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Mr. Mike McDaniel, Regional Planning Administrator
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RE: DCA Grant Contract No. 06-DR-73-03-11-01-166

Dear Mr. McDaniel,

Enclosed please find two copies of the final adopted Interlocal Agreement for School Facility Planning for Alachua County. There are nine Local Governments, Alachua County and the School Board making a total of eleven parties who have adopted the Agreement.

As the Agreement was presented to each party, there were several opinions and concerns as to revisions and changes to the Interlocal Agreement that should be considered as the process continues into the next phase for us of Local Governments amending their Comprehensive Plans.

The following are a few of those issues:

Section 3.1 & 3.2—School Board's Five-Year Facility Work Plan & Educational Plant Survey—Comment's related to potential conflict between the recommendations coming from the Educational Plant Survey and actual needs that will exist when implementing less than district wide school concurrency. DCA & DOE need to review.

Section 4.1—Representation structure on the School Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) City of Gainesville feels it should have more members on the committee. Smaller cities felt it should be equal. Also, more definition as to the diverse group of community members.

Section 8.4—Geographic Application of School Concurrency High Springs, Newberry, and Alachua who are experiencing residential development, were very vocal that less than district-wide application needs to happen as quickly as possible.

We have received your review and comments dated July 21, 2006 of the draft we sent you July 1. We will incorporate your recommendations into the next revision of our Agreement. Unfortunately, by the time we received your comments on July 31, 2006, we had circulated the Agreement to all parties to place them on their agendas for adoption. All of your items will be addressed, as well as the above items of concerns and any others that may come to our attention.

I have also enclosed a copy of all the meetings that have been held to date, as Local Governments have worked together to achieve the adoption of Alachua County's Interlocal Agreement for School Facility Planning.

I appreciate your help and assistance as we move closer to the implementation of school concurrency. If I can be of any further assistance in helping your office facilitate meetings, please contact me.

Truly yours,

Terry L. Tougaw
Director of Community Planning and Zoning

Enclosures