

The items mentioned here barely scratch the surface of the **massive land grab** represented by Horizon 2025. The wording and details of Horizon 2025 are vague and it is unclear to what extent scarce **public funds** will be used in enforcement of this plan. In view of the extensive collaboration with local, state, and federal bureaucracies called for by Horizon 2025, it is certain that **unelected officials** will be exercising even more control of property use in Baldwin County.

**Please urge your  
County Commissioners to rescind  
Horizon 2025.**

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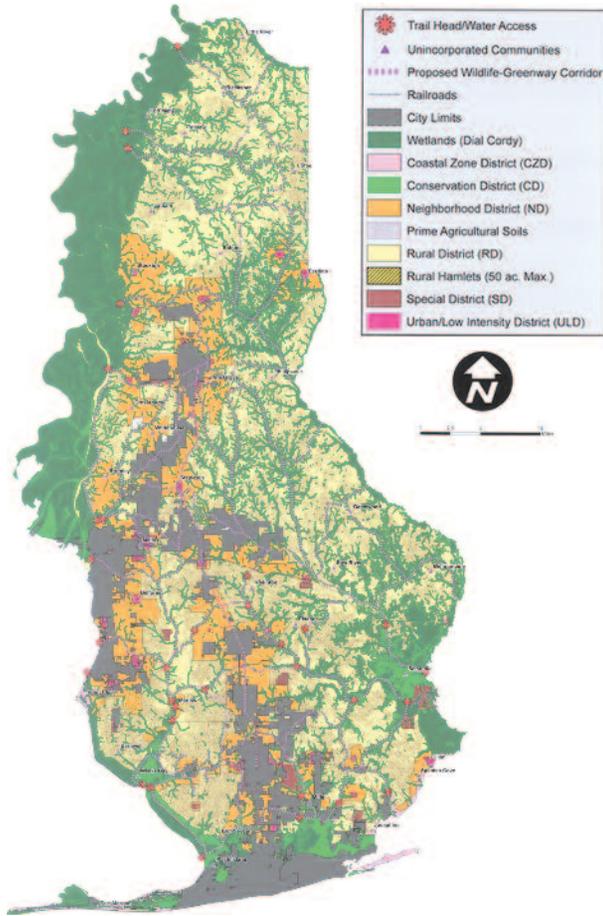
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# HORIZON 2025



## WHAT IS HORIZON 2025?



**Horizon 2025 is a comprehensive plan for Baldwin County which threatens private property rights. This 310 page document was approved by the County in 2009, and regulates human activity including transportation as well as the use of private, public, and commercial lands.**

## EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- Automobile use and gasoline consumption will be discouraged by restricting road access, reducing speed limits, crowding people into multifamily developments, and limiting new construction in rural areas. A new term is invented: **“vehicle miles traveled (VMT)”**, which the plan vows to reduce.
- Both public and private property will be set aside for use by animals only, where no vehicles are permitted (**“wildlife corridors”**, **“conservation easements”**).
- “Conservation easements” will be established by “transfer of development rights,” restrictive zoning, and **land acquisition** by the county (who pays for this?).
- Intrusive demands on **neighborhood design** to eliminate cul-de-sacs (favored by many people for privacy and safety), fences, walls, and dead ends.

- Restrictions on **water use**.
- Requires the County to maintain and new subdivisions to submit detailed inventories of the types of plants on properties and preserve any **“important”** (not defined)... **plant communities.”**
- Requires completion of **front yard landscaping** before certificates of occupancy are issued. Note that many people have limited budgets when they buy a house, and wish to take their time selecting and paying for the plants in their yards.
- Further **restrictions on pier/wharf construction** on private waterfront property.
- Establishes standards for and locations of “walking paths” without defining this term (why would government care about this???)