

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: December 17, 2013

Date Submitted: December 4, 2013

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Robert Presnell, County Administrator
Lee Garner, Chairman, Gadsden County Enterprise Zone
Development Agency
Henry G. Grant, Enterprise Zone Coordinator

Subject: Approval of Gadsden County Enterprise Zone Boundary
Amendment Resolution

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval of a Resolution to amend the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone Boundary by adding 3-square miles to the existing designated area.

Background:

The Florida Enterprise Zone Program, authorized by sections 290.001 – 290.016, Florida Statutes, was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas. In achieving this objective, the State will seek to provide appropriate investments, tax benefits and regulatory relief to encourage the business community to commit its financial participation.

Analysis:

The Gadsden County Enterprise Zone was designated January 1, 2002 and was in effect until December 31, 2005. Following the prescribed re-designation application process, the enterprise zone was re-designated with modifications to the boundaries. The re-designation was effective January 1, 2006 and will be in effect until December 31, 2015. The boundaries were amended in 2009 to enhance the quality of existing businesses and promote the creation of new businesses in the Enterprise Zone. The refining of these boundaries allowed for the removal of properties in the public domain, wetlands and

other undevelopable areas from the zone so that land more suitable for development could be added to the zone.

The 2013 Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2013-039, Laws of Florida, which provides an opportunity for certain Enterprise Zones that are 15- square miles and less than 20-square miles to submit an Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment Application Package. The expanded Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment must not exceed an area of more than 3-square miles.

Fiscal Impact:

The Fiscal impact to the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is the cost of the geographic description of the Enterprise Zone inclusive of the expanded 3-square mile area at an estimated amount of \$19,500.00. Further, the expectation is that Gadsden County will realize an increase in economic opportunity and development by providing certain tax incentives for recruiting new businesses and the expansion and retention of existing businesses.

Options:

1. Approve the Enterprise Zone Amendment Resolution 2013-034 to expand the existing designation by 3-square miles and authorize the Chairman to execute.
2. Do not approve the Enterprise Zone Amendment expansion Resolution.
3. Provide other direction

