

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

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GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & POLICIES

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GOAL 6.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Establish effective coordination measures among pertinent public and quasi-public entities to best maintain port St. Lucie's quality of life and efficient use of resources.

Objective 6.1.1.	**FORMAL COORDINATION** The City shall establish formal, specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities, state, and federal agencies who have permitting and regulating authority, and quasi-public entities that provide services but lack regulatory authority in Port St. Lucie.

Policy 6.1.1.1. The City shall notify St. Lucie and Martin counties in writing (distribution of agendas of the Planning and Zoning Board) of all applications for comprehensive plan land use amendments that are near their borders.

Policy 6.1.1.2. The City shall establish liaisons between State regulatory agencies and the City.

Policy 6.1.1.3. The City Manager shall be responsible for assuring an effective intergovernmental coordination program for Port St. Lucie.

Policy 6.1.1.4. The City shall continue participation in the Treasure Coast Council of Governments which provides a regular formal forum in which to deal with issues unique to Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Indian River counties, and the municipalities therein.

Policy 6.1.1.5. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) shall play an active role on issues between the City and St. Lucie County, and between federal and state agencies.

Policy 6.1.1.6. The City shall notify appropriate agencies for their assistance and/or inclusion regarding decisions which involve their agencies.

Policy 6.1.1.7. The City shall continue coordination of future annexations with St. Lucie County in accordance with the Joint Planning Agreement.

Policy 6.1.1.8. The City should review the need to adopt interlocal agreements or formal agreements within one year of adoption of the amended intergovernmental coordination element to address joint processes.

Policy 6.1.1.9. The City should continue to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Community Block Development Grants and Neighborhood Stabilization Programs to protect and maintain Port St. Lucie neighborhoods.

Policy 6.1.1.10. The City should continue to coordinate the impacts of development and management of the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon, Savannas Preserve State Park, and other natural resources with the South

Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other relevant agencies.

Policy 6.1.1.11. The City should continue to coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District on implementation of the 2026 Northern Everglades Watershed Protection Plan, the 2023 Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan, and the 2022 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration (CERP)/IRL South Plan.

Policy 6.1.1.12. The City should cooperate with and assist the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Commission in the implementation of protective and recovery programs for listed species.

Policy 6.1.1.13. The City should continue to coordinate bicycle, pedestrian and transit planning with St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce, the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, Martin County and the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization on the 2050 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and the St. Lucie County Transit Development Plan.

Policy 6.1.1.14. The City should continue to participate on the St. Lucie County TPO Technical Advisory Committee to improve coordination of multimodal transportation improvements with St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce, FDOT, USDOT and other relevant agencies.

Policy 6.1.1.15. The City should continue to support the activities of the Economic Development Council, the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida Research Coast in economic development activities and implementation of economic development programs.

Policy 6.1.1.16. The City should continue to coordinate with the St. Lucie County's Tourist Development Council (TDC) to promote tourism including eco-tourism in Port St. Lucie.

Policy 6.1.1.17. The City should establish joint processes for siting facilities of County-wide significance including locally unwanted land use.

Policy 6.1.1.18. The City shall coordinate with the County to develop and adopt a joint planning agreement, guided by the Planning and Infrastructure Study, to guide development in the unincorporated area.

Objective 6.1.2.	**LEVEL OF SERVICE** The City shall establish the means of coordinating all levels of service standards for public facilities with state, regional, county, and municipal governments having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Policy 6.1.2.1. The City shall establish planning forums to coordinate programs on infrastructure development and improvement to maintain adopted levels of service standards.

Policy 6.1.2.2. Through the concurrency management system coordinate the timing, location, and capacity of public facilities to assure that required services will be available when needed and designate needed improvements within the Capital Improvements Element of this plan.

Policy 6.1.2.3. The City shall consider using the TCRPC in informal mediation when level of service issues and other intergovernmental issue problems arise between the City and County.

Policy 6.1.2.4. The City shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), local municipalities and other appropriate agencies regarding water conservation, water supply planning and alternative water supply planning efforts.

Policy 6.1.2.5. The City should continue to review transportation service volumes and levels of service as they relate to State roads, and coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation relative to State level of service standards.

Policy 6.1.2.6. The City should coordinate with the public facility providers on population and the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency.

Objective 6.1.3.	**PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATION** The City shall ensure coordination of all Planning and Zoning related activities with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, and other units of local government, such as the School Board, providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land.

Policy 6.1.3.1. The City should continue to coordinate with St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce and Martin County to receive and review copies of all proposed comprehensive plans or plan amendments or other development proposals that are adjacent to the City's boundaries.

Policy 6.1.3.2. The City shall request in writing, as needed, that St. Lucie County School Board, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), and Florida Power and Light (FPL) provide expertise from their various disciplines into Planning and Zoning related activities.

Policy 6.1.3.3. The City shall, in conjunction with other affected parties, evaluate existing interlocal agreements when the Capital Improvements Element is undergoing annual review to determine if current funding is proportional to services rendered.

Objective 6.1.4.	**IMPACT ASSESSMENT** The City should continue an intergovernmental coordination process to ensure full consideration is given to the impacts of developments proposed in the City Comprehensive Plan on other governmental entities.

Policy 6.1.4.1. The City shall adopt interlocal agreements with the affected municipalities and agencies to coordinate the management of the St. Lucie River, Intracoastal Waterway, Indian River Lagoon, and The Savannas.

Policy 6.1.4.2. The City shall, through informal or formal meetings, 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.

Objective 6.1.5.	**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENCY** The City should ensure coordination for the purpose of maintaining concurrency for public school facilities.

Policy 6.1.5.1. The City shall in conjunction with the St. Lucie County School Board implement the Public School Facilities Element and interlocal agreement for public schools' facility planning.

Policy 6.1.5.2. The City shall maintain an interlocal agreement with the School Board to ensure coordination of the City's Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the School Board and describe the joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making, including population projections, school siting, and the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency.