

## INTRODUCTION

Putnam County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State. There are no indications that the rapid growth rate will change. The subdivision of land to accommodate the high growth rate is a major activity that needs attention.

These subdivision regulations have been developed to protect the quality of life in Putnam County from subdivisions that would negatively impact the residents of the county. Subdivision regulations can be a burden to subdividers. However, this must be balanced against the cost to taxpayers and landowners associated with uncontrolled or poorly planned subdivisions.

These subdivision regulations will provide the residents of Putnam County the ability to:

- \* minimize the impact of subdivisions on surrounding landowners, taxpayers, and the environment;
- \* assure the costs of construction are borne by the developers and not taxpayers and present residents;
- \* provide that streets, utilities, and safety design standards meet acceptable specifications;
- \* assure the suitable layout of lots to fit physical conditions;
- \* protect natural and unique areas; and
- \* establish a process for negotiation between the developer and county to determine how the county's policies and concerns can best be met.