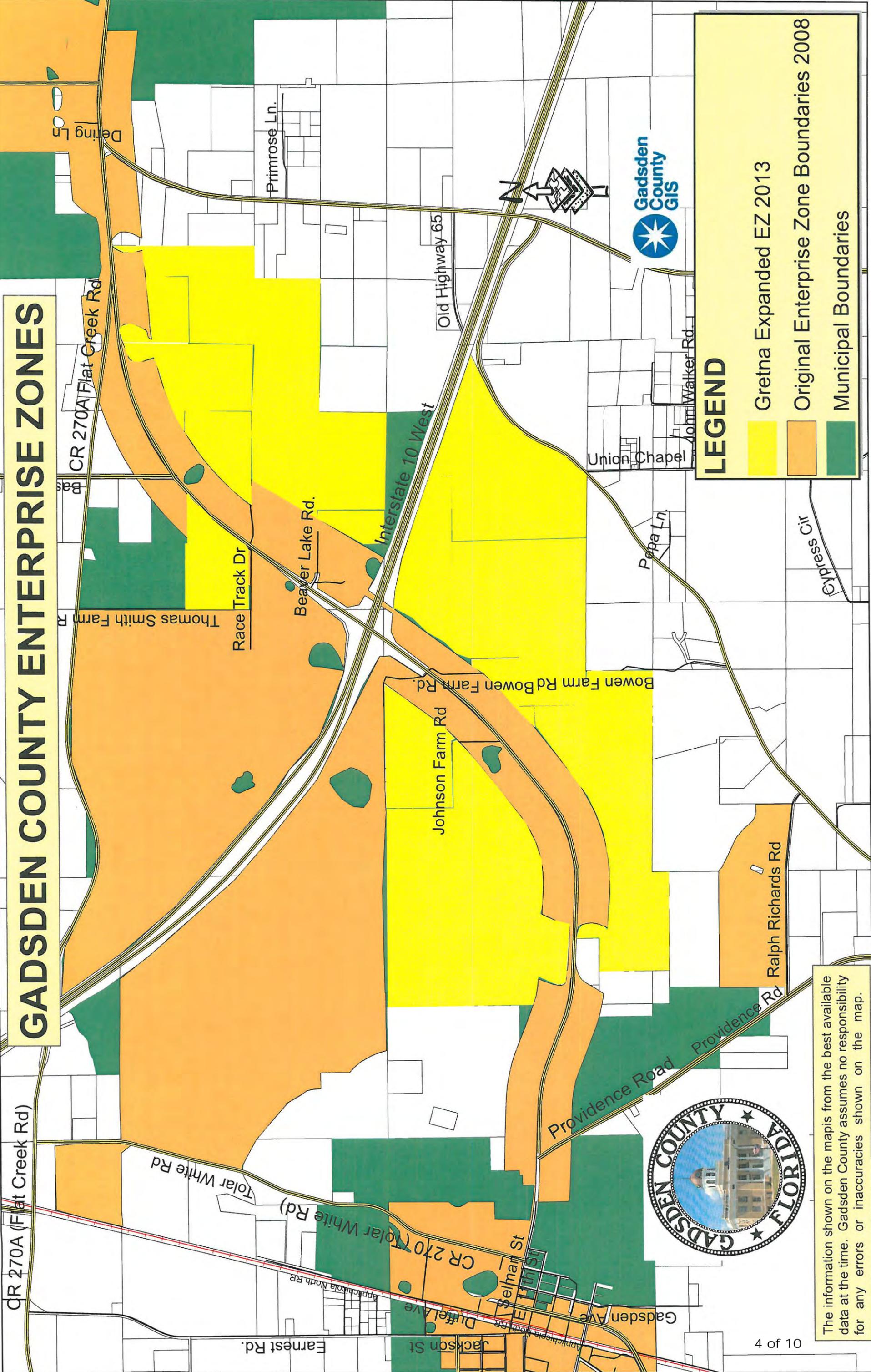
Recommendation

Option 1

Attachments:

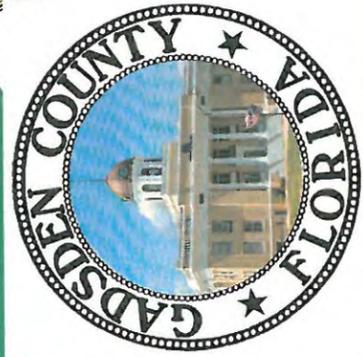
1. Maps of proposed amendment and changes to the Enterprise Zone
2. Resolution 2013-034 to support the Amendment
3. Application Certification
4. Public Notice

