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## **Glatting Jackson selected to develop interactive comprehensive plan Planning firm partners with UCF and Microsoft on “Smart Charlotte 2050”**

(Orlando, Fla.) – Planning firm Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin has been selected by Charlotte County, located in southwest Florida, to update the county’s comprehensive plan.

The plan – to be known as “Smart Charlotte 2050” -- will include an interactive, web-based component to help citizens and stakeholders participate in the process. Glatting Jackson is partnering with Microsoft and the University of Central Florida’s Program for Resource Efficient Communities to design the interactive portion of the plan, believed to be the first of its kind in Florida.

The planning process will begin with a kickoff meeting in late June and a series of public workshops over the course of the summer to develop a vision for the county’s future. Based on that vision, planners will draft goals and policies for land-use and growth management, economic development, capital improvements and design standards.

“Charlotte County is preparing itself to face new development and redevelopment challenges that will come over the next five, 20 and even 50 years,” said Nancy Roberts, a planning manager with Glatting Jackson. “As opportunities and issues arise, a solid comprehensive plan will help the community thrive by resolving those issues and capitalizing on the opportunities.”

Glatting Jackson, Microsoft and the University of Central Florida will be joined by Fishkind & Associates, Inc. and Greener Prospects in developing the plan.

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