

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Goal: To promote and maximize Wakulla County Government and its municipalities and neighboring local governments' efficiency effectiveness and coordination through the identification and provision of practices for resolving incompatible policy within the County's comprehensive plan, and with the plans of other governmental entities.

Objective 1.0: To enter into interlocal agreements with the cities in the County, the adjoining counties, the region and the Wakulla County School Board for the purpose of maximizing governmental efficiency.

Policy 1.1: The County shall coordinate planning activities mandated by the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan with other local governments, the Wakulla County School Board, other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region and the State. Coordination shall include, but is not limited to mutual review of comprehensive and/or functions plans (including proposed plan revisions and amendments), mutual review of land development proposals, mutual review of infrastructure improvement plans, coordination of established level of service standards for facilities located in the County but not under the funding and management control of the County, and mutual review of environmental management control of the County, and mutual review of environmental management activities for those areas and resources located along or near common borders.

Policy 1.2: The Planning and Community Development Department shall resolve conflicts with other local governments through the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process.

Policy 1.3: The Planning and Community Development Department shall create procedures for resolving annexation issues. Such procedures shall include, but are not limited to, evaluation of financial, infrastructure, land use, and environmental impacts of proposed annexations and development proposed in conjunction with such annexations, and preparation of reports to the Board of County Commissioners, the regional planning council, and the relevant city. Based on such report, the Board of County Commissioners shall determine if it will oppose the proposed annexation through legal challenge or through the regional planning council's mediation process.

Policy 1.4: The Planning and Community Development Department shall review the relationship of proposed development of the area to the existing comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments. Such review shall include, but is not limited to, comparison of proposed land uses, density or intensity of use, infrastructure requirements, and environmental impacts with the relevant provisions of the plan of the adjoining local government, and shall report its findings to the Board of County Commissioners and to the planning agency of the adjoining local government.

Policy 1.5: The County shall, through the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, coordinate with adjacent local governments to conserve, appropriately use and protect unique vegetative communities located in more than one jurisdiction, and to manage bays, estuaries, and harbors that fall under the jurisdiction of more than one local government.

Policy 1.6: School Board planning involvement with the County shall be coordinated through the County Technical Review Committee (TRC) with a School Board representative or designee assigned as a regular member, reviewing all types of development applications and commenting on said TRC recommendations to the Wakulla County Planning Commission or Local Planning Agency, and the Board of County Commissioners, and shall include coordinated school site planning and facility collocation planning and development review as required by the school planning requirements of general law.

Policy 1.7: The County shall coordinate with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan as prepared by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

Policy 1.8: The County shall coordinate with adjacent local governments to address inconsistent land use practices according to the interlocal agreements between the local governments.

Objective 2.0: Implement, in conjunction with the County's municipalities, an interlocal Agreement with the School Board providing for close coordination and evaluation of development proposals and shall maintain and enhance joint process and procedures for coordination of public educational facilities for planning and decision-making.

Policy 2.1: On an annual basis, the County and municipalities shall ask the School Board to provide information from their 5-year District Educational Facilities Work Program and provide each year, a general education facilities report containing information detailing existing and projected facilities capacities, enrollments and their locations and projected needs. The report shall also contain the School Board's capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding to address the District's unmet needs. This report will be utilized in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement in relation to school siting and population projections.

Policy 2.2: The County shall investigate the feasibility of providing after-hours access to playground and library resources available at public schools.

Objective 3.0: To coordinate springs and karst protection policies and programs with Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, the Department of Community Affairs, the Northwest Florida Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ensure a consistent approach to springs, springshed, and aquifer protection by implementing Policies 3.1 and 3.2 below.

Policy 3.1: The County shall propose joint strategies for springs and karst protection to be implemented by all local governments within the designated springshed for Wakulla Springs and Spring Creek Springs. Proposed strategies shall be contained in an interlocal agreement that specifies responsibilities for land development regulation, stormwater management, and other matters that impact the springs and springshed.

Policy 3.2: The County shall propose joint strategies for protection of water resources through water supply planning, specifically addressing identification and use of alternative water sources.