

5.2 Tallahassee's History of Annexations

The City of Tallahassee has had a long history of annexation activity as a means of achieving growth. During its first 150 years, Tallahassee expanded from one-quarter of a mile in size to 28.18 square miles by 1980. Since 1980, the City has witnessed a tremendous increase in annexation activity with nearly 75 additional square miles having been added during this time, swelling the size of Tallahassee to 103.06 square miles as of December 31, 2008. Many of the annexations in the early 1980's were accomplished through a double-referendum process that required the approval of City voters. Since 1985 the vast majority of the City's annexations have been achieved through a voluntary process where the owners of properties petition for inclusion into the City.

Figure 5-1
Tallahassee's History of Annexations (1927-2008)

Year	Beginning Size (Square Miles)	Area Increase (Square Miles)	Ending Size (Square Miles)
1927 - 1959	2.30	12.18	14.48
1960 - 1979	14.48	13.70	28.18
1980 - 1984	28.18	26.79	54.97
1985 - 1989	54.97	7.25	62.22
1990 - 1994	62.22	19.64	81.86
1995	81.86	1.82	83.68
1996	83.68	10.29	93.97
1997	93.91	2.04	96.01
1998	96.01	0.57	96.58
1999	96.58	1.63	98.21
2000	98.21	0.29	98.50
2001	98.50	2.56	101.06
2002	101.06	0.38	101.44
2003	101.44	0.46	101.90
2004	101.90	0.10	102.00
2005	102.00	0.69	102.69
2006	102.69	0.28	102.97
2007	102.97	0.08	103.05
2008	103.05	0.01	103.06

Source: City of Tallahassee, Public Works Department, Engineering