

**Appendix A:  
Growth Policy  
Mind Map**

To a large extent, a growth policy is what a local government makes it, which depends on the local government's view of its importance. This image depicts what the Lake County Planning Department created in 2016 when internally discussing the needs to update the growth policy. The image is coined a "Growth Policy Mind Map"; its theme is to show that a growth policy is central to many layers of planning concepts, from main governmental entities, land use regulations and county policies to day-to-day planning issues on up to larger issues that affect all residents. The mind map is included in this document to help visualize the various pieces of the planning puzzle and show where the growth policy fits into that puzzle. What growth policy readers and users focus on can vary, but many issues relate back to the growth policy.