GADSDEN COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONES



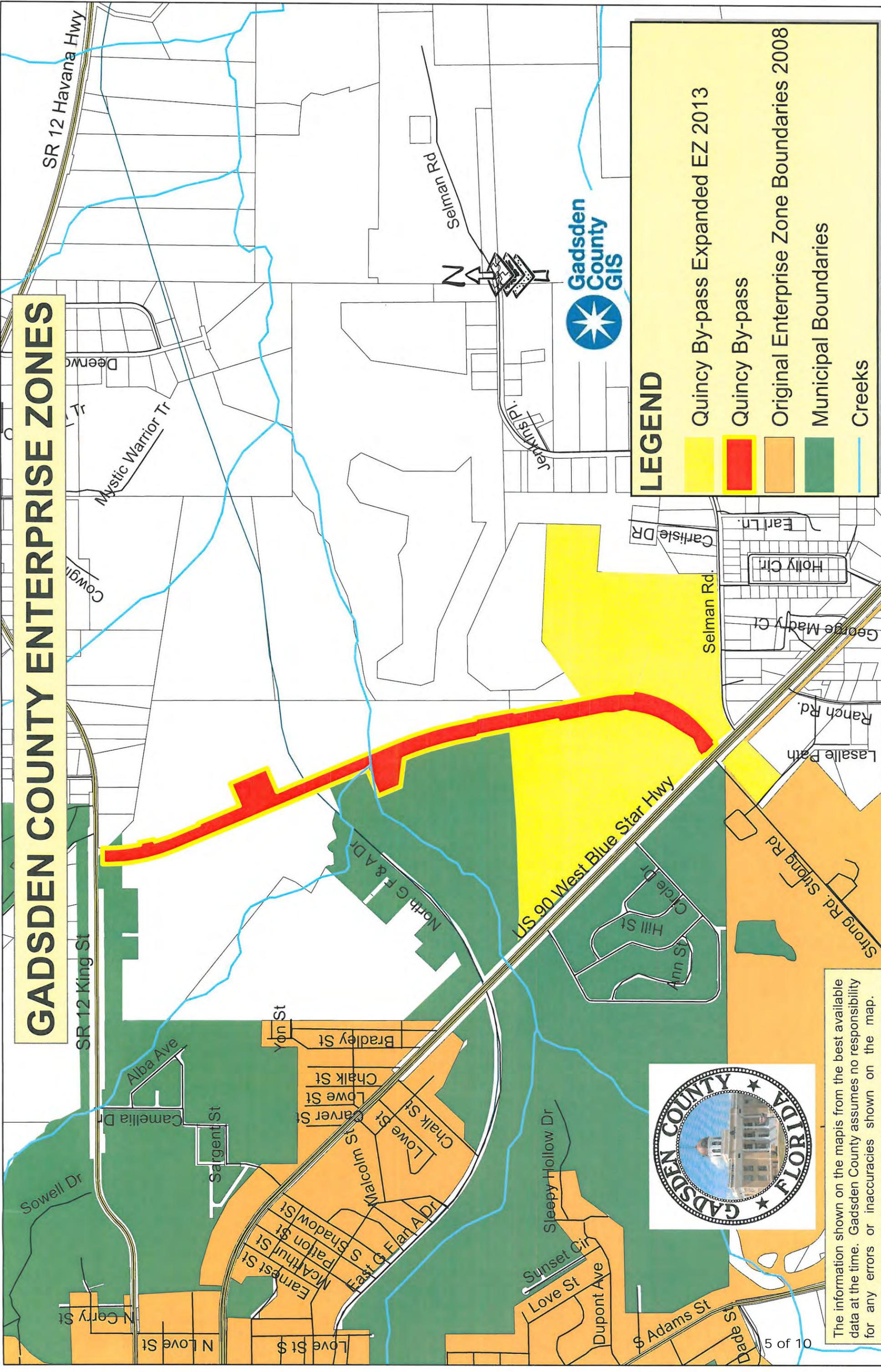
LEGEND

- Gretna Expanded EZ 2013
- Original Enterprise Zone Boundaries 2008
- Municipal Boundaries



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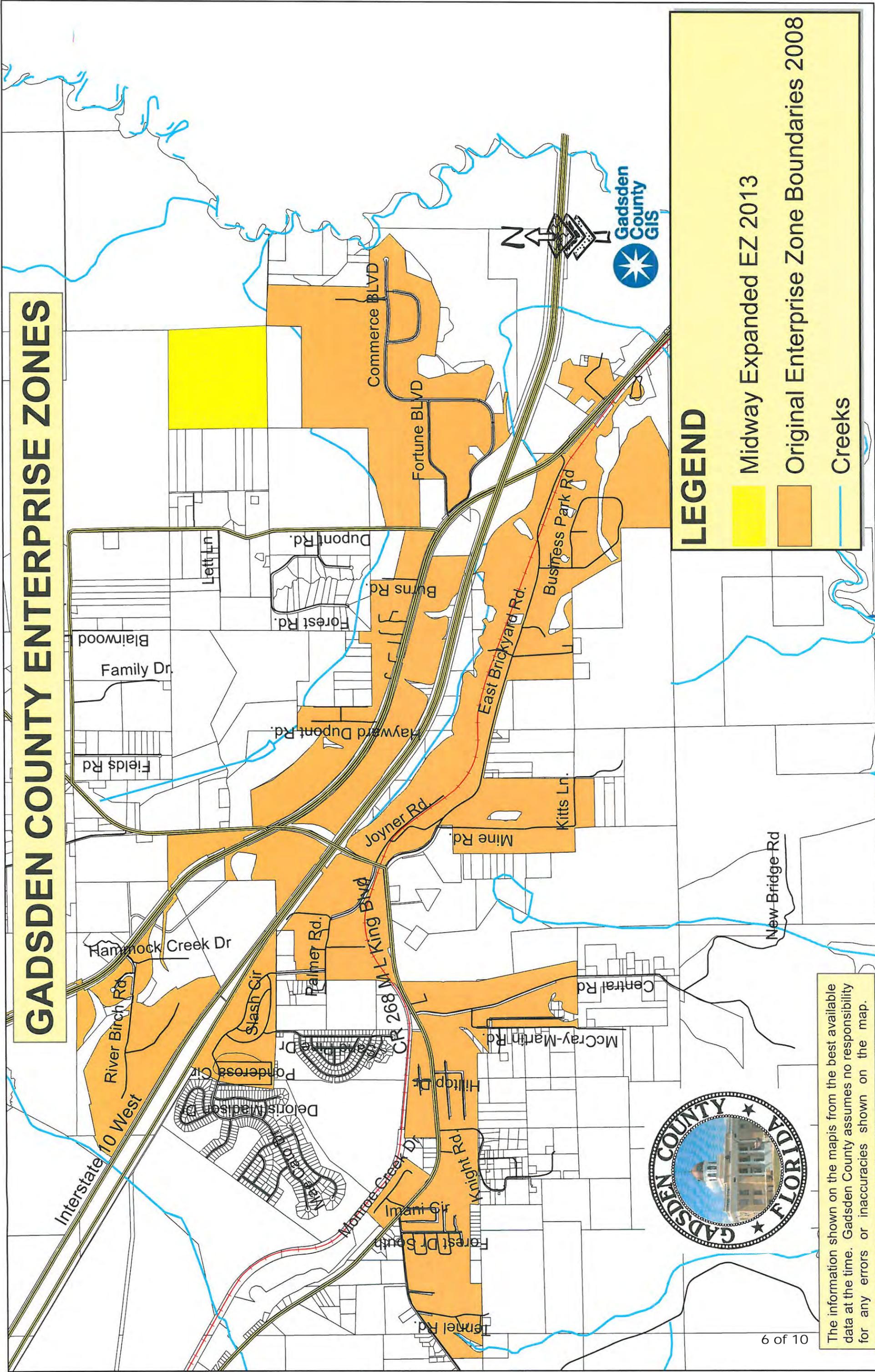
LEGEND

