

*Report '74*



**North Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

## where are we growing?

"Florida will gain the most new residents of any state in the union in the next 25 years, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Commerce." — News Report

North Central Florida's share in the state's phenomenal projected growth between now and the year 2000 will enlarge it from a present 12-county population of some 290,000 to approximately 441,000 at the beginning of the new century, according to the latest published projections of the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

The region's only standard metropolitan statistical area, Alachua County, will feel the increase most as the number of its residents goes up by an estimated 88%. Adjacent Gilchrist, Union, Putnam, Dixie, and Columbia will have growth of approximately 68%, 57%, 54%, 48%, 43%, respectively. Other counties in the region will grow between 12% and 32%.

As this spurt begins, local governments are turning toward cooperative planning in the degree to which they feel concern about growth.

No matter how fast or slow the population increase will be in each county, however, every county will be affected by all the others in the use of resources and services which cannot be contained within political boundaries: water supplies, drainage, electric power, waste disposal, recreation.

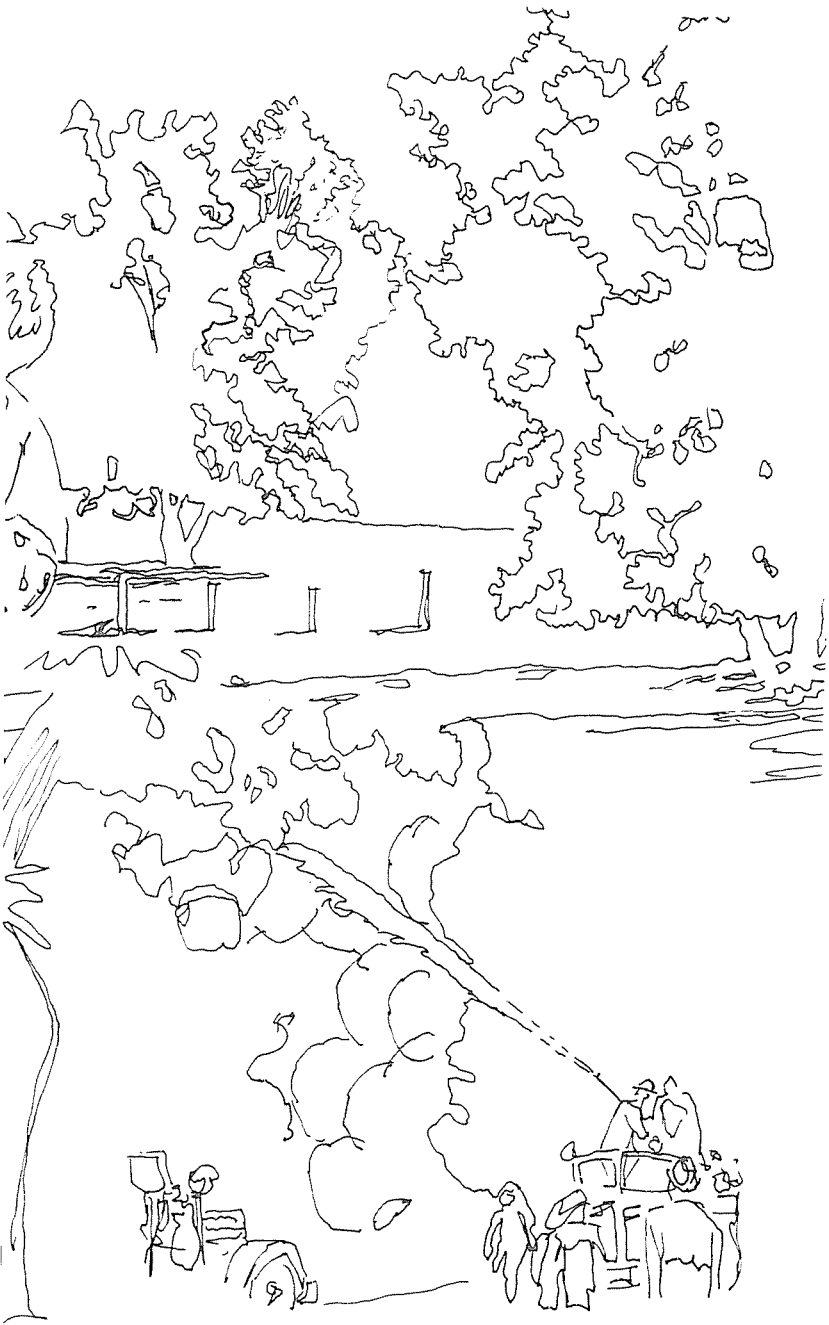
As the largest municipalities spread out, people who work in them will increasingly be building their homes and sending their children to school in outlying regions, even in adjoining counties.

