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f. All other requirements regarding access, infrastructure and improvements, signs, landscaping, and natural resource protection shall be met in the design and development of a RFS

# 4.06.00 STANDARDS FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) DISTRICT

## 4.06.01 Generally

## A. Purpose

- 1. The purpose of the Planned Development (PD) Districts is to encourage creative and flexible projects that include compatible residential, commercial, office, and related public facilities unified by a development plan and tailored to either an urban or rural setting.
- 2. The PD and PD-R districts shall be zoning districts, and are permissible when approved according to a site plan that ensures the conservation of the natural environment, more efficient use of land, and efficiency in the extension of streets and utilities.

### **B.** Objectives

The **Planned Development Districts** shall have the following characteristics:

- 1. Open space. Encourage ingenuity and resourcefulness in land planning techniques by developing functional open spaces.
- **2.** Sense of place. Allow the design of **developments** that are architecturally and environmentally innovative and that achieve more efficient utilization of land than is possible through application of conventional zoning standards.
- **3.** Mixture of **uses**. Accommodate a mixture of land **uses** which are compatible both internally and externally.
- 4. Protection of natural resources. Ensure the conservation of the natural environment including trees and vegetation, topography, and geological resources such as groundwater, soils, and drainage areas.
- 5. Efficient land use. Encourage efficient use of land, street networks, and utility locations.
- **6.** Compatibility and consistency. Maintain compatibility with nearby **Development** and consistency with the future land **use** element of the Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan.

#### 4.06.02 Minimum Standards

A. Land uses within a PD and PD-R District may include any specific uses that are not prohibited as set forth below. Section 4.06.02(D) and (E) describe the general types of uses and standards that apply to those uses. In addition, Table 4.06.02(B) indicates the minimum and maximum percentage of each type of use. The prohibited uses within a PD District are: