
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

Goal 8

To provide accessible, effective and frequent intergovernmental coordination opportunities to achieve consistency among all government agencies that implement plans and programs which affect the City of Fort Pierce.

8.1 Objective:

The City shall maintain coordination with government agencies with planning and impact assessment duties that affect the City, as listed in Table 8-1; with other units of local government that provide services but have no regulatory authority over the use of land; and with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county and adjacent counties.

8.1.1 Policy:

The City shall maintain an active program of monitoring and communication with agencies operating under the provisions of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Act, Chapter 163 F.S.

8.1.2 Policy:

The City's Comprehensive Plan will be consistent with the State of Florida Comprehensive Plan, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Strategic Regional Policy Plan, St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, the Port of Ft. Pierce Master Plan, the Comprehensive Plans of adjacent local governments, the Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan, and applicable campus master plans pursuant to F.S. 1013.30.

8.1.3 Policy:

Administer community workshops and participate in the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process as mechanisms to provide an open forum for communication and coordination of programs involving the Comprehensive Plan, and to resolve conflicts with other local governments.

8.1.4 Policy:

The City of Fort Pierce shall coordinate with St. Lucie County and the Fort Pierce Utility Authority on matters of growth management, comprehensive planning, land development regulations, and provision of public services within proposed annexation areas as provided in the joint planning agreement.

8.1.5 Policy:

The City shall coordinate future annexations with St. Lucie County, St. Lucie Village, and Port St. Lucie.

8.1.6 Policy:

The City of Fort Pierce shall maintain coordination with local, county, state, and federal agencies regarding management of the Indian River Lagoon.

8.1.7 Policy:

The City shall pursue interlocal agreements, including Joint Planning Agreements with adjacent local governments and governmental agencies. Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Impacts of development on roadway level of service (LOS) standards;
- b. Pavement of unimproved roadways within and in the vicinity of existing and future development;
- c. Impacts of development on school capacity and school facilities planning;
- d. Creation of a new urban-district park within the utility service boundary (future annexation area);
- e. Needed infrastructure to support services provided by the St. Lucie County Fire District;
- f. Beach renourishment programs related to critically eroded areas of Fort Pierce's coastline;
- g. Preservation of historic resources of local, regional, and national significance;
- h. TCERDA Research Park;
- i. Western Annexation Lands;
- j. Co-location and/or joint use of public facilities; and
- k. Creation of alternative modes / multi-modal transportation systems.

8.1.8 Policy:

The City shall continue participation in the St. Lucie TPO technical advisory committee in order to improve coordination of transportation improvements with St. Lucie County, the FDOT and the USDOT.

8.1.9 Policy:

The City shall exchange information on all current development projects with St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie, and St. Lucie Village in order to anticipate impacts of development from other communities on the City of Fort Pierce.

8.1.10 Policy

The City shall continue to coordinate with and participate in the proceedings of: the St. Lucie County TPO, the treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), adjacent and service area jurisdictions, and other organizations to foster intergovernmental coordination, especially for planning and service delivery matters.

8.1.11 Policy:

The City will maintain a water supply facilities work plan that is coordinated with the SFWMD Upper East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan and St. Lucie County by updating the City work Plan within 18 months of an update to the regional water supply plan.

8.1.12 Policy:

The City will participate in the development of updates to the SFWMD water supply assessment and the regional water supply plan and in other water supply development related initiatives facilitated by the SFWMD affecting the City service area.

8.1.13 Policy:

The City shall determine whether there will be adequate water supplies to serve development within the service area prior to the issuance of any development order/approval for a site plan, subdivision plan, preliminary plat or functional equivalent.

8.1.14 Policy:

The City shall pursue cooperative efforts with SFWMD, St. Lucie County and other local jurisdictions in providing cost-effective options for augmenting the current potable water system with alternative water sources.

8.1.15 Policy:

The City shall continue to coordinate with the FPUA regarding any required expansion of water and wastewater treatment plants per Florida Statutes to meet demand through 2030.

8.1.16 Policy:

The City of Fort Pierce shall continue to coordinate with the TCRPC and FDOT to develop the potential rail passenger station within the City which is capable of serving as a regional hub for the potential Amtrak/Sun Rail expansion.

8.1.17 Policy:

By December 31, 2011 and annually thereafter, the City shall update Table 8-1 to verify the nature of relationships, update coordination mechanisms and identify potential improvements in the City's coordination efforts.

8.2 Objective:

Ensure that the impacts of development, proposed in the City's Comprehensive Plan, upon development in adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, the region and the State are addressed through coordination mechanisms.

