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Thomas Jefferson: "The article dearest to my heart is that every precinct in every county in America would organize itself as a small republic & thus more well serve the interests of its citizens"

In 1984, I was elected Alachua County Commissioner. My campaign manager was Joseph Judge. Also in '84, he was elected as President of the Local Branch of NAACP. Joseph urged me to recommend the DEC organize & train its precinct representatives to form an active structure within each precinct. (38) Now, with 63 precincts, and current events as they are, the spirit of Jefferson calls us to build functional civic engagement in the legal geographies of our precincts. Grass roots democracy for all.

In Florida, legal geographies are enabled within the process of "comprehensive plans". Precincts with elected representatives & functional organizations of democracy and transparency could develop and protect their public interests through their own style of "comprehensive planning". Precincts first then must "duly elect" their representatives.

Find & read the book "What Would Jefferson Do?" by Thom Hartmann. Our Library District can order a loaner copy via "Inter-Library Loan" process. Call 334-3940. Better yet, order copies from the secondary book market.

Contact the facility manager of the building where your precinct votes. Is there space available for precinct meetings? Get precinct maps from Elections Office or on-line.

It takes a community to build community. You are the person you've been waiting for. Jim Notestein Pct. 57 372-2107