

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

GOAL 8.1.: ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE COORDINATION MEASURES AMONG ALL PERTINENT PUBLIC AND QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES SO TO BEST MAINTAIN PALM BEACH GARDENS' QUALITY OF LIFE AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES.

Objective 8.1.1.: Maintain formal, specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities, the county, state, and federal agencies who have permitting and regulating authority and quasi-public entities which provide services but lack regulatory authority in Palm Beach Gardens.

Policy 8.1.1.1.: The City shall encourage the implementation of the Conceptual Master Plan for the U. S. 1 Corridor in Northern Palm Beach County known as the “seven-cities plan.” Potential developments along U. S. 1 within the City’s jurisdiction will be encouraged to conform with said plan. The City shall also provide support and assistance to nearby jurisdictions in obtaining funding for the implementation of the plan from regional, state, and federal agencies.

Policy 8.1.1.2.: The City, through its involvement with Seacoast Utility Authority and in conjunction with the City Engineer, shall review all plans for water and sewage systems when these improvements are to be maintained by the city after construction.

Policy 8.1.1.3.: The City shall notify Palm Beach County and surrounding municipalities in writing (prior to the application being considered by the City Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board) of development applications received by the City requiring a Development Review Committee meeting that have an impact on adjacent local municipalities and county residents.

Policy 8.1.1.4.: Palm Beach Gardens shall request that the state regulatory agencies create liaisons with the City. For example, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) implemented a program which has assisted liaison within the County.

Policy 8.1.1.5.: Through the City Council, the City Manager shall be responsible for ensuring an effective intergovernmental coordination program for Palm Beach Gardens.

Policy 8.1.1.6.: The City shall utilize the Palm Beach Countywide Intergovernmental Coordination Process as a regular formal forum in which to deal with issues unique to Palm Beach County and the municipalities therein. The Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum shall be utilized as a means of collaborative planning for matters of interjurisdictional significance

including, but not limited to, the siting of facilities with countywide significance and locally unwanted land uses.

Policy 8.1.1.7.: The City shall request that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) play a more active role in issues between the City and Palm Beach County, and between federal and state agencies and Palm Beach Gardens.

Policy 8.1.1.8.: Palm Beach Gardens shall assist with cooperative education programs between the City, the County and regulatory agencies to inform the public and development community about applicable laws and regulations. This could be accomplished by including brief informational pamphlets in utility bills or other means of widespread general circulation.

Policy 8.1.1.9.: Palm Beach Gardens shall identify and coordinate anticipated future annexation areas with the county and surrounding municipalities.

Policy 8.1.1.10.: The City shall utilize the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process to resolve disputes or conflicts, on growth management issues between other local governments, if not resolved through the Palm Beach Countywide Intergovernmental Coordination Process. When the City's efforts fail to resolve a dispute with any local government, the City shall notify the Regional Planning Council in writing about the dispute, requesting the Council's mediation. The City shall also notify the local government that the City has dispute with, about the City's request to the Regional Planning Council.

Policy 8.1.1.11.: The City shall cooperate with the County's Commission on Affordable Housing to implement countywide affordable and workforce housing programs, including the use of Housing Trust Fund monies.

Policy 8.1.1.12.: The City shall pursue interlocal agreements with local governments that have identified or adopted future land use designations for adjacent unincorporated areas. These agreements would establish joint planning areas pursuant to Section 163.3171, F.S. The City shall encourage joint planning agreements that include as many of the following planning considerations as are applicable. Additional items could be addressed at the concurrence of both parties, including:

- a. Cooperative planning and review of land development activities within areas covered by the agreement;
- b. Specification of service delivery;
- c. Funding and cost-sharing issues with joint planning areas; and
- d. Enforcement/implementation.

Policy 8.1.1.13.: The City shall coordinate with those schools in its jurisdiction, which are part of the State University System, regarding the development of campus master plans or amendments thereto, to be done in accordance with Section 1013.30, F.S.

