

FLORIDA'S OLDEST INLAND TOWN

MICANOPY

Vision and Heritage

Where history meets future with purpose

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Florida's Oldest Inland Town

Historic Origins

Named after Seminole Chief Micanopy, established in 1821 as the state's oldest inland town.

Preserved Heritage

Entire downtown district listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983.

Cultural Significance

Known for its antique shops, historic architecture, and as filming location for movies including "Doc Hollywood."

VISION 2050

Community Vision Statement

"The Town of Micanopy aspires to become a thriving, interconnected community that honors its rich history, promotes community pride, and fosters a sense of belonging for all residents and visitors."



Character & Identity

Achieving balance between growth and development while promoting our unique community character and identity.



Historic Preservation

Advocating for thoughtful preservation efforts that create continuity to our past while supporting our future.



Cultural Diversity

Celebrating our eclectic mix of cultures, ideas, and neighborhoods that foster vibrant, dynamic landscapes.



Health & Well-being

Promoting health for all by ensuring access to quality services, recreational opportunities, and green spaces.

Historic Preservation & Community Character

Honoring our past while building our future



Historic Structure Assessment

Identifying historical structures and design features through comprehensive surveys to preserve Micanopy's architectural heritage.



Preservation Incentives

Implementation of zoning regulations and incentive programs encouraging property owners to maintain and restore historic structures.



Cultural Heritage Programs


Organizing cultural events, heritage tours, and educational programs to promote awareness and appreciation of Micanopy's history.



Community Identity

Celebrating our eclectic mix of cultures and ideas that foster a vibrant community landscape reflecting our rich history.

"We advocate for thoughtful historic preservation efforts--creating a sense of continuity to our past and supporting the promise of our future."

 Historic Herlong Mansion



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Economic Vitality

Supporting Local Businesses & Heritage Tourism



Collaborative Partnerships

Foster partnerships with economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, and local businesspeople to promote the town's economy.



Tourism Promotion

Develop marketing campaigns to attract visitors, showcasing historical sites, events, and unique local offerings.



Support Local Businesses

Encourage development of an economy that provides for community needs and supports small, locally owned businesses.

Guiding Principle

"Encourage development of an economy that supports small, locally owned businesses, and promotes tourism initiatives that showcase Micanopy's unique history, culture, and natural beauty."

1821

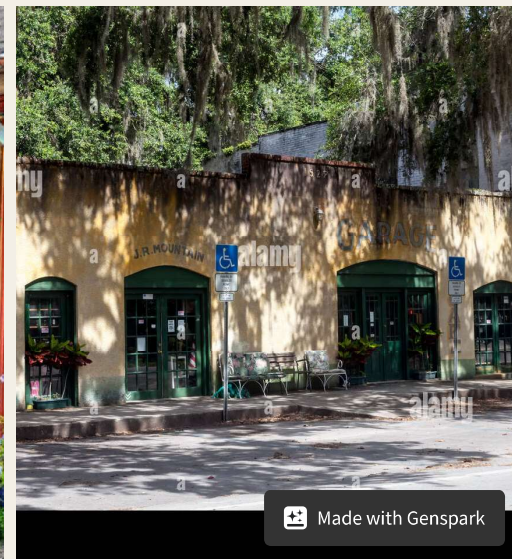
Established

20+

Antique Shops

1983

Historic District Listed



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Environmental Stewardship

Preserving natural beauty for future generations



Conservation Priority

Promote responsible environmental practices and conservation of natural resources through assessment of environmentally sensitive locations.



Green Space Preservation

Identify and preserve green spaces, parks, and natural corridors to maintain ecological balance and enhance community well-being.



Environmental Education

Provide workshops, programs and outreach campaigns to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable behaviors.

"Promote responsible environmental practices, conservation of natural resources, and preservation of green spaces to ensure a healthy environment for current and future generations."

— Micanopy Guiding Principles



Planning Initiative

Conduct comprehensive assessment of environmentally sensitive locations and habitats within the surrounding ecosystem to inform preservation efforts.

70%

Tree Canopy Coverage Goal

15+

Environmental Programs
Planned

Community Engagement & Quality of Life

Building a thriving community together



Community Dialogues

Facilitate dialogues and cultural exchanges among community members to foster engagement and shared understanding.



