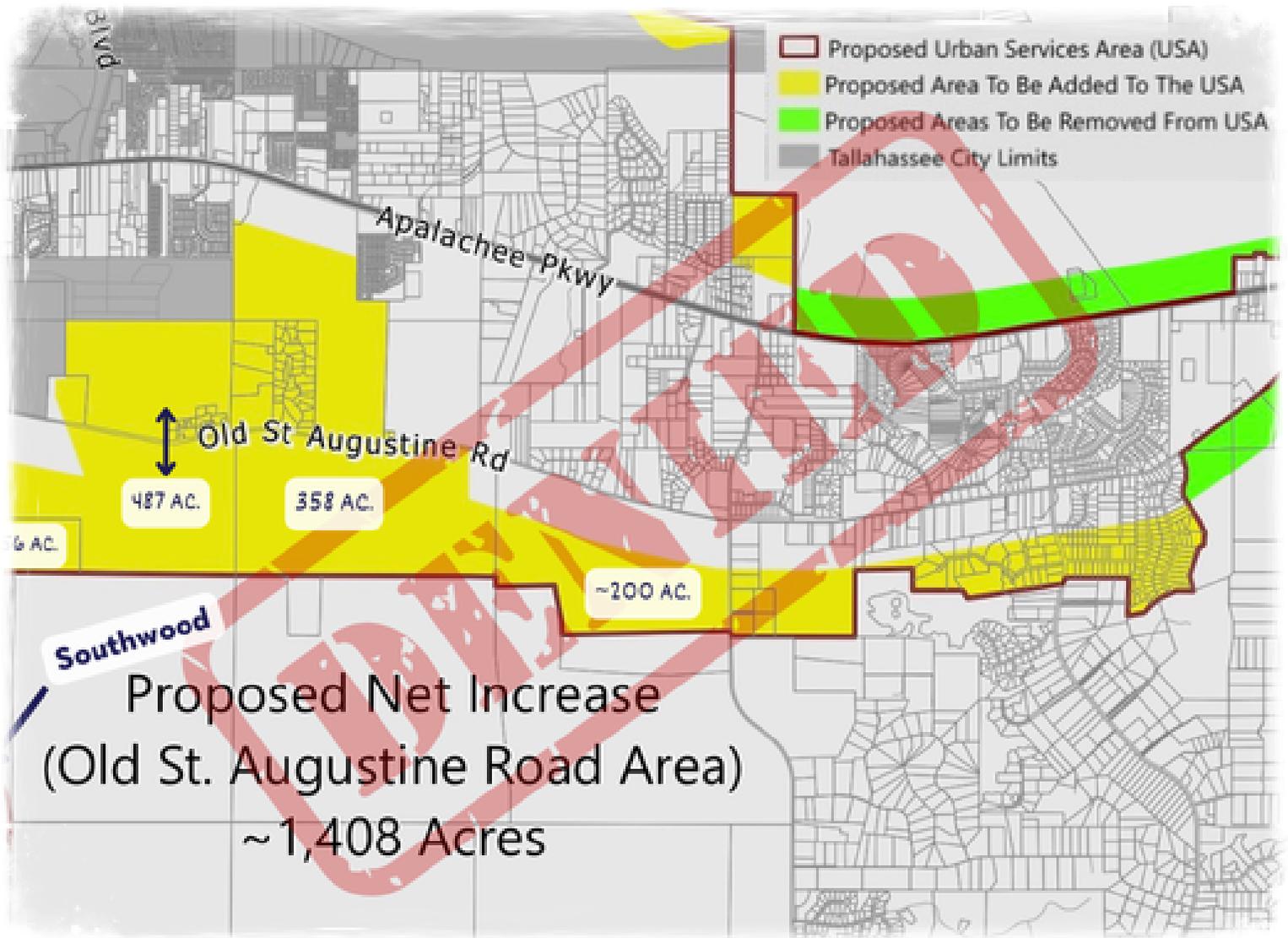




Dear Neighbor,

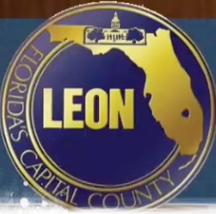
Last week I emailed you about a major change that was being proposed, to add more than 1,100 acres along Old St. Augustine Road into the Urban Services Area of our Comprehensive Plan. At yesterday's County Commission meeting I was able to **stop** this expansion, protecting one of Leon County's historic canopy roads.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Call to Action and emailed their thoughts to me and my fellow County Commissioners.



As I said last night, this was not about blocking development. It's about one owner getting to skip the line and avoid the process that every other property owner has gone through in the past and will go through again in the future. I believe we need more planned developments to expand our housing inventory, but not at the expense of a canopy road, which we would never get back if we ruined it.

Here is a [clip](#) of some of my comments from last night.



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I'd like to make a substitute motion

Adopt Update

Sincerely,
David O'Keefe
County Commissioner, District 5



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