

### **307(b) EXHIBIT**

Citicasters Licenses, L.P. (“Citicasters”), licensee of Station WJBT(FM), Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. (“Clear Channel”), licensee of WPLA(FM), Jacksonville, Florida, hereby jointly submit Applications which propose (a) to delete Channel 224A at Green Cove Springs, Florida and allot Channel 224A to Hastings, Florida as that community’s first local service, and (b) to delete Channel 297C1 at Jacksonville, Florida and allot Channel 297C1 to Green Cove Springs, Florida in order to maintain local service in Green Cove Springs.

#### **I. WJBT(FM) TO HASTINGS, FLORIDA**

As demonstrated in the Technical Narrative, Channel 224A can be allotted to Hastings consistent with Section 73.207 of the Commission’s Rules. *See* Figure 2. A 70 dBu signal can be provided to Hastings from the proposed reference coordinates. *See* Figure 3. The relocation of WJBT(FM) Green Cove Springs to Hastings will result in a predicted net loss in population of 408,426 persons within the proposed WJBT(FM) 60 dBu contour. *See* Technical Narrative. The population and area within the proposed 70 dBu contour is 34,335 persons in 803 square kilometers, and within the proposed 60 dBu contour is 106,385 persons in 2,459 square kilometers. *See* Technical Narrative. This proposal will not create any white or gray area. *See* Figure 5. There are 22 stations providing protected service to Hastings. *See* Figure 7.

Citicasters desires to change the community of license for WJBT(FM) from Green Cove Springs to Hastings under the guidelines set forth in *Amendment of the Commission’s Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 3870 (1989), *recons. granted in part*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990). There, the Commission stated that a station may change its community of

license without subjecting the license to other expressions of interest if (1) the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the current allotment; (2) the current community of license will not be deprived of its only local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments is preferred under the Commission's allotment priorities. These criteria are met here. First, the proposed use of Channel 224A at Hastings is mutually exclusive with the current use of Channel 224A at Green Cove Springs. *See* Figure 2. Second, Green Cove Springs will not be deprived of its only local service because of the proposed change of the community of license of WPLA(FM) from Jacksonville, Florida to Green Cove, Florida. The proposed modification of WPLA(FM)'s community of license is discussed in greater detail below, and that station's Minor Modification Application will be filed contemporaneously with WJBT(FM)'s Application. Third, the provision of a first local service at Hastings (2000 U.S. Census population 521) under Priority 3 will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments over the retention of a twenty-second local service at Jacksonville (2000 U.S. Census population 735,617) under Priority 4.<sup>1</sup> *See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).

The proposed community of Hastings is not located in the St. Augustine Urbanized Area, but the proposed 70 dBu signal will cover more than 50% of the Urbanized Area. Therefore, this relocation implicates the Commission's policy regarding the migration of stations into urban areas. *See Headland, Alabama and Chattahoochee, Florida*, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995) ("*Headland*"); *Faye and Richard Tuck*, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988) ("*Tuck*"). In making the determination whether to award an urbanized

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<sup>1</sup> The proper comparison is between Jacksonville and Hastings because Jacksonville is losing a local service (due to the move of WPLA(FM)) and Hastings is gaining a local service (due to the move of WJBT(FM)).

community a first local service preference, the Commission will consider (1) the extent to which the station will provide service to the entire Urbanized Area, (2) the relative populations and proximity of the suburban and central city, and, most importantly, (3) the independence of the suburban community. *Tuck*, 3 FCC Rcd at 5377-78. In this case, from the proposed transmitter site, Station WJBT(FM) would place a 70 dBu contour over more than 50% of the St. Augustine Urbanized Area. *See* Figure 2. Hastings' population (2000 U.S. Census 521) is 4.5% of that of St. Augustine (2000 U.S. Census 11,592) and Hastings is located 16.87 miles from St. Augustine. These figures demonstrate independence and exceed those of other suburban communities granted a first local preference. *See e.g., Park City, Montana*, 19 FCC Rcd 2092, 2094 (2004) (Park City's population is less than 1% of that of Billings, and Park City is located 21 miles from Billings); *Ada, Newcastle and Watonga, Oklahoma*, 11 FCC Rcd 16896, 16899 (1996) (Newcastle's population is less than 1% of that of Oklahoma City, and Newcastle is located 15 miles from Oklahoma City). Nevertheless, the Commission has repeatedly stated that these factors are less important than evidence of independence. *See Headland*, 10 FCC Rcd at 10355. The following analysis of the eight *Tuck* factors demonstrates the independence of Hastings from St. Augustine.

1. ***Extent to which residents of Hastings work in Hastings.*** According to 2000 Census figures, 37 of the 202 employed individuals in Hastings, or 18.3%, work in Hastings. This percentage compares favorably with other independent communities. *See, e.g., Albemarle and Indian Trail, North Carolina*, 16 FCC Rcd 13876 (2001) (11.3% of working-age residents worked in community); *Coolidge and Gilbert, Arizona*, 11 FCC Rcd 3610 (1996) (13% of Gilbert's working population actually worked in Gilbert).

Further, as shown below, there are many employers in Hastings who provide ample opportunities for Hastings residents to be employed in Hastings and not in St. Augustine. This alleviates any concerns that Hastings is dependent on St. Augustine for the employment of its residents. *See Lebanon and Speedway, Indiana*, 17 FCC Rcd 25064, 25065 (2002). *See Ex. 1.*

2. ***Newspapers and other media that cover Hastings's local needs and interests.*** No information is available.

3. ***Community leaders and residents perceive Hastings as being separate from St. Augustine.*** Though named after Thomas Horace Hastings (1860-1897), present-day Hastings traces its roots to a more distant time. It is believed that Native American communities settled in the areas in and around Hastings for 3,500 years before the Spanish Invasion in 1565. After the arrival of the Spanish, the land that is now Hastings was used for various agricultural purposes, and, in 1890, Thomas H. Hastings created his farm, Prairie Gardens, which later became Hastings, Florida. A few years later, the railroad was extended to the growing town, and Hastings Station was constructed. The station allowed Hasting's agricultural industry to expand, and the community was soon known as the "Potato Capital of Florida," an appellation that remains to this day. The community that arose from Prairie Gardens was incorporated as the town of Hastings. Historic buildings, such as the Potato Exchange, remain from Hastings' starchy boom-times. *See Ex. 1.* Hasting is further set apart from St. Augustine through its precisely defined municipal boundaries, which are set forth in metes-and-bounds form in the town's Charter. *See Ex. 1.*

In April 2005, the ABC series *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* featured the renovation of a local family's home. According to news reports following the program's presence in Hastings, the spirit of volunteerism and community development did not leave town with the television crews. For example, another Hastings resident, inspired by the transformation of a neighbor's home, has invested his own time and energy to obtain grants to improve other buildings in the town, many of which were constructed . When questioned about his motivations, the resident responded, "Hastings is my heart. I love this place." See Ex. 1.

4. ***Hastings has its own government entities.*** Hastings' independence from St. Augustine is further underscored by the presence of many local governmental entities. For example, not only does Hastings have its own fire department, water department, and City Clerk, the Hastings Branch Library, the Al Wilke Park, and the Hastings Community Center are also located within the community. Given Hastings' renaissance that has followed the taping of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, plans are underway for the construction of a new community park at Hastings Elementary School. Additionally, the SR 207 Rails to Trails project runs through Hastings, which allows residents to access St. John's County's numerous pedestrian and bicycle pathways. Hastings possesses its own municipal government, which is composed of a popularly elected Mayor-Commissioner, Vice Mayor, and three other Commissioners. The Town Commission holds public meetings the second Monday of every month. Hastings' Town Commissioners manage various departments, such as the Hastings Fire Department, the Hastings City Clerk, and the Hastings Water Department, each of which provides needed

services to local residents as well as underscores the community's independence from St. Augustine.

5. ***Zip code, post office, and phone directory.*** Hastings has a post office and its own ZIP code, 32145. Businesses and residents in Hastings therefore have Hastings addresses. A phone directory for the town of Hastings is available. *See* Ex. 1.

6. ***Hastings has its own commercial establishments, community organizations and health care providers.*** There are numerous business in the area that identify with the community by using "Hastings" in their name. Several examples include Hastings Manor, Hastings Trucking Co., Inc., Greensouth Equipment-Hastings, and Hastings Apartments. The community also has other commercial establishments that do not incorporate the town's name into their names. Examples include Huddle House, Johnny's Kitchen, Margaritas Star, T & K BBQ, The community is also served by a number of community organizations, including Hastings Community Church, Hastings Youth Academy, Magnolia Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Mt. Zion AME Church. There are also a number of doctors who practice in Hastings. *See* Ex. 1.

7. ***Advertising market.*** No information is available.

8. ***Hastings has its own schools, libraries, police department, and fire department.*** Two public schools, Hastings Elementary School and Hastings Juvenile Correctional, are located in Hastings and have a total enrollment of 520 students. In addition, the Hastings Branch Library located in Hastings provides community residents access to books and other library materials. *See* Ex 1. The library also offers wireless internet connectivity and hosts programs for adults and children. *See* Ex. 1. Moreover,

Hastings has its own fire department, and the St. John's County Sheriff maintains facilities within the town. *See* Ex. 1.

