

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Element Overview

As the southernmost City in Palm Beach County, sandwiched between the Atlantic Ocean on the east, unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Everglades ecosystem on the west, the City of Boca Raton must be aware of and cooperate with a multitude of governmental entities and agencies to ensure the continued maintenance of the City's character and quality of life.

The natural environment does not follow political boundaries, and preservation and conservation of natural resources requires cooperation between all entities engaged in their protection, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Palm Beach County, the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, the Florida Inland Navigation District, and the South Florida Water Management District. Transportation systems are likewise becoming less jurisdictionally bound than in the past, owing to distances between residential areas, shopping areas, and employment centers, requiring coordination with the adjacent municipalities, including Deerfield Beach, Delray Beach and Highland Beach. The City coordinates with Palm Tran and Tri-Rail to provide residents without access to automobiles, or those who choose not to drive, more transportation options. The City also communicates with the Florida Department of Transportation, Palm Beach County, and the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding its plans. The City is currently poised to implement a truly multimodal transportation system that will provide an extensive network of transit and transportation connectivity, such as may be seen in Broward County.

The City coordinates with Palm Beach County for everything from transportation and utilities to parks and public safety. The City also coordinates more informally with the Town of Highland Beach, the City of Delray Beach, as well as with Broward County and the City of Deerfield Beach. In addition to the myriad State agencies with which the City coordinates (FDOT, DCA, FDEP, etc.), the City also works with regional entities to ensure its concerns are heard and recognized within a more localized area. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council assists with land use planning, the South Florida Water Management District and Lake Worth Drainage District both enforce water-related regulations, and the School District of Palm Beach County provides public education facilities to City residents.

The City of Boca Raton maintains these relationships, and many others, through intergovernmental coordination activities to continue the provision of City infrastructure, services, environmental maintenance, and transportation options to all residents.

Element Goals, Objectives and Policies

GOAL ICE.1.0.0

Establish processes among the various governmental, public, and private entities to improve cooperation between governments at all levels, to ensure coordination of all plans and programs, and establish a comprehensive approach to solving intergovernmental issues as they arise.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.1.0

Communication shall be maintained for the review and analysis of comprehensive planning issues in order to coordinate the Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan with the South Florida Water Management District's regional water supply plan and the plans of the school board, adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, and other units of local government providing services



but not having regulatory authority over the use of land. In addition, a process of coordination and collaboration shall be established among the County, local governments, and the School District regarding the planning and siting of public school facilities in coordination with planned infrastructure and public facilities.

(9J-5.015(3)(b)(1); SRPP Coordination Outline; SCP 21(b)1)

POLICY ICE.1.1.1

Coordinate planning activities as mandated by the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan with other local governments, the school board, and special districts providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region, and the state by distributing the Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan to affected entities describing present and future planning activities within the City.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)(1); SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.1.2

Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions regarding proposed development consistencies and conflicts between the City of Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan and those of adjacent jurisdictions. Where appropriate, and when staff-level consensus cannot be reached, the City will respond at public hearings, through memoranda, or through the appropriate regional planning council's mediation process.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)(7))

POLICY ICE.1.1.3

The City will identify professional staff in the Development Services Department to act as principal liaisons with the County, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Children and Families, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). The principal liaison will be the specific contact within the City to monitor, review, and coordinate development information and policy decisions that affect the coordination of planning activities.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)1, 3)

POLICY ICE.1.1.4

The City shall identify professional staff in the Municipal Services Department to serve as principal liaison with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Palm Beach County Traffic Division and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)1, 3)

POLICY ICE.1.1.5

The City shall identify professional staff in the Development Services Department to serve as principal liaison with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Department of Environmental Protection.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)1, 3)

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.2.0

Ensure that the local government addresses, through coordination mechanisms, the impacts of development as provided in the Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan upon development in adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, the region (Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council), and in the state.

