

## GLOSSARY

**ACCESS:** (*Effective 6/25/96*) The means of vehicular entry to or exit from property to or from a public or private road.

**ACLF:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means adult congregate living facility as defined in Section 400.402 of the Florida Statutes.

**ACQUISITION:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Includes purchase, land exchange, donation, easement, assisting private owners in obtaining tax advantages, etc. "Purchase" shall include all acquisition costs, such as surveying and title insurance.

**ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITY:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those recreation lands and improvements that are facility oriented, i.e. swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts.

**ADJOINING LAND USES:** (*Effective 8/17/92*) Land uses on parcels which are touching or contiguous to each other, as distinguished from lying near to or adjacent. For purposes of this Plan, land uses on parcels that are separated from each other by a local or a minor collector street or roadway shall also be considered adjoining; land uses on parcels that are separated by a major collector or an arterial street or roadway or by a railroad right of way shall not be considered adjoining.

**ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT:** (*Adopted on 1-7-09*) Treatment of sewage that goes beyond the secondary or biological wastewater treatment stage and includes the removal of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen and a high percentage of suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demand.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** (*Revision Effective 7/20/05; Revision Effective 12/24/2010*) Housing that costs no more than 33% of the annual income of a household earning 80% or less of area median income (AMI) for homeownership and 60% AMI or less for rental housing, adjusted for the number of people in the household, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually.

**ALTERED FLOODPLAINS:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Areas within the 100 year floodplain that have been either ditched, drained, filled or have had structures built on them, any of which have diminished the flood storage capacity of the floodplain.

**ALTERED WETLANDS:** (*Effective 8/17/92*) Wetlands that have been degraded to the extent their ecological function has been detrimentally impaired and the likelihood that they cannot be re-established except through a distinct program of man-made mitigation. Wetlands that can have beneficial function restored through natural processes will not be considered altered.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A location that has yielded or may yield information on history or prehistory.

**AREA PARK:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those park facilities that serve the population of the urban service area, including but not limited to community parks and sports complexes.

**BASIC LIVING SHELTER:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means a dwelling unit which, at a minimum, is structurally sound, includes indoor plumbing, has a functional heating source, and provides protection to its inhabitants from the elements.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Those practices and principles designed to reduce and manage non-point source pollution and in some cases, protect wildlife and habitat. These principles and practices are generally outlined in the latest updated version of various BMP manuals including "Silviculture Best Management Practices," "Best Management Practices," "A Landowners Handbook for Controlling Erosion for Forestry Operations," "Management Guidelines for Forested Wetlands," "DER: Florida Development Manual, A Guide to Sound Land and Water Management," and other publications on best management practices that are accepted by the industries and regulatory bodies. The local government reserves the right to add to or alter BMPs in specific instances as part of development agreements or development orders.

**BUFFER:** *(Effective 6/25/96)* Open spaces, planted areas, fences, walls, berms, any combination thereof, or any other structure or design mechanism that is used to physically separate or screen one land use from another so as to visually shield and/or mitigate potential negative impacts.

**CANOPY ROAD:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Road designated by local government as having significant aesthetic, cultural and historical value.

**CAPITAL FACILITIES:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means transportation systems or facilities, including roads, mass transit, bikeway, sidewalk and aviation facilities; sewer systems or facilities; solid waste systems or facilities; drainage and stormwater management systems or facilities; potable water systems or facilities; education systems or facilities; parks and recreation systems or facilities; and health systems or facilities.

**CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE:** *(Rev. Effective 8/17/92)* Consists of sewer and water, roads, mass transit, solid waste, drainage, and parks.

**CAPITOL CENTER PLANNING COMMISSION:** *(Effective 8/17/92)* As defined by section 272.12, Florida Statutes.

**CDBG:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means the Community Development Block Grant, as authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

**CLOSED BASIN:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* A naturally depressed portion of the earth's surface for which there is no natural outlet for runoff other than percolation, evaporation, or transpiration.

**CLUSTERING:** *(Effective 12/7/99)* The grouping together of structures and infrastructure on a portion of a development site with the balance remaining undeveloped or reserved as green space, which may or may not be used for development at a later date.