Youth Involvement

Develop programs designed to engage young people through youth councils, leadership training, and volunteer opportunities.



Parks & Recreation

Develop and maintain recreational facilities, parks, and green spaces that promote physical activity and community engagement.



Healthy Lifestyle

Partner with local businesses and organizations to promote healthy lifestyle choices, wellness, and green community initiatives.

Guiding Principles

"Foster a sense of community pride and engagement by actively involving residents, businesspeople, and community stakeholders in decision-making processes and planning initiatives."

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"We strive to promote health and well-being for all community members by ensuring access to quality services, recreational opportunities, and green spaces."



COMMUNITY
FIRST

Smart Growth & Connectivity

Planning for a balanced, accessible future

Smart Growth & Development



Comprehensive Planning

Update comprehensive plan and land development regulations based on adopted vision and guiding principles to direct growth to areas with existing infrastructure.



Infrastructure Prioritization

Prioritize capital services and infrastructure systems through annual updates of the town's budget and capital improvement plan.



"Encourage thoughtful and well-planned growth and development that respects the town's heritage, promotes walkability, and minimizes environmental impact."

Images: Town of Micanopy, Floridiana Magazine

Connectivity & Accessibility



Pedestrian Infrastructure

Implement sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use paths to promote safe walking and cycling routes throughout town, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.



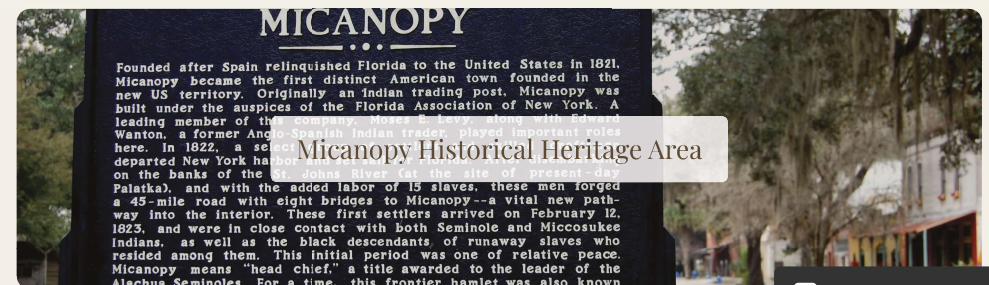
Green Infrastructure

Incorporate greenways, parks, signage, and open spaces to create interconnected networks that promote active transportation and community connectivity.



Inclusive Design

Implement inclusive design practices in planning and development to ensure accessibility and safety for all community members, including those with disabilities.



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Historic Herlong Mansion Photo

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Herlong Mansion

Architectural jewel of Micanopy

Historic Legacy

Originally a wooden cracker-style home built in the 1800s, the Herlong Mansion was transformed into a Greek Revival masterpiece in the early 1900s by Zetrouer and Herlong family. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it stands as Micanopy's crown jewel.



Greek Revival Style

Distinguished by massive Corinthian columns and grand portico



Period Features

Leaded glass windows, heart pine floors, and intricate woodwork



Historic Grounds

Surrounded by century-old oak trees and formal gardens



Modern Purpose

Now operates as a distinguished bed & breakfast inn

Cultural Significance

The Herlong Mansion represents Micanopy's commitment to historic preservation and serves as a tangible connection to the town's prosperous past. Its restoration exemplifies the community's dedication to honoring architectural heritage while adapting historic structures for contemporary use.

Building Micanopy's Future

Honoring our past while embracing what's ahead



Historic Character

Preserving our architectural heritage and small-town charm while supporting responsible growth



Community Engagement

Fostering dialogue and involving residents of all ages in planning our community's future



Economic Vitality

Supporting local businesses and heritage tourism that showcases our unique history and culture



Connectivity

Creating accessible, walkable spaces that connect neighborhoods and enhance quality of life



Environmental Stewardship

Preserving green spaces and promoting sustainable practices for future generations



Quality of Life

Ensuring access to recreation, services, and a welcoming environment for all community members

Thank You



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