With the growth will come the need for better transportation, more fire and police protection, health care, parks and recreational lands in the locations where people are expected to come.

The North Central Regional Planning Council and Health Planning Council, formed of representatives from county and city governments, are working toward seeing that the needs of the new population will be met as they arise.

The Councils' efforts are organized in divisions for regional, health, transportation, criminal justice and local assistance planning. Their work over the past year — 1974 — in these areas is outlined in this report.





## regional planning

Federal and state governments are increasingly requiring cooperative planning for such regional concerns as waste disposal, drainage and utilities to prevent duplication of efforts by the local governments within an area and to encourage more efficient use of money and other resources.

Education in the values of regionalism, reviews of proposed large-scale developments and specific studies and work programs for member governments are the responsibility of the regional planning staff of the Council.

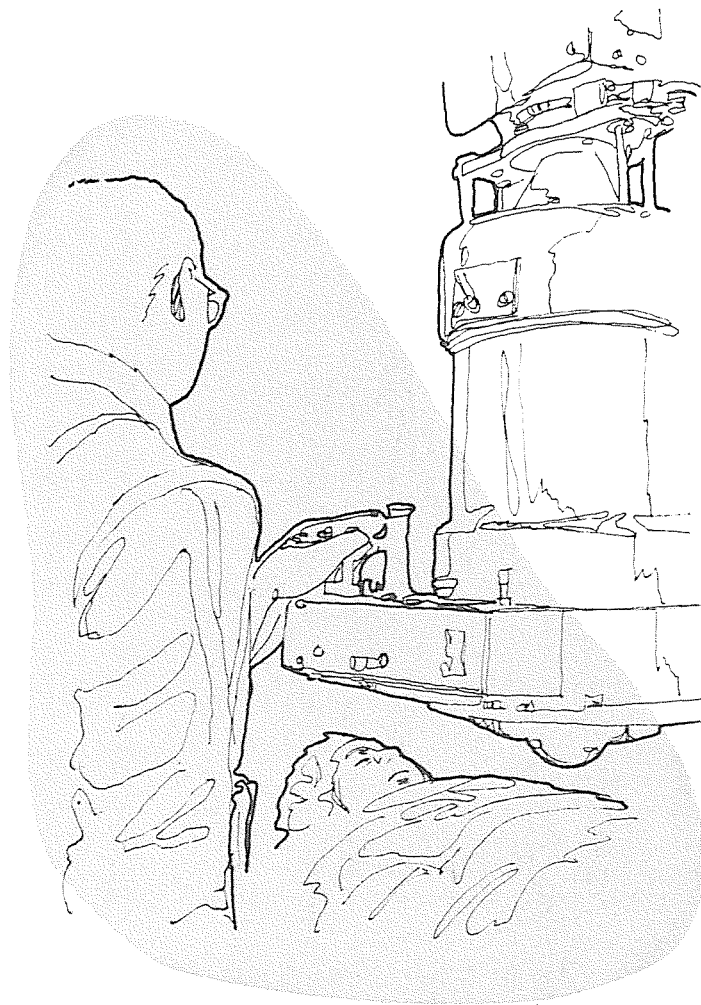
It has finished studies for Alachua County on community facilities, housing problems, drainage, water and sewer systems and solid waste disposal.

When the National Association of County Officials voted an award to Alachua County for its solid waste management policies, one of the considerations was the Council's first-phase study of the problem.

Seven counties in the region were found by the Council to contain lands of special significance which were recommended for state purchase and protection. Two of these are already approved for purchase by the state.

Recent successful efforts of the Audubon Society to bring about state purchase of another endangered area — San Felasco Hammock — were aided by Council endorsement and its recommendation in a 1973 study on Open Space and Recreation. Staff members provided environmental and public-attitude information, talked with state officials and attended state hearings on the subject.