**COMMERCIAL:** *(Rev. Effective 6/25/96)* Generally, an activity or business involving the sale of goods and/or services carried out for profit.

**MINOR:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Provide for the sale of convenience goods and services to the immediate residential area. Gross floor area - less than 20,000 square feet except at a local street intersection where maximum allowable is 10,000 square feet.

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** *(Rev. Effective 9/19/91)* Provide for the sale of convenience goods and personal services such as food, drugs, sundries and hardware items to one or more

neighborhoods. Gross floor area - 20,000 to 100,000 square feet. Except at intersection of collectors where maximum allowable is 50,000 square feet.

**COMMUNITY:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Same functions of neighborhood commercial but on a larger scale. Provide for sale of retail goods such as clothing, variety items, appliances and furniture, hardware and home improvement items. Gross floor area - 100,000 to 200,000 square feet.

**REGIONAL:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Same functions of community center, provide full range and variety of shopping goods for comparative shopping such as general merchandise apparel, furniture and home furnishings. Gross floor area - 200,000 to 1,000,000 square feet.

**HIGHWAY:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Provide for consumer oriented retail services designed for drive-in convenience. Gross floor area - 1,000 to 10,000 square feet.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES:** *(Rev. Effective 8/17/92)* Facility or service which may be public or privately owned, established, and intended to provide significant public benefit.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Libraries, religious facilities, police/fire stations.

**LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Water wells, water tanks, sewage pump stations, electric substations.

**HEAVY INFRASTRUCTURE:** *(Effective 7/16/90; Revision Effective 12/24/2010)* Government operational facilities, which have significant off-site impacts. Also included are such facilities operated by semi-public or private utility providers. These facilities shall include but are not limited to:

Waste-to-energy facilities  
Materials recovery facilities  
Sanitary sewer facilities  
Sanitary sewer percolation ponds  
Sewage treatment plants  
Airports  
Electric generating facilities  
Landfill

Sludge disposal facilities  
Incinerators  
Correctional facilities  
Water treatment plants  
Outdoor storage facilities  
Vehicle maintenance facilities  
Solid waste transfer station  
Correctional facilities

**POST-SECONDARY:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Public or private - Universities, colleges, vocational/technical schools.

**COMMUNITY PARK:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means those parks that serve several neighborhoods with total populations of up to 25,000 and have a service area of up to a three mile radius. "Ride-to" facilities that are also accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians shall be included.

**CONSERVATION:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Allowing only carefully planned development activities to occur on a site; development activities must be compatible with the perpetuation of the ecological resources on the site.

**CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION:** *(Effective 7/1/04)* A residential or mixed-use development that has been developed utilizing a design approach in which a significant fraction of the parent tract(s) is reserved as permanently protected open space and the remaining fraction of the land is developed. Under this design approach, development is clustered or concentrated on the least environmentally or other wise significant portions of the development site.

**COUNTYWIDE PARK:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means those park facilities that serve the entire county population, including but not limited to regional parks, boat landings and parks, golf courses, state parks, including university recreation areas, and national forest lands.

**DENSITY:** *(Effective 12/7/99)* see Gross Density

**DENSITY NEUTRAL:** *(Effective 7/1/04)* As applied to Conservation Subdivisions, means that the allowable density achieved through the utilization of the conservation subdivision design approach shall not exceed the maximum density established for the Future Land Use Map category and base zoning district applicable to the subject property or properties.

**DEVELOPMENT:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Any proposed change in the use or character of the land, including but not limited to, land clearing or the placement of any structure or site improvement on the land except for silviculture activities employing best management practices.

**DILAPIDATED:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means a structure which does not provide safe and adequate shelter in its present condition and endangers the health, safety and well-being of the occupants. A structure in the dilapidated classification cannot be economically repaired. A house is dilapidated when it has one or both of the following conditions:

- 1) Inadequate original construction such that it does not provide adequate protection against the elements;
- 2) Defects which would cost over 50% of the total value of the shelter to repair.

**DRAINAGE BASIN:** *(Effective 12/7/99)* The area defined by topographic boundaries which contributes stormwater to a watershed or drainage system, including all areas artificially added to the basin.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Are defined based on the same criteria and analogous to the state and federal list: Any species of fish and wildlife or plant naturally occurring in Florida, whose prospects of survival are in jeopardy due to modification or loss of habitat; over utilization for commercial, sporting, scientific or educational purposes; disease; predation; inadequacy of regulatory mechanisms; or other natural or man-made factors affecting his continued existence.

**ENTERPRISE ZONE:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means an area in the state designated pursuant to Section 290 of the Florida Statutes and approved by the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs.

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Areas that provide breeding, wintering or foraging habitat, for federal, state, and locally listed plant and animal species; flood plains, wetlands, native forests and vegetated areas.

**FEDERAL UNIFORM RELOCATION ACT:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as passed and subsequently amended by the Congress of the United States.

**FLOOD OR FLOODING:** (*Effective 1/23/09*) A temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land or wetlands from the overflow of water bodies or watercourses in response to stormwater runoff, or from excessive overland flow of stormwater, or the accumulation of stormwater runoff in a closed basin.

**FLOODPLAIN:** (*Effective 1/23/09*) An area of land susceptible to being flooded by stormwater. Floodplains are normally designated in terms of their probability of flooding with a specified period, such as one, ten, 25, 50, and 100 years.

**FLOODWAY:** (*Effective 7/16/90; Revision Effective 1/23/09*) That part of the floodplain associated with the channel of a river, stream, or other watercourse, or waterbodies and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation of the floodway.

**FLOOR AREA RATIO:** (*Effective 6/25/96*) A measure of development intensity expressed as a ratio of the gross floor area of all buildings on a site divided by the total area of the site.

**FLORIDA CAPITOL CENTER PLANNING DISTRICT:** (*Effective 8/17/92*) As defined by section 272.12, Florida Statutes.

**FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A clearinghouse for information on archaeological sites, buildings and historic resource surveys. Inclusion in the Florida Master Site File does not necessarily mean that the resource possesses historic, architectural, archaeological or cultural significance, or is worthy of preservation.

**FREEWAYS:** (*Effective 7/1/04*) Roadways that provide the highest level of mobility and are intended to carry the greatest amount of traffic at the highest speeds. Accordingly, freeway mainlanes provide no direct access to property and access to the freeway is provided only at interchanges and ramps.

**FUNCTIONAL AREA OF AN INTERSECTION:** (*Effective 7/1/04*) The area beyond the physical intersection that comprises decision and maneuver distance, plus any required vehicle storage length, and is protected through corner clearance standards and connection spacing standards.

**GREEN SPACE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means that part of a lot open and unobstructed from its lowest level upward which is accessible to all residents on the lot, except as may be required for safety, and which is not used for off-street parking, streets, drives, refuse storage or other utility or building purposes.

**GROSS DENSITY:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means the number of dwelling units per gross acre, an area of land containing forty three thousand, five hundred sixty (43,560) square feet including rights-of-way, common areas and the like. All residential densities referred to in the plan shall be gross densities unless otherwise noted.

**GROUNDWATER RESOURCE PROTECTION:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Areas determined to have high recharge to the aquifer and/or area where the potential for groundwater contamination is high.

**GROUP HOME:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means a facility which provides a living environment for unrelated residents who operate as the functional equivalent of a family, including such supervision and care as may be necessary to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the residents. Adult congregate living facilities comparable in size to group homes are included in this definition. It shall not include rooming or boarding homes, clubs, fraternities, sororities, monasteries or convents, hotel, residential treatment facilities, nursing homes, or emergency shelters.

**HAZARD:** *(Effective 4/10/09)* Means a condition that exposes human life or property to harm from a man-made technological, or natural disaster.

**HAZARD MITIGATION:** *(Effective 4/10/09)* Means any action taken to reduce or eliminate the exposure of human life or property to harm from a man-made or natural disaster.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means solid waste, or a combination of solid wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly transported, disposed of, stored, treated, or otherwise managed.