- Quincy By-pass Expanded EZ 2013
- Quincy By-pass
- Original Enterprise Zone Boundaries 2008
- Municipal Boundaries
- Creeks



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GADSDEN COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONES



LEGEND

- Midway Expanded EZ 2013
- Original Enterprise Zone Boundaries 2008
- Creeks



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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBING AND NOMINATING A BOUNDARY AMENDMENT FOR THE GADSDEN COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE, EZ 2001

WHEREAS, Gadsden County Ordinance 2001-011 with an effective date of December 4, 2001, was enacted by the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, which provided for the establishment of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency in Gadsden County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2005-19 was enacted by the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners providing for the establishment of a Florida Rural Enterprise Zone in portions of Gadsden County, including portions of all municipalities, with an effective date of December 4, 2001 through December 31, 2005, following re-designation under chapter 2005-287, Laws of Florida amending chapter 290, Florida Statutes, The Florida Enterprise Zone Act; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners amended the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone under the provisions of Section 290.005 (6) Florida Statutes in 2009, for the purpose of increasing its value by providing economic incentives for business and industry location or expansion; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Florida Legislature enacted chapter 2013-039, Laws of Florida to provide an opportunity for certain Enterprise Zones that are at least 15 square miles and less than 20 square miles to expand Enterprise Zone Boundaries not to exceed 3 square miles; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered opinion of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners that the area nominated will enhance the quality of existing business and promote the creation of new business in the enterprise zone; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners desires to refine the existing Enterprise Zone boundaries of Gadsden County, by adding 3 square miles of undeveloped properties which are zoned commercial or industrial for those uses in the Gadsden County future land use map to the zone; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone has been a proven economic benefit to the residents of Gadsden County and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Board of Commissioners has caused to be created a map that shows the enterprise zone, outlining the boundary area using the yellow color to designate the properties in the zone and the amended area in the bright yellow color; and

WHEREAS, the area nominated does not increase the overall size of the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone to more than 23 square miles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners adopts this resolution in compliance with Chapter 290, Florida Statutes, Florida Enterprise Zone Act, to nominate a boundary change for the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone. The nominated area is herein incorporated by reference to the geographical description "Attachment A"

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida this _____ day of December 2013

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Eric F. Hinson, Chairperson

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court

CURRENT EZ: AT LEAST 15-SQUARE MILES & LESS THAN 20-SQUARE MILES

Each governing body that contains a portion of the Nominated Area located within their jurisdiction must provide:

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the nominated area that I represent meets all eligibility requirements and that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) the information in this application package is true and correct;
- b) our nominating governing body shall comply with local, state and federal program requirements;
- c) our nominating governing body has agreed to carry out the Enterprise Zone Development Plan; and
- d) the nominated area meets each of the eligibility criteria set forth in section 290.0055(6), FS.

Please make additional copies of this Application Certification page as needed.

NOMINATING GOVERNING BODY:	
_____ Gadsden County _____	
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL:	SIGNATURE AND DATE:
Eric F. Hinson _____ (printed name)	_____ (signature)
Title: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners	Date: _____

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Gadsden County Enterprise Zone #2001

Boundary Amendment Notice

A resolution will be considered for a change in the boundary of the Gadsden County Enterprise Zone #2001 (EZ) at the **December 17, 2013** Regular Meeting of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Gadsden County Government Complex, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida. If adopted, this change in the boundary of the EZ will result in an increase of EZ eligibility for areas affected by the change. If you have any questions regarding the boundary change, please contact Henry G. Grant at (850) 875 -7255.

If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such public meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose he/she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence to which the appeal is to be heard.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Facilities Management Office, 1-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32353, by written request at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. Telephone: (850) 875-8665 or 850-510-7842.