

Affordable Housing in Local Plans: A review of twenty-five years

- Question: Florida's Growth Management Act of 1985 required municipalities to include affordable housing policies for low-income households in their comprehensive plans.

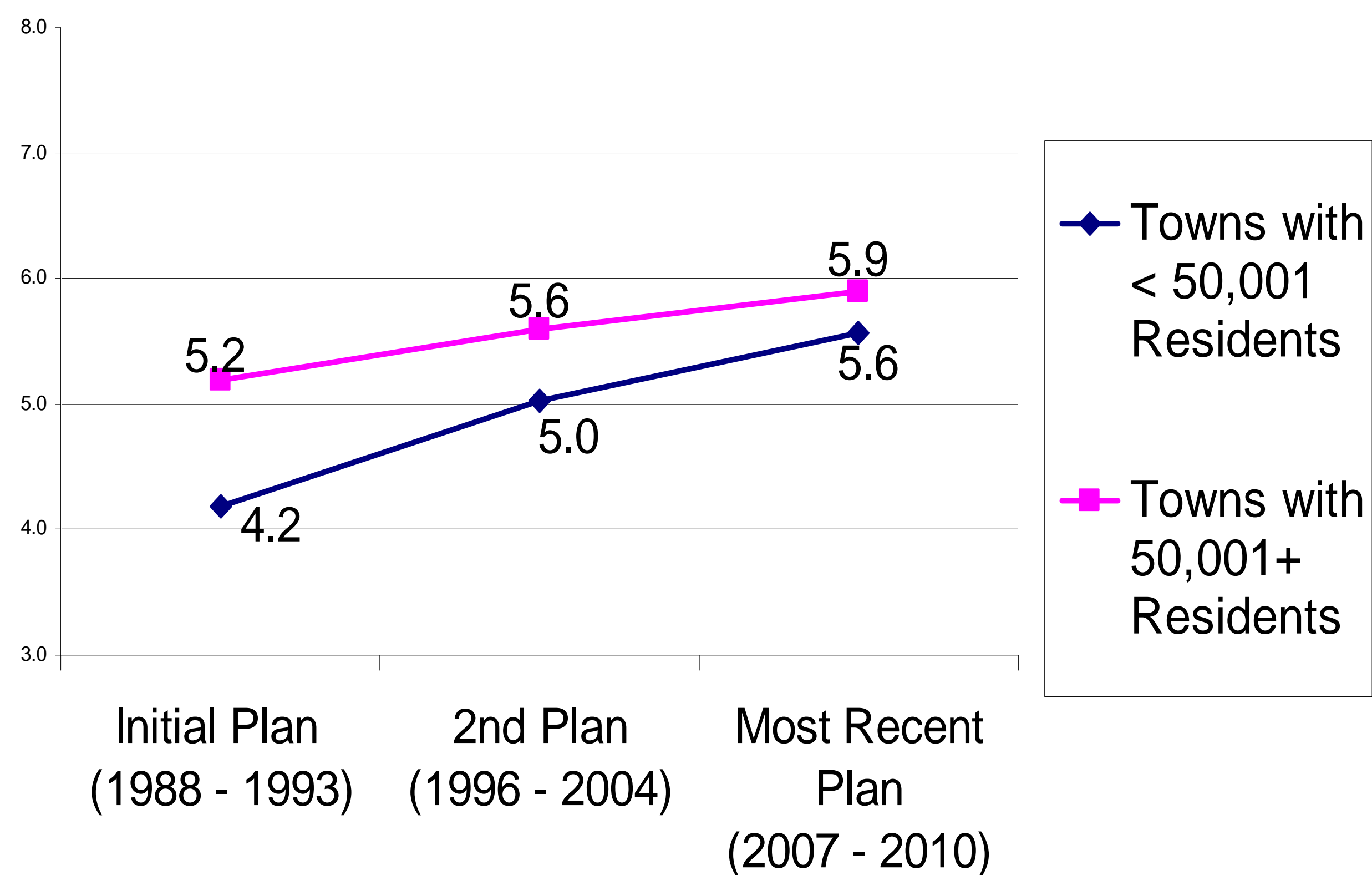
To what extent did municipalities include affordable housing policies?

- Method: Content analysis of comprehensive plans for 40 municipalities over 25 years

- Findings: As expected, larger municipalities initially adopted higher quality plans than smaller municipalities with regard to affordable housing (Initial Plan in Graph)
- Over time, the gap between larger and smaller municipalities declined to insignificant levels
- The Growth Management Act may have encouraged smaller municipalities to more aggressively consider affordable housing policies than they otherwise would

Quality of Affordable Housing Policies

(Scale of 0 to 10, with 10 indicating maximum quality)



Future Research:

What political and economic factors explain variation in plan quality toward affordable housing?

Did supply of affordable housing increase in response to higher quality plans?

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