Objective 8.1.2.: Coordinate all levels of service standards which affect surrounding municipalities and counties through the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC), TCRPC and informal communications.

Policy 8.1.2.1.: The City shall monitor the implementation of countywide traffic performance standards.

Policy 8.1.2.2.: The City shall coordinate the timing, location, and capacity of public facilities to ensure that required services will be available when needed.

Policy 8.1.2.3.: The City shall involve the TCRPC in informal mediation when level of service issues cannot be resolved by the city and the service provider.

Policy 8.1.2.4.: The City shall coordinate with affected jurisdictions regarding mitigation to impacted facilities not under the jurisdiction of the local government receiving the application for a proportionate fair-share agreement.

Policy 8.1.2.5.: The City shall continue to participate in the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC). All amendments to the Comprehensive Plan shall be processed through the clearinghouse for distribution and comment.

Objective 8.1.3.: Continue a written procedure to request coordination with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county, and other units of local government such as the school board, who provide services but do not have regulatory authority over the use of land through IPARC, TCRPC and informal communications.

Policy 8.1.3.1.: The City shall file a written request with each adjacent municipality and the county to receive and review copies of all proposed comprehensive plans or plan amendments that are adjacent to Palm Beach Gardens' boundaries.

Policy 8.1.3.2.: The City shall request the School Board of Palm Beach County, Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach County Planning Council, South Florida Water Management District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Seacoast Utility Authority, Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District, and Florida Power and Light Company to

designate a specific liaison to provide expertise from their various disciplines into planning and development related activities.

Policy 8.1.3.3.: The City shall, in conjunction with other affected parties, evaluate the Capital Improvements Element when it is undergoing annual review to determine if current funding is proportional to services rendered.

Policy 8.1.3.4.: The City shall request joint planning between city staff and the School Board on proposed locations of future schools in relation to the projected population.

Objective 8.1.4.: Continue an intergovernmental coordination process to ensure full consideration is given to the impacts of developments proposed in the City's Comprehensive Plan or by other governmental entities which affect the City through IPARC, TCRPC and informal communications.

Policy 8.1.4.1.: The City shall cooperate with the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) process established in 1993 for the purpose of facilitating intergovernmental coordination.

Policy 8.1.4.2.: The City shall support the development and adoption of interlocal agreements with the affected municipalities to coordinate the management of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Loxahatchee Slough.

Policy 8.1.4.3.: The City Council shall continue to work with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to identify regional issues and to assist in the periodic updating of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Policy 8.1.4.4.: The City shall support the development of interlocal agreements with affected parties and the Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District to coordinate the funding of infrastructure in the North County area.

Policy 8.1.4.5.: The City shall forward copies of the Comprehensive Plan or plan amendment to each adjacent city, Palm Beach County, the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Countywide Intergovernmental Coordination Process, South Florida Water Management District, Seacoast Utilities Authority, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and the Department of Economic Opportunity for their review and comments. The City shall take into consideration comments received from the above entities prior to the adoption of the Plan or plan amendment.

Policy 8.1.4.6.: The City shall continue requiring that all applicants for development approval procure written confirmation of potable water capacity from Seacoast or Palm Beach County Water Utility Authority, as appropriate, prior to the issuance of a development order.

Policy 8.1.4.7.: The City shall update the City’s 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan prepared by the City of Palm Beach Gardens, dated November 2019, and confirm the availability of water for existing, new development and redevelopment at the time required by the applicable statute; this should be consistent with the SFWMD’s Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, and the 10-Year Water Supply Facility Plans of Seacoast Utility Authority and Palm Beach County.

Policy 8.1.4.8.: The City shall ensure a meaningful process for collaborative planning and intergovernmental coordination on a continuing and ongoing basis on water supply issues with Seacoast Utility Authority. Coordination could include sharing of information regarding water supply needs, updating bulk sales projections, implementing alternative water supply projects, and establishing level of service standards.

