

Regional Growth Compact*

To Our Fellow Central Floridians,

By working together we can dramatically impact our future.

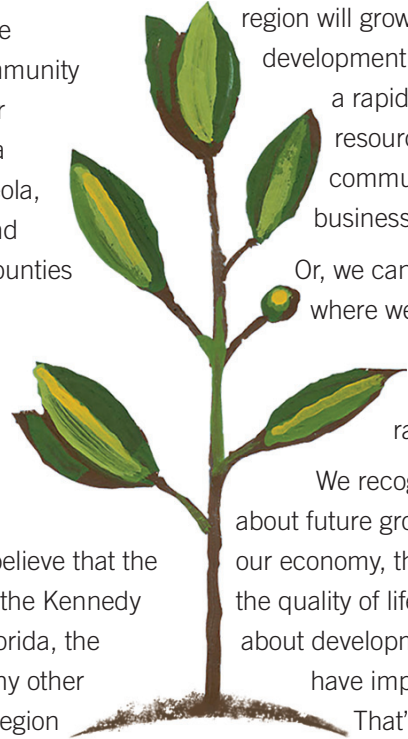
We invite you to join us in a continuing journey to implement a shared vision to help Central Florida continue to be a great place to live, learn, work, and play.

Over the past 18 months, we have had the privilege of participating in a historic "community conversation" to develop a shared 50-year vision for the seven-county Central Florida Region – for Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia counties – and the 3.5 million people who live in these counties and their diverse cities and towns.

We look at the forces shaping our nation and world, and we agree that Central Florida is uniquely positioned to be one of the most dynamic regions of the 21st Century. We celebrate our history of imagination placed into action – and we believe that the people that produced Walt Disney World, the Kennedy Space Center, the University of Central Florida, the Daytona International Speedway, and many other world renowned assets can reinvent this region yet again.

We celebrate the diversity of our people, our economy, and our communities as we look toward a shared future and address our common issues. From Orlando to Lakeland, Daytona Beach to Kissimmee, Titusville to Winter Springs, Groveland to Windermere, Central Florida is a single region with many facets.

We acknowledge our rich heritage, our distinctive places, and our precious environment – and we pledge to preserve the best of these resources for future generations.



We recognize that the State of Florida projects that Central Florida's population will more than double between 2005 and 2050, to more than 7 million residents.

We have choices about how, where, and in what form our region will grow. We can continue our current pattern of development, which will cause us to consume land at a rapid pace, encroach on critical environmental resources, lose the distinctiveness of our communities, and paralyze our residents and businesses in traffic.

Or, we can boldly choose a different approach where we conserve our environment, strengthen our urban centers, and provide a variety of choices for how we live, work, travel, raise our families, and enjoy our free time.

We recognize that the decisions we make today about future growth will determine the competitiveness of our economy, the sustainability of our environment, and the quality of life for future generations. The decisions about development made by individual communities can have impacts far beyond their boundaries.

That's why a regional, collaborative approach is imperative.

We applaud the work of numerous public, private, and civic organizations, as well as the nearly 20,000 Central Floridians who have helped answer the question "How Shall We Grow?" We believe that the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision reflects what matters most as we raise our families, grow our businesses, and build our communities.

