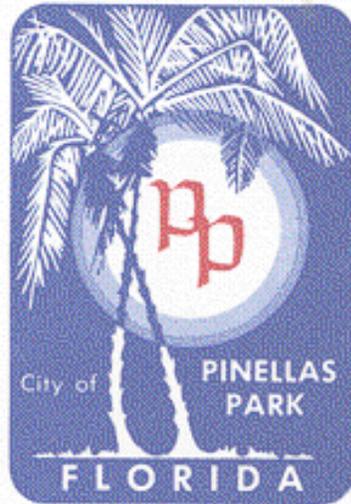


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INTRODUCTION

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

The Growth Policy; County and Municipal Planning, Land Development Regulation (Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes), establishes and requires municipalities to adopt a comprehensive plan and amend all or part of it for the purpose of guiding future development and growth. The State Land Planning Agency reviewed and recommended the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan by the Pinellas Park City Council. On November 9, 1989, the City Council adopted the Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan.

The City is required to evaluate its comprehensive plan once every seven years (Section 163.3191 F.S.) to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect the most current changes in state requirements. The City adopted the latest Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Comprehensive Plan on February 22, 2007. Amendments made to the Comprehensive Plan were adopted by Ordinance No. 3658 on June 11, 2009.

The Florida Community Renewal Act (SB 360), in 2009, designated local governments with an average of at least 1,000 people per square land mile as dense urban land areas (DULA). Legislation required DULA's to adopt a transportation concurrency exception area and transportation strategies to support and fund mobility within the designated areas. Pinellas Park met the requirement as a DULA, created a transportation concurrency exception area, and adopted subsequent transportation strategies by Ordinance 3735 on October 28, 2010.

The City is required to update its Water Element and related work plan every five years or within 18 months after the governing board of a water management district approves an updated water supply plan (Sec. 163.3177(6)(c)3). The Southwest Water Development District updated the Regional Water Supply Plan on July 26, 2011. The City adopted amendments to the Potable Water Element by Ordinance No. 3800 on April 26, 2012.

The Community Planning Act (HB 7207), in 2011, removed State mandated concurrency from schools, parks and recreation, and transportation. The City of Pinellas Park eliminated school concurrency by Ordinance No. 3818 on October 11, 2012. The removal of parks and recreation concurrency, transportation concurrency, and the establishment of a policy framework establishing a multi-modal management system approach for managing transportation impacts of development projects, was adopted by Ordinance No. 3970 on April 28, 2016 and are in accordance with the Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, Growth Policy; County and Municipal Planning; Land Development Regulation.

PURPOSE

Pinellas Park's Comprehensive Plan encompasses 13 elements which contain adopted goals, objectives, and policies.

1. Land Use
2. Transportation
3. Conservation and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge
4. Potable Water
5. Sanitary Sewer
6. Solid Waste
7. Stormwater Management
8. Housing
9. Parks, Recreation and Open Space
10. Public School Facilities
11. Intergovernmental Coordination
12. Capital Improvements
13. Citizen Participation

These statements form the heart of how the City will manage its growth. Included with these goals, objectives, and policies are several other tools including data referenced by policies, significant maps and the all-important Future Land Use Plan Map. Taken together, these form the adopted City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan.

The following definitions are appropriate:

A goal is a broad and general long range statement that bears upon the City's overall "quality of life."

Objectives are the "guideposts" to goals and are mid- to short-term, relatively specific, and quantitatively measurable.

Policies are most significant in that they are definitive statements of intent as to how objectives will be implemented that affect operations and immediate decisions.

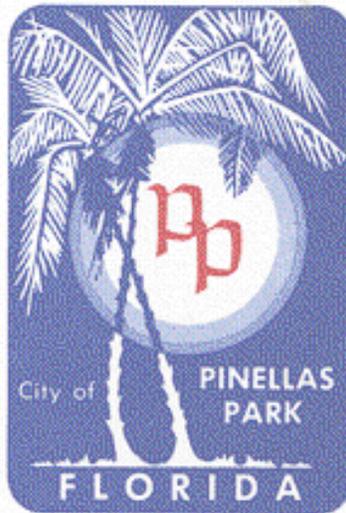
The strategies contained within the goals, objectives, and policies were developed through citizen participation in discussing the relevant issues affecting Pinellas Park's future in coordination with the City's staff research and analysis of past conditions. Right along with these policies are other important information, such as those projects the City will undertake to maintain the optimum levels of service, and land use standards for density and intensity.

