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Executive Summary



These four maps of Broward (from upper left to lower right 1924, 1951, 1980, 2004) show the dramatic scale and pace of growth in the last 80 years. *Maps produced by Toni Williams.*

The Broward County Commission, at its spring 2002 goal setting session, identified the establishment of a Sense of Place for Broward County as one of its priority goals. The Community Design Guidebook is one of the strategies for furthering the Sense of Place goal. The scope of the guidebook covers the following objectives:

1. The design systems of the built environment of Broward County with standards and patterns that can be utilized to achieve a sense of place.
2. A description of the prevailing development patterns within Broward County with specific recommendations.
3. A broad public participation and outreach process and the participation of local municipalities in three demonstration areas.

The firm of Anthony Abbate Architect was hired in March of 2003 to assist the Department of Urban Planning and Redevelopment in the preparing a County-wide Community Design Guidebook that will develop, promote and implement urban design guidelines/principles for Broward County which take into consideration the distinctive character of Broward County and unique charm of each city.

The team developed a set of goals based on the principles and objectives for the Community Design Guidebook.