

Goal: Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, provides authority for the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") to coordinate and enter into agreements with other governmental agencies for mutual benefit. To this end, the general goals of the Board relative to this element are: to establish procedures, principles, and guidelines to be used in the accomplishment of coordinating this Plan with the plans of cities, the School Board, special districts, adjacent counties, and other government agencies as considered necessary; to promote and further regional and State plans; to protect the public health, safety and welfare through mutual coordination and cooperation, and; to provide government facilities and services in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

Vision: We will create effective and efficient Bay County government that consolidates the provision of key public services in a manner most responsive to the needs and desires of the citizens.

General Strategy

The general strategy for intergovernmental coordination is to:

- Identify and establish "joint planning areas" for purposes of annexation and service delivery;
- Provide for participation by the cities in County affordable housing programs;
- Provide a standardized GIS map that can be used by all of the various government agencies;
- Promote the collaborative use of information, especially population projections;
- Coordinate with the Bay County School Board to ensure high quality public school facilities meet the needs of Bay County's existing and future population; and
- Establish procedures for siting facilities of countywide significance.

Objective 10.1: Identify and implement "joint planning areas" and/or "municipal overlays" between the County and the cities for purposes of annexation, municipal incorporation, and infrastructure services to reduce duplication of efforts and costs.

Policy 10.1.1: The County will take the lead role toward establishing "joint planning areas" and/or "municipal overlays" with the cities through interlocal agreements. These areas will govern which areas can be annexed and where services will be provided by the various cities.

Objective 10.2: Avoid costly litigation through use of informal or formal dispute resolution processes.

Policy 10.2.1: The County will avail itself of processes and procedures outlined in Chapter 70, F.S. as may be necessary and applicable to resolving disputes over real property rights.

Objective 10.3: Recognize "Campus Master Plans" prepared pursuant to section 240.155, Florida Statutes.

Policy 10.3.1: The County will coordinate closely with colleges and universities in furtherance of Campus Master Plans.

Objective 10.4: Provide for city participation in County affordable housing programs.

Policy 10.4.1: The County will make S.H.I.P. funds available for affordable housing programs in non-entitlement cities as specified by interlocal agreement(s).

Objective 10.5: Maintain a standardized GIS map of the County that will be used by the cities and any other interested parties as long as assets listed are not protected by U.S. Department of Homeland Security or FAC Chapter 62-555.350 (15).

Policy 10.5.1: The County will take the lead role toward the promotion of a standardized base map for all of Bay County which can be used by the cities, other government agencies, the School Board, and other map-users.

Objective 10.6: Establish joint processes for collaborative planning and decision-making on population projections and school siting.

Policy 10.6.1: The County will use the intergovernmental forum as the means for establishing standardized, county wide population projections.

Policy 10.6.2: The County will use the school siting policy of the Future Land Use Element to direct and guide the locations of new schools.

Policy 10.6.3: The County will include a representative of the School Board as a nonvoting member of the Planning Commission for purposes of reviewing and commenting upon applications for land use amendments and development orders.

Objective 10.7: Use the established "joint planning areas" concept to evaluate the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency.

Policy 10.7.1: The County will coordinate with service providers in the "joint planning areas" including mutual review of proposed development projects for concurrency purposes.

Objective 10.8: Coordinate the impact of development proposed in this Plan with the Plans of municipalities, adjacent counties, the region, and the State.

Policy 10.8.1: The County shall obtain copies of local comprehensive plans of the various cities, plans of adjacent counties, the strategic regional policy plan, and the State plan and shall comment on proposed plan amendments or EAR's as may be considered appropriate.

Policy 10.8.2: The County shall evaluate the compatibility and suitability of development allowed in the Plans of adjacent jurisdictions as part of the plan amendment review process.

Objective 10.9: The County shall maintain a roadway clearance time for hurricane evacuation of 24 hours for category 4-5 storms.

Policy 10.9.1: The County will coordinate with the State Division of Emergency Management (DEM) as specified in Section 252.36, Florida Statutes, toward implementation of the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

Objective 10.10: Collaborate and coordinate with the School Board of Bay County (School Board) to ensure high quality public school facilities which meet the needs of Bay County's existing and future population.

Policy 10.10.1: The County will implement the interlocal agreement with the school board, municipalities and adjacent counties (as needed) to provide for close coordination and for evaluation of development proposals. This coordination and evaluation will include:

- (1) Participate in an annual joint workshop for elected officials to address issues of mutual concern.
- (2) Coordinate growth projections and school enrollment, infrastructure reports, school site selection, amendments to provisions of the interlocal agreement and public school facilities element and annual reports through the staff working group.
- (3) Explore co-location opportunities and compatibility of land uses adjacent to existing schools and school sites.
- (4) Adopt Land Development Regulations that fulfill the requirements of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning and Concurrency and the Comprehensive Plan.
- (5) Consider School Board comments in land use decisions including available capacity and capacity improvements and issue a school concurrency determination only after the applicant has complied with the terms of the local government's Comprehensive Plan and land development regulations implementing school concurrency and appropriate mitigation.
- (6) Review and provide written comments on the financially feasible Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan and Educational Plant Survey.
- (7) Determine and provide a written report concerning Comprehensive Plan consistency, enumerating all conditions to be imposed and all applicable land development regulations for a school site plan submittal by the affected local government and addressing feasibility of school sites, availability of necessary infrastructure and collocation of other facilities.
- (8) Cooperate in Dispute Resolution Processes, as necessary.

Policy 10.10.2: General types of provisions that will be included in the inter-local agreement in order to advise the school board, adjacent counties, special taxing districts and municipalities of proposed developments which would impact their jurisdiction include:

- (1) Transmission of an annual memo from the Bay County Planning Department to the Bay District School Board. The School Board shall make this information available to the above agencies upon request.

- (2) Provision for a feedback process/information exchange so the above entities can inform the Planning Department of any potential adverse impact(s) from proposed developments and/or conflicting planning activities through the City/County/School Board Working Group, and the Local Planning Agency as well as through public meetings with notices published in the weekly paper.

Objective 10.11: Joint Planning Processes. Bay County shall strive to maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public education facilities for planning and decision-making.

Policy 10.11.1: Bay County shall establish new coordination mechanisms as necessary to evaluate and address its comprehensive plan and programs and their effects on the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments, school board, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over use of land, and the State, through the use of joint meetings or other types of forums with other agencies.

Policy 10.11.2: On an annual basis, the School Board shall provide to the County information from their five-year Capital Facilities Plan to determine the need for additional school facilities. The 5-year Capital Facilities Plan shall contain information detailing existing facilities and their locations and projected needs. The report shall also contain the School Board's capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding representing the district's unmet needs.

Policy 10.11.3: In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within Bay County, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners, the Bay County School Board, and the municipalities shall meet jointly to develop mechanisms for coordination. Such efforts may include:

- (1) Coordinated submittal and review of the annual capital improvement program of Bay County, the annual educational facilities report and Five-year School Plan Survey of the Bay County School Board.
- (2) Coordinated review and assessment of the associated costs and expenditures of siting and developing schools with needed public infrastructure.
- (3) Coordinated review of residential planned developments or mixed use planned developments involving residential development.
- (4) Use of a unified database including population (forecasts of student population), land use and facilities.
- (5) Use of a Parks/Schools Planning Group (with representative from each of the entities) to review coordinated siting of schools with parks for multi-functional use. Directives resulting from the joint meeting shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations, and other appropriate mechanisms as deemed necessary.

Use of the Staff Working Group for school siting, changes and updates to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations and other purposes as needed.