

# Plan Quality and Development Outcomes in Florida: A Pilot Study

## Background

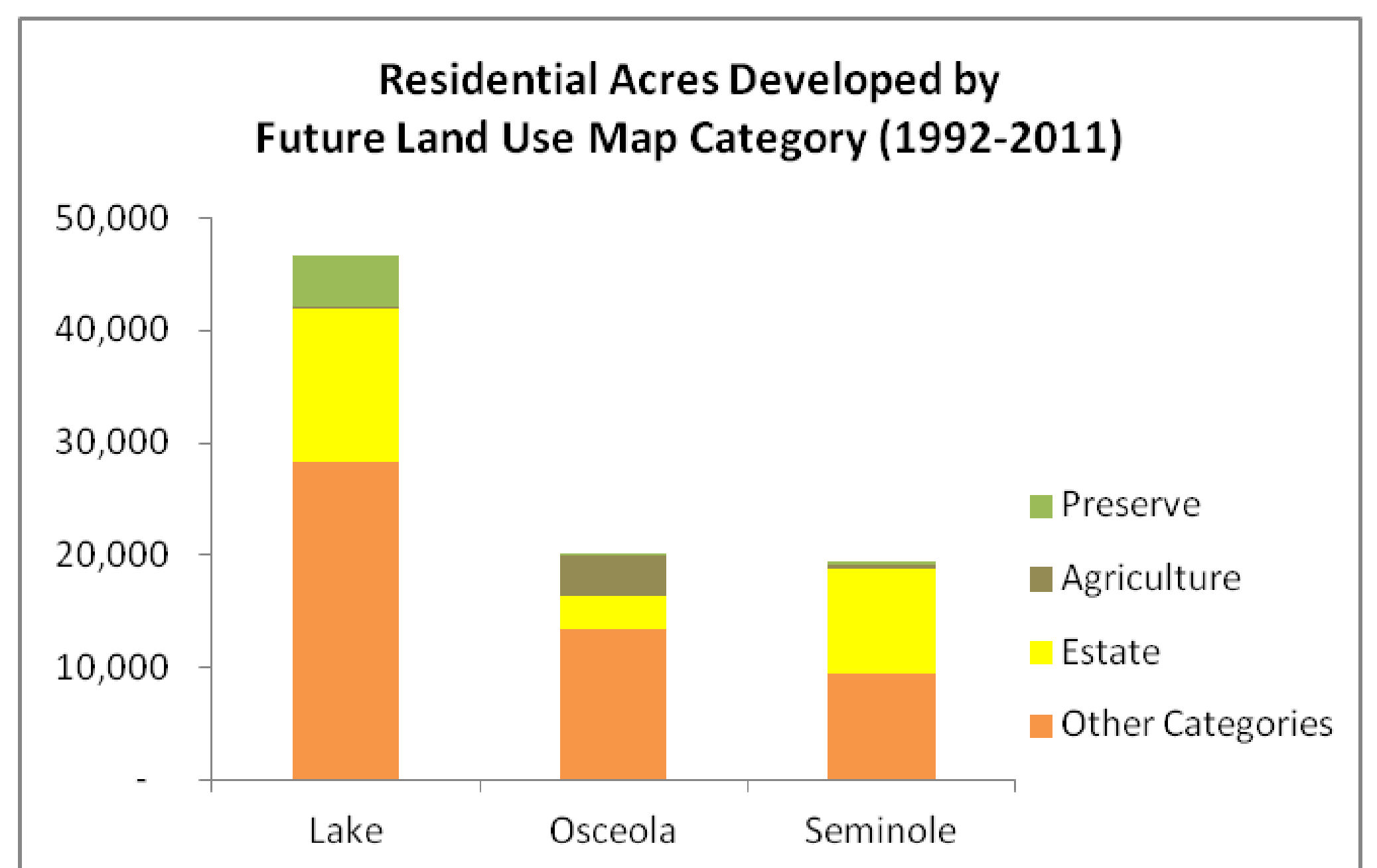
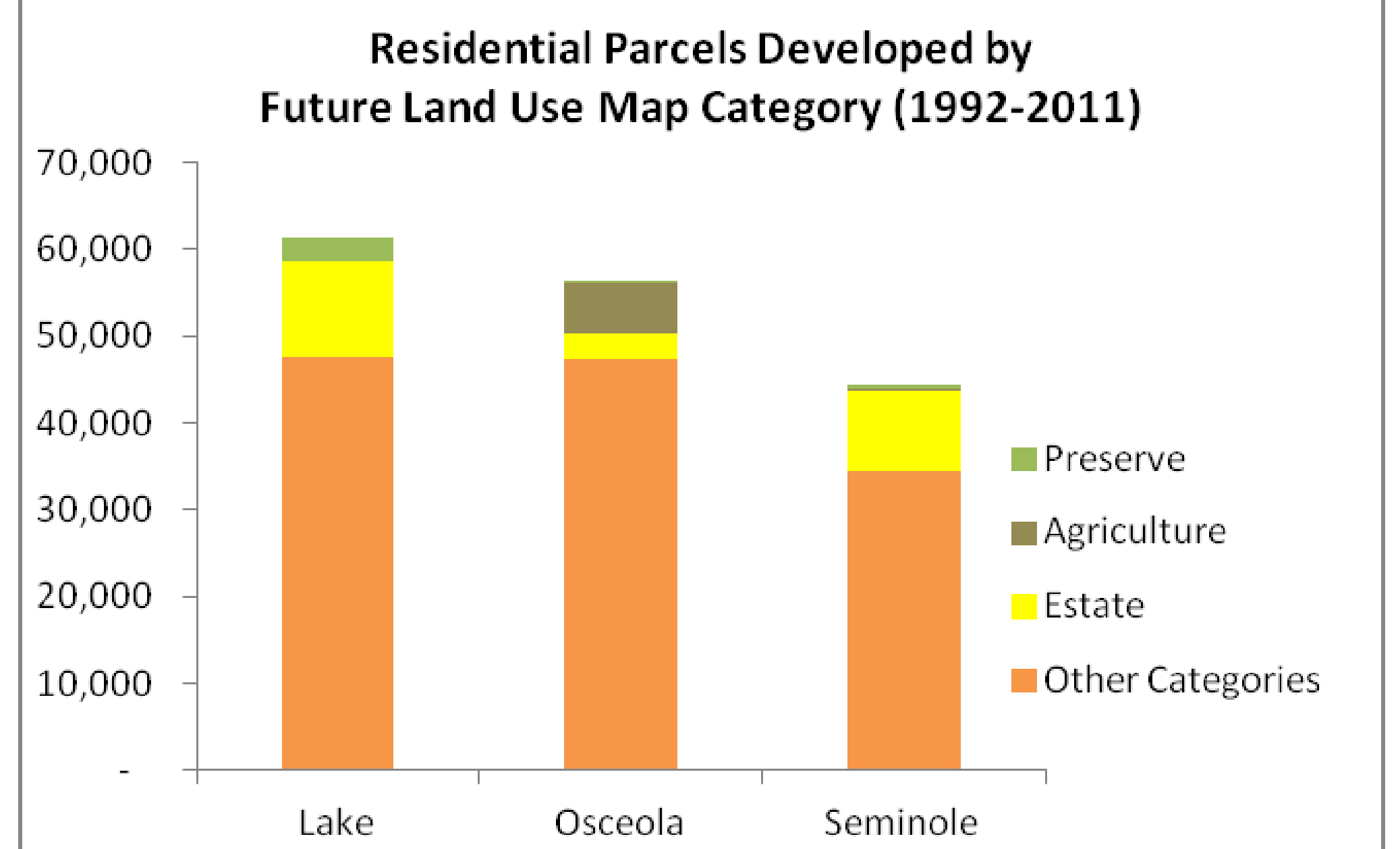
-The 1985 Growth Management Act required that local governments illustrate an intent to “curb the proliferation of urban sprawl” by incorporating development controls into state-approved comprehensive plans.

## Research Questions

- How did Florida counties address urban sprawl in 1992 comprehensive plans through policies and maps?
- How much development occurred since 1992? Was it consistent with 1992 comprehensive plans?
- What is the relationship between development controls and development patterns?

## Findings

- All 3 counties included different combinations of development controls; all used 12 of 26 listed in Fla. Administrative Code.
- Development in Lake and Osceola occurred on land designated for agriculture and preservation
- Counties with greater planning capacity are more effective in developing consistent with plans
- Quality and integration of sprawl control policies is more important than number of controls



## Future Research

- Evaluate municipal plans and annexation
- Regression analysis – determinants of sprawl
- Examine the evolution of 1992 future land use maps using comprehensive plans and GIS analysis
- Study evolution of plan consistency over planning period
  - Examine approved plan amendments over time