## **II. WPLA(FM) TO GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

As demonstrated in the Technical Exhibit, Channel 297C1 can be allotted to Green Cove Springs, Florida, consistent with Section 73.207 of the Commission's Rules. *See* Figure 1. A 70 dBu signal can be provided to Green Cove Springs from the proposed reference coordinates. *See* Figure 3. Because WPLA(FM)'s facilities will not be relocated, there will be no change in population and area served. There are 33 stations providing protected service to Green Cove Springs. *See* Figure 5.

Clear Channel desires to change the community of license for WPLA(FM) from Jacksonville, Florida to Green Cove Springs, Florida under the guidelines set forth in *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 3870 (1989), *recons. granted in part*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990). There, the Commission stated that a station may change its community of license without subjecting the license to other expressions of interest if (1) the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the current allotment; (2) the current community of license will not be deprived of its only local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments is preferred under the Commission's allotment priorities. These criteria are met here. First, the proposed use of Channel 297C1 at Green Cove Springs is mutually exclusive with the current use of Channel 297C1 at Jacksonville. *See* Figure 2. Second, Jacksonville will not be deprived of its only local service because it will continued to be served by stations WCRJ(FM), WJFR(FM), WJCT-FM, WKTZ-FM, WAPE-FM, WEJZ(FM), WJGL(FM), WQIK-FM, WMXQ(FM), WBWL(AM), WOKV(AM), WFXJ(AM), WNNR(AM), WIOJ(AM),

WROS(AM), WJAZ(AM), WJGR(AM), WCGL(AM), WZAZ(AM), WZNZ(AM), and WYMM(AM). Third, as described, above, the provision of a first local service at Hastings, (2000 U.S. Census population 521) under Priority 3 will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments over the retention of a twenty-second local service at Jacksonville (2000 U.S. Census population 735,617) under Priority 4. *See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).

As it is presently the community of license to WJBT(FM), the proposed community of Green Cove Springs, Florida, has already demonstrated, to the Commission's satisfaction, that it is a community deserving of local radio service.

For the foregoing reasons the Commission should delete Channel 224A at Green Cove Springs, Florida and allot Channel 224A to Hastings, Florida as that community's first local service, and delete Channel 297C1 at Jacksonville, Florida and allot Channel 297C1 to Green Cove Springs, Florida in order to maintain local service in Green Cove Springs.



## **Exhibit 1**



## U.S. Census Bureau

### American FactFinder

#### FACT SHEET

### Hastings town, Florida

View a Fact Sheet for a **race, ethnic, or ancestry group**

#### Census 2000 Demographic Profile Highlights:

##### General Characteristics - show more >>

	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Total population	521			map	brief
Male	239	45.9	49.1%	map	brief
Female	282	54.1	50.9%	map	brief
Median age (years)	38.4	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years	35	6.7	6.8%	map	
18 years and over	385	73.9	74.3%		
65 years and over	92	17.7	12.4%	map	brief
One race	511	98.1	97.6%		
White	271	52.0	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American	226	43.4	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native	0	0.0	0.9%	map	brief
Asian	0	0.0	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3	0.6	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race	11	2.1	5.5%	map	
Two or more races	10	1.9	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	26	5.0	12.5%	map	brief
Household population	519	99.6	97.2%	map	brief
Group quarters population	2	0.4	2.8%	map	
Average household size	2.44	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size	3.00	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units	238			map	
Occupied housing units	213	89.5	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units	162	76.1	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units	51	23.9	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units	25	10.5	9.0%	map	

##### Social Characteristics - show more >>

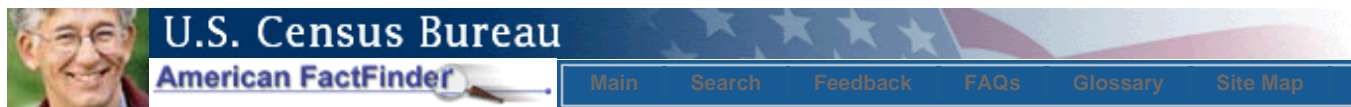
	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Population 25 years and over	332				
High school graduate or higher	251	75.6	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher	46	13.9	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	46	12.9	12.7%	map	brief
Disability status (population 5 years and over)	143	33.4	19.3%	map	brief
Foreign born	22	4.7	11.1%	map	brief
Male, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	96	58.9	56.7%		brief
Female, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	88	42.3	52.1%		brief
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	15	3.5	17.9%	map	brief

##### Economic Characteristics - show more >>

	Number	Percent	U.S.		
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	213	59.0	63.9%		brief
Mean travel time to work in minutes (workers 16 years and over)	35.1	(X)	25.5	map	brief
Median household income in 1999 (dollars)	26,635	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income in 1999 (dollars)	30,769	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income in 1999 (dollars)	14,537	(X)	21,587	map	
Families below poverty level	21	15.4	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level	97	21.0	12.4%	map	

##### Housing Characteristics - show more >>

Number Percent U.S.



[P27. PLACE OF WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER--PLACE LEVEL \[5\] - Universe: Workers 16 years and over](#)

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	Hastings town, Florida
Total:	202
Living in a place:	202
Worked in place of residence	37
Worked outside place of residence	165
Not living in a place	0

U.S. Census Bureau  
Census 2000

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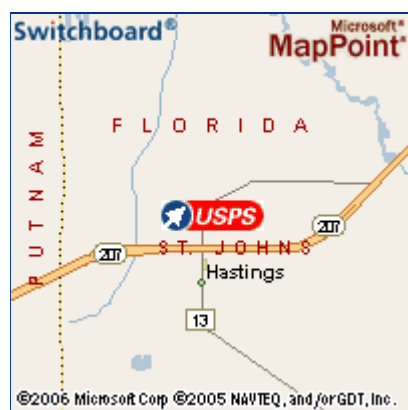
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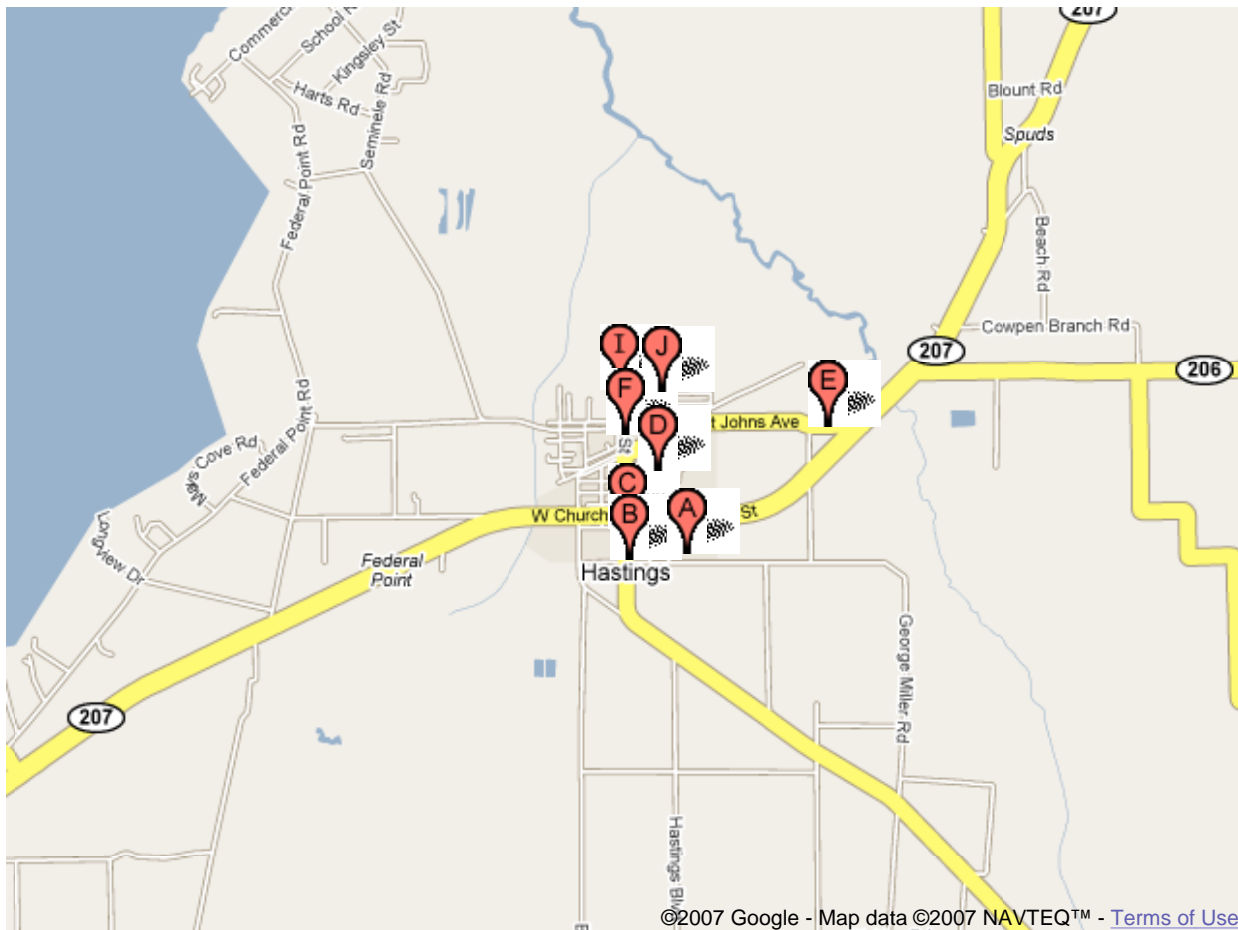
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# TOWN OF HASTINGS

