

H. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is to clearly show what the relationships are between the City's Comprehensive Plan and the plans of the school board, the water supply authority, and other units of local government, which provide services but do not have regulatory authority over land use. Intergovernmental also means coordinating with the comprehensive plans of the county, adjacent counties, adjacent municipalities, the region, the regional water supply plan, and the state. The intergovernmental coordination element consists of standards, plans, and principles to be followed when dealing with these entities.

Intergovernmental Coordination Needs Summary

The following summarizes the Intergovernmental Coordination Element:

- Clearwater needs to continue to coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council, and Pinellas County for the orderly annexation of unincorporated properties within the Clearwater planning area.
- Road improvements, backlogged facilities, and levels of service need the coordination of all jurisdictions along the corridor in establishing and maintaining appropriate land use and traffic policies. Coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation is also a major issue to be addressed by continued participation in the M.P.O. process. In addition, Clearwater should continue to be involved with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) process.
- Recreation needs of enclave residents should be addressed through interlocal agreements, transfer of funds, or other appropriate methods.
- Continued coordination is needed with the water management district and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to define and protect cones of influence surrounding public water supply wells.
- The City will continue to facilitate the local level process for private sector beach renourishment applications, and coordinate those applications to the State and Pinellas County.
- Cooperation is needed to provide quantitative and qualitative improvements in stormwater management.
- Cooperation is needed between Federal, State, and local jurisdictions to address sanitary sewer effluent standards.
- There is a need for cooperation regarding right-of-way, access management, and roadway cross-section design among State, County, and local jurisdictions.
- There is a need to continue coordination of land use planning decisions through the efforts of the Pinellas County Planning Council.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**H.1 GOAL - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION EFFORTS SHALL PROVIDE EFFICIENT, FAIR, AND IDENTIFIABLE METHODS FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND FUNDING ACROSS JURISDICTIONS TO DIRECT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACTIONS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF SHARED PROBLEMS.****H.1.1 Objective - The Clearwater Comprehensive Plan shall be forwarded to Pinellas County, other adjacent local governments, and agencies (previously noted), such as the M.P.O., which have regulatory or operating authority in the City for purposes of coordinating future operations and development in the City.**

Policies

- H.1.1.1 Clearwater supports a multi-jurisdictional land use planning entity in Pinellas County.
- H.1.1.2 Clearwater supports intergovernmental coordination in transportation and mass transit planning, through the MPO, PSTA, and TBARTA.
- H.1.1.3 Clearwater shall propose additional intergovernmental coordination mechanisms to enhance services, as noted in the Parks and Recreation and Housing Elements.
- H.1.1.4 The City conforms to State public records laws, and as a policy, provides requested information on as timely a basis as possible.
- H.1.1.5 The City shall provide annual Comprehensive Plan monitoring information, in a timely fashion, to be used to direct public expenditures
- H.1.1.6 Clearwater shall present any community redevelopment district plans, or redevelopment district and boundary changes, for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
- H.1.1.7 The City shall strengthen coordination with other municipalities, the MPO, Pinellas County and FDOT to establish, measure, and maintain the level of service standards for road ways in the Strategic Intermodal System (U.S. 19), and other State and Country Roads.
- H.1.1.8 The City shall coordinate with Pinellas Planning Council the definition and calculations for mixed uses, strategies regarding infill development, land assembly, land use conservations, and annexations to promote redevelopment.
- H.1.1.9 The City shall coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council and the Pinellas County Economic Development Department to implement the appropriate recommendations for Clearwater in “Pinellas by Design”.

H.1.1.10 The City shall strengthen the level of coordination with the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), Pinellas County, and other municipalities to promote the concept of livable neighborhoods.

H.1.1.11 The City shall establish specific policies to provide for enhanced hurricane and disaster management coordination between the City, Pinellas County, Pinellas County School Board, other cities, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the State of Florida with particular emphasis on public outreach and education.

H.1.2 Objective - The City of Clearwater shall continue to coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with plans of the School Board of Pinellas County and other local governments through participation in joint planning process and procedures.

Policies

H.1.2.1 The City of Clearwater shall implement the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement in coordination with the School District and the other local governments that are signatories to the Agreement (the partner local governments).

H.1.2.2 In fulfillment of Section 8 of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement, the City of Clearwater shall continue its participation on the Pinellas Schools Collaborative, which shall meet at least once a year to evaluate implementation of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement, and propose amendments for improvement if deemed necessary.

