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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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**Goal 8.1:** Establish effective coordination measures among all pertinent public and quasi-public entities to best maintain St. Lucie County's quality of life and efficient use of resources.

**Objective 8.1.1:** St. Lucie County shall establish specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities; with local, State, and Federal agencies that have permitting and regulating authority; and with quasi-public entities which provide services but lack regulatory authority in St. Lucie County; with County volunteer groups; and with interested residents who have notified the County of their interest.

**Policy 8.1.1.1** - Coordinate with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the cities of Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce to complete the implementation of the Western Lands Study.

**Policy 8.1.1.2** - Notify in writing the cities of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, and St. Lucie Village of all applications for rezoning and land use amendments which are contiguous to their borders or within an area of planned annexation.

**Policy 8.1.1.3** - Through the development review process, coordinate all development in the unincorporated County with local governments that are adjacent to or will be impacted by the development.

**Policy 8.1.1.4** - Coordinate requests for development orders or permits, as appropriate, with adjacent counties, special districts, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the South Florida Water Management District and state and federal agencies.

**Policy 8.1.1.5** - Charge County Administration with continuing responsibility for developing and enforcing an effective intergovernmental coordination program for St. Lucie County.

**Policy 8.1.1.6** - Support the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments to provide a regular formal forum in which to deal with issues unique to Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties.

**Policy 8.1.1.7** - Continue cooperative education programs between the County and regulatory agencies to inform the public and development community about applicable laws and regulations.

**Policy 8.1.1.8** - Continue to review transportation service volumes and Levels of Service as they relate to State roads, and coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) relative to State level of service standards.

**Policy 8.1.1.9** - Coordinate with communities within the unincorporated area as they explore the impacts of incorporation.

**Policy 8.1.1.10** - Continue working with the municipalities on an ongoing basis for the evaluation of future development applications as well as for the adequate and cost effective provision of public services.

**Policy 8.1.1.11** - The County shall continue to implement a joint planning agreement with the City of Fort Pierce on coordination of the city's annexation plans.

**Policy 8.1.1.12** - Ensure that new development is in harmony with the physical, economic, and social development policies and goals of the adopted Treasure Coast Regional Policy Plan.

**Policy 8.1.1.13** - The County shall 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 protected and endangered listed species.

**Policy 8.1.1.14** - The County shall support and, when appropriate, assist the conservation efforts of public and private organizations which protect and promote the protection of marine turtles and turtle nesting habitat.

**Policy 8.1.1.15** - The County shall cooperate with the South Florida Water Management District to conserve water resources in emergencies and during declared water shortages.

**Policy 8.1.1.16** - The County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), local municipalities and other appropriate agencies in alternative water supply planning efforts.

**Policy 8.1.1.17** - St. Lucie County shall cooperate with the FDEP and other applicable agencies in their management programs that provide for the protection of native habitats within the County.

**Policy 8.1.1.18** In cooperation with the Economic Development Council and the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce, assist in implementation of the revised Vision for St. Lucie County.

**Policy 8.1.1.19** - Encourage and support research and development opportunities and public facilities related to campus master plans with educational providers to encourage and enhance clustering of targeted industries.

**Policy 8.1.1.20** - The County shall continue to work with other units of local government to provide for the reciprocal use of recreation, school and other facilities.

**Policy 8.1.1.21** - St. Lucie County shall continue, with the assistance of the State of Florida and the St. Lucie County Historical Commission, to identify significant historic resources within the unincorporated areas which are in need of protection and develop management and restoration plans as appropriate.

**Policy 8.1.1.22** - The County shall coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers on maintaining authorized channel depth.

**Policy 8.1.1.23** - The County shall coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie Village and the St. Lucie School Board to ensure compatibility of land uses adjacent to the Airport and consistency with the Airport Master Plan.

**Objective 8.1.2:** The County shall coordinate the revision of Level of Service Standards for public facilities with any State, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities; and coordinate on the provision of public facility improvements with the capital facility plans of any other governmental entity providing public facilities within St. Lucie County.

**Policy 8.1.2.1** - Concurrency Management procedures, as outlined in the Capital Improvements Element, will continue to be implemented to ensure that required services will be available when needed.

**Policy 8.1.2.2** - Use the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for informal mediation when conflicts with other local governments do not appear as if they would be otherwise resolved.

**Policy 8.1.2.3** - Coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, and Martin County and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to implement and revise the Go2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Policy 8.1.2.4** - Coordinate with City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, Martin County and the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization on the Regional Transit Development Plan for the Port St. Lucie Urbanized Area.