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## HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF HASTINGS

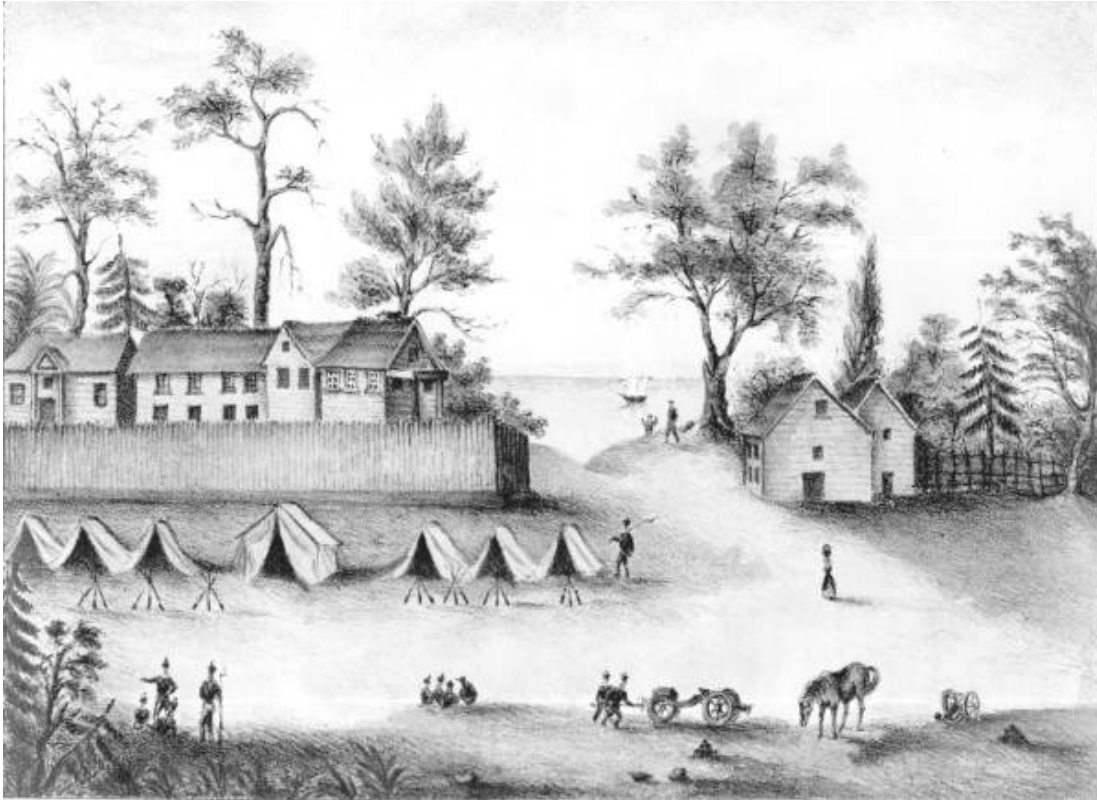


### THOMAS HORACE HASTINGS

established by English philanthropist Denys Rolle in 1767, the Wiggins Plantation near present day Toco established following the return of the Spanish in 1783 by Job or Joseph Wiggins; and the Philip Fatio Plantation at New Switzerland. Rollestown was originally called "Charlotta" after Rolle's mother, Isabella Charlotta Walter Rolle. Rolle also named his daughter Isabella Henrietta Charlotta. Rollestown occupied 20,000 acres and was devoted to citrus, cattle and naval stores. The enterprise was intended as a utopian agricultural community for the poor, a land of "Peace and Plenty." With the withdrawal of the British in 1783, Rolle moved his community in the trading ship the *Peace and Plenty* to Exuma in the Bahama's where he established the twin communities of Rolletown and Rolleville.

The Town of Hastings, Florida, named after Thomas Horace Hastings (1860 - 1897), is located in the agricultural heart of the upper St. Johns River Valley 45 miles south of Jacksonville, 10 miles northeast of Palatka, and 15 miles southwest of St. Augustine. The area was first settled by Native-Americans about 3,500 years ago. After the founding of St. Augustine by the Spanish in 1565, Fort Picolata, about 10 miles north of present day Hastings, was established on the St. Johns River in the late 1600's. The Fort was burned in 1740 by the British under Oglethorpe during the War of Jenkins' Ear. The Fort was reconstructed in 1755 by the Spanish.

The agricultural history of the Hastings area commenced with the transfer of Florida from Spain to Great Britain in 1763. Upon transfer, the British governor entered into the Treaty of Fort Picolata with the Native-Americans, thus, opening the St. Johns River Valley for peaceful agricultural settlement. Among the large farms established along the river near what was to become Hastings were Rollestown



**FORT PICOLATA**

**Credit: Florida Bureau of Archives, Department of State, Tallahassee.**

Job or Joseph Wiggins was Rolle's agent at Rollestown and stayed there following Rolle's withdrawal for a short period of time before establishing his own plantation near present-day Toco. Upon Wiggins' death, the plantation was sold. Wiggins' widow, Nancy Wiggins was disallowed any inheritance by the Spanish authorities since she was not legally married, the nuptials have been performed in an Anglican Church rather than in a Catholic Church as required by Spanish law.

. In the 1790's, Indian attacks became more frequent and the farms and plantations along the St. Johns River were abandoned. American troops under Andrew Johnson invaded Florida to put down Indian depredations. This led, ultimately in 1821, to the treaty of Amity, Settlement and Limits between the United States and Ferdinand VII whereby the United States assumed possession the the two Floridas. War between the United States and the Indians continued until the conclusion of the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). That war required some 200,000 American troops to defeat some 3,000 - 4,000 Seminole Indians under the chief Micanopy. At various times during the war, forts were established throughout the Hastings area. These included Fort Hunter at Rollestown, Fort Shannon at Palatka on the site of a trading post burned by the Indians, Fort New Buena Vista at East Palatka, Fort Moccasin Branch near Orange Mills and Fort Hudson also near Orange Mills, Fort Searle near Bakersville, Fort Weedman seven miles west of St. Augustine, Fort Harney west of St. Augustine and Fort Hanson on Deep Creek near Hastings. A military road was also created connecting St. Augustine with the Rollestown area and Fort Brooke (present day Ocala). The Indians again arose during the Third Seminole War (1855-1858). Thus, essentially the area near Hastings remained unsettled until after the Civil War.



ON THE BOULEVARD, HASTINGS, FLA.

**MAIN STREET, 1909**

**Credit: Florida Bureau of Archives**

Following the end of the Civil War, Jacksonville, Green Cove Springs and St. Augustine began to develop as winter resorts for rich northerners. In the 1870's New Yorker Utley J. White commenced the development of narrow gauge railroad to support a logging industry. His railroads reached the southern portions of St. Johns County in the mid- 1880's. White's railroad was purchased by Henry Morrison Flagler who commenced its conversion to standard gauge. In the 1890, Thomas H. Hastings established a farm known as Prairie Garden at what was to become Hastings. There, using greenhouses, Hastings was able to supply vegetables for the hotels constructed by Henry Morrison Flagler. At about the same time, Flagler extended his Florida East Coast Railroad to Prairie Garden and called the station "Hastings Station." This, in turn, permitted the shipping of potatoes to northern markets and the development of the potato industry. By 1901, the Hastings area shipped 43,000 bushels of Irish potatoes and 23,000 bushels of sweet potatoes and had become the "Potato Capital of Florida". Other businesses were established including merchantiles and the Middleton House Hotel, rates \$1.50 a day. Transportation other than by train remained a problem with the abysmal conditions of the roads.



POTATO BARRELS

Credit: Florida Bureau of Archives

The need for barrels in which to ship the potatoes also resulted in the formation of a barrel factory. In 1909, the Town was incorporated by a Special Act of the Legislature. Growth continued. The road problem was, however, solved with the formation of the Dixie Highway Association. The Dixie Highway was, itself an outgrowth of the Lincoln Highway Association formed In 1913 under the auspices of Carl G. Fisher (1874-1939), of the Prest-O-Lite Company and later developer of Miami Beach; Henry C. Ostermann a promoter for the Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car Company. That association itself arose out of the Good Roads Movement in which state Senator Austin S. Mann originally of Hernando County and later Jacksonville was nationally active. Mann was the father-in-law of Governor William Sherman Jennings. The Good Roads Association arose out of a bicycle group, The League of American Wheelmen formed in 1880. It had as a slogan, "Lifting Our People Out of the Mud." In early 1915, the route for the Dixie Highway was designated as running through Hastings, with a connector from Hastings to Orlando. The town celebrated its designation as being on the Dixie Highway with a parade with decorated floats, carriages and automobiles.