8.2.1 Policy:

The review of development proposals shall include findings that indicate relationships of such proposed developments to the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments.

8.2.2 Policy:

The City shall utilize the following procedures to identify and implement joint planning areas (JPAs) for the purpose of addressing issues related to annexation and mutual infrastructure service areas:

1. Coordinate planning activities mandated by the various elements of the Fort

Pierce Comprehensive Plan with local governments, the School District of St. Lucie County, other governmental units providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region, and the state;

2. Use the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other local governments, when agreed to by all affected parties;
3. Work cooperatively with St. Lucie County to facilitate the annexation of unincorporated areas with consistent joint meetings or work groups, and other mechanisms;
4. Demographic and social-economic information and services shall be readily available for county, school board and municipal planning activities.

8.2.3 Policy:

The City shall utilize the following process when considering the location and extension of public facilities that are subject to concurrency and when siting facilities with countywide significance, including locally unwanted land uses such as solid waste disposal facilities that are established within a formal agreement between local, county and state governments and agencies:

1. The development review process which considers the future impact of a proposed development on the facilities and services provided by Fort Pierce and those of adjacent local governments, if any;
2. The goals, objectives and policies contained within the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments, when reviewing proposed site-specific map amendments to the Future Land Use map.
3. Joint processes such as participation in intergovernmental task forces.

8.3 Objective:

Special emphasis shall be placed on maintaining effective lines of communication with county, regional, and state agencies when setting LOS Standards and/or permitting requirements, and initiating maintenance and capital improvement projects located within the City of Fort Pierce.

8.3.1 Policy:

The City Manager or an appointed designee shall prepare and review the annual LOS monitoring report contained within the adopted concurrency management system. The purpose of this report is to provide affected entities with timely and accurate information in order to evaluate and coordinate levels-of-service.

8.3.2 Policy:

In situations where other public or private entities are providing a public facility or service such as roads, sewer, drainage, parks, or solid waste within the City, the City shall coordinate its adopted LOS standard with the applicable entity and within the financial parameters allowed by the Capital Improvement Element of this Plan.

- 8.3.3 Policy:
When preparing the annual update to the Capital Improvement Element, the City shall consult with the South Florida Water Management District and the Fort Pierce Utility Authority to ensure coordination and consistency between the regional water supply plan, the FPUA 10-Year Plan and the City's water supply capital improvement projects.
- 8.3.4 Policy:
Coordination with Federal, State, and County authorities shall continually be practiced and refined to ensure that the City receives a proportionate share of revenue allocations, facilities and service improvements.
- 8.3.5 Policy:
By December 31, 2011, the City shall review the effectiveness of its development review process and implement new policies and procedures that streamline the process and improve the coordination required between external permitting and regulatory agencies and the City.

8.4 Objective:

Continue coordination in the designation of new dredge spoil disposal sites located within the Fort Pierce City boundary with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), SFWMD, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Lucie County and the Florida Inland Navigational District.

- 8.4.1 Policy:
The City of Fort Pierce shall coordinate with St. Lucie County, Florida Inland Navigational District, the FDEP, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify and regulate all existing and future spoil dredge sites within the City's municipal boundary.
- 8.4.2 Policy:
The City shall resolve conflicts related to dredge spoil disposal sites with the public agencies referenced in Policy 8.4.1 through a dispute resolution process.

8.5 Objective:

Continue coordination with the St. Lucie County School District regarding concurrency requirements for public school facilities.

- 8.5.1 Policy:
The City of Fort Pierce shall implement the Public School Facilities Element and the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement for Public Schools Facility Planning - St. Lucie County, in conjunction with the St. Lucie County School Board. The Public School Facilities Element and the Interlocal Agreement state principles and guidelines 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 and population projections, school siting, and the local and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency.

Table 8-1 provides an inventory of Fort Pierce’s interagency relationships, the subject of coordination, and the overall effectiveness of coordination.