The project review workload of the Council staff and clearinghouse committee during the year included reviews of 41 applications for federally-assisted projects with a combined value of \$5,497,912. The regional planning staff is also responsible for reviews of developments of regional impact for the state.



## health

The Health Planning Council, which shares staff and office space with the Regional Planning Council and is responsible for some of the same geographic territory, advanced on several fronts in the past year.

Its planning staff increased to four professionals; its membership broadened with the addition of support from Bradford and Putnam Counties; it received its first county contract with a request from Alachua County for a study of ambulatory health delivery systems; and its review workload doubled.

Reviews of applications for proposed medical facilities and services in the 10-county region covered by the Health Council consumed much of the staff's time as the number increased from 26 in 1973 to 55 in 1974.

During the year, health profiles were completed for Alachua, Bradford and Putnam Counties, while a Columbia County profile was in the draft stage.

In March, the Council hired its first health planning director. During the year, the staff began developing a policy and procedures manual for the Council and its major committees; worked up a two-year program; and began refining the Council organizational structure.

Volunteer labors of the county health advisory committees and the Council's clearinghouse review committees added up to a tremendous number of hours donated to the overall health effort. One five-member committee was clocked at almost 600 man-hours during one six-month period.

Though the Health Council began in 1968, it became functional only in 1971 when the state approved it as an agency qualified to receive funds under Section 314b of the federal Partnership in Health Act. The U.S. approved it in 1972, but federal funds were frozen and none have been received from this act to date.



The Council is coordinating the Gainesville (GUATS) streets and highways project, transit and bikeways developed by Alachua County and master plans for the city.

Since a region's transportation needs are growing, transportation planning is a larger task of comprehensive planning. GUATS is based on the desires of Gainesville officials for the project, as expressed in the current and future use plans.

When completed in 1975, the project will show methods of handling transportation needs between now and 1985. Continuous surveillance and updated data will be conducted after



## transportation

With the hiring of a full-time transportation planner in 1974, the Council took a big step toward eventual development of a regional program for fast, safe economical movement of people and goods around north central Florida.

Gainesville Urban Area Transportation Study proposals with master plans for mass transit by the City of Gainesville and for the airport developed by the

The work directs and shapes its planning and development. It is coordinated with the planning and development of Alachua County and the growth of the area and projected land

GUATS will use the area's resources using and environmental subcommittees of the CPC give special attention to those areas. To keep the citizens up-to-

Opinions and critical comments of informed private citizens are active ingredients in the regional planning process. Since 1970, a Citizens Participation Committee has met monthly with the regional staff.

A membership of from 10 to 20 persons, representing a broad range of socioeconomic levels, reviews all studies done by the Council and votes a committee comment on them as well as on the annual program design.

## citizen participation

## budget

### 1973-74 Regional Planning Council Revenues [\$449,027]\*

Federal	\$ 57,500	(12.6%)
State	22,530	(4.9%)
Alachua County	193,266	(42.4%)
Gainesville	167,191	(36.6%)
RUB	14,000	(3.1%)
Other	2,040	(0.4%)

### 1973-74 Health Planning Council Revenues [\$ 48,120]

State	\$ 16,540	(34.3%)
Counties	11,400	(23.7%)
United Way	2,000	(4.2%)
Blue Cross	2,500	(5.2%)
RMP	7,677	(15.9%)
HR-1	2,500	(5.2%)
Small cits. & cntys.	3,503	(7.4%)
Other	2,000	(4.1%)

### 1973-74 Budgeted Expenditures [\$504,647]

Regional Planning & Reviews	\$351,659	(70.0%)
Local Planning Assistance	29,910	(5.7%)
Health Planning	48,120	(9.4%)
Transportation	7,046	(1.4%)
Criminal Justice **	7,500	(1.5%)
Administration	60,412	(12.0%)

\* Adjusted budget to allow for one quarter's support of criminal justice

## local planning assistance

Making a single staff available to all county and city governments which need planning help, the Regional Planning Council offers local planning assistance by contract.