Objective 8.1.6.: Coordinate planning efforts with the members of the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board (BLPAB) in order to jointly identify land parcels in Northern Palm Beach County which will provide opportunities for the development of Bioscience Uses (as defined in the Future Land Use Element) and to discourage changes to the zoning and land use designations of those parcels that would eliminate Bioscience Uses.

Policy 8.1.6.1.: Continue to support the unified vision in coordination with the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board (BLPAB) and maintain the Bioscience Research Protection Overlay (BRPO) in order to provide opportunities for Bioscience Uses as defined in the Future Land Use Element.

Policy 8.1.6.2.: The City shall provide the North Palm Beach County Partners through the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board (BLPAB) with all reports, data, and analyses utilized in assigning the BRPO to a particular site or upon which the City has relied in defining the area of the BRPO.

Policy 8.1.6.3.: To assure cooperation with the County and the Bioscience Land Protection Advisory Board (BLPAB), the City shall enter into such Interlocal Agreements as are necessary to ensure the protection of Bioscience Uses within the BRPO.

Objective 8.1.7.: Coordinate transportation planning efforts with the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA), TCRPC, other governmental entities and local transit providers to ensure collaboration and dissemination of information regarding transit decisions and projects.

Policy 8.1.7.1.: The City shall coordinate with Palm Tran to better serve the residents of Palm Beach Gardens.

Policy 8.1.7.2.: The City shall coordinate with Tri-Rail in their effort to serve Palm Beach Gardens with rail service.

Policy 8.1.7.3.: The City shall coordinate with Brightline and other private transit companies in their efforts to serve Palm Beach Gardens with rail service.

GOAL 8.2: MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE JOINT PLANNING PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING REGARDING POPULATION PROJECTIONS, PUBLIC SCHOOL SITING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES CONCURRENT WITH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER SERVICES. THIS GOAL IS ACCOMPLISHED RECOGNIZING THE CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS.

Objective 8.2.1.: Establish and maintain a cooperative relationship with the School District and municipalities in coordinating land use planning with development of public school facilities which are proximate to existing or proposed residential areas they will serve and which serve as community focal points.

Policy 8.2.1.1.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall abide by the “Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County and Municipalities of Palm Beach County for Coordinated Planning”, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 15, 2015, and approved by the City Council on June 2, 2016, through Resolution 35, 2016.

Policy 8.2.1.3.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall provide the School District with periodic information generated from the City’s development approvals needed to maintain school adequacy, including information required for the School District to establish:

1. School siting criteria;
2. Joint approval of the public school capital facilities program; and
3. School utilization.

Policy 8.2.1.4.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall coordinate its Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map with the School District’s long-range facilities maps (See ICE Map Series) to ensure consistency and compatibility with the provisions of this Element. The City shall provide the School District, based on the annual and bi-annual schedules outlined in the “Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County and Municipalities of Palm Beach County for Coordinated Planning”, with information generated from the City’s development and approvals, including, but not limited to:

1. Certificates of Occupancy issued for new residential units.

2. Adopted future land use amendments and development orders, including amendments to development orders,
3. Projections for development and redevelopment for the coming year.

Policy 8.2.1.5.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall provide opportunity for the School District to comment on Comprehensive Plan amendments, development orders, and other land-use decisions which may be projected to impact on the public schools facilities plan. The City shall require Applicants to obtain letters from the School District identifying school capacity availability with each Comprehensive Plan Amendment petition through the Development Review Committee process.

Policy 8.2.1.6: The City of Palm Beach Gardens 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.

Objective 8.2.2.: Establish a process of coordination and collaboration between the County, local governments, and the School District in the planning and siting of public school facilities in coordination with planned infrastructure and public facilities.

Policy 8.2.2.1.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall coordinate and provide for expedited review of development proposals with the School District during the development review process to ensure integration of public school facilities with surrounding land uses and the compatibility of uses with schools.

