

A DRI is defined by **Chapter 380.06(1), Florida Statutes (FS)** as any development that would have a substantial impact on the health, safety or welfare of citizens in more than one county. The state has established **thresholds** to determine when a development must undergo the DRI review process. These determinations are made by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) using Chapter 28-24, **Florida Administrative Code (FAC)**.

The Regional Planning Council (RPC) coordinates the multi-agency review activities at the regional level and reviews the application for consistency with adopted state and regional plans. The RPC holds a public hearing to adopt recommendations on the application, which then are forwarded to the local government of jurisdiction for its consideration. The RPC is an advisory body to the local government, and so does not approve or deny applications.

The local planning agency (LPA) plays a lead role in identification of local issues or concerns relative to the project and will take the Regional Planning Council's recommendations and combine them with other recommendations to construct an overall development order. The local government's governing body also will hold a public hearing on the project, at which time it will consider the reports of the RPC and LPA. If the local government decides to approve development, it will issue a binding Development Order (DO).