

Features:

Question 1: Which features do you want to preserve?

*These are the **PRIORITY** features that you want to preserve:*

- **Low density (1 in 5 acres)**
- **Dirt roads**
- **Equestrian interests**
- **Large land lots (1/5 with exception of Commercial Corridor along Southern or Citrus)**
- **Dirt Roads**
- **Our lifestyle for future growth outside the Groves**
- **Tangible:**
 - **Open/space and natural areas**
 - **Water resources**
 - **Country roads**
- **Uses/Activities:**
 - **Eco-friendly agriculture/home business**
 - **Low density development**
 - **Equestrian**
- **Attitudes and Values:**
 - **Ecofriendly**
 - **Mutual respect**
 - **Government light and holding them accountable**
- **Rural nature & lifestyle (preserve , improve and maintain unique lifestyle)**
- **Tree canopy and natural vegetation**
- **Animal protections**
- **Water resources (well water)**
- **Overall rural character and historic elements (such as silos)**
- **Keep Okeechobee 2 lanes**
- **Native tree canopy**
- **Rural lifestyle**
- **Respect for diversity and respect for neighbors (quiet enjoyment for citizens that have home businesses)**
- **Equestrian lifestyle**

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These are OTHER items that you want to preserve:

- **Water quality (well/septic/canals)**
- **AG/Residential land use**
- **No HOA**
- **Ability to have home-based businesses**
- **Rural aesthetic character**
- **Ability to have a variety of animals**
- **Tree canopies**
- **Natural Areas**
- **Maintain canopy**
- **Dark Sky**
- **Wildlife in canals**
- **Other wildlife**
- **Freedom to do what you want on your own property if allowed in zoning (not a health or environmental hazard)**
- **Not a neighborhood willing to sacrifice our lifestyle for future growth outside the Groves.**
- **Equestrian interests**
- **Current density**
- **Keep dirt roads**
- **Night Sky (low lighting)**
- **Absence of sign pollution**
- **Low noise levels**
- **Wildlife habitats**

Question 2: For which features is some change acceptable?

*These are the **PRIORITY** features that some change is acceptable:*

- **Animal density**
- **Best Management Practices for Ag Businesses, nurseries, & equestrians**
- **Church involvement in the community**
- **OGEM (if successful and if costs are cheaper with speed humps) MUST BE MAINTAINED!**
- **Commercial by Southern (high impact)**
- **Clustered commercial development in designated areas around existing and where it is now permitted.**
- **Higher water table**
- **Limit commercial growth to Southern that would be compatible with existing commercial uses**
- **Increase the number of horse trails**
- **Bus stop safety with more lighting**
- **Identify roads for possible OGEM improvements**
- **Paving? (OGEM)**
- **Commercial based on Southern from C to E**
- **Riding trail network (also bikes and pedestrians)**
- **Commercial center must be in small mom & pop offices in a condensed area**
- **Control businesses to an area West of Loxahatchee Park to D Road in a condensed area**
- **Equestrian/Agricultural plaza with stores and equestrian park**

*These are **OTHER** features that some change is acceptable:*

- **Extend Tangerine A to E (make this stretch a cozy street)**
- **Update and codify Neighborhood Plan**
- **Use of electronic “Lox Pass”**
- **Convert manure to energy**
- **No Occupational License tax on home based businesses**
- **Municipal water and sewer**
- **Reduce canal sizes**

Question 3: Which features need to change?

*These are the **PRIORITY** features that need to change:*

- Reduce existing high impact uses/activities
- Improve enforcement of environmental regulations
- Town control of roads and traffic regulation
- Limit new nurseries
- Change density to 1/5
- Permit golf carts & A.T.V.'s on roads
- Expanded equestrian services (trails and parks)
- Wandering dogs
- Commercial on Southern only and limit ingress & egress
- Cut-through traffic
- Horse trails need to be contiguous
- Proxy Votes
- Assessment for heavy truck use on our roads
- E Road/140th off of thoroughfare map
- Elimination of eye sores
- Change density to 1/5
- Need a trail system
- Need senior living facility
- Need traffic lights on Okeechobee Blvd