**ENTRANT IN 1915 PARADE IN FROMT OF MATHIS MERCANTILE CO.,  
Photo courtesy Florida Bureau of Archives.**

Traces of the original Dixie Highway and the connector are visible today in Hastings. For a scenic drive along the old Connector in the Hastings area:

**Head west along Florida 207**

**Turn right on to Campbell Rd / Old Hastings Brick Rd and head west**

**Turn left on Federal Point Rd and head southwest**

**Turn left on County 207A**

**Turn right on to Florida 207 and head south to East Palatka**

**Turn left on Old San Mateo Rd / San Mateo Brick Rd and head southward to San Mateo**



**PARTICIPANTS IN 1915 PARADE.**  
Photo courtesy Florida Bureau of Archives.

The touring car decorated with Spanish moss at the lower right-hand portion of the photo was the winner of the first place price for best decorated vehicle. The scene appears to be at the intersection of N. Main Street and St. Johns Ave. looking in the direction of the present site of the Potato Exchange Building.



**Business Section, 1929**  
Photo courtesy Florida Bureau of Archives.

As indicated in the photo, Hastings remains the "Potato Capital of Florida." Although, Hastings is rapidly become a home for many who work in nearby St. Augustine, Palatka, and Jacksonville, the area retains its rich agricultural history. The area is a center for numerous potato, cabbage, and sod farming operations. In recognition of the growth, the Town adopted a new City Charter in 2005. The Charter provides for a Town Manager - Town Commission form of government in which the administration of the Town is entrusted to a professional city manager responsible to the City Commission which sets policy. The Town owns and operates its own water and sewer system.



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*In development:* SR 207 Rails to Trails, [Flagler Estates Park](#), and the new Hastings Elementary School Park.

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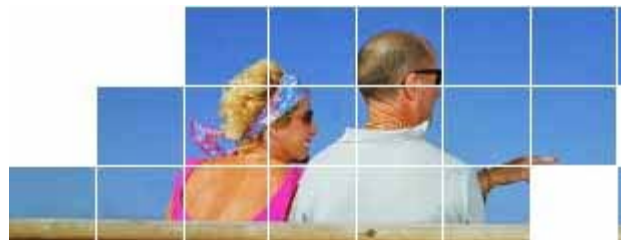
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## Hastings Recreation Center / Al Wilke Park



**Supervisor:** [C](#)  
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Hastings Gymnasium is located at 400 East Harris Street, in the old Hastings Elementary School. Our Facility offers a variety of sport activities. Hastings gymnasium has **one indoor basketball court, two outdoor basketball courts, one indoor volleyball court, playground area, and a weight room.**

Hastings Community Center and Al Wilke Park are located at 6150 South Main Street. The facility sits on six acres of land offering a variety of amenities. We have a **softball/baseball field, multi purpose field, two outdoor basketball courts, unlighted tennis courts, a playscape with a covered picnic area** that has tables, benches and parking available to the public.

## Hours of Operation

- **Community Center**  
Monday – Friday 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Center @ The Gymnasium**  
Monday – Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Al Wilke Park**  
Sunday – Saturday Dawn – Dusk

## Community Center Programs

**All youth programs are FREE**

- **After School Care**  
Ages 6-12 years old  
Monday – Friday  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Registration begins July 1st

Our after school care is for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. We provide time for children to complete homework and take part in extra recreational activities during the afternoon.

## Summer Program

- **Summer Camp**

Ages 6-12 years old

Registration begins April 1st

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Our Summer Camp Program offers a variety of activities for children in our community. The program has limited enrollment of 120. The Summer camp has staffed employees who watches over what the children are doing while in the facility. The program includes **field trips, swimming, nutritional programs** provided by the County Health Department, Hastings library, and Youth Off Drugs and Alcohol, along with some exciting field trips.

## Youth Center @ Hastings Gymnasium

- **Open Play**

Monday-Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This program is open to children ages 13-16 years old. The Youth Center has a staffed employee that watches over the children while they play in the facility.

- **Weight Lifting**

Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- **Co-Ed Basketball**

Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- **Co-Ed Volleyball**

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Table Tennis**

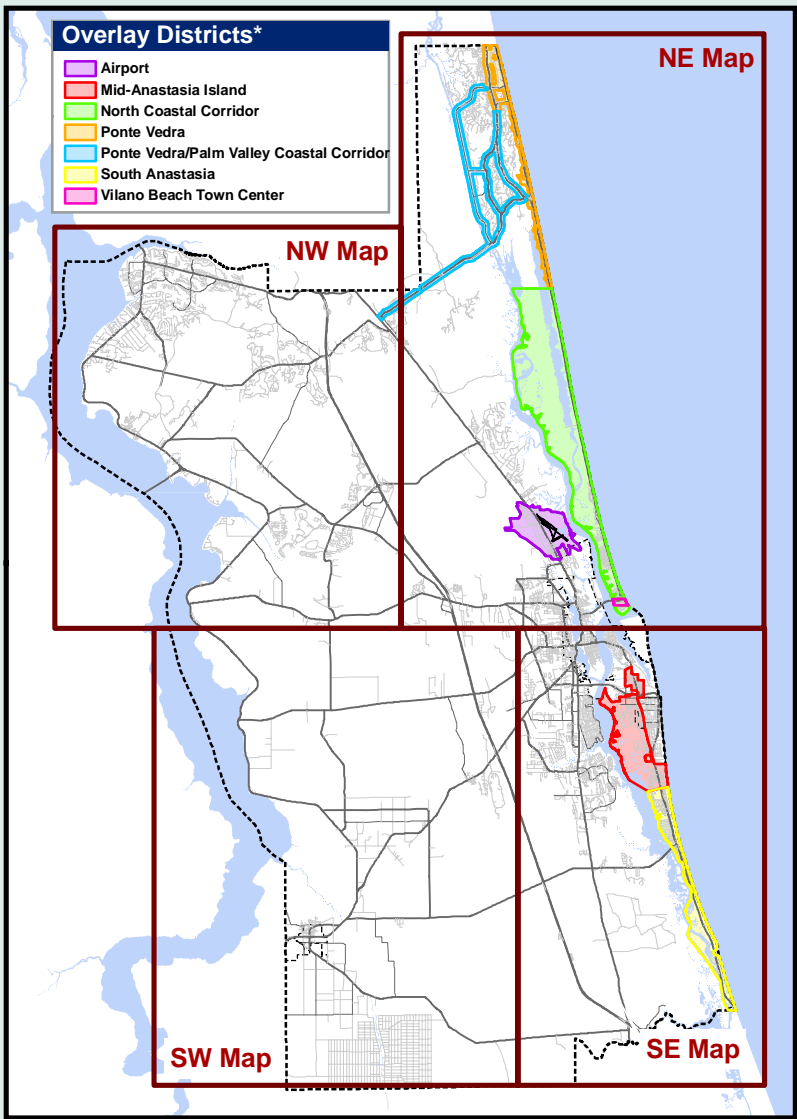
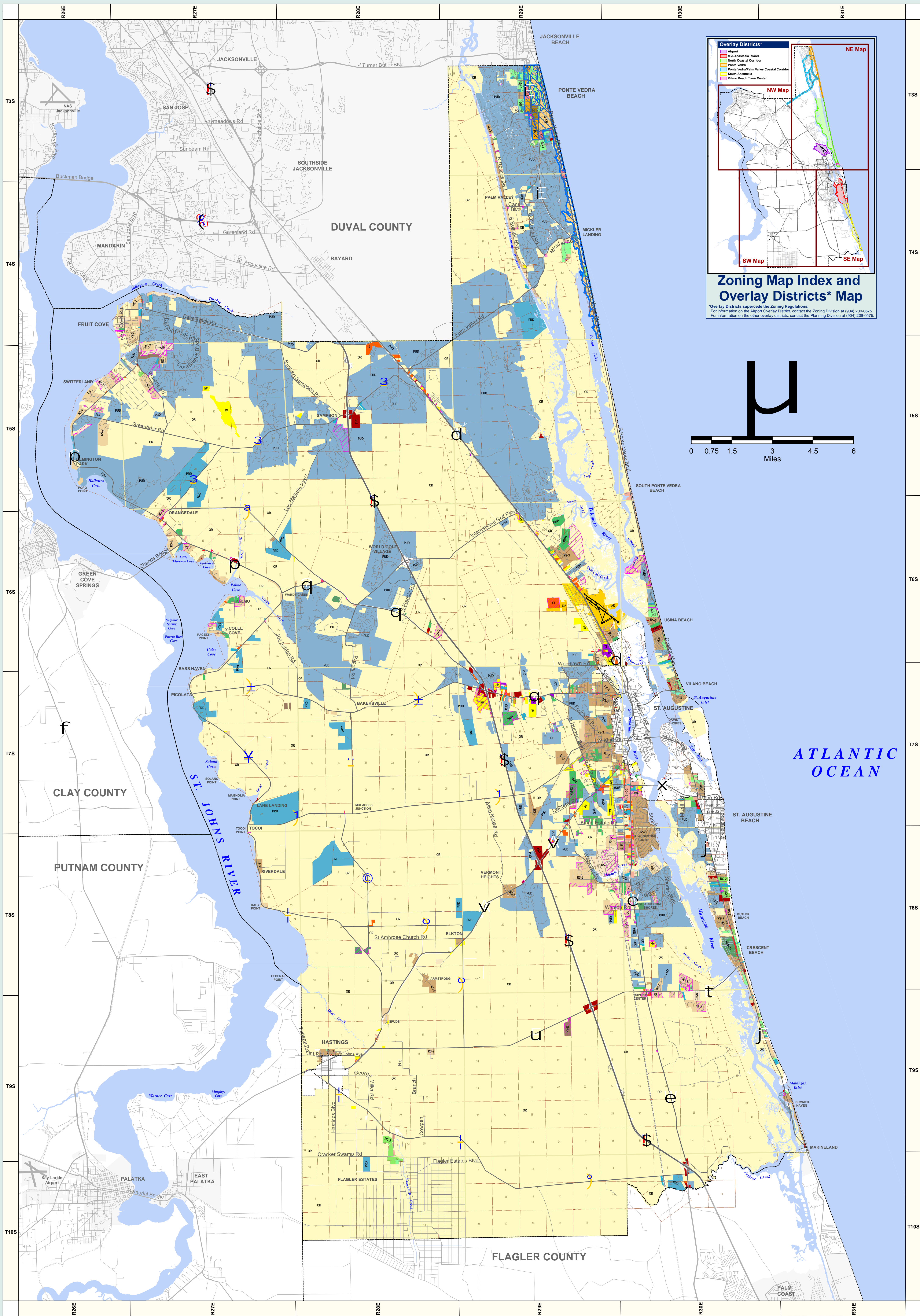
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## Special Events

