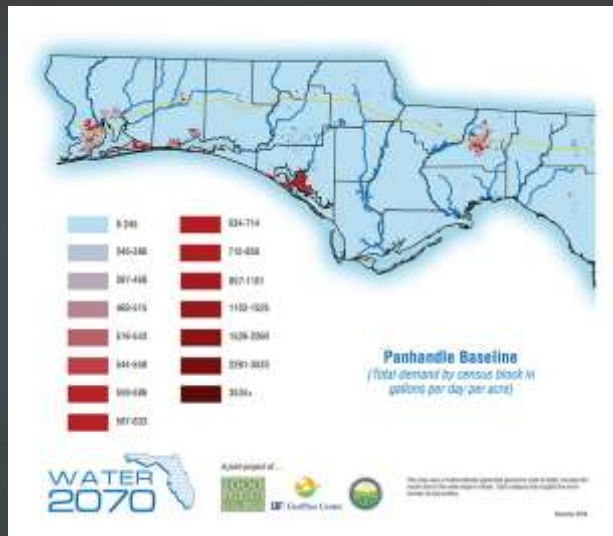
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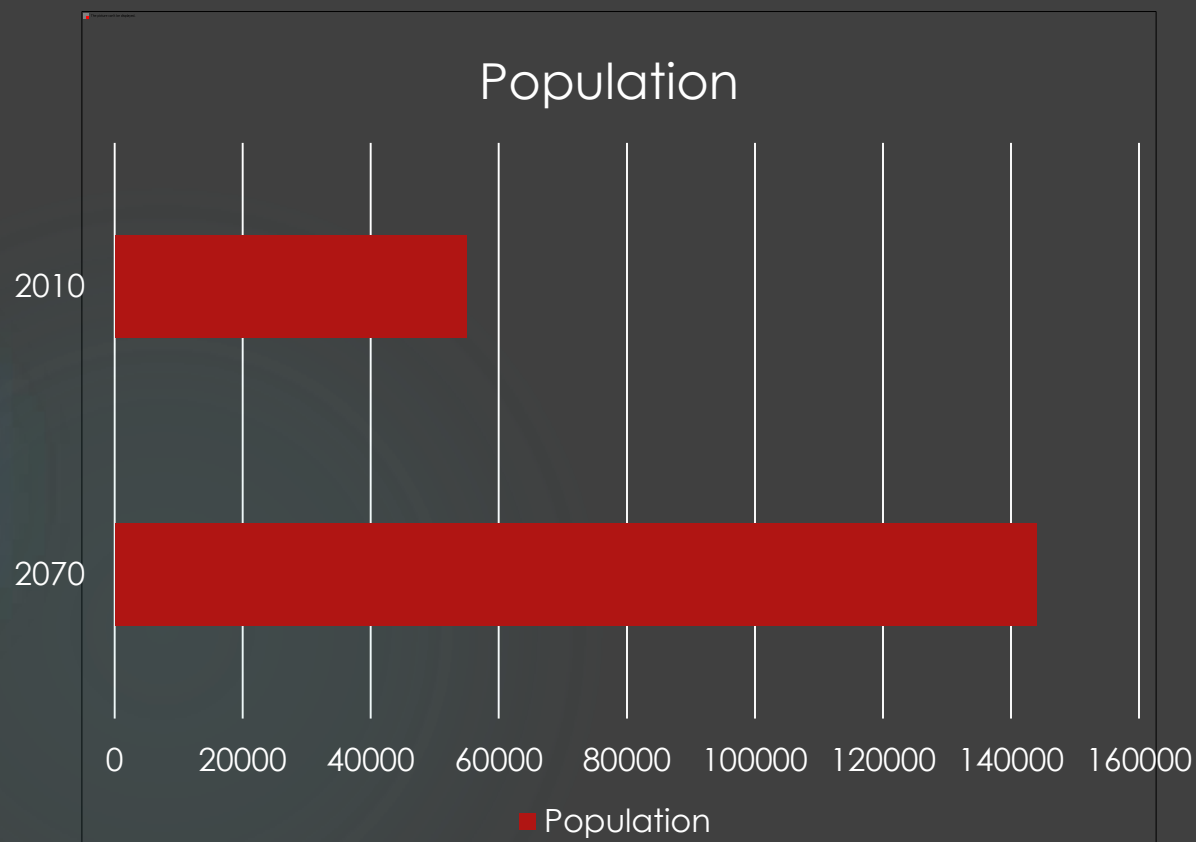
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Projected population growth in Walton County



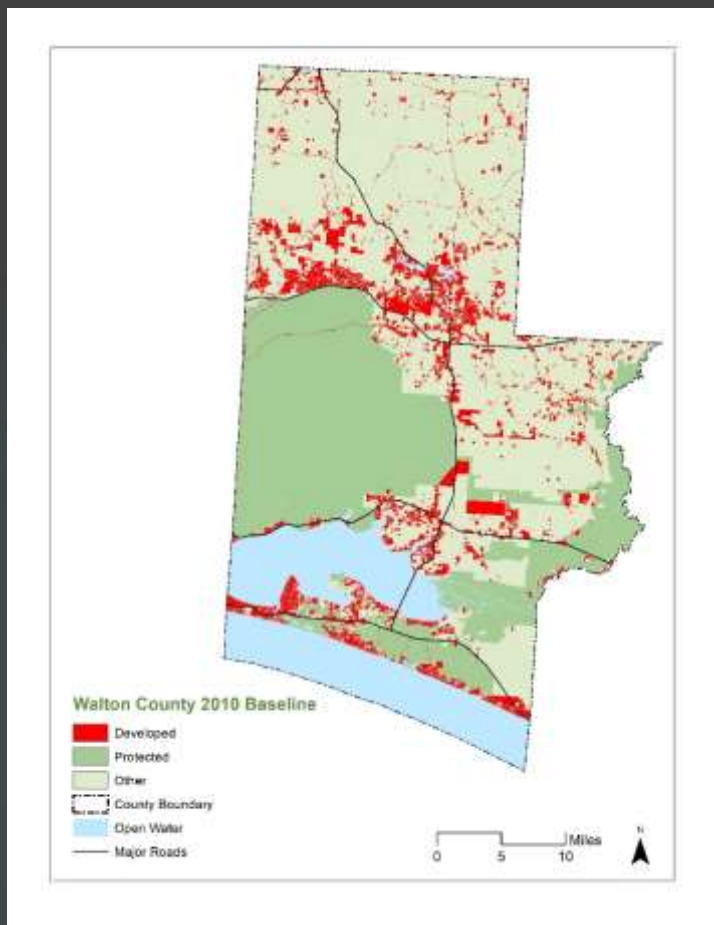
► 2010: 55,000

► 2070: 144,000

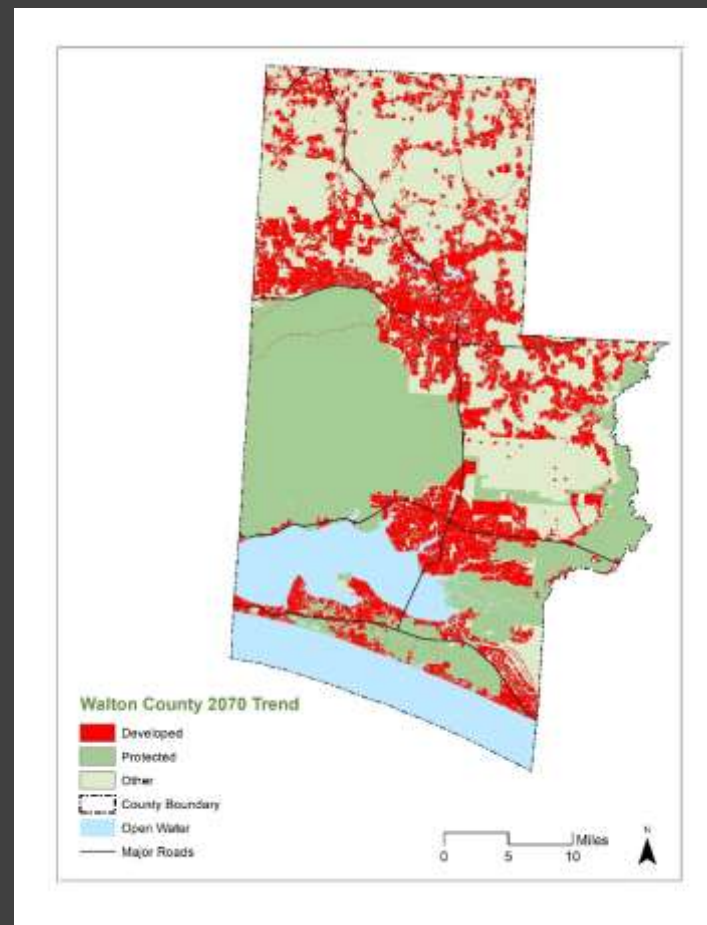
Some caveats

- ▶ 2070 data was intended for statewide and regional use; discrepancies inherent when using at smaller geographic scales