(9J-5.015(3)(b)(2); SCP 21(b)5)

POLICY ICE.1.2.1

The City shall review, by request, the comprehensive plans of adjacent governments in order to evaluate the impact of proposed development in Boca Raton upon development in the area of concern.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)7; SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.2.2

Resolve conflicts with other local governments as they arise through the Regional Planning Council's regional dispute resolution process.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)2)

POLICY ICE.1.2.3

The City shall continue to maintain an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County requiring that all developments proposed for the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County inside the City's water and sewer service area be presented to the City's Public Utilities and Development Services Departments prior to final action on the proposed development. The City Manager shall, based on criteria in the agreement, make a finding as to whether that development may hook up to water and sewer services provided by the City.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)5; SRPP Coordination Outline; SCP 21(b)1)

POLICY ICE.1.2.4

The City will coordinate with Palm Beach County regarding annexation, and will address the following in future annexations:

- 1) thoroughfare right-of-way protection;
- 2) fire-rescue service;
- 3) levels of service to be established in newly annexed areas;
- 4) public facilities to meet service needs of proposed annexation areas;
- 5) "service delivery enclaves";
- 6) cooperative mapping of proposed future annexation areas with adjacent jurisdictions;
- 7) requirements of Chapter 171, FS; and
- 8) interlocal agreements to rectify deficiencies or to address facilities to be provided by another jurisdiction.

The City will seek dispute resolution assistance from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in the event of annexation-related disputes.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)4; SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.2.5

The City shall maintain a Mutual Aid Agreement with Palm Beach County for the purpose of formalizing emergency preparedness coordination mechanisms. This agreement will call for the exchange of information on all existing and proposed fire stations, ambulance stations, and other similar capital facilities.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)3, 5; SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.2.6

The City will continue to avail itself of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process (TCRPC Rule 29K-4, F.A.C.) in the event of conflict with another local government where local efforts at conflict resolution have failed. The City will also cooperate fully with the TCRPC dispute resolution process when initiated by another affected local government. However, the City may refuse to enter into a settlement agreement so arrived at if that agreement is in conflict with any provision of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, the Code of Ordinances, the Capital Improvements Program or Capital Improvements Element, the current or succeeding year's budget, or if the agreement would require the expenditure of City funds.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)2; SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.2.7

Upon learning of the creation of any new governmental entity with which the City should coordinate, the City Manager will designate a City department as the primary coordinating department with that entity.

(9J-5.015(3)(c)(3); SRPP Coordination Outline)

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.3.0

This Comprehensive Plan shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plans of adjacent municipalities, Palm Beach County, the Treasure Coast Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and the State Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, the City will continue to facilitate coordination with Broward County and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, when appropriate, the School District of Palm Beach County, adjacent municipalities, regional authorities, and state agency functional plans.

(9J-5.015(3)(b)1, 3; SRPP Coordination Outline)

POLICY ICE.1.3.1

The City will implement the provisions of the Water Shortage Emergency Plan when requested to do so by the SFWMD (South Florida Water Management District).

POLICY ICE.1.3.2

The City shall continue to work in cooperation with the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) to maintain adequate surface water levels.

POLICY ICE.1.3.3

The City shall coordinate appropriate aspects of its comprehensive plan with the South Florida Water Management District's Regional Water Supply Plan, the *Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan* (LECWSP).



POLICY ICE.1.3.4

The City shall update its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, as contained within the City's *Infrastructure Element Potable-Water Sub-Element*, at a minimum every five years and within 18 months after the SFWMD approves an updated Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan.

POLICY ICE.1.3.5

The City shall review and coordinate its 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with the SFWMD's *2005-2006 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update*, and its respective updates.

POLICY ICE.1.3.6

The City shall coordinate through, at a minimum, annual written correspondence with the SFWMD, and adjacent local governments, regarding potential need to examine and plan for additional alternative water supply sources and projects during the long-term planning horizon.

POLICY ICE.1.3.7

The City shall incorporate and adopt new rules and regulations of those Federal, State and local government entities whose jurisdiction incorporates the drainage facilities within the city limits including, but not limited to, South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

POLICY ICE.1.3.8

The City will continue to seek, through intergovernmental agreements, to share the use of its parks and recreation facilities and those of other semi-public and private entities.

POLICY ICE.1.3.9

The City shall continue to coordinate closely, through joint meetings to be held on an as-needed basis, between the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District and the City Council to assure that parks and recreation facilities are adequately and efficiently provided for the entire Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District area to include the City.

POLICY ICE.1.3.10

The City shall continue to coordinate closely with Palm Beach County to assure that the parks and recreation needs of South County residents are adequately and efficiently met and equitably funded.

POLICY ICE.1.3.11

The City shall continue to work closely with the School District and Florida Atlantic University to make efficient joint use of facilities to meet educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the community.