- **Town of Hastings Cabbage and Potatoes Festival** (Last Saturday in April)

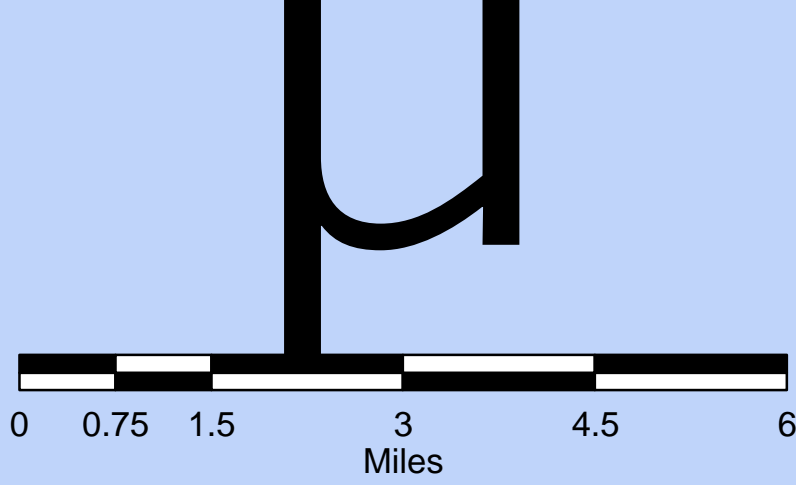
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\*Overlay Districts supersede the Zoning Regulations.  
For information on the Airport Overlay District, contact the Zoning Division at (904) 209-0675.  
For information on the other overlay districts, contact the Planning Division at (904) 209-0575.



**Zoning Map**

Map Prepared August 2, 2006



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Get all the news from Hastings with new stories every other Monday.

#### » [Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**02/17/06** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 There's a new group forming in the area.

#### » [Neighbors: News, notes from Hastings ...](#)

**02/03/06** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 South Woods Elementary School student Victoria Regan placed fourth in the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest. She read her winning essay at the M.L. King Jr. Celebration held at the School Board auditorium.

#### » [Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**01/20/06** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 Kindergarten registration continues Feb. 1-22, March 15 and April 19 at South Woods Elementary School. Hours are 8:30 am to 1 p.m.

#### » [Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**01/06/06** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 A white chili demonstration and food sampling continues from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the Hastings Branch Library. Call 692-2841 to register. All are welcome.

#### » [Neighbors: News and notes from the town of Hastings](#)

**12/16/05** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 South Woods Elementary School is participating in the art and poetry contest for "Day Without Violence." The competition, open to all children and teens (ages 6-18 St. Johns County, is sponsored by the Betty Griffin House.

#### » [Neighbors: Hastings prepares for Christmas events](#)

**12/02/05** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 Connie White, secretary at South Woods Elementary School, has retired from service to the children of Hastings and the southwest corner.

#### » [Neighbors: Some news and notes from the Hastings community ...](#)

**11/18/05** - By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933  
 Officials from South Woods Elementary School report a great celebration and dedication. A video of the day's highlights will be shown on cable channel 24 at 7: p.m. Sunday.

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**11/04/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

A celebration of Veterans Day and dedication of the school is planned Wednesday South Woods Elementary.

### » [Neighbors: There's plenty of things happening in Hastings](#)

**10/21/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

News from the school:

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**10/07/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

South Woods Elementary School assistant principal Cynthia Williams is one of two recipients of the 2005 Learning Legacy Lifetime Achievement Awards.

### » [Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**09/16/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

Students at South Woods Elementary School were all decked out in red, white and blue this week in honor of Constitution Week.

### » [Neighbors: Students might get to attend Jaguars game on November 13](#)

**09/02/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

The first PTO meeting at South Woods Elementary School is Sept. 22, with kindergarten, third and fifth grade performances.

### » [Neighbors: Books 'n' Babies wins state involvement award](#)

**08/19/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

South Woods Elementary School, notes from Principal Key:

### » [Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**08/05/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

South Woods Elementary School will host a hot dog social and forum for Pre-K, kindergarten, first and second graders from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Aug. 23 at 4750 St Road 206, Hastings. For information, call 819-8610.

### » [Neighbors: Creole Cuisine: Countdown begins to new school's first day](#)

**07/15/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

Hastings Elementary School is gone, now we welcome South Woods Elementary School, located on State Road 206. Count down has begun with 14 more days before school starts. School begins Aug. 5.

### » [Neighbors: News, notes from Hastings ...](#)

**07/01/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

At the Hastings Branch Library, yoga for beginners begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and July 9 and at 6 p.m. July 18.

### » [Neighbors: Hastings library sponsors variety of events](#)

**06/17/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

The Mashed Potato Players are coming to Hastings, thanks to the Hastings Branch Library. They'll be featured at the Hastings Elementary School cafeteria, from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday. All are welcome.

### » [Neighbors: Summer news and notes from Hastings ...](#)

**06/03/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

A variety of summer activities are available in our community:

### » [Neighbors: A welcome to the area's new elementary school](#)

**05/20/05** - *By Brenda Ware Hastings 692-3933*

Skeeter Key, principal of Hastings Elementary School, reports he is looking forward to the opening of South Woods Elementary, the new elementary school to serve the

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Hastings area."The students at Hastings can be proud to celebrate the end of one school and the beginning of a new school," Key wrote in his farewell to Hastings.

» **Neighbors: Plenty of things happening in Hastings**

**05/06/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Kindergarten registration continues for St. Johns County schools. The new South Woods Elementary School will accept registrations at Hastings, Hartley and Mason elementary schools.

» **Neighbors: Hastings Elementary to mark its 50th anniversary**

**04/15/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

The new South Woods Elementary School will accept registrations at Hastings, Ha and Mason elementary schools.

» **Neighbors: Old-fashioned family fun day scheduled for April 9**

**04/01/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

The old-fashioned family fun day has been rescheduled to April 9, where it will be at the Hastings Recreation Field from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring your families, fly kites, eat and have fun. The event is sponsored by the Neighborhood Partnership and Friends of Mental Health. For information, call 692-3933.

» **Neighbors: Look what's happening in the town of Hastings**

**03/18/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Jessica Coward, third grader in Gladys Jones' class at Hastings Elementary School illustrated a weather picture that was shown on Channel 12 News this past week. A former student, Dakota Pottridge, also submitted a weather picture, which Channel meteorologists used this week.

» **Neighbors: 400 take part in Step-Up Florida event**

**03/04/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Nearly 400 students, faculty and staff members participated in the Step-Up, Florida event held at Hastings Elementary School on Feb. 18. HES walked a distance of 6.1 miles.

» **Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...**

**02/18/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Congratulations to Donetia Denegal, who won the Ha

» **Neighbors: What students and parents in Hastings should know about**

**02/03/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

News from Hastings Elementary School:

» **Neighbors: Hastings students work on reading project**

**01/21/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

At Hastings Elementary School, students and staff are being encouraged to read.

» **Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...**

**01/07/05** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

School news:

» **Neighbors: Plenty of things happening in the Hastings area**

**12/17/04** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Holiday tutoring will be available for third and fourth grade students at Hastings Elementary School, assistant principal Cynthia Williams has announced. Writing assistance will be offered for fourth graders. The tutoring will be offered from 8:30 a.m. until noon Monday and Tuesday. Parents are responsible for transportation. I

you are interested, contact Williams at 819-8610.

» **Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...**

**12/03/04** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

n Parents of Hastings Elementary School children who want to have lunch with the on Dec. 9 must return their reservation forms and the money to the school by Tuesday.