- ▶ 2070 scenarios don't reflect current growth management rules
- ▶ 2070 scenarios don't project impact of sea-level rise

Walton County's growth trend

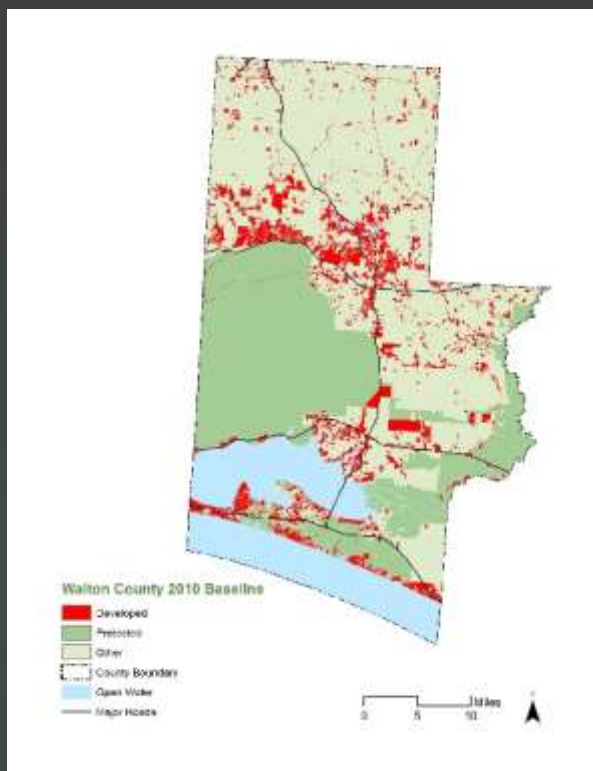


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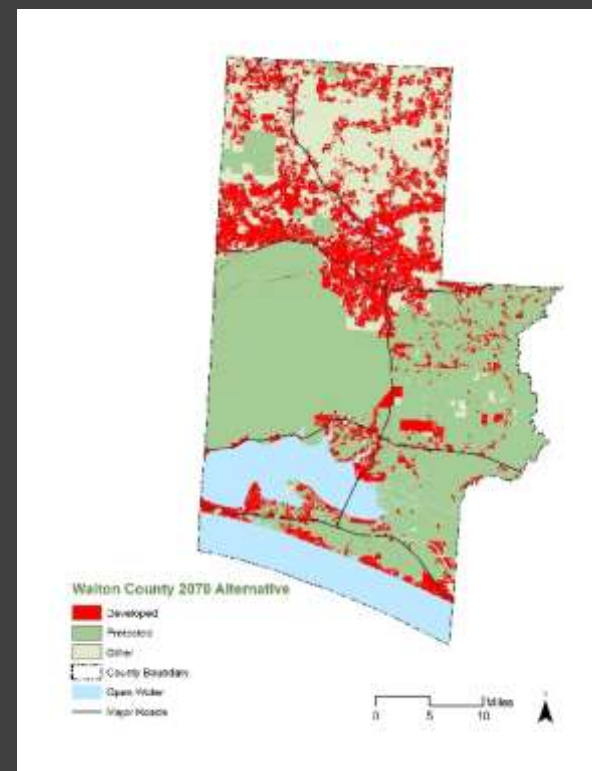