While the goals, objectives, and policies provide the framework by which growth will be managed, there are other important data points which must be considered. First, the Capital Improvements Projects delineates those projects that are necessary to achieve or maintain level of service standards or to implement specific policies. These improvements are found in Appendix I. Second there is data that is referenced by specific policies, and these are shown in Appendix II. Third, the following maps depict the existing or anticipated conditions within the City of Pinellas Park relative to comprehensive planning. These maps are found in Appendix III.

- 2025 Functional Classification of roadways
- 2025 Lane Configuration of roadways
- 2025 Transit System
- 2025 Bicycle Facilities
- Hurricane Evacuation Routes
- Airport Clear Zones
- Airport Noise Contours
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Coastal Storm Area
- Wetland Resources
- Soils
- Drainage Basins
- Energy Conservation Areas
- Ancillary Facilities and Land Banked Sites in Pinellas County

Finally, the 2025 Future Land Use Plan Map is also a part of this adopted Comprehensive Plan, and is located in Appendix IV.

LAND USE ELEMENT



LAND USE

GOAL LU.1

Provide for the organization of land uses and development to meet the physical, social, and economic needs of the present and future population in a planned and orderly manner that will maintain or improve the quality of the natural and man-made environment.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.1

The Land Use Plan will provide land use categories that are appropriate to the natural environment, historic resources, topography and soil conditions, abutting properties, the availability of facilities and adopted levels of service.

POLICY LU.1.1.1

Standards of density and intensity, permitted uses, and other land use characteristics for all future land use categories are set forth in Appendix II to these Goals, Objectives and Policies and incorporated as part of this policy.

POLICY LU.1.1.2

Land use designations on the Future Land Use Map shall be compatible with adjacent and surrounding land uses.

POLICY LU.1.1.3

The City shall utilize for direction and guidance The Countywide Plan Rules developed by the Pinellas Planning Council to ensure development that is compatible and consistent with the comprehensive plans of abutting communities.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.2

The City shall continue to develop and enforce regulations that eliminate or reduce the number of existing uses that are inconsistent with the community's character and future land use.

POLICY LU.1.2.1

The City will discourage and reduce the number of nonconforming land uses in the community.

POLICY LU.1.2.2

The City shall continue to enforce regulations that will ensure compatibility of adjacent land uses.

POLICY LU.1.2.3

Existing land uses that are inconsistent with characteristics of the surrounding area shall be identified on a case by case basis or through the completion of specific studies.

POLICY LU.1.2.4

Through the development regulations, protection and buffering shall be provided for incompatible land uses that abut each other.

POLICY LU.1.2.5

The City shall coordinate with the Pinellas County Airport Authority to ensure that new development is consistent with Federal Aviation Authority airspace clearance requirements for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

POLICY LU.1.2.6

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the Pinellas County Airport Authority and utilize the current Airport Noise Contours Map when reviewing new residential development to ensure that dwellings are not within the 65 decibel contour.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to implement future land use policies that restrict the proliferation of urban sprawl at a density that is not compatible with existing or planned support facilities.

POLICY LU.1.3.1

The City of Pinellas Park will continue to promote redevelopment and urban infill development that is compatible with and supports the integrity and viability of existing residential neighborhoods.

POLICY LU.1.3.2

A land use pattern and design standards that offer alternatives to the use of the automobile, maximize the efficiency of existing infrastructure, and minimize energy consumption shall be encouraged through coordination with the adopted MPO/PPC Long Range Transportation Plan.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.4

The City of Pinellas Park shall ensure through the Comprehensive Plan and *Land Development Code* availability of suitable land for public, semipublic, and utility facilities necessary to support proposed development.

