

How Shall We Grow? Creating a Shared Vision for Central Florida



Central Florida Regional Growth Vision *myregion.org* Board Member Commitment

WHEREAS, *myregion.org* was created to encourage regional collaboration across the seven-county Central Florida Region (described as Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia Counties); and

WHEREAS, in its initial phase, *myregion.org* engaged more than 3,000 citizens in identifying six key regional priorities; and

WHEREAS, one of the priorities encouraged collaboration on the issue of smart-quality growth; and

WHEREAS, *myregion.org* and community partners commissioned more than \$1,000,000 worth of regional research to gain a clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is anticipated to double its population, to more than 7 million residents, between 2005 and 2050; and

WHEREAS, *myregion.org* along with local, regional and state partners created the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision Project to engage residents across the region in a 15-month “community conversation” to help answer the question of “How Shall We Grow?”; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision has received input from more than 17,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the citizen engagement resulted in the identification of six growth principles that reflect what matters most to the residents of Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the themes of conservation and countryside, centers, and corridors emerged as the basis for a final shared vision for Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and community leaders from across Central Florida have pledged to work together to develop and implement policies to ensure that this vision for the future of Central Florida can be realized; and

WHEREAS, the public, private and civic organizations in Central Florida desire to voluntarily and collaboratively illustrate their commitment to addressing the nature and location of growth within the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, we (the undersigned citizens, representing public, private, and civic interests) offer our support of the Central Florida Regional Growth Vision and the accompanying documents including the Regional Growth Compact and Regional Policy Framework. In addition, we pledge to continue our involvement in building a world-class region where today’s residents, neighbors yet to arrive, and our children and grandchildren, can live, learn, work and play.