During the past year, this Council division undertook the following work: **Alachua County:** Initiation of a county-wide comprehensive plan to be completed by the end of 1975 and updated periodically; studies on future development in the Glen Springs area of Gainesville, along Highway 441 corridor and in lands surrounding Gainesville Municipal Airport; assistance in zoning, land use, community facilities

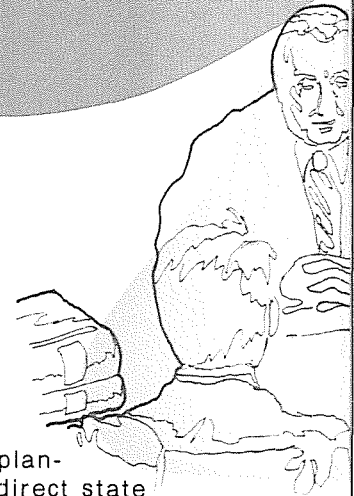
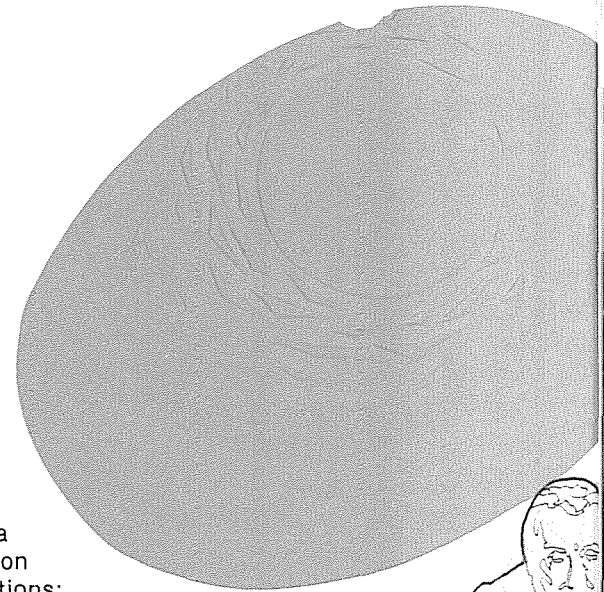
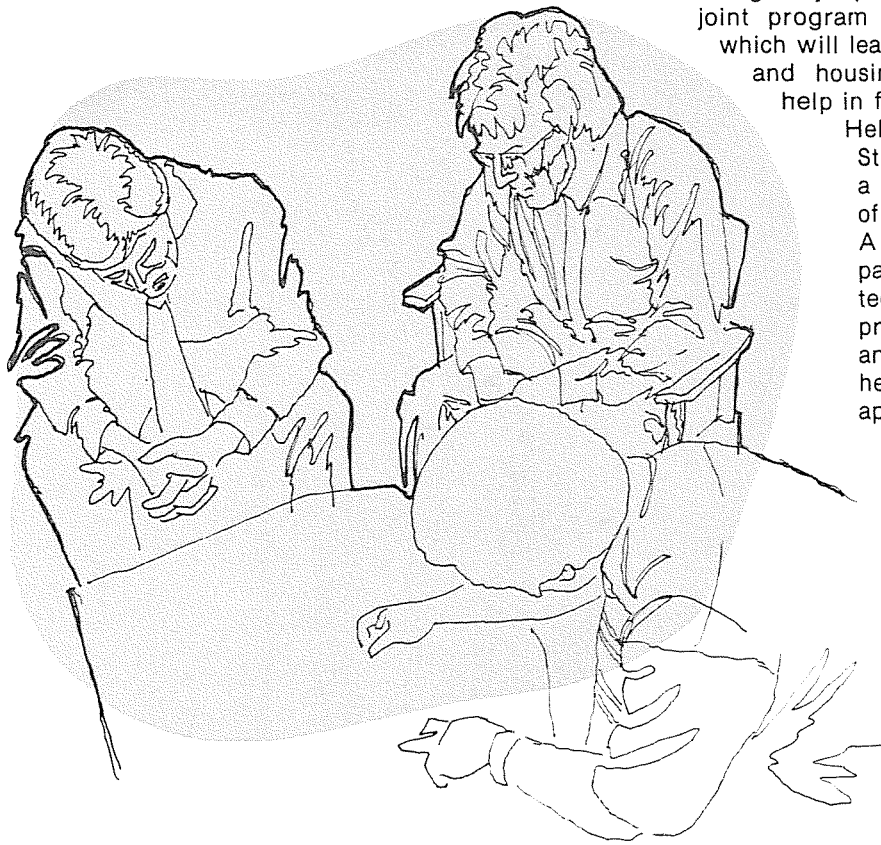
and highways planning. **Bradford County:** A

joint program with the University of Florida which will lead to plans for land use, circulation and housing, with environmental evaluations; help in filing grant applications. **Union County:**