POLICY LU.1.4.1

All land use designations shall permit as a use, all public infrastructure for transportation, roads, drainage, potable water, sewer, reclaimed water, telephone, electric or other like uses and may be subject to acreage thresholds.

POLICY LU.1.4.2

Public utility agencies are to be included in the review of development proposals.

POLICY LU.1.4.3

Avoid the vacation of public easements that affect the existing or future use of the public easement.

POLICY LU.1.4.4

When the vacation of a public easement necessitates the relocation of an existing utility and or granting of a new easement, the owner/applicant shall be responsible for providing a suitable alternate easement and/or relocating such public utility at the owner's/applicant's sole expense.

POLICY LU.1.4.5

The Land Use Plan shall provide for a variety of recreational facilities and open space that is spatially distributed throughout the City.

POLICY LU.1.4.6

Recreation facilities and open space uses will be located such that all such uses may be accessed from residential areas without crossing a roadway of six lanes or more.

POLICY LU.1.4.7

Existing parks should be expanded, or new parks should be created, in areas that have been identified as deficient in recreational space.

POLICY LU.1.4.8

Open space/recreational land use distribution should be consistent with and conform to the Parks and Recreation Goals, Objectives and Policies of the community.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.5

Review annually, and revise as needed, a Concurrency Management Ordinance to discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl and further the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Pinellas Park.

POLICY LU.1.5.1

Through implementation of the Concurrency Management System (CMS), the City will ensure that proposed development to be considered for approval shall be in conformance with existing and planned support facilities, (sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, and potable water), and that such facilities and services be available, at the adopted level of service standards, concurrent with the impacts of development.

POLICY LU.1.5.2

Through the annual development and adoption of the Concurrency Management Test Statement, the Community Planning Division will continuously assess the cumulative impact of development on the levels of service for which a level of service standard has been adopted and that are necessary to service new development.

POLICY LU.1.5.3

The City shall not issue a development order or permit that results in a reduction in the level of service for the affected public facilities below the adopted levels of service provided in the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY LU.1.5.4

The City shall not issue a development order or permit for a property which utility service is not available concurrent with the impacts of development.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.6

The City shall utilize the policies of the Capital Improvements Element to ensure application of local concurrency management requirements and maintenance of the adopted levels of service.

POLICY LU.1.6.1

The City will encourage contiguous development and the orderly extension and expansion of public facilities through the Capital Improvement Element.

POLICY LU.1.6.2

The City will provide the necessary range of public facilities and services to encourage infilling of vacant land.

POLICY LU.1.6.3

The City's Capital Improvement Element will address all facility improvements within the City's jurisdictional authority generated by development.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.7

Annually review, and amend as necessary, land use and development code provisions to comply with the most recent standards of the National Flood Insurance Program and all other applicable federal and state regulations, including any relevant findings derived from interagency hazard mitigation reports, in order to protect property and the health, safety, and welfare of all residents.

POLICY LU.1.7.1

The *Land Development Code* provisions regulating development or redevelopment in flood-prone areas shall be reviewed and amended as necessary should the criteria in the National Flood Insurance Program be modified.

POLICY LU.1.7.2

Future Land Use Map and Plan policies addressing elimination or reduction of land uses susceptible to damage by natural hazard shall be reviewed and amended as necessary based on applicable interagency hazard mitigation report recommendations.

POLICY LU.1.7.3

Mechanisms to assess the cumulative, subregional impacts of development on the floodplain and on hurricane evacuation shall be designed and utilized.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.8

Develop, adopt and maintain a unified land development code that is consistent with the Future Land Use Map and that provides regulations for the use of land, subdivisions, signage, protection of environmentally sensitive lands, protection of areas subject to seasonal or periodic flooding, on-site traffic flow and parking needs, and innovative land.

POLICY LU.1.8.1

The topography and soil conditions of a site will be considered in determining the appropriateness of a specific land use.

POLICY LU.1.8.2

The City *Land Development Code* shall provide regulations for environmental management, drainage, stormwater management, open space, safe and convenient on-site traffic flow, and vehicle parking.