» **Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings ...**

**11/19/04** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

Students, parents and friends of the Southwest St. Johns County area are invited community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Pedro Menendez auditorium when name for the new school will be among topics discussed.

» **Neighbors: News and notes from Hastings**

**11/01/04** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

A reminder from Skeeter Key, principal of Hastings Elementary School, about the tardy policy. School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. After 7:55 a.m., any student entering the school will be marked tardy.

» **Neighbors: Student council officer selected at Hasting Elementary**

**10/23/04** - By KIM DIXON Hastings 692-1879

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## Extreme Home Makeover Inspires Town Transformation

By [Tiani Jones](#)  
First Coast News

HASTINGS, FL -- "That shack was old when I was a kid. It has to be a hundred years old or better maybe a 125 years-old," comments Reubin Carter, driving by an abandoned home in Hastings.

A history buff might find the old shacks interesting, but the folks in Hastings say they're just plain ugly.

I'm ashamed of the way the town looks, but, I'm not ashamed to be from Hastings," says Carter.

He left the bustling farm town for New York the day he graduated high school. He returned home two years ago to a very different town.

"The truth is I'm ashamed, but, my father always taught me if you don't like something work to change it."

It's exactly what he's doing, one abandoned home, couch, and car at a time.

Carter says he's already convinced the county to commit \$50,000 to cleaning up the town, but he says it going to take men and women like himself to help give the town an extreme makeover.

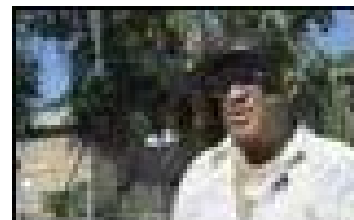
He's encouraging the people to "roll up your sleeves and jump in and fight with me."

Carter has already met with Code Enforcement, giving them a tour of some the areas that need help.

His work is being done on his personal time, but he says it's worth it, because you have to take care of home.

"Hastings is my heart. I love the place."

First Coast News



**Reubin Carter**



● [Extreme Makeover: First Coast Home Edition](#)

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## Extreme Makeover Volunteers on the Small Screen

By [Lindy Thackston](#)  
First Coast News

JACKSONVILLE, FL -- In Hastings, it was all work.

Monday night, it was all play.

One woman called her mom after she spotted herself on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, How'd They Do That?".

Gary Lawrence, director of Discover Tec, spotted himself.

"I kind of cheated," said Lawrence. "I took my helmet off so it was really easy to spot me."

Bill Wilson of Builders Care was a little shocked.

"I really thought I was much better looking," said Wilson.

But Bill Wilson is proud to see Builders Care on TV sets across the nation.

"We've built a great organization here and to see what kind of organization you have, you have to rev it up and we've been revved up and we've held and it just shows what we can do when we pull to together," said Wilson.

"It's a little exciting just knowing I was a part of it," said Lawrence. "But being part of Builders Care is the biggest thrill because we got to help somebody in need."

First Coast News



**Gary Lawrence**



**Bill Wilson**

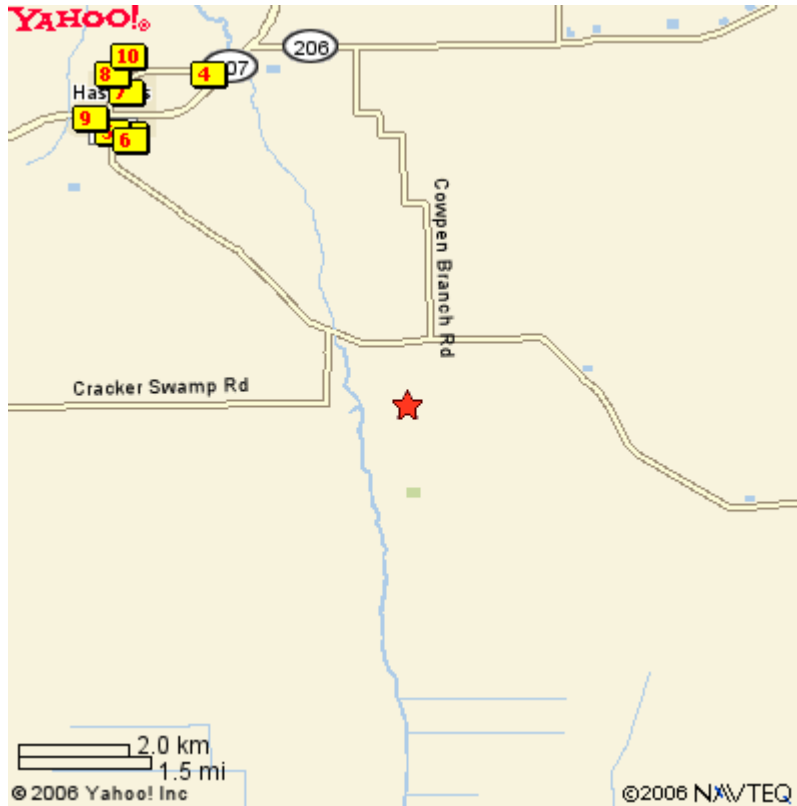
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| 5     | <b>Hastings Branch Library</b><br>(904) 692-2841<br>6195 S Main St<br>Hastings, FL       | <b>4.04</b><br>miles |

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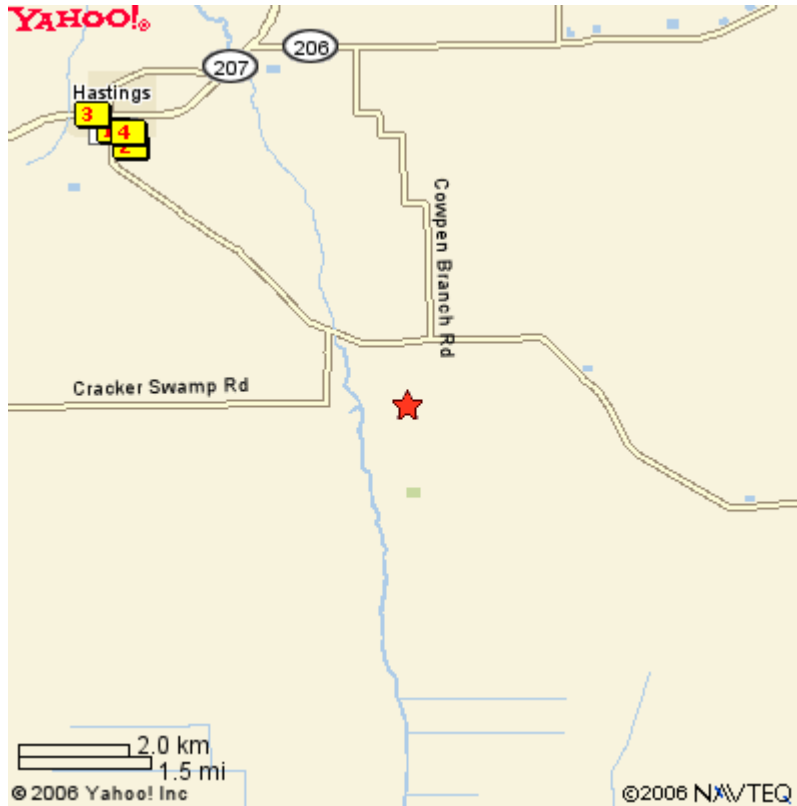
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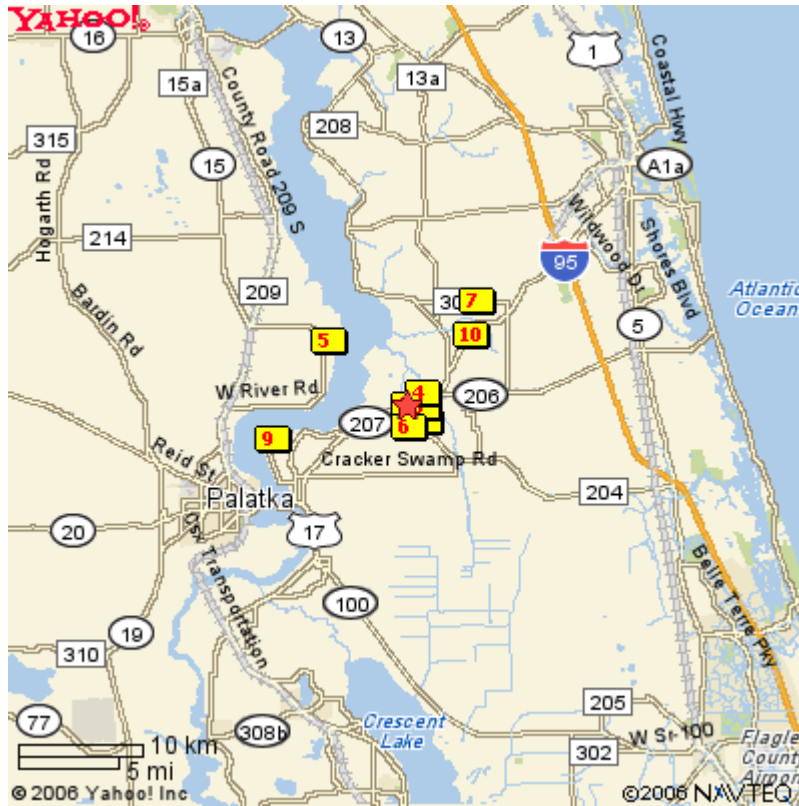
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#### Just for Babies!