2070 Trend

A better alternative for Walton County

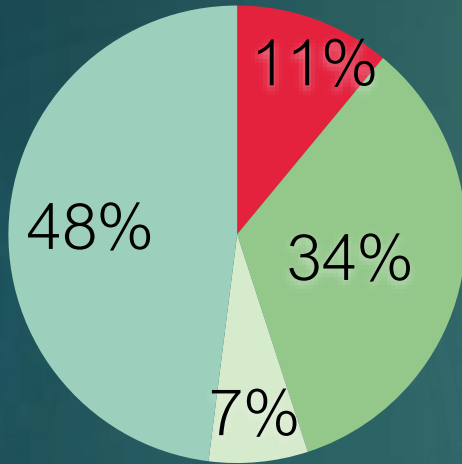


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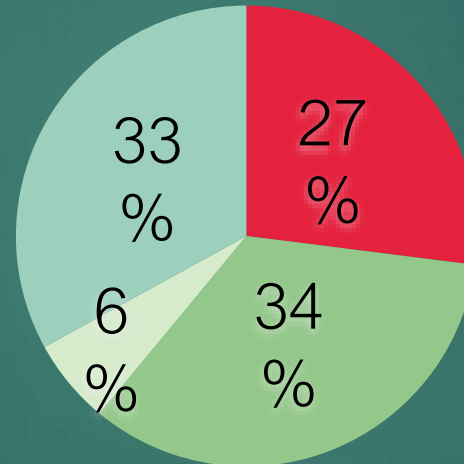


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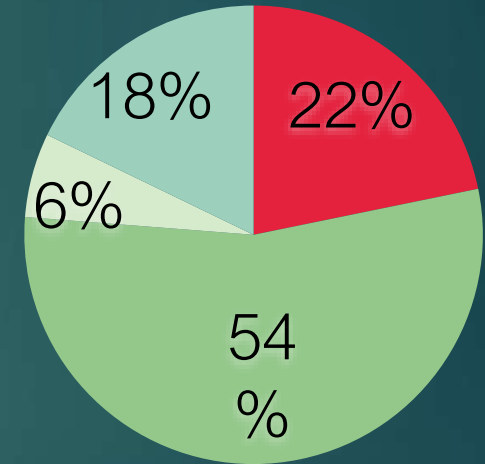
Walton County Growth and Development Projections



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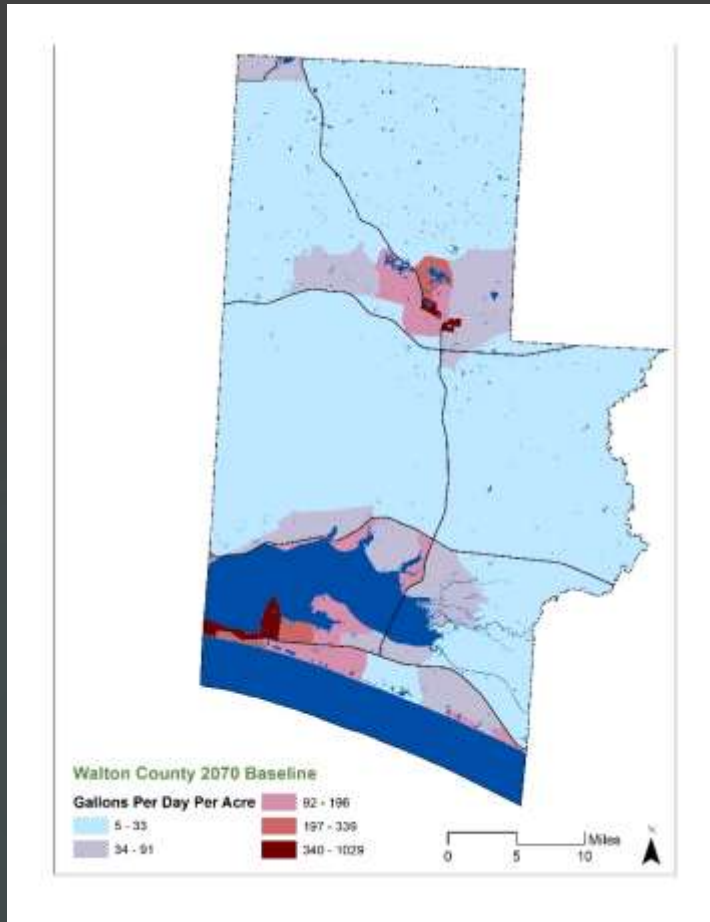