POLICY LU.1.8.3

All new development shall meet or exceed the *Land Development Code* regulations of the City. The impact of such development on water quality and quantity, availability of land, water, natural resources, and the potential of flooding will each be considered during the development review process.

POLICY LU.1.8.4

Land development regulations that implement the Comprehensive Plan may be more restrictive than the land use standards contained within the Plan.

POLICY LU.1.8.5

Conditional uses authorized by the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.9

The *Land Development Code* will provide incentives for growth within regional activity centers, as designated by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

POLICY LU.1.9.1

The City shall encourage growth in the designated regional activity center(s), and prioritize infrastructure improvements to the service demand in the regional activity center(s).

POLICY LU.1.9.2

The City shall encourage large scale quality development in the regional activity center(s) and continue to develop, evaluate and implement appropriate activity center development incentives.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.10

The City shall continue to foster the revitalization of areas confronted with slum or blighting conditions.

POLICY LU.1.10.1

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will continue to implement the Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment Plan for the Community Redevelopment District (CRD).

POLICY LU.1.10.2

The City will continue to include criteria and incentives in the City's redevelopment plan that will encourage redevelopment of areas that are environmentally suitable for development and prohibit from development those areas that are deemed environmentally sensitive.

POLICY LU.1.10.3

The City will implement a review, update, and revision of the redevelopment plan for the Community Redevelopment District.

POLICY LU.1.10.4

The City shall recognize activity areas within the Community Redevelopment District, as detailed in the "Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment Plan."

POLICY LU.1.10.5

The Town Center shall encourage a diversity of uses with a major emphasis on street level activities including outdoor cafes and evening activities such as entertainment and civic functions.

POLICY LU.1.10.6

Private and public development projects within the redevelopment area shall provide pedestrian and bicycle access and amenities on all projects to encourage a significant mixture of vehicular and non-vehicular access.

POLICY LU.1.10.7

Development within the CRD shall be encouraged to provide amenities such as public open space and public art.

POLICY LU.1.10.8

The Land Development Regulations shall promote a variety of housing types and densities, innovative designs, clustering of units, supportive accessory uses, optimal use of landscaping and buffering, and a system of active and passive open space within the CRD.

POLICY LU.1.10.9

A variety of higher density residential developments will be provided adjacent to arterial and collector roadways, with ready accessibility to mass transit facilities, employment centers and shopping areas within the CRD.

POLICY LU.1.10.10

Expansion of strip commercial uses shall be discouraged and higher densities of residential infill encouraged along Park Boulevard and adjacent to or within the activity centers.

POLICY LU.1.10.11

The *Land Development Code* shall allow for residential density bonuses for development and redevelopment in the Community Redevelopment District that are consistent with the plans of the Community Redevelopment Agency. These bonuses shall allow the density to exceed the base density of the land use designation, but not exceed the maximum density (25 Units per Gross Acre) permitted by performance bonus standards.

POLICY LU.1.10.12

Developers and landowners shall be encouraged to build a variety of housing types within the CRD, including affordable housing as defined within the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY LU.1.10.13

A diversity of retail activities shall be encouraged within the CRD, ranging from grocery stores to specialty stores to shops which produce and sell artisan or custom creations. The activities of these businesses will be regulated through the City's *Land Development Code*, to ensure that impacts associated with normal business activities do not hinder, impede or negatively impact abutting property owners.

POLICY LU.1.10.14

A program of local festivals and activities shall be promoted within the activity centers.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.11

The City shall protect natural and historical resources, and at the same time protect property rights.

POLICY LU.1.11.1

The City will protect environmentally sensitive land by designating it as Preservation on the Land Use Plan Map.

POLICY LU.1.11.2

The City shall strive to protect all properties in the community that are identified by the National Register of Historic Places or the Florida Master Site File.

POLICY LU.1.11.3

The City shall require all development proposals to determine whether the site is on the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) list. The City shall work with the developer in determining whether and how any such historically significant buildings should be preserved.

POLICY LU.1.11.4

The City shall work with property owners on all demolition, relocations and extensive external remodelings in order to determine whether the structure is on the FMSF and, if so, whether and how the structure should be preserved.

