

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A NEW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY INCORPORATING THE NEWLY DESIGNATED ST. AUGUSTINE URBANIZED AREA AND THE OTHER URBANIZED AREAS WITHIN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2000 U.S. Census designates a new urbanized area encompassing the City of St. Augustine, the City of St. Augustine Beach, and surrounding unincorporated areas of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State regulations require that all urbanized areas be incorporated into a Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary; and

WHEREAS, portions of northeast St. Johns County and northwest St. Johns County have been previously designated as urbanized; and

WHEREAS, to meet Federal and State requirements for designation of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, it is necessary to decide now whether to create a new Metropolitan Planning Organization for the St. Augustine Urbanized Area, or expand the existing First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary to incorporate the St. Augustine Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, other similarly designated and separate urbanized areas within Florida have their own Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County as a whole, and the Cities of St. Augustine and St. Augustine Beach in particular, exhibit unique and distinctly different transportation system and travel characteristics apart from Jacksonville and other areas of Northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, areas of St. Johns County surrounding the newly designated St. Augustine Urbanized Area are expected to become urbanized within the next twenty years, as are additional areas in the northeast

and northwest portions of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, no other county in Florida is split by two separate Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively, efficiently and appropriately plan the County's transportation system it is necessary to designate the entire St. Johns County boundary as the Metropolitan Planning Area for the newly created Metropolitan Planning Organization,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that the Board of County Commissioners supports and recommends that a new Metropolitan Planning Organization be created to encompass the entire St. Johns County boundary within the designated Metropolitan Planning Area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 4 Day of march 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James C. Bryant
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Geneva Jo Newcome
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 03/05/03



Nassau, Duval, Clay and St. Johns Counties

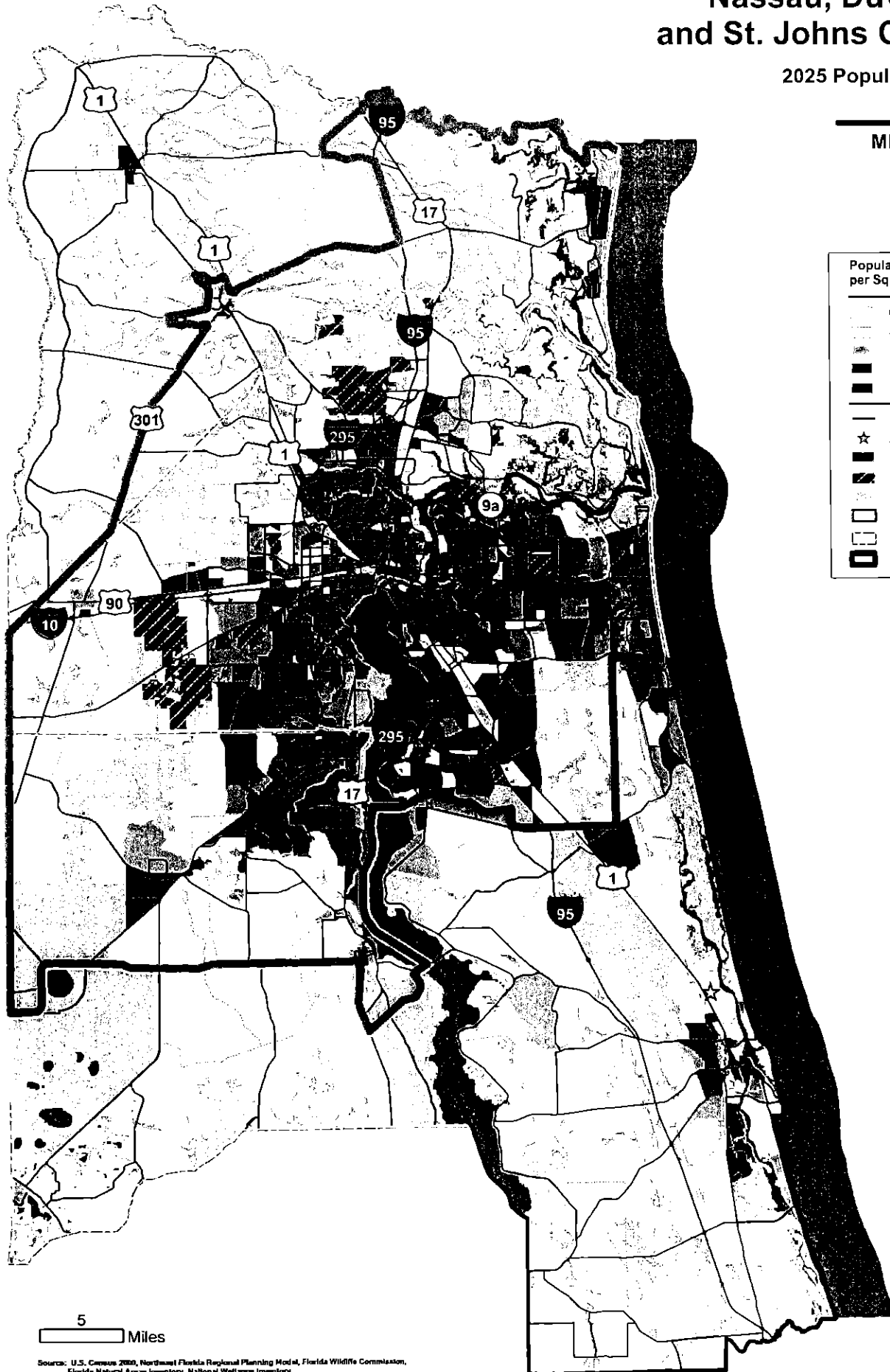
2025 Population Density
by TAZ

MPO Boundary
Alternative E

Population Density
per Square Mile

- 0 - 499
- 500 - 999
- 1000 - 1499
- 1500 - 1999
- 2000 Plus

- Major Roads
- Air/Marine Ports
- Water
- City/Port Authority Lands
- Development Constraints *
- MPO Boundary Alternative
- County Boundary
- St. Johns County MPO



5 Miles

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Northwest Florida Regional Planning Model, Florida Wildlife Commission, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, National Wetlands Inventory

* Lands include Wildlife Management Areas, Natural & Conservation Areas and Wetlands.

