HOW SHOULD WE GROW:
INITIAL CONCEPTS AND GOALS

THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN

One of the purposes of the Conceptual Plan is to achieve a physical, economic, cultural and social environment which meets the present and future needs of the county and which will provide full and forthright towards which all efforts can be directed without waste, confusion or ineffective action.

In formulating the Plan, existing and future population trends were estimated, present and future densities of development were calculated and the approximate number of acres needed for urban use at selected population levels determined. The Conceptual Plan was first drafted in sketch form by the staff of Volusia Area Planning Commission. It was then presented to the Commission for review and recommendations after which it was refined to include their ideas and suggestions. Subsequently, various public officials and community leaders were asked to evaluate the Plan, which resulted in another phase of refinement and improvement.

As presented in this report, the Plan represents the best thinking of the Commission, its staff, other planning agencies and many individuals. It should not, however, be considered as a final product. Planning is a continual process of refinement to accommodate new developments and conditions. The Plan is intended to be a guiding document and a framework for future growth.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT — Urban land needs have been established for 1980 and 2000. The Plan reflects the total number of acres required for these two time periods and shows the location of the planned urban areas in the county. The Urban Plan is intended to guide the county's growth in a manner that is compatible with the natural environment and the existing infrastructure.

CONSERVATION AREAS — Conservation areas are designated to protect environmentally sensitive areas from development. These areas include forests, wetlands, and other natural habitats. Conservation areas are identified on the map by color and symbol to indicate their location and extent.

TRANSPORTATION — The transportation plan includes existing and proposed major roads, highways, and scenic parkways. The plan also shows proposed and existing interchanges and crossroads.

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These are legitimate functions of conservation, but the purpose of the Conceptual Plan is to provide a framework for future growth. The Plan is intended to be a general guide for future growth, but it should not be considered as a final product. Planning is a continual process of refinement to accommodate new developments and conditions. The Plan is intended to be a guiding document and a framework for future growth.