

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: Establish processes among the various governmental entities to achieve coordination of comprehensive planning, promote compatible development, provide public services and promote the efficient use of available resources among governmental entities.

Objective 1.1:

The City shall enter into interlocal agreements or other formal agreements, as necessary or as required by state law, that describe joint planning processes for collaborative planning and decision-making with the School Board of Alachua County, Suwannee River Water Management District, Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of the land.

Policy 1.1.a: The City of Alachua will enter into an interlocal agreement with the School Board of Alachua County which shall describe, at a minimum, processes related to joint meetings, population projections, coordination and sharing of information, site selection, renovations and closures, and shared uses.

Policy 1.1.b: The City shall review all proposals for new school facilities according to the provisions for school siting found in the City of Alachua Land Development Regulations, Future Land Use Element, and Public School Facilities Element.

Policy 1.1.c: The City shall use the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process, as established pursuant to s. 186.509 F.S., to resolve intergovernmental disputes in a timely manner.

Policy 1.1.d: The City shall establish interlocal agreements for the provision of services across jurisdictional boundaries, as warranted.

Objective 1.2:

The City shall provide the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and any other affected agency the opportunity to comment on Comprehensive Plan amendments, rezonings, and other development proposals.

Policy 1.2.a: The City shall provide notice to and coordinate the review of all proposed comprehensive plan amendments with Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs, the School Board of Alachua County, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, State and any other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land.

Policy 1.2.b: The City shall, as part of the development review process, review the relationship of proposed development provided for in the Comprehensive Plan to the existing Comprehensive Plan of adjacent local governments.

Policy 1.2.c: The City, through the Development Review process, shall coordinate with the County, regional agencies and State agencies to ensure that impacts of development proposed in the Comprehensive Plan are consistent and compatible with adjacent development.

Policy 1.2.d: The City shall, as part of the development review process, provide notice of development proposals to governmental agencies providing services that may be impacted, such as the School Board of Alachua County, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and provide the opportunity for concerns to be addressed.

Policy 1.2.e: The City shall, as part of the development review process, provide notice of development proposals that may impact the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs and Alachua County to the applicable local government(s) and provide them an opportunity for concerns to be addressed.

Policy1.2.f: The City shall provide information to assist adjacent units of local government manage growth within their respective jurisdictions. Whenever possible, City information will be placed on the City's website, or in some other easily accessible location.

Objective 1.3:

The City shall coordinate the establishment and amendment of level of service standards for public facilities with State and local entities having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities prior to the adoption or any amendment affecting level of service standards.

Policy1.3.a The City, shall, as part of the Comprehensive Plan monitoring and evaluation process, coordinate amendments of any level of service standards with appropriate State, regional and local agencies, such as the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Suwannee River Water Management District, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs, Alachua County and the School Board of Alachua County prior to adoption of such amendment.

Policy1.3.b The City shall work with Alachua County and the Florida Department of Transportation to provide input to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization on any issue that could affect the traffic flows on roadways within the corporate limits and when the City's population becomes more urban in nature, the City shall request representation on the MTPO.

Objective 1.4

The City shall coordinate with the Suwannee River Water Management District, Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding all development proposals with the potential for impacting the water resources of the City.

Policy1.4.a The City shall coordinate all proposed subdivisions and site plans with the Suwannee River Water Management District for all such proposals to coordinate drainage issues, stormwater pollution prevention, and sinkhole remediation.



Policy 1.4.b: The City shall set level of service standards for stormwater quality that meet the requirements of the Suwannee River Water Management District for stream-to-sink basins.

Policy 1.4.c: The City should coordinate with the City of Gainesville, the City of High Springs and Alachua County to ensure that the capacity and function of shared watersheds are maintained, as warranted.

Objective 1.5:

The City shall coordinate annexations and joint planning issues with Alachua County and with the other municipalities within the County.

Policy 1.5.a: The City shall adhere to the provisions and requirements of the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act. Urban areas within the City's Urban Reserve Area that meet the criteria of "urban in character" as defined by the Boundary Adjustment Act may be considered for annexation by the City.

Policy 1.5.b: The City shall encourage the annexation of all enclaves within the City limits of Alachua.

Policy 1.5.c: In the interim period between annexation and amendment of the Comprehensive Plan, the City shall implement the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.

Policy 1.5.d: The City shall work with Alachua County and other municipalities within the County to promote cooperative planning efforts within the Urban Reserve Area.

Policy 1.5.e: The City acknowledges its participation in a countywide visioning and planning process that culminated with the adoption of a countywide policy statement and conceptual land use map in June 2005. These documents will guide land use and development efforts within our Urban and Extra-Territorial Reserve Areas. In furtherance of this countywide visioning and planning process, the City pledges to continue to work in this collegial setting and to negotiate Joint Planning Agreements with Alachua County in support of that vision.



Policy 1.5.f: Prior to amending the Future Land Use Map to include lands that have been recently annexed and formally included within the Urban Reserve Area, the City shall, upon the owner's application, determine an appropriate Future Land Use Map category based upon compatibility with adjacent map categories, the character of the surrounding area, environmental features and the availability of facilities and services.

