

DESOTO COUNTY EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT

Client: DeSoto County, Florida

Site Area: 640 sq miles

Location: DeSoto County, Florida



Project Objective: Prepare an evaluation of the DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan as required under Florida Statutes

Project Summary: Land Planning Solutions was retained by DeSoto County in March 2009 to assist in the preparation of their Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

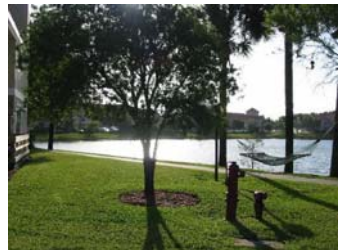
The EAR is required to be completed by each local government every seven years. As a result of the findings of an EAR, the County's Comprehensive Plan is then updated. These revisions to the Comprehensive Plan are made in response to close evaluation of changes in the State's statutory requirements, as well as changes in conditions/trends in the community.

LPS assisted DeSoto County Planning Staff address the following major issues as part of the EAR process:

- ◆ **Urban versus Rural Development**
- ◆ **Platted Lands Strategy**
- ◆ **Future Demand for Reuse Water Supply**
- ◆ **Reduction of Greenhouse Gases**
- ◆ **Protection, acquisition or mitigation of threatened & endangered plants & animals and their environmentally sensitive habitats**
- ◆ **Protection of areas utilized for economic development from residential encroachment**

The EAR received unanimous approval from the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners in August 2009 and a final determination of sufficiency from the Department of Community Affairs on November 6, 2009.

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