



LAKE WALES ENVISIONED, LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

55,354 Acres
Project Area
2023
Approved

With a historic downtown set amongst picturesque rural landscapes and rolling citrus groves, Lake Wales is a city rich in natural beauty, history, and community. The famous Olmsted Brothers' landscape architecture firm planned Lake Wales in the 1920s as a "city in a garden," with tree-lined streets, memorable parks, and stately civic spaces. In 2023 a lot is changing; proposals for thousands of new homes are being discussed along with new industries and ways of working. The critical mission for Lake Wales Envisioned is to work together as a community to shape the future of this remarkable place.

Supported by 1000 Friends of Florida, the Olmsted Network, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, and many other key sponsors, Lake Wales Envisioned set forth a compelling vision for the long-term development patterns of the region. It created a strategic regional conservation framework that would create and protect critical linkages to the Florida Wildlife Corridor as well as identifying areas for future growth. Lake Wales Envisioned will guide better street design and ensure better neighborhood design through a new Traditional Neighborhood Development ordinance that will lay the regulatory framework so as to ensure new development adds value to the community for generations to come.

Burns Avenue and Tower Road today



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Traditional neighborhood fabric in the South Neighborhoods



Proposed concept for the South Neighborhoods

