

Robert Pennock
Curriculum Vitae

Work Record:

Director of the Applied Demographics Studio for the Center for Demography & Population Health at Florida State University, October 2011 to present. I implement the demographic consulting outreach program for the Center. Recent projects include political redistricting for the City of Palmetto, demographic analysis for the Leon County Commission on the Status of Girls and Women, and GIS mapping for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Planning Consultant, February 2011 to present: Current projects include working with legal challenges regarding local government comprehensive plans, evaluation and appraisal reports, and land development regulations.

Strategic Planning Coordinator with the Florida Department of Community Affairs, May 2007 to February 2011: I worked with the Secretary and other senior staff on a variety of growth management issues and projects. These included rural land stewardship, energy efficient land use patterns, reduction of greenhouse gases, and land use need analysis. I provided technical assistance on the implementation of the Department's growth management programs.

Planning Consultant, July 1994 to May 2007:

Local government comprehensive planning including:

- Evaluation of comprehensive plans for compliance with state law;
- Interpretation and application of comprehensive plans; and
- Preparation of data, analysis, goals, objectives, and policies for plan amendments.

My clients included the Department of Community Affairs, Florida Home Builders Association, City of Stuart, other local governments, neighborhood associations, and development interests. My practice was statewide and I worked on comprehensive planning issues in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Pasco, Polk, Osceola, Seminole, Hernando, Alachua, Flagler, St. Johns, Clay, Duval, Suwannee, Leon, Holmes, Okaloosa and Walton counties. I worked with a wide range of issues including concurrency, land use, urban sprawl, infrastructure planning, and general comprehensive planning. I also worked on the development of laws and rules regarding school concurrency.

Most of my planning work was in association with challenges to comprehensive plan amendments for compliance with Chapter 163 F.S. and Rule 9J-5 F.A.C. During my tenure with DCA and as a planning consultant I have been qualified as an expert in comprehensive planning and have provided testimony in over 25 cases, including both administrative proceedings and Circuit Court actions.

Selected projects and clients:

Callery-Judge Grove DRI Plan Amendment to the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan (2006-May 2007). I developed plan policies for a 4,000 acre traditional town development along with supporting data and analysis in coordination with other planners and legal counsel and the county planning division.

Babcock Ranch (2006). I evaluated the Babcock Ranch amendment, a 17,000 acre new town in Charlotte County, for consistency with Chapter 163 F.S. and Rule 9J-5 F.A.C.

Palm Beach County (August 2004 to May 2005). I assisted the county in the revision of plan amendments for the "Scripps Biotechnology Research Park." Subsequently, I was the County's lead consulting expert and expert witness in an Administrative Hearing.

Beach to Bay Connection Association Inc. (2002-2004). I assisted the client in evaluating a proposed development for consistency with the Walton County Comprehensive Plan, including testimony before the local planning agency, Board of County Commissioners, and in Circuit Court.

Gainesville Builders Association / Builders Association of North Central Florida (March 2002 to February 2004). I assisted the client in analyzing a major EAR update to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan which the client had challenged. I participated in lengthy settlement negotiations. I assisted in developing amendments for the remedial plan amendment. After additional challenges by other parties, I assisted in the defense of the remedial plan amendment at an Administrative Hearing, including expert testimony and planning analysis. A major issue in the Plan challenge was urban sprawl.

Martin County (January to April 2003). I assisted the client in analyzing a proposed large scale comprehensive plan amendment (Harmony Ranch) for issues of urban sprawl and internal consistency.

Florida Department of Community Affairs (September 2001 to December 2001). I assisted the client in defending its compliance determination on land use and plan amendments concerning the Nocatee DRI, a 13,000+ acre development in both St. Johns and Duval counties. I provided expert testimony at the Administrative Hearing challenging the plan amendment. A major issue in the plan challenge was urban sprawl.

Florida Homebuilders Association (April 2001 to May 2001). I assisted the client in analyzing the Palm Beach County School Concurrency Plan Amendment. I participated in settlement negotiations and contributed revisions to the comprehensive plan.

City of Stuart (1998 to 2003). I worked for the City as a comprehensive planning consultant. I prepared major revisions to the land use, capital improvements, transportation, and intergovernmental elements of the Comprehensive Plan. I provided expert testimony at two Administrative Hearings. I evaluated proposed developments for consistency with the Plan.

Previous experience with Florida Department of Community Affairs (1981-1994):

Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Local Planning. (1990-1994) I supervised all aspects of the Department's implementation of Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes addressing local government comprehensive planning and land development regulations.

Plan Review Administrator. I had statewide responsibility for the compliance reviews of all local government comprehensive plans and plan amendments.

I also worked in various other planning positions dealing with subject matter under Chapters 163 and 380, Florida Statutes. During 8 years with the Division of Resource Planning and Management, I worked directly with hundreds of local governments in the development of comprehensive plans and the resolution of planning issues. I am the primary author or contributing author of many rules governing comprehensive planning and land development regulation in the Florida Administrative Code. These include major additions to Rule 9J-5 F.A.C. addressing urban sprawl, concurrency, transportation, and land use. I also worked with the Legislature and Administration Commission.

Prior to this, I worked in emergency management planning from 1981 to 1986.

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy in Geography attained in 2004 from Florida State University. Dissertation title: *Urban Sprawl and the Local State*. I examined how Manatee and Sarasota counties addressed the issue of urban sprawl from the 1960's to 2002. The focus of my research was local government comprehensive planning.

Masters of Science in Planning with a specialization in urban and regional planning attained in 1982 from Florida State University.

University Teaching Experience:

Graduate course in *Forecasting for Plan Development (Methods in Planning Analysis III)* at Florida State University. (Spring 2011)

Undergraduate courses in *Urban Geography, Florida Geography, and World Regional Geography* at Florida State University.

Undergraduate course in *Human Geography* at Tallahassee Community College. (Fall 2011)

Publications:

Urban Sprawl in the *Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (2006) edited by Barney Warf. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, London, New Delhi

Trends and Conditions Report – 2004: Impact of Transportation: Transportation and Land Use. Co-author with Steve Polzin, Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Urban Sprawl and the Local State. Ph.D. Dissertation. Florida State University, Department of Geography. (2004)

A Primer on School Concurrency. Co-author with Linda Shelley and April Herrle. Florida Home Builders Association. (2001)

Membership:

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Florida Planning and Zoning Association