**Policy 8.1.2.5** - The County shall coordinate with pertinent State and regional agencies to identify natural area greenways and wildlife corridors to link existing public parks, preserve areas and similar public areas for conservation and habitat preservation purposes.

**Policy 8.1.2.6** - The County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to connect small package plants to central water and sewer services.

**Policy 8.1.2.7** - Continue to coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District on implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration (CERP)/IRL South Plan and Indian River Lagoon Surface Water Improvement Program (IRL SWIM) Plan.

**Policy 8.1.2.8** - The County shall monitor and review campus master plans, particularly with regard to their probable effects on public facilities.

**Policy 8.1.2.9** - The County shall coordinate with the St. Lucie County Fire District on development of level of service standards for construction of fire facilities to accommodate existing and future development.

**Objective 8.1.3:** The Planning and Development Services Director shall continue to be responsible for coordination of County activities with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, St. Lucie County, the 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 8.1.3.1** - Continue to receive and review copies of all proposed plan or rezoning amendments for areas adjacent to St. Lucie County boundaries.

**Policy 8.1.3.2** - Continue to request liaisons regarding proposed plan or rezoning amendments with the St. Lucie County School Board, St. Lucie County Fire District, South Florida Water Management District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Florida Power and Light, and adjacent local governments.

**Policy 8.1.3.3** - In conjunction with other affected parties, including interested public groups, continue to evaluate existing interlocal agreements when the Capital Improvements Element is undergoing annual review to determine if current funding is proportional to services rendered.

**Policy 8.1.3.4** - Continue to coordinate closely with the School Board on the location of future school locations in relation to the projected population and land use.

**Policy 8.1.3.5** - Continue to support joint use agreements between the County and the School District.

**Policy 8.1.3.6** - St. Lucie County in conjunction with the St. Lucie County School District shall implement the Public School Facilities Element and interlocal agreement for public schools facility planning. The Public School Facilities Element and the interlocal agreement state principles and guidelines to ensure coordination of the County'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.

**Objective 8.1.4:** The County, through County Administration, shall continue intergovernmental coordination procedures to ensure full consideration is given to the impacts of developments proposed in the County Comprehensive Plan on other governmental entities and vice versa.

**Policy 8.1.4.1** - Continue to coordinate the impacts of development and management of the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon (including the Intracoastal Waterway), Savannas, 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 8.1.4.2** - 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.

**Policy 8.1.4.3** - Agree to abide by regulations of the municipalities when developing within their corporate limits.

**Objective 8.1.5:** Update as needed planned port activities and development in coordination with the City of Fort Pierce, the Florida Inland Navigation District and the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development.

**Policy 8.1.5.1** - The Board of County Commissioners shall continue to coordinate with relevant governmental entities, and interested public groups to resolve problems related, but not limited to, transportation, development and land use, natural and man-made hazards and disasters, and protection of natural resources at the port.

**Objective 8.1.6:** Ensure coordination in the designation of new dredge spoil sites located within the County's jurisdiction.

**Policy 8.1.6.1** - Coordinate with the Florida Inland Navigational District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Fort Pierce and other relevant agencies to identify and regulate all existing and future spoil dredge sites within the County.

**Policy 8.1.6.2** - Resolve conflicts related to dredge spoil sites through a dispute resolution process.

**Objective 8.1.7:** The County shall strive to increase community resiliency through continued coordination and cooperation.

**Policy 8.1.7.1** – St. Lucie County shall coordinate with municipalities, neighboring counties, regional, State, and federal government agencies, universities, not-for-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations and private organizations to coordinate the updating and analyzing data regarding vulnerability and storm impacts, and to exchange data and develop coordinated strategies to address energy conservation and mitigation and adaptation strategies.

**Policy 8.1.7.2** – St. Lucie County shall continue to support public education and outreach programs addressing issues including but not limited to: energy efficiency; water conservation; solid waste reduction and recycling; native landscaping; air quality; greenhouse gas reduction; and adaptation and response planning.

**Policy 8.1.7.3** – The County shall coordinate with regional agencies in the identification of modeling resources and development of adaptation strategies.

**Policy 8.1.7.4** – The County shall encourage partnerships between local government agencies, universities, professionals and practitioners to foster an environment for connecting scientific research and education with practical applications that will contribute to the resiliency and adaptation within the built and natural environments.