POLICY LU.1.11.5

By 2015, update the list of historic resources and submit it to the Florida Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.12

The City shall continue to encourage innovative land development techniques, including planned unit developments and other mixed use development and redevelopment techniques, in order to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Encourage development that is compatible with the natural environment and the overall vision of the community
- b. Provide vibrant and safe walkable areas
- c. Concentrate growth in relatively discrete areas that are compatible with the community character
- d. Place housing in proximity to employment opportunities, services, and amenities
- e. Establish urban areas that support transportation choices other than privately-owned vehicles and are more efficiently served by transit
- f. Establish well-designed urban environments that create vibrant, livable places

- g. Provide locations that create a range of housing opportunities and choices, including the provision of affordable housing
- h. Provide urban areas that incorporate well-designed open and public spaces
- i. Encourage a pattern of land use that is more efficient in the use of energy and reduces the emission of greenhouse gases.

POLICY LU.1.12.1

The *Land Development Code* will provide for mixed use developments in the following Future Land Use categories:

- Residential/Office General
- Residential/Office/Retail
- Resort Facilities Medium
- Commercial Neighborhood
- Commercial General
- Industrial Limited (with Master Plan)
- Resort Facilities High
- Resort Facilities Medium
- Community Redevelopment District

POLICY LU.1.12.2

Through the application of innovative land development regulations, the City will support planned residential developments and mixed land use development techniques that include intensity and use restrictions designed to make these developments more livable and compatible with the natural and built environments.

POLICY LU.1.12.3

The City shall require the following mix of uses within the Community Redevelopment District land use category (CRD): Residential 25% to 60%, Commercial 40% to 75%.

POLICY LU.1.12.4

The Residential/Office General (R/OG) and Residential/Office/Retail (R/O/R) land use categories shall require residential and non-residential development at the same intensities and shall require the following mixture of uses: Residential 25% to 40%, Non-residential 60% to 75%.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.13

The *Land Development Code* shall provide for a variety of residential uses and housing opportunities.

POLICY LU.1.13.1

The character of distinct functional neighborhoods, recognized as stable living areas, shall be preserved in the development and redevelopment of the community.

POLICY LU.1.13.2

Promote, through the use of development regulations, innovative designs, variety of housing types and densities, clustering of units, supportive accessory uses, transportation alternatives, optimal use of landscaping and buffering, and a system of active and passive open space.

POLICY LU.1.13.3

The land development code may allow a density bonus for affordable housing developments, as defined in the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan, subject to development guidelines and specifications as well as compatibility with surrounding development, site constraints, and other appropriate considerations as determined through the *Land Development Code* and the site plan review process. Subject to the above constraints and considerations, any density bonus allowed for an affordable housing development shall not exceed 50 percent of the allowable density on a property as determined by the Future Land Use Map or the applicable land development regulations, whichever is more restrictive. Where a density bonus is allowed for an affordable housing development, the allowable floor area permitted for the underlying use is not required to be reduced. A density bonus shall not be allowed for affordable housing developments located within the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY LU.1.13.4

The City may permit residential development at a lower density or intensity of use than the maximum unit/acre shown in the land use classification.

POLICY LU.1.13.5

Residential land use of 2.5 units per acre shall be promoted and maintained where there is an established large lot development and a country atmosphere.

POLICY LU.1.13.6

Encourage infill residential development that is consistent and compatible with surrounding land uses.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.14

The City will encourage new residential development, infill development, and redevelopment that is consistent with the “Livable Communities” objectives of expanded transportation choices, vibrant public spaces, and enhanced quality of life.

POLICY LU.1.14.1

Through the comprehensive planning program and land development regulations, support efforts to create, recreate, and maintain areas of mixed-use development at appropriate locations in order to achieve the following objectives:

- a. place housing in proximity to employment opportunities, services and amenities;
- b. establish urban and suburban areas that support transportation choices other than privately-owned vehicles and are more efficiently served by public transit and/or bicycle and pedestrian transit;
- c. provide locations that create a range of housing opportunities and choices, including affordable and workforce housing; and
- d. provide vibrant and safe public spaces and walkable areas.

