

Maria Jose, M.S.
Planner, Comprehensive Planning Division, Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

EDUCATION

- University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

- Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning (Graduated in May 2018)

- University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

- Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Graduated in May 2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Planner for Martin County Board of County Commissioners (May 2018 to present)

- Planner working in the Comprehensive Planning Division, Growth Management Department, specializing in long term, comprehensive planning
- Trained in writing reports for Future Land Use Map Amendments and Zoning Amendments, through research and analysis, ensuring proper land use and development
- Presents in public meetings, in front of the Board of Commissioners, and Local Planning Agency, to provide the best recommendations regarding important future land use/development decisions and help implement policy making decisions that impact Martin County and its residents, considering all factors such as environmental and public concerns
- Updates and improves elements in the Martin County Comprehensive Plan, Code of Ordinances and Land Development Regulations by making necessary amendments
- Assists citizens regarding development plans, providing polite customer service and education regarding the various planning and legal processes

Paid Internship in City Planning/Public Administration (November 2017 to May 2018)

- FCCMA Shared Internship, worked as an intern for the City of Deltona, providing service to the Planning and Development Services Department, as well as the Center at Deltona and was trained to manage multiple aspects of City Planning and Public Administration
- Assisted the Planning Director in grant writing for the Center at Deltona via the Volusia ECHO Program
- Reviewed site plans for proposed developments coming to Deltona, ensuring City Standards and planning regulations are met and assisted the Ordinance Review Committee
- Provided customer service ensuring high quality service to clients
- Internship continued at County of Volusia (February 2018- May 2018)
- Worked for the Planning & Development Services, participating in a future land use GIS project, helping with spatial data analysis, data collection, and mapping using ArcGIS
- Participated in site plan reviews and long range planning activities, wrote reports and created presentations/excel spreadsheets regarding land use codes and the comprehensive plan