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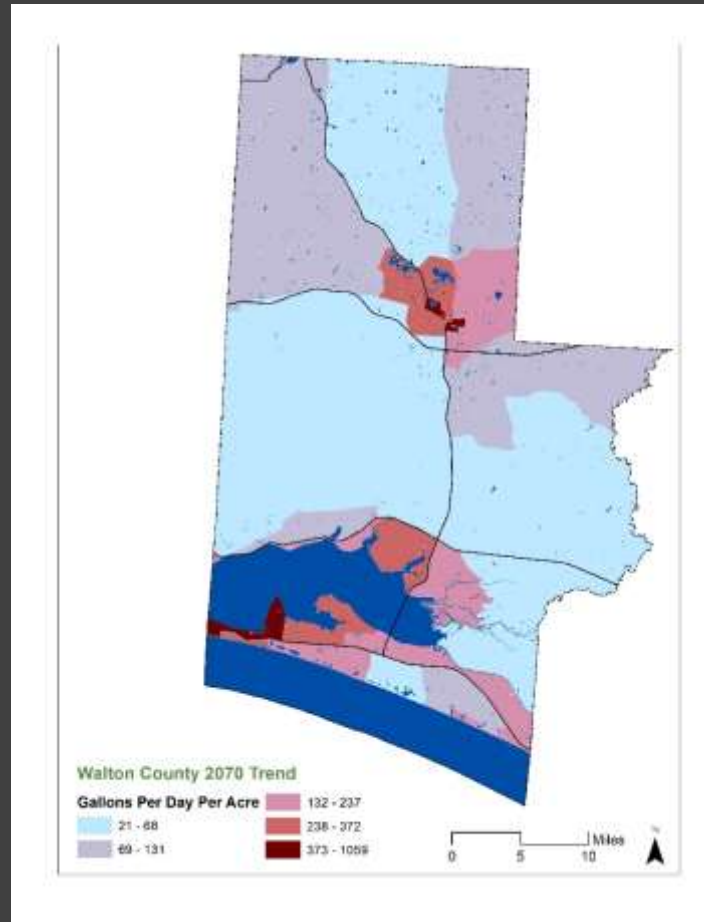


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Walton County's water use trend