POLICY ICE.1.3.12

The City shall continue to support the County's Commission on Affordable Housing to provide for the availability and affordability of housing for extremely low, very low, low- and moderate-income persons.

POLICY ICE.1.3.13

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Palm Beach Emergency Management Director in assisting the implementation of the County's campaign to educate the general citizenry regarding emergency preparedness plans, including specific citizen directives.

POLICY ICE.1.3.14

The City shall continue to coordinate with Palm Beach County in updates of the Local Emergency Preparedness Plan. This update shall enable the County and incorporated municipalities to plan for future population densities which will neither adversely impact the efficiency of the evacuation plan nor increase evacuation times. The City shall also coordinate with the County in updating hurricane evacuation shelter assignments as well as other policy formulation surrounding land use and emergency preparedness.

POLICY ICE.1.3.15

The City shall continue to coordinate with the American Red Cross, Palm Beach County, and all other regional, State, and Federal agencies on an annual basis, or as needed, to modify the Local Emergency Preparedness Plan, coordinate for public emergency shelters, and provide for the update of the City's post-disaster redevelopment strategies.

POLICY ICE.1.3.16

The City shall continue to coordinate with the State Division of Historic Resources, Palm Beach County Historical Preservation Board, and Boca Raton Historic Preservation Board in continuing to identify, protect, analyze, and explain the City's historical, archaeological, and cultural resources. Such efforts shall include determination of their worth and vulnerability, as well as determination of specific applicable preservation management policies.

POLICY ICE.1.3.17

The City shall continue to coordinate with Palm Beach County, adjacent municipalities, and appropriate regional, State, and Federal agencies in managing coastal resources, as described within the Coastal Management Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY ICE.1.3.18

The City will not issue any development order or development permit until it has received confirmation from the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental & Resource Management that the proposed land use is not in conflict with the Palm Beach County Wellfield Protection Ordinance.

POLICY ICE.1.3.19

The City shall establish a formal review process of new campus development with Florida Atlantic University through the campus development agreement to ensure consistency with this Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY ICE.1.3.20

The City shall coordinate with the Boca Raton Airport Authority, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA or Tri-Rail), and Palm Tran regarding the installation of an intermodal terminal at the Boca Raton Airport, as needed for consistency with policies promoting transportation options in the Boca Raton Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY ICE.1.3.21

The City shall cooperate with the County and State to optimize the use of County, State, and Federal funds by advance preparation of right-of-way acquisition documents and construction plans for roadway improvements.

POLICY ICE.1.3.22

The City shall continue to utilize the Metropolitan Planning Organization as the City's main coordination mechanism for transportation planning, including data collection and warehousing, and intergovernmental coordination.

POLICY 1.3.23

The City shall continue to provide comments and recommendations to the SFRTA staff regarding rail operations within the City and as they affect City residents.

POLICY ICE.1.3.24

The City will provide Palm Tran the data needed for effective implementation of overall service, including for the provision of services for transportation disadvantaged residents.

POLICY ICE.1.3.25

The City will coordinate with Palm Tran and other transit providers to review site plan proposals to ensure that the design of roadways, buildings, and other features will allow for safe and efficient operation by Palm Tran buses and City shuttle buses.

POLICY ICE.1.3.26

The City shall abide by the "Palm Beach County Interlocal Agreement with Municipalities of Palm Beach County and the School District of Palm Beach County to establish Public School Concurrency", which was fully executed by the parties involved and recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County on January 25, 2001, consistent with ss.163.3177(6)(h)1. and 2. F.S. and 163.3180 F.S.

POLICY ICE.1.3.27

The City shall provide the School District with annual information needed to maintain school concurrency, including information required for the School District to establish:

1. School siting criteria;
2. Level of service update and maintenance;
3. Joint approval of the public school capital facilities program;
4. Concurrency service area criteria and standards; and
5. School utilization.



POLICY ICE.1.3.28

The City shall coordinate with local governments and the School District on emergency preparedness issues which may include consideration of:

1. Design and/or retrofit of public schools as emergency shelters;
2. Enhancing public awareness of evacuation zones, shelter locations, and evacuation routes;
3. Designation of sites other than public schools as long term shelters, to allow schools to resume normal operations following emergency events.