H.1.2.3 The City of Clearwater, in accordance with Section 3 of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement, shall inform the School District in advance of the final approval of land use plan amendments or rezonings that change residential densities, and major infrastructure projects that may impact public schools with sufficient time for School District review and comment.

H.1.2.4 The City of Clearwater shall coordinate with the School Board of Pinellas County to implement the public educational facilities siting requirements of Chapter 163 and Chapter 1013, F.S., as stipulated in Section 4 of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement on April 24, 2007.

H.1.2.5 The City recognizes State legislation regarding continued State funding for schools which are designated as historic and shall continue to coordinate with the appropriate State and Federal agencies to ensure the continued preservation of South Ward School, a National Register building.

H.2 GOAL - CLEARWATER SHALL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT WITH ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES, THE COUNTY, REGION, AND STATE.

H.2.1 Objective - Clearwater shall continue to review the mandated plans of adjacent municipalities, and will pass formal resolutions as needed specifically noting any major substantive conflicts with the City's plan, which establishes a framework to address inconsistencies.

Policies

H.2.1.1 Any major substantive conflicts as noted by resolution shall be proposed for submittal to TBRPC's informal regional mediation process, or other mediation methods shall be sought.

H.2.1.2 Other conflicts, which may be considered minor or non-substantive, shall be transmitted as comments to the appropriate local government.

H.2.1.3 Clearwater shall participate in and support regional conflict resolution mechanisms as appropriate.

H.2.1.4 Clearwater shall coordinate with appropriate State and Federal agencies to insure the preservation of designated historic structures and neighborhoods.

H.2.1.5 Establishment of interlocal bicycle and recreational paths shall be recognized as an intergovernmental coordination effort under the auspices of the MPO.

H.2.1.6 The City shall continue to participate with the Agency on Bay Management and the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program in its partnership approach to the protection and restoration of Tampa Bay.

H.2.2 Objective - The City shall adopt the F.D.O.T. level of service standards for State primary and secondary arterials as they may be modified by additional service designations (special transportation areas, etc.) approved by F.D.O.T. and shall use intergovernmental coordination agreements to secure maximum City control over access and manage of roads in Clearwater.

Policies

H.2.2.1 The City shall continue to cooperate with F.D.O.T. in all matters of traffic signal access requests that affect the State highway system.

H.2.2.2 Clearwater shall provide F.D.O.T. with annual reports that document efforts at concurrency management on State roads.

H.2.3 Objective - The City shall continue to maintain A.P.A. and State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) standards for sewage treatment.

Policies

H.2.3.1 City shall continue to coordinate with the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in implementation of the Grizzle-Figg Bill, as it relates to wastewater treatment.

H.2.3.2 Clearwater shall continue to monitor and update the interlocal agreement with Safety Harbor to provide for continued availability of capacity for sewage treatment.

H.2.4 Objective - The City shall maintain State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) potable water standards.

Policies

H.2.4.1 Clearwater shall continue to coordinate with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) in matters pertaining to consumptive use, wellfield mapping, the wellfield Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) and water conservation as identified in the SWFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan.

H.2.4.2 Clearwater shall continue coordination, through interlocal agreement and subsequent amendments, and participation with Pinellas County, to assure continued potable water delivery to retail users.

H.2.5 Objective - Clearwater shall continue to participate in countywide solid waste management programs to increase the volume of recycled materials.

Policies

H.2.5.1 Clearwater shall continue as a user of the County resource recovery facility.

H.2.5.2 The City shall continue to support the Household Chemical Collection Program in conjunction with Pinellas County.

H.2.5.3 Clearwater shall actively support efforts to increase recycling and reduce the solid waste stream by appropriate target amounts, consistent with applicable State law.

H.2.6 Objective - Clearwater shall participate on a technical and a policy level in the preparation, planning, funding, coordination, and implementation of a master stormwater management plan with other governmental entities, SWFWMD, State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and other affected parties.

Policies

H.2.6.1 The Engineering Department shall continue to coordinate and oversee preparation of stormwater management plans.

H.2.6.2 Clearwater shall participate in interlocal agreements to implement and fund stormwater management plan improvements.

H.2.6.3 The Engineering Department shall prepare, monitor, and update watershed plans and coordinate with other jurisdictions.

H.2.6.4 The City shall continue to support the efforts of SWFWMD, under the Surface Water Improvement (SWIM) program, to upgrade the water of Tampa Bay.

H.2.6.5 The City supports the efforts of the County and adjacent local governments to maintain and upgrade the condition of Clearwater Harbor.