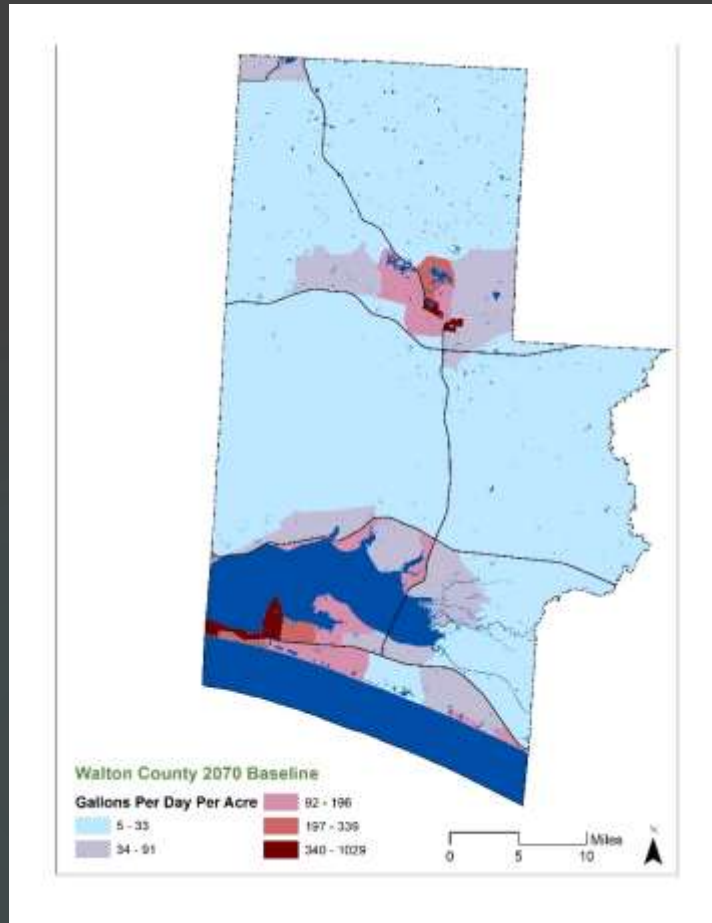


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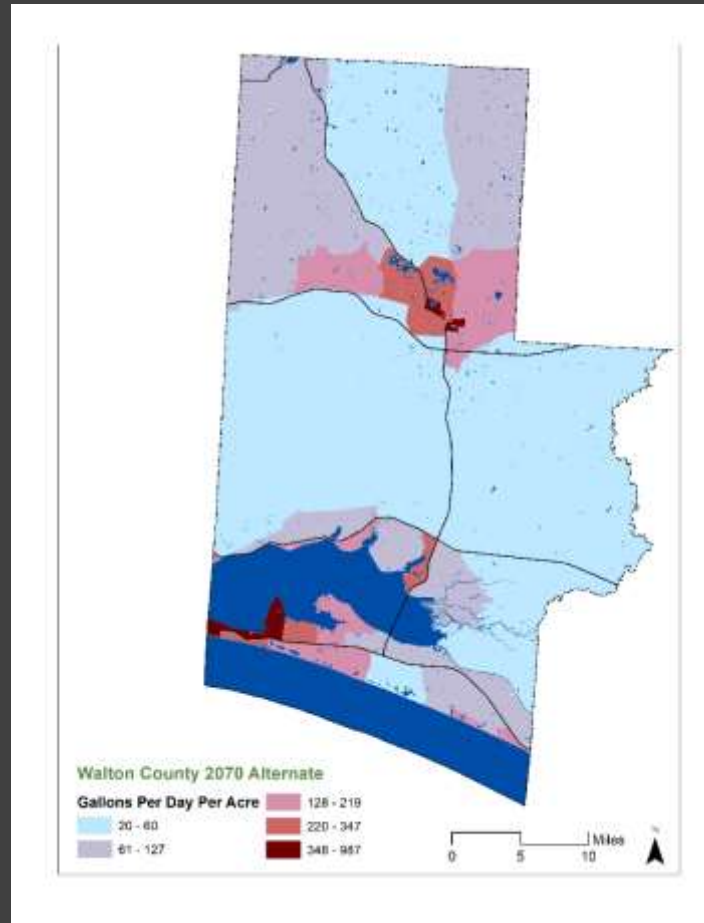