The following abbreviations are used in Table 8-1:

AE - Advise and Encourage

CA - City Agency

FN - Formal Notice

OA - Outside Agencies

TA - Technical Assistance

AP - Approval, Permit

FA – Formal Agreement

IN - Informal Notice

PM - Periodic Meetings to Coordinate Programs

**TABLE 8-1
COORDINATING AGENCIES**

Agency	Subject of Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Fort Pierce Office Primary Responsibility For Coordination
ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES: Port St. Lucie St. Lucie Village	Land use Water service Wastewater treatment	AE, TA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning Department Engineering Department
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:					
Fort Pierce Housing Authority	Housing provision	PM	Board of Commissioners appointed by Mayor	Effective	Community Development
Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.	Transit services	AE	Informal Coordination	Effective	Community Development
St. Lucie County Erosion District	Erosion, beach, and coastal issues.	AE, TA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Engineering Department Public Works

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St. Lucie County Fire District	Fire protection Development review	TA	Existing Contract for Services	Effective	Planning Department
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)	Long range transportation planning	AE,AP,PM, TA	Technical Advisory Committee	Effective	Engineering Department Public Works Planning Department
St. Lucie County School District	Maintenance, facility planning, recreation opportunities	PM, TA, FN	Interlocal agreement for facilities planning, Existing contract for construction of portable classrooms and permanent schools	Effective	Planning Department
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement	FA	Interlocal agreement	Effective	City Manager
COUNTY AGENCIES:					
St. Lucie County Administration	Administrative duties	PM	Interlocal agreements	Effective	City Manager
St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners	Annexations Port Management	FN, IN	County Comprehensive Plan Joint Planning Agreement Port Master Plan	Effective	City Manager Planning Department

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St. Lucie County Department of Growth Management	Development of regional impact Land use plan Amendment, plats, annexations	AP	St. Lucie County Land Development Code, Comprehensive Plan	Effective	Planning Department
St. Lucie County Department of Environmental Resources	Natural area management and protection of native species	AP	Land Development Code	Effective	Engineering Department
St. Lucie County Engineering	Transportation Stormwater	AE, AP, PM, TA	Permitting, Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department Public Works
St. Lucie County Library	Library Services/Cultural programming	AE, PM	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
St. Lucie County Mosquito Control District	Impoundment Management	AE, TA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Engineering
St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation	Recreation facilities	FA, AE, TA	Interlocal agreement	Effective	Public Works
St. Lucie County Property Appraiser	GIS data Tax Revenues	PM, TA	Interlocal agreement	Effective	Finance Planning Department
St. Lucie County Public Safety	Emergency management	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
St. Lucie County Tax Collector	Ad valorem collection	OA	Interlocal agreement	Effective	Finance

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Agriculture, Bureau of Regulation and Enforcement	Various licenses	AP	Permitting	Effective	City Manager
Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning	Planning activities	AP, TA	Oversight of comprehensive plan, regulation of land development code	Effective	Planning Department
Community Affairs, Bureau of Emergency Management	Mutual Aid Agreement	OA, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Environmental Protection	Water quality Natural resource protection	AP	Permitting Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department Planning Department
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Conservation	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning Department
Florida Housing Finance Corporation	State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP)	AP	Interlocal agreement	Effective	Community Development
Florida Atlantic University	Education	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Health	Water resources, septic tank permitting, health inspections	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department Building Department
Indian River Community College	Education	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	City Manager

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Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	General planning Mediation	TA,AE,AP	Review of comprehensive plan, developments of regional impact	Effective	Planning Department
South Florida Water Management District	Stormwater management Wetlands Mitigation Water Use	TA,AE,AP	Water Well Permitting Wellhead protection Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
State, Division Of Historic Resources	Historic Lands & Buildings	TA/AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning Department
Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation planning	AE, AP, PM, TA	Informal coordination	Ineffective	Engineering Department Planning Department
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Department of Commerce, Census Bureau	Decennial census	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning Department
Department of Defense/ US Army Corps of Engineers	Cut and Fill (Wetland mitigation)	TA, AP	Permitting Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
Department of Environmental Protection Agency	Cut and Fill (Wetland mitigation)	TA, AP	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
Department of Homeland Security/ US Coast Guard	Public Safety/ Natural Resource Protection	IN	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager

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Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grant	AP	Oversight of CDBG grants	Effective	Community Development
Department of the Interior	Grant applications	AP,TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
U.S. Postal Service	Address development, mail delivery	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Department of Transportation	Transportation planning	AE, AP, PM, TA	Informal coordination	Ineffective	Engineering Department
REGULATED UTILITIES:					
AT&T	Telephone/Internet service Underground Utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
Comcast	Telephone /Television. Internet services Underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department

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Fort Pierce Utility Authority	Electric, water and sewer service, re-use/greywater irrigation	FA	Interlocal agreement	Effective	City Manager Engineering Department
Florida Power and Light Company	Underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Engineering Department
North St. Lucie Hospital District	Medical service	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager

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