POLICY LU.1.14.2

Encourage the use of transfers of development rights (TDRs), Planned Unit Developments, and other innovative development techniques to support mixed use development and livable communities.

POLICY LU.1.14.3

Through the land use plan and zoning regulations, support and encourage affordable and workforce housing development that is located in proximity to employment centers, public transportation, and a range of facilities and services.

POLICY LU.1.14.4

Foster residential development and redevelopment at an intensity and scale that is compatible with proximate residential neighborhoods.

POLICY LU.1.14.5

Provide adequate buffering and a transition gradient between higher density residential development and proximate, less intensive residential neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.15

Continue to require site plan review of all new commercial and office development.

POLICY LU.1.15.1

Commercial development shall be located at or near major intersections; within the Community Redevelopment District; and within other mixed use developments and areas to ensure the community's quality of life; access to employment, services, and amenities; and levels of service.

POLICY LU.1.15.2

The expansion of strip commercial uses shall be discouraged.

POLICY LU.1.15.3

Off-street parking for all new development and redevelopment shall provide safe pedestrian and vehicle movement, as well as ingress/egress.

POLICY LU.1.15.4

All new commercial facilities shall be located, designed and regulated to benefit from safe vehicular and transit access and to provide proper facilities for pedestrian convenience.

POLICY LU.1.15.5

Commercial areas shall be buffered from surrounding streets and uses, through appropriate landscaping and setbacks, in order to facilitate an optimal transition.

POLICY LU.1.15.6

Unightly areas such as loading docks, refuse collection areas, outdoor storage areas, etc., shall be screened from roadways and residential properties.

POLICY LU.1.15.7

The provision of shade structures, seating, and landscaping near transit stops and associated walkways is encouraged to maximize passenger comfort.

POLICY LU.1.15.8

Direct arterial access shall be discouraged if the opportunity to develop a joint or shared access agreement with abutting property owners exists.

POLICY LU.1.15.9

The City shall promote side street and shared access for all properties fronting on arterial roadways.

POLICY LU.1.15.10

In the development or redevelopment of properties, existing curb cuts or driveways that will not be utilized shall be removed and new curbing installed.

POLICY LU.1.15.11

New development and redevelopment projects shall provide safe and efficient on-site pedestrian movement.

POLICY LU.1.15.12

Sidewalks internal to development projects shall be designed to integrate smoothly with public sidewalks and with public transit in order to ensure safe and efficient transition for pedestrians.

POLICY LU.1.15.13

All new development and redevelopment shall utilize underground utility and telecommunications access, whenever possible.

LAND USE ELEMENT

POLICY LU.1.15.14

In areas where arterial roadway volumes and speeds are not appropriate for roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle design standards and amenities elsewhere described in Objective LU.1.15, consider the use of these designs on parallel service roads or perpendicular collector roads.

POLICY LU.1.15.15

Commercial uses within an industrial area shall be limited to those uses that are intended to service or support the industrial area or residential uses permitted under a special area plan.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.16

Continue to provide for site plan review of all industrial development.

POLICY LU.1.16.1

Maintain a sufficient supply of industrial land with a minimum of adverse effects on abutting properties.

POLICY LU.1.16.2

Prohibit industrial development that pollutes the environment and is not compatible with surrounding land use and zoning.

POLICY LU.1.16.3

Industrial uses shall be concentrated in suitable existing locations to prevent a spread of negative effects on the community.

POLICY LU.1.16.4

Industrial development shall be separated from adjacent incompatible uses, and from residential uses permitted under special area plans, by transition zones, landscaping, parks, open space, or other buffering areas, for the mutual protection of industrial and non-industrial land uses.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.17

Provide for adequate public and semipublic facilities that are designed and located to meet the needs of citizens of Pinellas Park, in accordance with demand generated by existing and/or future development.

POLICY LU.1.17.1

Continue to provide site plan review for all public and semipublic facilities.