**Wednesday, January 10 @ 10 am**

Even babies love the Library! (Babies thru 18 months) We'll share rhymes, songs, finger plays and of course, our favorite books. These programs are designed for 1:1 interaction between babies and their caregivers—please plan for siblings to take part in other activities.



#### Potato City Poetry

**Thursday, January 11 @ 6:00 pm**

Back by popular demand and better than ever! Join our special guest poet Tom Santoni. Bring your own or favorite poetry to share and read aloud!



#### AARP Driving Safety Classes

**Thursdays Feb. 1st - April 12th @ 3-7pm**

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older that has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads.

### Branch Information

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Hastings, Florida 32145

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#### Hours

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Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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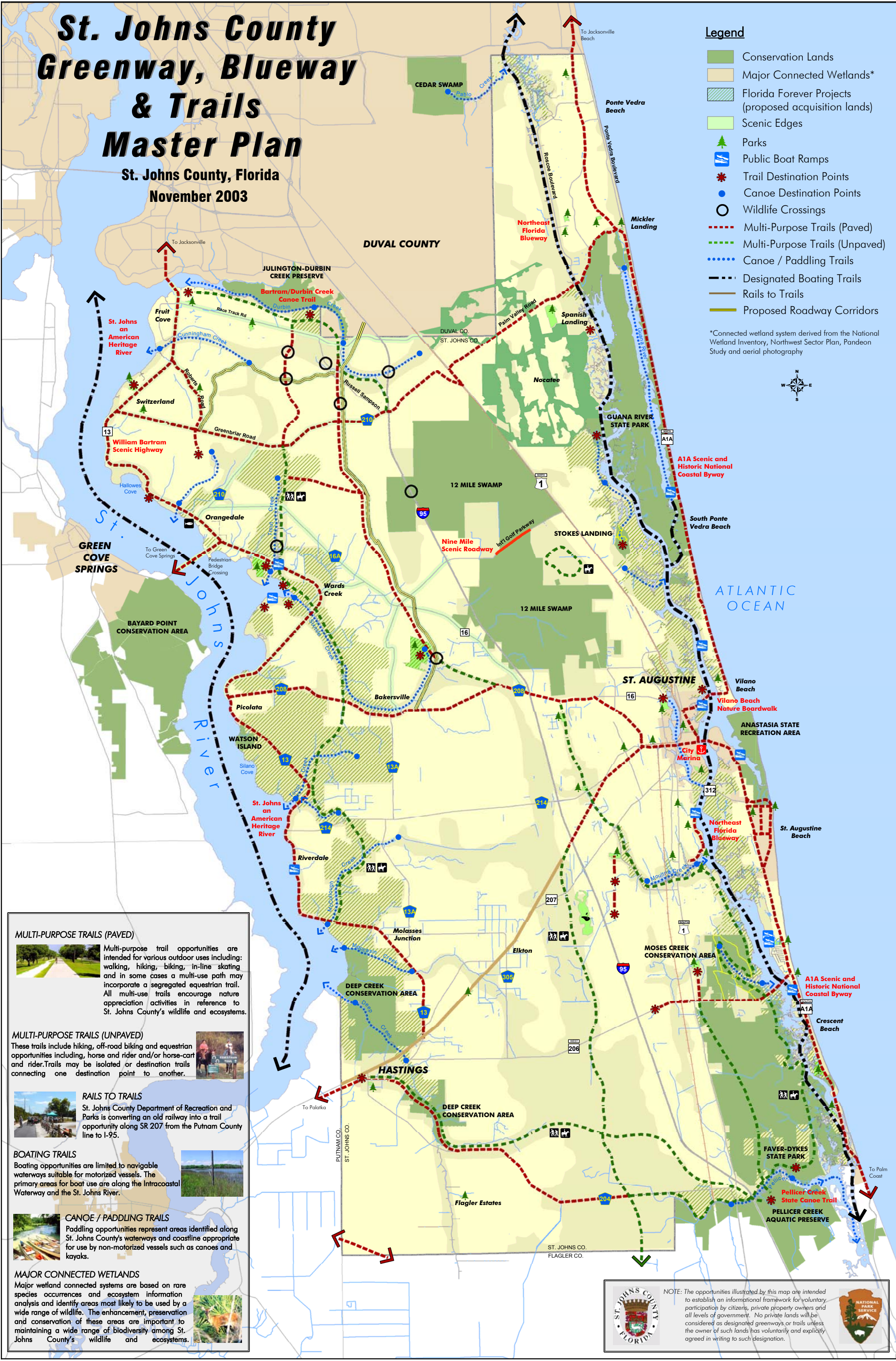
# St. Johns County Greenway, Blueway & Trails Master Plan

St. Johns County, Florida  
November 2003

## Legend

- Conservation Lands
- Major Connected Wetlands\*
- Florida Forever Projects (proposed acquisition lands)
- Scenic Edges
- Parks
- Public Boat Ramps
- Trail Destination Points
- Canoe Destination Points
- Wildlife Crossings
- Multi-Purpose Trails (Paved)
- Multi-Purpose Trails (Unpaved)
- Canoe / Paddling Trails
- Designated Boating Trails
- Rails to Trails
- Proposed Roadway Corridors

\*Connected wetland system derived from the National Wetland Inventory, Northwest Sector Plan, Pandemon Study and aerial photography



### MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS (PAVED)



Multi-purpose trail opportunities are intended for various outdoor uses including: walking, hiking, biking, in-line skating and in some cases a multi-use path may incorporate a segregated equestrian trail. All multi-use trails encourage nature appreciation activities in reference to St. Johns County's wildlife and ecosystems.

### MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS (UNPAVED)

These trails include hiking, off-road biking and equestrian opportunities including, horse and rider and/or horse-cart and rider. Trails may be isolated or destination trails connecting one destination point to another.



### RAILS TO TRAILS



St. Johns County Department of Recreation and Parks is converting an old railway into a trail opportunity along SR 207 from the Putnam County line to I-95.

### BOATING TRAILS

Boating opportunities are limited to navigable waterways suitable for motorized vessels. The primary areas for boat use are along the Intracoastal Waterway and the St. Johns River.



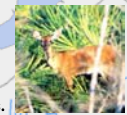
### CANOE / PADDLING TRAILS



Paddling opportunities represent areas identified along St. Johns County's waterways and coastline appropriate for use by non-motorized vessels such as canoes and kayaks.

### MAJOR CONNECTED WETLANDS

Major wetland connected systems are based on rare species occurrences and ecosystem information analysis and identify areas most likely to be used by a wide range of wildlife. The enhancement, preservation and conservation of these areas are important to maintaining a wide range of biodiversity among St. Johns County's wildlife and ecosystems.



NOTE: The opportunities illustrated by this map are intended to establish an informational framework for voluntary participation by citizens, private property owners and all levels of government. No private lands will be considered as designated greenways or trails unless the owner of such lands has voluntarily and explicitly agreed in writing to such designation.





# CHARTER

## TOWN OF HASTINGS, FLORIDA

### ARTICLE I.

#### IN GENERAL

##### **Section 1.1 Municipality Created; Name.**

A municipality to be known and designated as the Town of Hastings is hereby established, organized and constituted in the County of St. Johns and State of Florida.

##### **Section 1.2. Municipal Boundaries.**

The territorial boundaries of the Town of Hastings shall be as follows:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, IN TOWNSHIP 9, SOUTH, RANGE 28, EAST, THE SAME BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOULEVARD, THENCE RUNNING WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, TO A POINT WHERE THE SAID LINE INTERSECTS THE DIAGONAL ROAD KNOWN AS A PUBLIC COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, ALONG THE SAID ROAD, TO A POINT WHERE SAID ROAD INTERSECTS THE EAST RUN OF CRACKER BRANCH; THENCE DOWN THE RUN OF SAID BRANCH TO A POINT WHERE THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY LINE CROSSES THE SAID BRANCH; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, TO A POINT WHERE THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18 CROSSES THE SAID RAILWAY; THENCE NORTH TO THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 9, SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST; THENCE EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, TO THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTION 17 AND 28; THENCE EAST, ON A LINE 40 CHAINS, OR TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, IN SAID TOWNSHIP AND RANGE; THENCE SOUTH 60 CHAINS, OR TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC OR COUNTY ROAD; THENCE WEST ALONG THE MIDDLE OF SAID ROAD, 40 CHAINS, OR TO A POINT BEGINNING OF THIS SURVEY;

Plus the following additional parcel:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTAINING 5.07 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17 WITH

THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 207, SECTION 7805-175, SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING 100 FEET IN WIDTH; THENCE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, ON SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE, NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, ON THE EAST LINE OF A 50 FOOT WIDE CANAL RIGHT OF WAY, 552.01 FEET; THENCE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, ON A FENCE LINE, 418.62 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, ON THE WEST SIDE OF A DITCH, 547.54 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE WHICH IS SOUTH 05 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, 2,814.93 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF A CURVE ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE, ON SAID CURVE AND ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 03 SECONDS, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 279.26 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND TANGENT TO SAID CURVE, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST, 103.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

### **Section 1.3. Extraterritorial Power.**

The Town of Hastings may purchase, lease, receive and hold property, real and personal, without the territorial limits of the Town of Hastings for any purpose and may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of said property to the same extent as natural persons may.