**HEAVY INDUSTRIAL:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* The use of land for the manufacture of material or products from extracted or raw material; the extraction of mineral resources, except water; processing of wood to lumber or wood pulp, or wood pulp to paper; any refinement or distillation of petroleum resources, and conversion or smelting of ores to metals. Also, Heavy Industrial Use shall include any manufacturing, distribution, wholesaling or storage of any raw-material or product -- finished or unfinished -- which is characterized by one or more of the following:

- 1) Producing impacts detectable off-site from smoke, dust, dispersion of particulate matter, noxious or odorous gases, or any other pollution of the air;
- 2) Producing water pollution detectable off-site, including thermal pollution;
- 3) The storage, manufacture, processing or distribution of any radioactive waste, explosive, or flammable materials;
- 4) The creation of noise or vibration not compatible with residential, agricultural, or commercial activities.
- 5) Any use generating or storing over 1000 kg/mo hazardous waste.

Heavy Industrial Uses have considerable impacts upon infrastructure and utilities. Heavy Industrial Uses require access and facilities for truck and/or rail delivery and pickup. Loading

and off-loading is frequently accomplished by truck or rail, seldom by automobile. Demand for water and electricity is typically heavy.

**HIGH QUALITY SUCCESSIONAL FOREST:** (*Rev. Effective 12/10/91*) (City of Tallahassee only) High quality successional forest is an early stage in natural community development characterized by an ability to provide wildlife habitat and within which natural community type species are present in such numbers, size, and diversity that succession is toward a recognizable mature natural community.

**HIGH QUALITY SUCCESSIONAL FOREST:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) (Leon County only) High quality successional forest is a community of mixed or single species of trees and understory vegetation with both mature and immature trees, comprised of a mix of age classes that does or would support an abundance of wildlife.

**HISTORIC RESOURCE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means all areas, districts, or sites containing properties listed on the Florida Master Site File, the National Register of Historical Places, or designated by a local government as historically, architecturally or archaeologically significant.

**INTEGRATED ACCESS:** (*Effective 12/10/91*) The permitting of ingress and egress to a parcel of land in a manner which will minimize disruptions of the traffic flow due to turning movements on the local, collector, or arterial street on which the parcel fronts. Integrated access may include the requirement of shared access or the use of frontage or rear access roads.

**INTENSITY:** (*Effective 12/7/99*) A measurement of the extent of land development, including the consumption or use of the space above, on, or below ground; examples of intensity measurement may include: the measurement of the use of or demand on facilities or services, allowed square footage or a floor area ratio of non-residential development, or the number of dwelling units per acre of residential development.

**INTERSECTION:** (*Effective 6/25/96*) The point where the centerlines of two or more roads meet or cross and where allowance is made for the interchange of vehicular traffic.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Ordinances enacted by governing bodies for the regulation of any aspect of development, and including any local government zoning, rezoning, subdivision, building construction, or sign regulations, or any other regulations controlling the development of the land.

**LDN:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means that measure of noise known as the Average Day-Night Sound Level rating which is the yearly energy average of the A-weighted sound level (to approximately the frequency response of the ear) integrated over a 24-hour period.

**LEVEL OF SERVICE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means an indicator of the extent or degree of service provided by, or proposed to be provided by a facility based on or related to the operational characteristics of the facility. Level of service shall indicate the capacity per unit of demand for each facility.

**LEVELS OF SERVICE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*)

- A - Represents free flow. Individual users are virtually unaffected by the presence of others in the traffic stream.

- B - Is in the range of stable flow, but the presence of other users in the traffic stream begins to be noticeable.
- C - Is in the range of stable flow, but marks the beginning of the range of flow in which the operation of individual users becomes significantly affected by interactions with others in the traffic stream.
- D - Represents high density, but stable flow. Speed and freedom to maneuver are severely restricted.
- E - Represents operating conditions at or near the capacity level. All speeds are reduced. Freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream is extremely difficult.

**LIGHT INDUSTRIAL:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) The use of land for the finishing of products composed of previously manufactured component parts; and any manufacturing, storage, or distribution of products unlikely to cause any of the following objectionable impacts to be detected off-site: odor, noise, fumes or dispersion of waste, or radiation.

Light Industrial uses are not dependent upon direct access to rail facilities for off-loading and on-loading. Light Industrial uses typically contain potentially offensive impacts onsite either through complete enclosure or a combination of enclosure and screening.

**MINOR:** One activity on a less than 10 acre site.

**PARK:** One activity on a greater than 10 acre site or 2 or more activities on one site.

**LISTED SPECIES:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Any plant or animal listed by the county, state or federal governments as an endangered or threatened species, or a species of special concern.

**LIVE-WORK UNITS:** (*Effective 7/20/05*) Residential structures with their own lots, designed to accommodate and that include both living facilities and commercial/office components within the structure or on the same lot. The non-residential uses allowed in live-work units are “destination” businesses that do not rely on passerby and drive-by traffic, but more typically have visitation by appointment.

**LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A resource that has been designated as historic under the Tallahassee-Leon County Zoning Code and that undergoes design review by the Tallahassee-Leon County Architectural Review Board.

**LOCAL PARK:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those park facilities that serve the population of the corporate city limits, including but not limited to neighborhood parks and passive recreation facilities.

**LOCAL STREETS:** (*Rev. Effective 7/1/04*) Local streets collect traffic from adjacent land uses and other minor streets (cul-de-sacs, loops, alleys, lanes) and channel it to the collector/arterial system. Local streets are intended to carry the lowest traffic volumes at the lowest speeds, discourage through traffic (usually do not carry traffic between two streets of a higher classification), and to provide access to abutting land.

**LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT:** (*Effective 4/10/09*) A land planning and engineering design approach that focuses on minimizing adverse impacts of development on water quality. This approach is implemented by replicating the pre-development hydrologic regime of the development site through infiltrating, filtering, storing, evaporating, and detaining stormwater runoff close to its source.

**MAJOR COLLECTOR:** (*Rev. Effective 7/1/04*) Major collector roadways channel traffic between arterials, from other collector streets to the arterial system, and from a major activity center to the arterial street system. Major collectors may carry relatively high traffic volumes.

**MAJOR DETERIORATION:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means a dwelling unit which has major defects requiring extensive repairs. The unit will not necessarily provide safe and decent shelter unless the repairs are made. These housing units usually have critical defects of a substantial nature, such as:

- 1) Holes, open cracks, rotted or missing materials over a large part of the foundation, walls, roof or chimney;
- 2) Substantial sagging of floors, walls or roof,
- 3) Extensive damage by storm, fire or flood.

**MASS TRANSIT:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means passenger transportation service, usually local in scope, that is available to any person who pays a prescribed fare. It operates on established schedules along designated routes or lines with specific stops and is designed to move relatively large number of people at one time.

**MINOR ARTERIAL:** (*Rev. Effective 7/1/04*) Minor arterial roadways interconnect with and augment the principal arterial system. They are similar in function to principal arterials, but accommodate trips of more moderate length and distribute travel to geographic areas smaller than that of the principal arterial system. Therefore, they provide a somewhat higher degree of property access than principal arterials.

**MINOR COLLECTOR:** (*Rev. Effective 7/1/04*) Minor collector roadways channel traffic from minor streets to the major collector/arterial system, between other collectors, and from activity centers to a street of higher classification. Minor collectors provide access to adjoining properties and generally have lower volumes, shorter trip lengths, and fewer through trips than major collectors.

**MITIGATION:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) To lessen or eliminate the impact of development on a significant historic resource. Mitigation can include the modification of project plans to ensure preservation of the significant resource, landscape buffering, adaptive use of a historic building, archaeological salvage, or historic or photographic documentation of the resource.

**MSTU / MSBU:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means municipal service taxing units or municipal service benefit units, as authorized and defined in Florida Statutes, Chapter 125.01 (1)(q).

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A federal listing of culturally significant buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts in the United States. This program was established by Congress in 1935 and is maintained by the United States Department of the Interior.

