

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

The purpose of this plan element is to establish strategies for the process and procedure for coordination of growth and development issues with adjacent local governments, regional, and state agencies.

GOAL 7A: COORDINATE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING EFFORTS, PROMOTE CONSISTENCY AMONG LAND USES, AND PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AMONG GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

OBJECTIVE 7.1: Coordinate the development and implementation of county planning documents with the plans of other units of local, regional and state governments providing services, but not having regulatory authority, over the use of land through formal and informal means of intergovernmental cooperation.

Policy 7.1.1: The County shall submit proposed Future Land Use Map amendments to adjacent municipalities or counties which have requested notification in writing to the Planning Official during the transmittal process of such amendment.

Policy 7.1.2: The County shall request that a representative of a municipality considering annexation provide a report to the County prior to annexation which addresses joint planning issues including:

- (a) Land use compatibility;
- (b) Impacts on transportation infrastructure systems;
- (c) Ownership/maintenance of roadways contiguous to the annexation, and;
- (d) Character of the area to be annexed as described in Florida Statute 171.043.

Policy 7.1.3: The County shall maintain the existing Public Schools Interlocal Agreement between the School Board and other local governments in the County as required by Section 163.31777, Florida Statutes, and make amendments to this agreement in order to enhance coordination between the School Board and local governments.

- (a) The County shall continue to implement the *Gadsden County Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning* providing for coordination and evaluation of development applications and the coordinating and sharing of information including a collaborative planning and decision making process on population projections and public school site selection.
- (b) The County shall review and provide comment to the School Board, within forty-five days of receipt, regarding the consistency of the Gadsden County School Board Five Year District Facilities Work Plan with the Comprehensive Plan, whether a comprehensive plan amendment will be necessary for any proposed

public school facility and whether the County supports the necessary comprehensive plan amendment.

- (c) Prior to April 15th and November 15th of each year, the School Siting Interlocal Agreement Committee shall conduct a publicly advertised meeting to: hear reports, discuss policy, set direction and reach understandings concerning issues of mutual concern. The Committee will also serve as the Oversight Committee responsible for reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the *Gadsden County Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning*.
- (d) Prior to April 15th of each year, a staff working group meeting shall be scheduled to discuss public school related provisions, including:
 - 1. Potential amendments to established levels of service,
 - 2. Potential amendments to the concurrency service area(s), and
 - 3. Any necessary updates as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

Policy 7.1.4: Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, the County shall collaborate and coordinate with the Gadsden County School Board and other municipal governments by conducting the following activities:

- (a) Provide a report to the School Board on growth and development trends, which will include information on issues that may have an impact on school facilities and student enrollment such as future land use map amendments, which increase residential densities, and residential building permits issued during the preceding year with the locations, by November 1st of each year.
- (b) Review and provide comment to the School Board regarding the consistency of the Tentative District Education Facilities Plan with the Comprehensive Plan and determine whether a comprehensive plan amendment is necessary for any proposed public school facilities, and whether a comprehensive plan is supported by County staff.
- (c) Review a draft of the Educational Plant Survey, as submitted by the School Board 45 days prior to adoption, and provide comment as to the consistency of the planned school facilities with the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan.
- (d) If feasible, the County and the School Board shall notify each other in writing at least sixty (60) days before either party contracts to purchase property or accepts property in order to determine if the subject property may be suitable for shared use.
- (e) The County shall include, as a member of the Planning Commission, a nonvoting or voting representative appointed by the School Board. The representative shall attend and may provide comment at those meetings where a comprehensive

plan amendment, residential site plan or residential subdivision that may increase residential density or the use of public lands are on the agenda.

- (f) The member from the Gadsden County School Board shall provide comments regarding proposed plan amendments to the Planning Official at least 10 days prior to the Local Planning Agency's public hearing.

Policy 7.1.5: County staff, as members of the Gadsden County Development Council, shall coordinate economic development plans and efforts with the Department of Economic Opportunity, Opportunity Florida, Enterprise Florida, and other state and non-profit economic development and attraction agencies for the promotion of the economic vitality of Gadsden County and the region.

Policy 7.1.6: The County shall use the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other units of government, as pursuant to §186.509, Florida Statute.

Policy 7.1.7: Disputes between the Gadsden County School Board and the County concerning the Interlocal Agreement for Public Schools Facility Planning shall be resolved in accordance with governmental conflict resolution procedures specified in Chapter 164 or Chapter 186, Florida Statutes.