**Section 1.4. Elective Officers.** The elective officers of said Town shall be five (5) Town Commissioners, one (1) of whom shall be designated and elected as Mayor as hereinafter provided.

The Mayor shall be elected by the members of the Town Commission from their number and the term of office of the Mayor shall be for two (2) years beginning January first of the first year of the Mayor's term and continuing until January first of the second succeeding year. Any vacancy in the office of Mayor shall likewise be filled by the Town Commissioners by the election of one (1) of their number to serve as Mayor for the unexpired remainder of the Mayor's term.

The Town Commissioners shall be residents of the Town of Hastings and shall be qualified electors of said town.

In the event of the death, resignation or disqualification of a Town Commissioner, a successor shall be elected by the remaining members of the Town Commission at the first regular meeting of the Town Commission after said vacancy occurs. The Commissioner so appointed shall serve until the next general election, at which time the electors of the Town shall elect a Commissioner to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Town Commission.

### **Section 1.5. Legislative Body.**

(a) The legislative power of the municipality shall be exercised by the Commission herein provided for, and said Commission shall be clothed with all powers and duties provided by the statutes of the State of Florida for Municipal Commissions and Municipal Councils. The Town Commission shall meet at times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution. Special meetings of said Commission may be called upon twenty-four (24) hours notice to each member of the Commission, and such special meetings shall be called by the Mayor.

(b) The affirmative vote of at least three (3) members of the Town Commission shall be required for the passage of any motion of the Town Commission as such.

### **Section 1.6. Mayor.**

(a) Mayor shall have power to preserve peace and order and enforce the ordinances of the Town of Hastings. He or she shall sign all ordinances passed by the Town Commission. He or she shall have the power to exercise any and all powers incident to and usual in the performance of his or her duties herein prescribed by the laws of the State of Florida.

(b) The Town Commissioner serving as Mayor shall be entitled to vote on each matter coming before the Town Commission in the same manner as each of the other Commissioners.

### **Section 1.7. Removal of Commissioners for Unexcused Absences.**

Absences from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Town Commission of the Town of Hastings shall operate to vacate the seat of a member unless such absence is excused by the Commission by motion, duly passed, setting forth the reason for such excuse and entered in the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 1.8. Town Manager.** The rights, powers, duties and functions of Town Tax Collector and Town Tax Assessor are vested in the Town Manager who shall be appointed by the Town Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Commission and who shall direct and have within his or her custody and control the records and the tax system of the Town. Said Town Manager shall issue all warrants for the payment of money by the Town, shall keep an accurate account of all taxes and assessments, of all moneys due to and of all receipts and disbursements made by the Town and shall furnish the Town Commission at any time such reports, data and information as may be necessary to fully inform the latter as to the financial affairs of the Town, furnishing them such estimates of expenses of the Town government as may be necessary to form the basis of the annual budget and to determine the revenue to be raised annually. No contract made on behalf of the Town or to which the Town is a party shall be valid unless countersigned by the Town Manager. He or she shall keep regular books of account in which shall be entered all indebtedness of the Town and which shall at all times show the financial condition of the Town. He or she shall countersign all bonds, certificates or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town and shall keep an accurate account thereof.

The Town Manager shall attend all meetings of the Town Commission, and he or she shall keep a journal of its proceedings. He or she shall be the custodian of the seal of the Town and all records and papers of a general character pertaining to the affairs of the Town.



The Town Manager shall be ex-officio assessor and collector of taxes for the Town. He or she shall receive and collect all moneys belonging to the Town, including taxes, license money, fines and incomes from all other sources, depositing same in the Town depository, and he or she shall perform such other duties as may be required by ordinance or resolution of the Town Commission and by the general laws of the State of Florida applicable to municipalities. His or her compensation shall be fixed by the Town Commission.

### **Section 1.9. Town Treasurer; Town Attorney; Other Officers.**

(a) The Town Commission shall appoint the Town Treasurer who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Commission. The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Town derived from taxes, licenses, debts, claims and choses in action or otherwise and all fees collected by the officers of the Town. The compensation of the Treasurer shall be fixed by the Town Commission.

(b) The Town Commission shall appoint the Town Attorney who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Commission. The compensation of the Town Attorney shall be fixed by the Town Commission.

(c) The Town Commission may designate and create by resolution such offices as the Town Commission in its discretion finds are necessary. Such resolution shall describe the duties of the office. All persons employed to fill the offices created by such resolution shall be employed and, if necessary, terminated by the Town Manager. The compensation of such officer shall be fixed by the Town Commission.

**Section 1.10. Law Enforcement.** The Town Commission shall determine, by the passage of an appropriate Resolution of the Town Council, to create a Law Enforcement Department and to appoint the Police Chief, Assistant Police Chief and such Police Officers as provided by this Section 1.10. The Town Commission shall exercise sole discretion to determine when to pass the required Resolution. Once the Town Commission creates the Law Enforcement Department and appoints the designated officers, the Town Council may not eliminate or reactivate the Law Enforcement Department or the officers created except by amendment of this Charter. There shall be a Chief of Police and an Assistant Chief of Police and such Police Officers as the Town Commission shall find to be necessary. The Police Officers shall be appointed by the Chief of Police. Said Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police and Police Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Commission.

The Chief of Police shall be head of the Law Enforcement Department. He or she shall attend the meetings of the Town Commission and shall perform such other duties as may be required by this Charter, by the laws and ordinances of the Town or by the Town Commission. In the absence of the Chief of Police, his or her duties shall be performed by the Assistant Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police and Police Officers shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Town Commission.

Said Mayor and his or her appointees shall exercise all additional police powers not stated

herein under the general laws of Florida.

**Section 1.11. Fire Protection, Trash and Garbage Removal and other Municipal Services.**

(a) The Town Commission is hereby authorized to provide fire protection within the Town of Hastings, either by owning and operating necessary equipment with either a volunteer or paid fire department or by contracting with another governmental entity by interlocal agreement for service by its fire department. At the time of passage of this Charter, the Town provides fire protection services by interlocal agreement.

(b) The Town Commission is hereby authorized to remove trash and garbage and to perform all other Town services either through and use of employees or contractors. At the time of passage of this Charter, the Town provides garbage removal services by the use of contractors.

**Section 1.12. Validation of Individual Sections.** If any section or part of a section of this Municipal Charter is subsequently found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of a section, unless it appears that such other section or part of section is clearly or necessarily dependent for its operation upon the section or part of section held to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**ARTICLE II.**

**ELECTIONS.**

**Section 2.1. Election Procedure.** The Town Commission shall by ordinance provide for the calling of all general and special Town elections and may enact ordinances providing for rules of procedure in such elections. The form of ballot to be used in all Town elections shall be substantially in the form of the ballot prescribed by the general laws of the State of Florida governing general elections.

**Section 2.2. Absentee Ballots.** At all municipal elections held in the Town of Hastings, ballots of absent qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the Town of Hastings shall be cast, canvassed and certified as provided in and by the general law of the State of Florida then in force. The canvassing and certification of the ballots cast by absent qualified voters shall be performed by the Supervisor of Elections of St. Johns County or the Town Manager and by the County Canvassing Board or the Town Commission. For each election, the Town Commission shall pass a resolution designating who will perform such duties with respect to the absentee ballots.

**Section 2.3. Town Commission Officers' Terms.** In the primary election and in the general election to be held in 2005, and in each primary election and in each general election thereafter, the candidates for Town Commission shall run for the seats vacant, and each voter may vote for a number of candidates equal to or not exceeding the number of vacant seats. In the election to be held in 2005, the candidates for three (3) seats shall be elected for a full term of two (2) years. In the election to be held in 2006, candidates for two (2) seats shall be

elected for a full term of two (2) years. Commencing with the election to be held in 2007, and in each election thereafter, the successful candidates shall be elected for full terms of two (2) years each.

#### **Section 2.4. Run-Off Elections.**

(a) The number of candidates equal to the number of vacant seats and who receive the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. That is, in years where three (3) seats are vacant, the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected, and in years when two (2) seats are vacant, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected.

(b) In all primary elections, where there is a tie for the last available seat, only the names of the candidates so tying shall be placed on the ballot at the general election.

**Section 2.5. Determining Winners at General Elections; Tie Votes.** In the general election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the person elected. In the event of a tie in any general election, the tie vote shall be decided by lot to be conducted by the Town Attorney and the Town Manager.

#### **Section 2.6. Form of Ballot.**

The ballot in all respects shall conform as nearly as possible to the form of ballot prescribed by the laws of the State of Florida..

(History. Adopted by Referendum, effective October 1, 2005.)

Prior charters and charter amendments: Laws of Florida, 1909 Chapter 6058; 1913 Chapter 6695; 1919 Chapter 8273; 1923 Chapter 9771.