POLICY LU.1.17.2

Develop recreation, open space, fencing, and landscape buffer requirements for private educational facilities within the land development regulations.

LAND USE ELEMENT

POLICY LU.1.17.3

Federal, State and local government offices shall be encouraged to locate within the Community Redevelopment District.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.18

Wetlands and floodways shall be identified within the City and all site plans will be reviewed for areas indicative of being a floodway or wetland habitat. If an area is identified as being a floodway or wetland, the City shall inspect the site and restrict construction to those areas that have not been identified as floodways or wetlands and will require mitigation of impact upon those areas as required by law.

POLICY LU.1.18.1

Encourage the preservation of wetlands and maintain and improve natural resources.

POLICY LU.1.18.2

Preserve wetlands in their natural state for use in recharging the groundwater aquifer, providing recreational opportunities and acting as wildlife sanctuaries.

POLICY LU.1.18.3

The drainage characteristics of preservation sites should not be altered without appropriate approval.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.19

As an ongoing goal, all dredge and fill activities shall be carried out only when necessary and in a manner least harmful to the surrounding environment.

POLICY LU.1.19.1

Any project including unavoidable destruction of habitat shall mitigate all lost habitat according to Department of Environmental Protection standards.

POLICY LU.1.19.2

Unique and irreplaceable natural resources shall be protected from adverse effects, except in cases of overriding public interest.

POLICY LU.1.19.3

Mitigation should enhance the overall ecological quality of the area.

POLICY LU.1.19.4

Development and redevelopment shall be encouraged to use drought resistant and/or native plant species that are most suitable for the soils and topography of the site.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.20

Through the Land Use Plan and *Land Development Code*, the City shall regulate the types and intensities of uses within those areas that have been identified as being subject to periodic flooding.

POLICY LU.1.20.1

Land Use Plan amendments will be reviewed for their impact on the floodplain and hurricane evacuation.

POLICY LU.1.20.2

The density and/or intensity of use shall not be increased within the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY LU.1.20.3

Development or redevelopment in areas that have been identified as being subject to periodic flooding shall be consistent with the floodplain requirements of the Florida Building Code and the floodplain management requirements of the City of Pinellas Park Land Development Code.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.21

The City shall restrict development within the Coastal Storm Area, and shall direct population concentrations out of the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY LU.1.21.1

The coastal high-hazard area (CHHA) shall be the area defined by the Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model to be inundated from a category one hurricane, as reflected in the *Tampa Bay Region Hurricane Evacuation Study, Storm Tide Atlas*.

POLICY LU.1.21.2

The Coastal Storm Area of the City shall be the area that encompasses all of the following:

- a. The Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), defined as the category 1 storm surge line as established by the Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) computerized storm surge model for the Tampa Bay Basin; and
- b. Those isolated areas that are depicted by the SLOSH model to be isolated within or surrounded by the CHHA or by the CHHA and a body of water.

POLICY LU.1.21.3

If 20% or more of a parcel of land is located within the Coastal Storm Area, then the entire parcel shall be considered within the Coastal Storm Area. However, if either a parcel of land or a group of parcels that are part of a master development plan is equal to or greater than 5 acres and less than 50% of the parcel or group of parcels is within the Coastal Storm Area, the property owner may elect to provide a survey of the parcel or parcels to determine the exact location of the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY LU.1.21.4

The City shall prohibit the location of new, or expansion of existing hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities within the coastal storm area.

POLICY LU.1.21.5

The City shall not approve any request to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to designate parcels of land within the coastal storm area with a FLUM category that permits more than 5.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

POLICY LU.1.21.6

Dwelling units may not be reallocated to property within the coastal storm area from other properties within the coastal storm area, or from other properties outside the coastal storm area.

POLICY LU.1.21.7

The land development regulations will be amended to allow the transfer of development rights from property within the coastal storm area, to designated property in suitable areas outside the coastal storm area, in accordance with the Land Use Element, Future Land Use Map Category descriptions, and land development regulations of the City of Pinellas Park.

POLICY LU.1.21.8

The City shall prohibit the siting of new or the expansion of existing mobile/manufactured home development within the coastal storm area. This policy does not apply to modern manufactured housing constructed after July 13, 1994.