**NATIVE FOREST:** (*Rev. Effective 12/10/91*) (City of Tallahassee only) A vegetative community (1) dominated by native species, including trees, understory vegetation and wildlife, and (2) structured as a forest type described in the Florida Natural Areas Inventory publication, "Guide to Natural Communities of Florida." Historical disturbance may have occurred but has not destroyed or prevented re-establishment of the community. Standard professional measures will be used to evaluate the quality of the subject area along with other biological and physical factors that may be evident.

**NATIVE FOREST:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) (Leon County only) A community of vegetation, including trees, understory vegetation and associated wildlife that were present in Leon County prior to European settlement.

**NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL:** (*Effective 12/10/02*) A design concept directed primarily at decreasing opportunities for criminal activities by denying access to crime targets and creating a perception of risk for potential offenders. Natural access control is developed by designing streets, parking areas, sidewalks, building entrances, and neighborhood gateways, which clearly indicate public routes and discourage access to private areas with structural elements.

**NATURAL SURVEILLANCE:** (*Effective 12/10/02*) A design concept directed primarily at identifying potential undesired or criminal activities. Natural surveillance is promoted by features that provide day and night visibility from windows, doors, and porches that oversee parking areas, pedestrian areas, play areas, building entrances, and similar areas.

**NATURAL VEGETATION:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) The trees and plants occurring on a site prior to development, alteration or clearing of that site.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARK:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those parks that serve as the focus for neighborhood units with a population of up to 5,000 and have a service area of approximately one-half mile and are accessible primarily to pedestrian and bicyclists.

**NET ACRE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) The amount of usable land area, exclusive of impervious areas and areas subject to environmental constraints.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means all land development activity subject to a development order after the adoption of this Comprehensive Plan, except those that shall be granted vested rights pursuant to the Plan itself.

**OFFICE:** (*Revised Effective 6/25/96*) Generally, a room, group of rooms, or building used primarily for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government. An office shall not include the sale of goods for a profit as its primary use. For purposes of this Plan, the following are categories of office intensity:

**MINOR:** (*Rev. Effective 6/28/95*) Converted residence at the existing size or newly constructed building less than 10,000 square feet and .25 floor area ratio or less. Maximum of 2,500 square feet if located on a local street.

**MAJOR:** (*Rev. Effective 6/28/95*) An office building or buildings with more than a .25 floor area ratio, or at least 10,000 square feet. This includes a series of buildings within a subdivision that when combined is equal to or exceeds these thresholds.

**OFF-SITE MITIGATION:** (*Effective 7/1/04*) **City of Tallahassee Only** - To compensate for the impacts of development on significant environmental resources in areas deemed important for infill or related conversions of land use by preserving, restoring and enhancing the environmental functions of ecosystems elsewhere.

**ON-SITE SYSTEM:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means any sanitary sewer system designed and built to serve a single parcel of land, i.e. septic tank or package treatment plant with capacity sized to:

- a) Meet the demand for a single parcel of land and its intended use
- b) Meet the projected demand for a single parcel of land after its subdivision

An on-site system may serve more than one parcel but only to correct an existing environmental problem.

**OPEN SPACE:** (*Effective 7/1/04*) Means undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation or conservation uses. In the context of Conservation Subdivisions, Open Space refers to lands subject to a required conservation easement. These lands may include Conservation and Preservation features defined in this Plan, or agricultural or silvicultural properties, that are managed to preserve or promote environmental and aesthetic resources.

**PASSIVE RECREATION FACILITY:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those recreation lands and improvements that are natural resource oriented, i.e. hiking trails, boat landings, neighborhood parks.

**PEAK HOUR:** (*Revised Effective 8/17/92*) Means the period during which the maximum amount of travel occurs. The period when demand for transportation service is heaviest.

**PLANT COMMUNITY:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A natural association of plants that is dominated by one or more prominent species, or possesses a characteristic physical and discernible attribute.

**POLYGON CONNECTIVITY INDEX:** (*Effective 4/10/09*) A measure of connections within a transportation network. A polygon is created when elements of the transportation network connect and create closed loops, thus allowing a traveler to make a loop on its perimeter. The more polygons there are within an area, the more route options exist for a traveler. More polygons equal a higher connectivity index and a higher degree of mobility.