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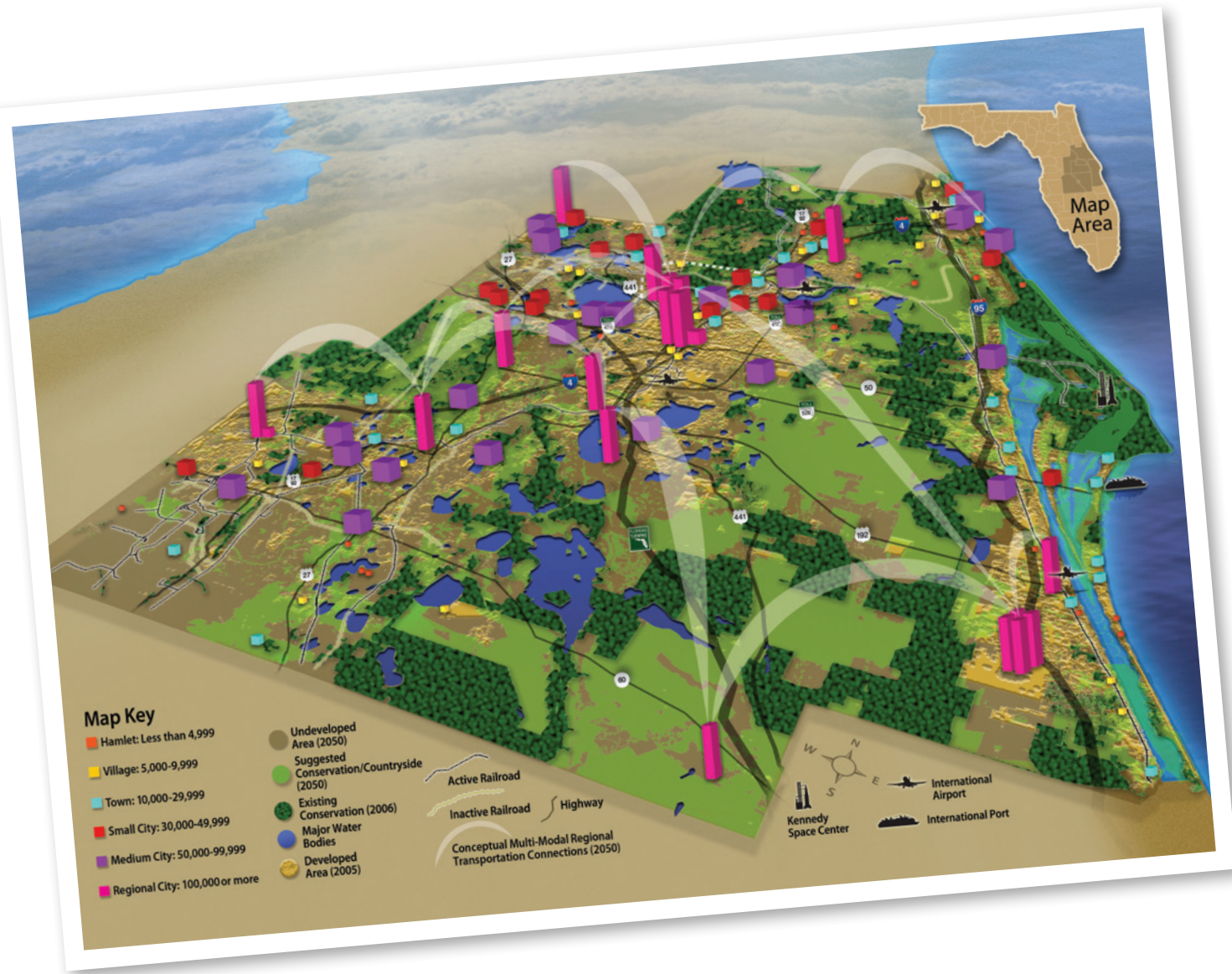
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Conservation – Imagine a place where natural resources are treasured. The air is sweet and clean. Lakes, rivers, and beaches are crystal clear. Unique wildlife, vegetation, and ecosystems thrive. Open space is protected and abundant. Water and land are used responsibly, so that they are preserved for future generations.

Countryside – Imagine a place where "Old Florida" farms and villages exist alongside cities. Traditional rural communities maintain their character and heritage. Rural development is compact, has clear edges, and respects the important role of agriculture in the region's economy.

Centers – Imagine a place where people can live close to their jobs, schools, stores, restaurants, and recreational areas. Schools, hospitals, public transportation systems, parks, museums, and other cultural amenities are easy to reach and reflect the character of the communities that they serve.

Corridors – Imagine a place where travel within and between communities is efficient and dependable. Residents and visitors have choices for how they move within the region and to other locations. These choices save travel time, allowing people to spend more time with family and friends.



This Shared Vision for Central Florida illustrates what the region can look like if we focus on the 4 C's – **Conservation, Countryside, Centers, and Corridors**. If cities and centers grow as anticipated, our community will need to make decisions about the best ways to connect regional cities and the villages

and towns that surround them. The centers may shift and rearrange, but what should stay constant are the core themes and principles underlying the Central Florida Growth Vision: **Conservation, Countryside, Centers, and Corridors**.

The *Congress of Regional Leaders* was created by myregion.org, a "Line of Business" of the *Central Florida Partnership*. It is made up of elected leaders from across the Central Florida Region dedicated to developing shared regional policies that implement the Regional Growth Vision.

The *Congress of Regional Leaders* includes County Commissioners and elected City Officials, along with Members of the Central Florida School Board Coalition. For more information contact Jacob V. Stuart, President, *Central Florida Partnership* at **407.835.2517** or via email at jacob.stuart@ideastoreresults.org.

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The *Central Florida Partnership* was created to anticipate the complexities of global markets, growth, and collaboration – and to respond with timely and appropriate action. The *Central Florida Partnership* is an essential place for leaders to convene, set priorities, and address our region's toughest challenges and identify our greatest opportunities. Serving business, civic and community leaders in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and Volusia Counties – the *Central Florida Partnership* is a business lead initiative where regional leaders come together to share regional conversations – moving “*Ideas to Results.*”



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