H.2.7 Objective - Clearwater shall coordinate with Pinellas County's Department of Environmental Management and with the Department of Environmental Protection to upgrade and maintain air quality.

Policies

H.2.7.1 Clearwater shall cooperate in air quality monitoring and modeling efforts of the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management (D.E.M.).

H.2.7.2 Clearwater shall continue and seek to expand, as necessary, joint use agreements for recreational facilities with the Pinellas County School Board and other recreation facility providers.

H.3 GOAL - THE CITY SEEKS TO COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF URBAN SERVICES AND ANNEX ALL OF THE PROPERTY IN ITS WATER SERVICE AREA, TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATION OF LAND USE AND UTILITY SERVICE DEMANDS, AND TO ENCOURAGE AN ORDERLY PATTERN OF URBAN GROWTH AND SERVICES, AND SHALL WORK WITH OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO AMEND STATE LAWS WHICH UNDULY RESTRICT ANNEXATION.

H.3.1 Objective - the City shall continue to work with the PPC, the State, and the County in the orderly annexation of the City's existing enclaves.

Policies

H.3.1.1 The City shall continue to implement the existing interlocal agreement with the County for the exercise of planning authority relating to County enclaves and other adjacent areas for possible future voluntary annexation.

H.3.1.2 The City shall specifically examine proposed land use plans of local governments adjacent to its boundaries and determine where any inconsistencies exist.

H.3.1.3 The City will continue to support the efforts of the Pinellas Planning Council and Pinellas County to coordinate land use categories on the countywide and municipal plans to achieve a compatible system of land use categories.

H.3.1.4 The City shall be strategic and proactive in pursuing the annexation of enclaves as well as other unincorporated areas within the Clearwater Planning Area.

H.3.1.5 In order to better protect surface water and groundwater resources, the City will seek to enter into negotiations with Pinellas County in an effort to eliminate the

issuance of septic system permits in areas served by the City of Clearwater sewer system.

H.3.1.6 The City will pursue an interlocal agreement with Pinellas County to formalize the written policy for provision of sanitary service that supports annexation as a means to obtain sewer service within the Clearwater Planning Area.

H.3.1.7 The City will pursue an interlocal agreement with Pinellas County that sets forth the timing of the transfer of maintenance responsibilities for streets and drainage facilities as a result of annexation.

H.4 GOAL - THE CITY SHALL MAINTAIN REGULAR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST THAT ARISE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND PLANS OF OTHER AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS.

H.4.1 Objective - To identify and coordinate the effects of special districts in Pinellas County with the Comprehensive Plan.

Policies

H.4.1.1 The City will review the plans and independent special district facility reports of the Pinellas County Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), and the SWFWMD, and identify and resolve conflicts with the City's comprehensive plan, including concurrency related items.

H.4.1.2 The City will coordinate with PSTA, and SWFWMD, to resolve issues in Policy H.4.1.1.

H.4.1.3 The City will consider amending its comprehensive plan based upon the review of plans and discussions identified in Policy H.4.1.2.

H.4.2 Objective - Identify and describe joint processes for collaborative planning on population projections, facilities subject to concurrency, facilities with countywide significance, and problematic uses.

Policies

H.4.2.1 The City will coordinate, through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the transportation needs of the City with the needs of the remainder of the county and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

H.4.2.2 The City will continue to coordinate with the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners staff for the provision of countywide facilities, including but not limited to, solid waste disposal, the St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, and the Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center.

H.4.2.3 The City will continue to coordinate with the MPO and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority staffs for the provision of bridges, major transportation facilities, and mass transit.

- H.4.2.4 The City will forward notice of proposed future land use plan policies related to hurricane shelters and evacuation routes, as well as map amendments resulting in an increase in population within coastal high hazard areas, to the TBRPC and the Pinellas County Emergency Management Department to determine hurricane shelter space and the effect of increased evacuation clearance times and routes.
- H.4.2.5 The City will coordinate with the Pinellas County Planning Department in order to develop countywide population projections that include expected growth shown in the comprehensive plan for the community.
- H.4.2.6 The City will review the draft population projections and consider using them in the comprehensive plan.
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H.4.3 Objective - Bring intergovernmental disputes to closure in a timely manner through the use of voluntary dispute resolution processes.

Policies

- H.4.3.1 The City will utilize the existing countywide planning process, as appropriate, to resolve local government future land use plan disputes, as well as other planning related intergovernmental disputes.
- H.4.3.2 The City will utilize the TBRPC's role as a mediator and conciliator as outlined in the, F.A.C., to reconcile differences on planning and growth management issues.