**POPULATION ACCOMMODATION RATIO (PAR):** (*Effective 4/18/02*) The Population Accommodation Ratio (PAR) is the relationship between the supply of land available for development and the expected population growth over a period of time. A PAR of 2.00 means that there is twice the supply of land available for development compared to the expected population growth over a period of time. A PAR of 1.50 means there is 50% more land available for development than is needed for the expected population growth over a period of time.

**PRESERVATION:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Establishing strict requirements for the maintenance of significant ecological resources in a natural state. Activities should be in strict compliance with an effort to perpetuate the ecological value of the site or surrounding areas, including maintenance of listed plant and animal species.

**PRESERVE AREAS:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Vegetative areas required to be preserved by law.

**PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL:** (*Rev. Effective 7/1/04*) Principal arterial roadways are designed to carry the next highest level of mobility and are intended to carry substantial traffic volumes over relatively long distances and at relatively high speeds. Direct property access may be provided but must be carefully managed to avoid creating unsafe and congested conditions and to preserve mobility.

**PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:** *(Effective 7/1/04)* Recreational resources provided by the private sector.

**COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:** *(Effective 7/1/04)* Facilities operated by the private sector as for profit or not-for profit.

**RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:** *(Effective 7/1/04)* Facilities located within and associated with residential developments.

**PUBLIC FACILITY:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means capital facilities that are owned by a governmental entity.

**RECREATIONAL:**

**PASSIVE:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Natural resource oriented, (hiking trails, boat landings, neighborhood parks).

**ACTIVE:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Facility oriented, (swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts).

**REGIONAL PARK:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means a large resource based area which serves the entire county. Such a park should serve a minimum of 100,000 population and be within a 30 minute driving time of that population.

**REGULATED CLOSED BASINS:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* A naturally depressed portion of the earth's surface, at least 10 acres in size, for which there is no natural outlet for runoff other than percolation, evaporation, or transpiration.

**REHABILITATION:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* The act or process of returning a property to a state of utility through repair or alteration which makes possible an efficient contemporary use while preserving those portions or features of the property which are significant to its historical, architectural, and cultural values.

**RESIDENTIAL:** *(Rev. Effective 6/25/96)* Land that is used for or proposed to be used for the principal purpose of providing dwelling unit(s) for human habitation.

**LOW:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* 0 - 8 dwelling units per acre

**MEDIUM:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* 8 - 16 dwelling units per acre

**HIGH:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* 16 - 50 dwelling units per acre

**URBAN:** *(Effective 1/19/02)* 51 units to 150 units

**RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT ENTITY:** *(Effective 4/10/09)* A legal entity that has the technical, managerial, and financial capacity to ensure viable long-term, cost-effective, centralized management, operation, and maintenance of decentralized wastewater systems in accordance with appropriate regulations and generally accepted accounting principles. Viability is defined as the capacity of a responsible management entity to provide adequate technical, managerial, and financial resources to protect the public health and the environment consistently, in perpetuity, and at a minimal cost to taxpayers.

**SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES:** *(Effective 7/16/90)* Means structures or systems designed for the collection, transmission, treatment, or disposal of sewage and includes trunk mains, interceptors, treatment plants and disposal systems.

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means sewer service provided by sanitary sewer designed to serve a large service area and usually more than one land use type. These facilities have the intent and potential for expansion of their service areas.

**SCHOOLS:** (*Effective 6/26/98*) Facilities intended primarily for the education of children pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, children identified as exceptional regardless of age or grade, or for the vocational or community education of high school age students and adults. Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in the Plan, this term refers to public and private schools.

**SECTION 8 PROGRAM:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means those programs authorized under the renumbered Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. These programs allow the Department of Housing and Urban Development to contract directly with the owner of existing, new, or rehabilitated units for the payment of the difference between a contract rent not exceeding a fair market rate for the dwelling and a specified percentage of the tenant's gross income.

**SEVERE GRADES:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Slopes greater than 20%.

**SOLID WASTE:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility or garbage, rubbish, refuse or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations (as defined by Section 9J-5.002(88), F.A.C.).

**SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means that part of the housing provision system designed to fulfill the demand of a household or individual who needs assistance, either permanent or temporary, in obtaining basic shelter, including but not limited to very low and low income handicapped individuals, homeless persons, group homes for persons with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities, shelters for battered victims, adult congregate living facilities, and halfway houses for the non-criminal or non-delinquent.

**SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Are defined based on the same criteria and analogous to the state and federal list: A species, subspecies or isolated population which warrants special protection, recognition or consideration because it has an inherent significant vulnerability to habitat modification, environmental alteration, human disturbances, or substantial human exploitation which, in the foreseeable future may result in its becoming a threatened species; may already meet certain criteria for designation as a threatened species but for which conclusive data are limited or lacking; may occupy such an unusually vital and essential ecological niche that should it decline significantly in numbers or distribution, other species would be adversely affected to a significant degree, or has not significantly recovered from past population depletion.

**SUBSTANDARD HOUSING:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means any structure which falls within the structural conditions defined as "major deterioration" and "dilapidated."

**SUPERSTOPS:** (*Adopted on 1/7/09*) Transit stops that will serve as transfer stations for two or more routes, removing the need for riders to go to a single, centralized location to make transfers.

**TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT DESIGNS:** (*Effective 12/10/02*) Create or extend the spheres of influence of legitimate users of designed environments. Properly designed environments allow legitimate users to develop a sense of territorial control, while potential offenders (perceiving the legitimate user control of the environment) are discouraged from attempting criminal activities. Territorial reinforcement is promoted by features that distinguish private spaces from public spaces with the use of fences, gateways, hedges, and similar design strategies.

**THREATENED SPECIES:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Are defined based on the same criteria and analogous to the state and federal list: Any species of fish, wildlife and plants naturally occurring in Florida which exists in such small populations as to become endangered if it is subjected to increased stress as a result of further modifications of its environment.

**THROUGH TRIPS:** (*Effective 6/07/01*) A through trip is one that has neither a beginning point nor a destination point contained within the subject area or on a particular roadway segment.

**TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means a broad geographical band that follows a general directional flow or connects major sources of trips. It may contain a number of streets and highways and transit lines or routes.

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) Means a coordinated system made up of one or several modes of transportation serving a common purpose of the movement of people, goods, or both.

**UNDEVELOPED FLOODWAY/FLOODPLAIN:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A floodway /floodplain which has not been altered.

**WATER BODY AND NATURAL WATER BODY:** (*Effective 7/16/90*) A water body is a depression in the ground that normally and continually contains surface water. This is opposed to a wet depression that holds water only intermittently. There are some types of wetlands that are examples of areas that hold water only certain times of the year. A natural water body is a depression in the ground existing in and produced by nature, not man-made, and occurring due to the operation of the ordinary course of nature that normally and continually contains surface water or has historically held surface water on a continuing basis.

**WETLAND** (*Revision Effective 6/28/02*): Wetlands mean those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does or would support, at least periodically, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil. Soils present in wetlands generally are classified as hydric or alluvial, or possess characteristics that are associated with reduced soil conditions. The prevalent vegetation in wetlands generally consists of facultative or obligated hydrophytic macrophytes that are typically adapted to areas having soils conditions described above. These species, due to morphological, physiological, or reproductive adaptations have the ability to grow, reproduce or persist in aquatic environments or anaerobic soil conditions. Florida wetlands generally include swamps and marshes, bayheads, bogs, cypress domes and stands, sloughs, wet prairies, riverine swamps and marshes, hydric seepage slopes, tidal marshes, mangrove swamps, and other similar areas. Florida wetlands generally do not include longleaf or slash pine flatwoods with an understory dominated by saw palmetto. The City of Tallahassee and Leon County intend to continue to protect isolated wetlands and wetlands on properties held by a single owner. Isolated wetlands and wetlands in one ownership must meet the State of Florida's definition for wetlands with regard to percent composition of wetland plant species, hydrologic indicators, and soils (Chapter 62-340, F.A.C.)