*These are **OTHER** features that need to change:*

- Add more law enforcement
- Bird & wildlife sanctuary for entire community
- No planned development
- Place for people to ride 4-wheelers and dirt bikes
- Health & Human services (unhealthy living conditions)
- Slow eradication of non-native plants
- Perception of what we are
- Covered horse bridge over Okeechobee
- Amount of commercial vs. ag/res (balance needed)
- Non-commercial properties doing commercial activities
- Eliminate cut through traffic
- Add equestrian recreation area
- Cleaning of canals
- Litter control
- Limit 501C3's (non-tax paying entities)

Issues & Threats:

Question 1: What issues and threats will need to be addressed to preserve key features or developed needed changes? What are the three most critical issues or threats?

These are the PRIORITY critical issues and threats:

- Development around us (zoning controls of commercial development which will avoid traffic outside coming in which will protect animal safety/home safety)
- Focus on better water quality
- Restricting traffic
- Control development around us. This will restrict traffic and provide safety for animals and people walking around.
- Water quality (more development threatens this)
- Zoning Control (Commercial development between neighbors)
- Surrounding development and cut through traffic
- Traffic control on Okeechobee
- Water usage and quality
- Define Rural as a lifestyle
- Development pressures from both internal landowners and external interests (traffic pressures from surrounding communities)
- Water quality and quantity
- County controlled influence (eminent domain)
- Inappropriate land use (commercial/industrial, illegal renting and manure dumping)
- Expansion of Southern & Okeechobee Blvd
- FPL Power Plant endangering our water source
- Surrounding Development (Callery Judge, B Road, Indian Trails and Lion Country Safari)
- Vote diluted by high density development within community (different living style and mindset)
- Development inside and outside of the Groves
- Changing definition of what a rural lifestyle is
- External and internal development pressures (divides community, environmental impact and “reliever” roads)
- Inadequate community participation (education and outreachers)
- Fiscal solvency of the community
- No paving of the roads

Ideas:

Question 1: What are three ideas which would either?:

- * **Help preserve what you want to preserve;**
- * **Help change what you want to change;**
- * **Meet the threats or issues.**

*These are the **PRIORITY** three ideas:*

- **Keeping 1 in 5**
- **Roads: (non-thru roads, culde sac, dead ends, large roundabouts, best management practices, traffic mitigation plan, lower speed limit**
- **Tree Canopy: (free slash pine seedlings/pines)**
- **Architectural Review Committee**
- **Remove E-Road/140th from thoroughfare map permanently**
- **Communication/Alliance between Town Council and Water Control District**
- **Protect a wildlife sanctuary**
- **Change the density to 1 in 5**
- **Require Town Council to complete disclosure on meetings with developer and planners**
- **Paved Roads**
- **Roundabouts to slow traffic**
- **Gated community**
- **People picking up trash on roads**
- **Speed bumps on North/South roads**
- **Tighten up zoning changes (exemptions from ag to commercial)**

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These are OTHER 3 ideas:

- **Community Education & Awareness: (rural living/protecting the environment)**
- **Ask Council to enact resolutions: (zoning for inappropriate land use)**
- **Lobbyist to protect our vision and interest**
- **Keep Okeechobee 2-lane**
- **Commercial Corridor with Residential Flare**
- **No high density residential**
- **Separate overlay for development of property at “B” and Southern**
- **Low impact lighting**
- **Government must strictly enforce policies they make**
- **Any new non-residential development provides amenities to the community**
- **Create limits on high impact / high traffic businesses outside the boundaries of commercial corridors**
- **Better control of cats and dogs running loose**
- **20 acre equestrian facility**
- **Connect to trails to stay out of traffic**
- **Control clear cutting all vegetation that wipes out nature tree canopy**
- **Fix sub-standard housing for agricultural help**
- **Neighborhood advisory board for mediating neighborhood disputes**
- **Voting rules (1 man, 1 vote)**
- **Traffic calming on Okeechobee Blvd.**
- **Christmas Party**
- **At each letter road and Okeechobee Blvd, must have roundabouts**
- **24-7 police on Okeechobee Blvd for traffic control**
- **Preserve 1 in 5 Zoning**
- **Change picture on cover of Neighborhood Plan**