Policy 7.1.8: The Gadsden County Planning Division shall participate in updates to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Policy 7.1.9: Gadsden County shall encourage the use of joint planning area agreements with other local governments to create a mechanism for formal exchange of information and data including, but not limited to, comprehensive plan amendment review, rezoning requests, annexations, demographic projections, and regulatory changes that impact the County and at least one other local government.

Policy 7.1.10: Pursuant to §333.03, Florida Statutes, Gadsden County shall work with the Quincy Municipal Airport through an interlocal agreement or joint planning agreement regarding airport zoning regulations at such time any established airport hazard zone lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County.

Policy 7.1.11: Gadsden County shall work with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and the cities of Chattahoochee, Gretna, Greensboro, Havana, Midway, and Quincy to develop coordination mechanisms to address inter-jurisdictional comprehensive planning issues as they pertain to the siting of facilities of countywide significance.

GOAL 7B: COORDINATE THE REVIEW OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITHIN GADSDEN COUNTY.

OBJECTIVE 7.2: Share information regarding proposed developments and infrastructure improvements with adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy 7.2.1: The County shall notify and request comments from any local governing body that is located within one mile of a proposed development which plans twenty (20) residential dwelling units or greater, or non-residential development that plans 5,000 square feet or more of heated and cooled space, at least ten working days prior to any public hearing that is scheduled regarding such development.

Policy 7.2.2: The County shall coordinate with municipalities on issues regarding water supply and proposed infrastructure improvements.

Policy 7.2.3: The County shall request level of service analysis from any city providing potable water and/or sanitary sewer services, or any cooperative providing potable water and sanitary sewer services for any proposed development meeting the thresholds as described in Policy 7.2.1 above.

Policy 7.2.4: The County shall request level of service analysis from any service provider, whether public, private, or public and private ownership, if such provider may supply services to a proposed development that is being considered for a comprehensive plan Future Land Use Map amendment.

OBJECTIVE 7.3: Coordinate levels of service established in this Plan with state, regional or local authorities having operational, maintenance, or regulatory authority over public facilities.

Policy 7.3.1: The County shall coordinate levels of service established in this Plan with state, regional, or local governments through interlocal agreements, contract, permit conditions, or other similar measures.

Policy 7.3.2: Gadsden County shall coordinate the adoption & implementation of its levels of service standards with the following agencies:

- (a) Roadways – Florida Department of Transportation, CRTPA;
- (b) Potable water – DEP, North West Florida Water Management District;
- (c) Sanitary sewer – Gadsden County Health Department;
- (d) Drainage/stormwater – DEP, Florida Department of Transportation;
- (e) Recreation – Gadsden County Schools, local municipalities; and
- (f) Public School Facilities – Gadsden County Schools.

Policy 7.3.3: The County shall coordinate with regulatory or jurisdictional agencies on the issuance of permits, and on the provision of services and information. At a minimum, the County shall require the following permits, when applicable, prior to issuing its development approval:

- (a) FDOT Drainage Connection Permit;

- (b) FDOT Vehicular Connection Permit;
- (c) DEP Stormwater Permit; and
- (d) DEP Dredge and Fill Permit.

Policy 7.3.4: The County shall work with the FDOT during the development review process to determine the potential impacts of proposed development to access management along state-owned roads.

GOAL 7C: COORDINATE WITH OTHER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PERSONAL LIFE AND PROPERTY.

OBJECTIVE 7.4: Work with other agencies and governments to preserve significant natural resources of Gadsden County.

Policy 7.4.1: The County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, Leon County, the Cities of Midway, Chattahoochee, Gretna, Havana Quincy and Greensboro as applicable, regarding the protection of the water quality of the Little River, Ochlockonee River, Telogia Creek, Lake Talquin, and Apalachicola River drainage basins.

Policy 7.4.2: The County shall establish stream-side protection zones to restrict high concentrations of on-site sewage treatment systems with the intent to protect surface water quality for those water bodies listed in Policy 7.4.1. The County shall work with the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection to provide accurate data to analyze the creation of the boundaries of such zones.

OBJECTIVE 7.5: Coordinate the protection of human life and personal property from natural hazards.

Policy 7.5.1: Staff coordination with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council on hurricane evacuation issues shall continue as deemed necessary. The Planning Division shall maintain an updated map of the hurricane evacuation routes located within Gadsden County.

Policy 7.5.2: The County shall coordinate with the municipalities and adjacent counties to ensure an effective implementation of the County's Emergency Management Plans.