Help in filing grant applications. **Hawthorne:**

Studies on annexation and on feasibility of a neighborhood park. **Archer:** Review of subdivision regulations. **Micanopy:**

A feasibility study on a lakeside park; staff service on a committee to review the newly proposed land use plan and zoning ordinance; help in filing grant applications.



Criminal justice planning moved from direct state supervision to the Regional Planning Council in mid-1974, with the north central Florida division moving from a 22-county area to the 11-county region served by the Council.

Eight programs, all in Alachua County, were funded during the past year. Eight more are approved for 1975 in Suwannee, Marion, and Marion Springs and Gainesville.

Criminal justice planning helps courts, police, juvenile justice and corrections to their problems which can be funded through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

LEAA programs for this year include two new ones: purchase of a training seminar at the University of Florida for court clerks, circuit judges and judges.

Continuation projects for this year were the Corner Drug Store, Bridge Street enforcement unit, support of the criminalistics lab at Sanford and a public

used. In addition to planning goals, procedures and methods, the staff frequently invites speakers to discuss specialized topics with the committee.

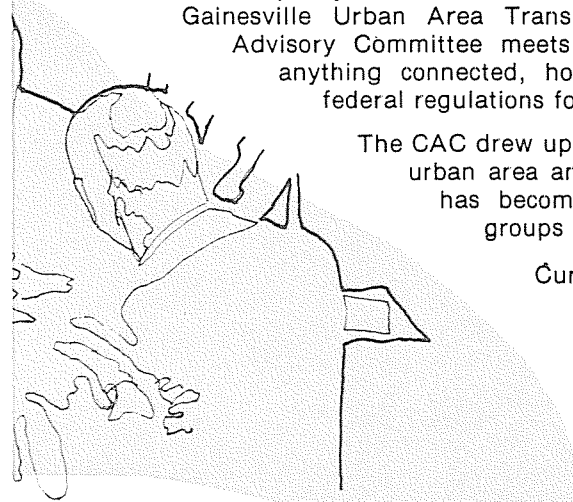
Occupations currently represented on the CPC are educator, student, housewife, landscaper, recreation consultant, utilities board member, city council member, business person, retired person and farm bureau member, among others.

Another citizens' group was formed in March, 1973, to advise the policy-makers of the

Gainesville Urban Area Transportation Study (GUATS). This Citizens Advisory Committee meets twice a month to discuss and advise on anything connected, however peripherally, with GUATS, fulfilling federal regulations for input from the community.

The CAC drew up goals and objectives for transportation in the urban area and published a detailed position paper which has become a recommended model for other citizen groups across the state.

Current membership of the CAC includes the occupations of educator, administrator, retired person, business person, housewife, landscape architect and others.



## criminal justice

district changing by the Council.

at \$278,492 for the Dixie, Taylor and Alachua Counties, plus the cities of High

and corrections personnel assess their needs and find solutions through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

police communications center equipment and establishment of a judicial center for state and county judges, state's attorneys and public defenders.

House alcoholic treatment center, the criminal justice information system, drug education project in corrections.

\*\* Funded for only one quarter after transfer from administration by state

## what of the future?

The lowest estimates show some 150,000 more people coming to north central Florida in the next 25 years and the actual number may be far higher.

Even the minimum projection would mean that by the year 2000, according to current usage in the 12-county region, there would be:

- 84,745 more cars
- 51,724 more houses or apartments
- 795,000 more pounds of solid waste (garbage) every day
- 22,500,000 more gallons of fresh water used every day
- 15,000,000 more gallons of sewage every day
- 15,750,000 more kilowatt hours of electricity used every day by residential customers alone
- 634,019 more square feet of classroom space needed
- 150 more practicing physicians and 100 more hospital beds needed

In the coming year, the Planning Councils will continue their work of studying existing situations, projecting future ones and helping local governments prepare for them in the urban areas and the entire region.

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