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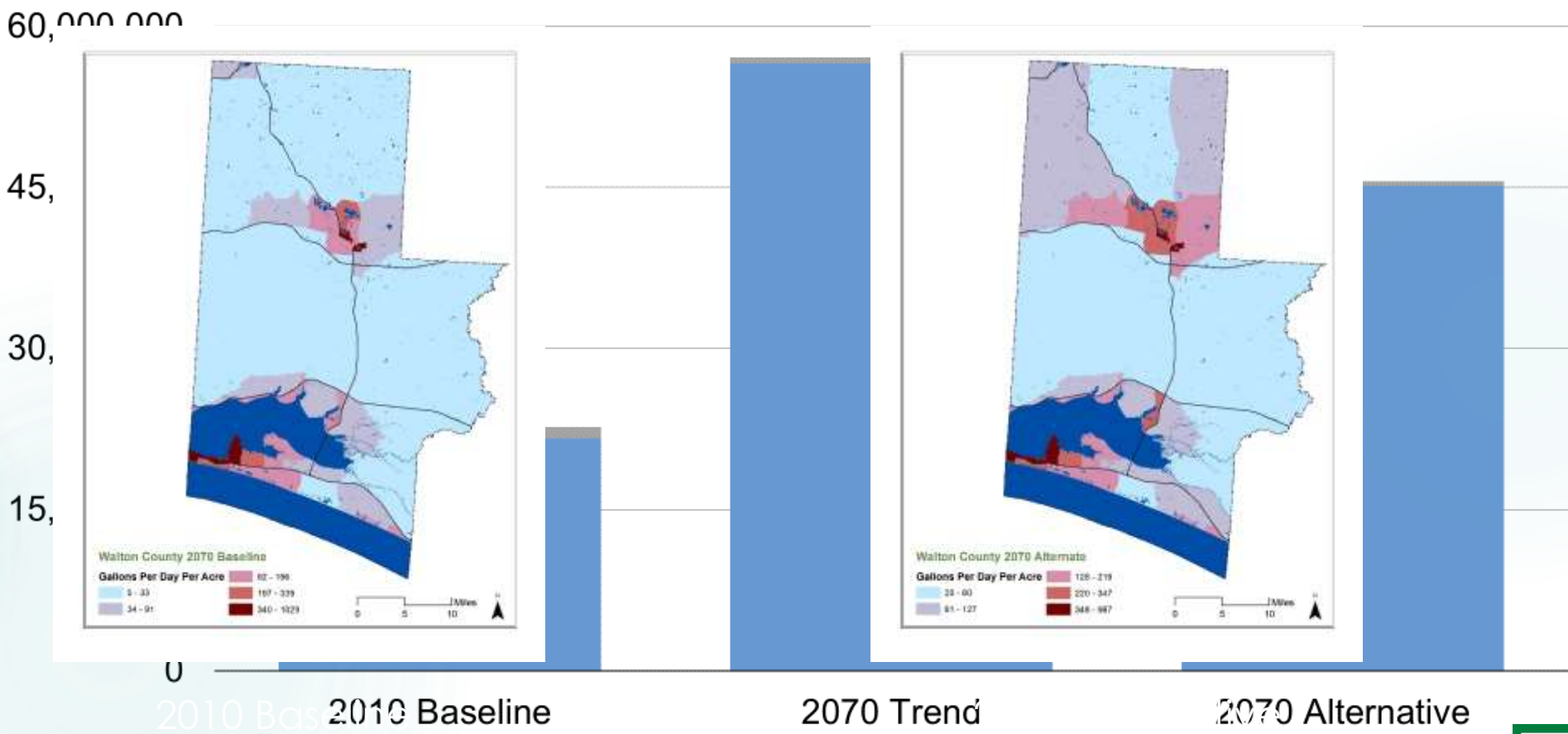


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2070 Alternative

Gallons per day water consumption



■ Development Demand

■ Agricultural Demand

How to get to a better future in Walton County

- ▶ Protect rural and agricultural lands from incompatible development
- ▶ Promote compact development
- ▶ Promote infill development with sensitivity to local environment, history and culture
- ▶ Locate new developed areas near other communities and infrastructure



More goals for Walton County's growth

- ▶ Include mixture of homes, shops, schools and offices within close proximity in new development and the retrofit of existing development
- ▶ Encourage a range of housing choices to ensure affordability
- ▶ Configure new development for multiple transportation options, including walking, biking and public transportation
- ▶ Protect significant historic, cultural and natural resources – the qualities that make Walton County special



Ways to protect Walton County's environment

- ▶ Protect land on Florida Forever and Florida Greenways lists
- ▶ Support funding for these programs
- ▶ Create incentives and provide funding for landowners to conserve their agricultural property
- ▶ Lessen environmental impact of new development



Cut water demand outside

- ▶ Reduce water used for landscape irrigation
- ▶ Use Fla.-Friendly Landscaping™
- ▶ Use properly designed and operated sprinkler systems



Cut water demand inside

- ▶ Choose Florida Water Star properties
- ▶ Follow Water Star guidelines in remodeling
- ▶ Use Water-Sense appliances



Local governments can help, too

- ▶ Require Florida Friendly Landscaping™ and provide incentives to assist with compliance
- ▶ Require permitted water users to monitor groundwater use
- ▶ Partner with developers on conservation goals before approving development



So can state government

- ▶ Increase funding for conservation programs
- ▶ Update the Florida Building Code to require water efficiency standards
- ▶ Adopt registration and training standards for irrigation pros





What you can do **for** a better future for your community?

- ▶ Go to public hearings on planning issues
- ▶ Meet with elected officials and staff
- ▶ Talk with your neighbors
- ▶ Use Florida Friendly Landscaping™ and buy Water Star appliances
- ▶ Limit irrigation, or better yet, skip it
- ▶ Save water!

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- ▶ As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, we rely on the support of our members and donors
- ▶ Please consider making a donation so we can continue to advocate on behalf of Walton County:
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