Policy 8.2.2.2.: Upon receipt of notice from the School District of its intent to acquire or lease a property for a school site, the City shall review and provide a determination of consistency with the future land use designation, zoning district, and the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City comments may address the availability of necessary and planned infrastructure and the colocation of the proposed school facility with other public facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers.

Policy 8.2.2.3: The City abides by the school siting development review and building permit procedures outlined in the "Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County and Municipalities of Palm Beach County for Coordinated Planning", adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 15, 2015, and approved by the City Council on June 2, 2016, through Resolution 35, 2016.

Policy 8.2.2.4: There shall be no significant environmental conditions and significant historical resources on a proposed site that cannot be mitigated or otherwise preclude development of the site for a public educational facility.

Policy 8.2.2.5.: The proposed site shall be suitable or adaptable for development in accordance with applicable water management standards, and shall not be in conflict with the adopted or officially accepted plans of the South Florida Water Management District, or any applicable Stormwater Utility or Drainage District.

Policy 8.2.2.6.: The proposed location shall comply with the provisions of the Coastal Management Element of the comprehensive plan, if applicable to the site.

Policy 8.2.2.7.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall encourage the location of schools proximate to urban residential areas by:

1. Assisting the School District in identifying funding and/or construction opportunities (including developer participation or City capital budget expenditures) for sidewalks, traffic signalization, access, water, sewer, drainage, and other infrastructure improvements; and
2. Providing for the review for all school sites as indicated in Policy 11.1.4.1 above; and,
3. Allowing schools as a permitted use within all urban residential land use categories.

Policy 8.2.2.8.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens shall coordinate with the School District for the collocation of public facilities, such as parks, libraries, and community centers with schools, to the extent possible, as sites for these public facilities and schools are chosen and development plans prepared.

Objective 8.2.3.: Establish a joint process of coordination and collaboration between the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, and the School District in the planning and decision making on population projections.

Policy 8.2.3.1.: The City of Palm Beach Gardens commits to working with the School District and Palm Beach County to improve the population allocation methodology and enhance coordination with the plans of the School District and local governments. Population and student enrollment projections shall be revised annually to ensure that new residential development and redevelopment information provided by the municipalities and the County as well as changing demographic conditions are reflected in the updated projections.

Objective 8.2.4.: Encourage the provision of quality education through world class curriculum to ensure all children are prepared for real world experiences, hold necessary

skills for jobs, and continue to pursue knowledge through IPARC, TCRPC and informal communications.

Policy 8.2.4.1.: The City shall undertake efforts to encourage and promote a quality educational experience tailored to individual student’s needs, through communications with the School Board and local school administrators, and urge that the following should be provided: diverse learning styles tailored to students’ abilities; magnet schools and special programs; skilled, devoted teachers; involvement of volunteers and community resources. Similarly, programs, strategies, and practices such as the following will be encouraged: reduction of school and individual classroom size; selection of administrators with strong leadership and managerial skills; proper allocation of fiscal resources; teaching focus on basic job and employment skills; and promotion of parental involvement and awareness.

Policy 8.2.4.2.: To implement Objective 8.2.4 and Policy 8.2.4.1, the City shall assume an active role in reforming the education system. The City shall formulate consensus, through resident input, on the major educational issues for the City and meet regularly with the School Board to advise them of the City’s needs and recommend strategies or programs to address the identified needs. Further, the City will assert itself as an outspoken leader, and utilize the talents and influence of the community to urge changes to the educational system. At a minimum, the City shall continue to monitor its activities which have potential impact on the educational process and will coordinate accordingly with School Board staff.

Policy 8.2.4.3.: The City shall coordinate the location of new and expanded sites for Public Educational Facilities with the School Board in order to ensure compatibility and consistency with the City’s Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with Section 1013.33, F.S., and to maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination and development of public school facilities concurrent with residential development and other services. Public educational facilities shall be sited as discussed in the Future Land Use Element.