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If you believe in living responsibly, we'd like your help. You can join our email list, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation. To learn more, visit our website, theguardiansofmartincounty.com. No other county is "sprawl free" like Martin County. Keeping it that way is everyone's responsibility.



Live Responsibly, Protect Our Future

How We See Martin County's Future



And, what's needed to get there:

- Leverage our strengths and avoid urban sprawl
- Establish a distinctive growth philosophy
- Preserve our natural resources
- Mobilize like-minded people

To learn more, please turn the page.



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Our Vision of Martin County

Consistent with its unique heritage, Martin County is a model of thoughtful planning and discipline, a county with a unique blend of rural and urban communities where growth is responsible and on-going, the environment is respected and protected, residents are passionate about the place they call home and change occurs as part of an orderly process.

Our Commitment to Our Citizens

The Guardians of Martin County is a 501(c)3 organization committed to helping shape a positive future for Martin County by educating residents about the value of balancing natural and man-made resources to enrich the quality of life in our communities.

Our “Responsible Growth” Philosophy

We believe growth is important, but how we grow is critical. Growth should be consistent and steady rather than abrupt and volatile. We also believe growth should be measured in terms of business expansion and increased county revenue, not just population changes. And, most importantly, growth should be achieved by extending existing services and infrastructure to fill in adjacent open areas, not through creation of new, free standing residential and retail communities. Martin County should remain sprawl free.

Support Principles that Distinguish Martin County

It is the concept of a “sprawl free” environment that separates Martin County from surrounding counties. The principles of limiting building height and maintaining density standards are responsible for Martin County’s unique quality of life. These tenets also enable Martin County’s better schools and higher tax base. We believe in making exceptions and modifications to these principles, but not wholesale changes.



Preserve Our Natural Environment

Natural surroundings like wetlands don’t just protect wildlife, they protect residents as well. Wetlands help prevent flooding, keep drinking water free from pollution and create natural beauty in the civilized world. Our motto is save, don’t pave our wetlands.



Work Together on Behalf of the Public

We believe nobody has all the answers. We also believe there’s strength in numbers. So, we strive to educate and mobilize residents to work together for a sprawl free county and we collaborate with other groups to ensure greater impact in the community.

Living Responsibly Works

“Living responsibly” is not just a slogan, it’s a core belief that enables everything we do. Since 2011, we have invested more than \$1.5 million to enhance residents’ lives and quality of life in Martin County. We successfully campaigned for Amendment 1 that provides funding to purchase and maintain new land and water resources for Florida. We’ve stood tall from the beginning in the fight to keep All Aboard Florida/ Brightline from destroying our communities with high-speed trains. We vigorously supported the successful efforts in the Florida legislature to send water south of Lake Okeechobee and eliminate polluted discharges from infecting our waterways. And, we took a leadership position in forcing a developer to withdraw a proposed change in Martin County regulations that would have allowed small wetlands to be paved over.