POLICY LU.1.21.9

If the City elects to utilize the provisions of Section 163.3178, F.S., to comply with the State's coastal high-hazard provisions when amending the Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan, any appropriate mitigation that may be required by this section to be implemented by the City shall be directed toward sheltering, hardening of structures, stormwater capture and management, flood prevention and control, and flood mitigation that would serve the City of Pinellas Park.

POLICY LU.1.21.10

Mitigation required under Policy LU.1.21.9 above shall not exceed the amount required for a developer to accommodate impacts reasonably attributable to their development, and shall require the City and the developer to enter into a binding agreement to memorialize the mitigation plan.

POLICY LU.1.21.11

The City shall cooperate with Pinellas County to develop a countywide methodology for calculating impacts on hurricane evacuation times that can reasonably be attributed to an individual development, with such methodology to be developed by December 31, 2015.

POLICY LU.1.21.12

The adopted level of service standard for out-of-county hurricane evacuation clearance time for a category 5 storm event as measured on the Saffir-Simpson scale shall be 16 hours.

POLICY LU.1.21.13

The City shall cooperate with Pinellas County to reduce the 2006 out-of-county hurricane evacuation clearance time of 55 hours, as determined in the Tampa Bay Region Hurricane Evacuation Study 2006, for a category 5 storm event as measured on the Saffir-Simpson scale.

POLICY LU.1.21.14

The adopted level of service standard for evacuation to shelter for a category 5 storm event as measured on the Saffir-Simpson scale shall be 12 hours.

POLICY LU.1.21.15

The City shall continue to cooperate with Pinellas County to develop a countywide plan to address the current deficit in public hurricane shelter spaces.

POLICY LU.1.21.16

The *Land Development Code* shall require as a part of the development order that all future regionally significant developments located in Hurricane Evacuation Zones A, B, or C have evacuation plans that are consistent with the State, County and City evacuation plans.

POLICY LU.1.21.17

Recognizing that the CHHA within the City of Pinellas Park lies within the 100 year floodplain of the Cross Bayou Canal, the City shall enforce all appropriate federal, state, and local construction codes appropriate for such location.

POLICY LU.1.21.18

The City shall maintain the adopted densities or intensities and continue to implement growth management measures that limit densities or intensities of use within the CHHA, consistent with the Future Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY LU.1.21.19

The City shall restrict public expenditures for infrastructure in the coastal storm area, with the exception of maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing facilities; expenditures for protection, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources or public access; or expenditures for a public facility of overriding public interest to ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

POLICY LU.1.21.20

The City shall require that prior to an occupancy permit being issued for the location of any new, or expansion of existing hospitals, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities within any evacuation zone, that such facility shall have a written evacuation and mitigation plan on file with the City.

OBJECTIVE LU.1.22

The City of Pinellas Park shall encourage utilization of Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) on a voluntary basis for the following purposes: residential development; environmental management; stormwater management; economic development; and maximization of the infrastructure system.

POLICY LU.1.22.1

TDRs shall be understood to include density and intensity.

POLICY LU.1.22.2

Receiving areas for TDRs will be suitable for development and have existing or proposed infrastructure capable of accommodating increased densities.

POLICY LU.1.22.3

Receiving areas for densities and intensities via TDRs shall be established in accordance with the *Land Development Code*.

POLICY LU.1.22.4

The maximum density or intensity permitted upon any property receiving TDRs shall not exceed the capacity of the infrastructure system.

POLICY LU.1.22.5

Copies of the recorded instrument shall be provided to the City prior to the approval of development plans for the property(s) in question.

POLICY LU.1.22.6

The City shall monitor the reallocation of density and intensity resulting from TDRs.

POLICY LU.1.22.7

Development on sites from which densities and intensities have been transferred shall not exceed the remaining density and intensity as indicated on the TDR document recorded in the Official Records of Pinellas County.

POLICY LU.1.22.8

Sites from which all densities have been transferred shall be permitted to be used for the following purposes: environmental management and preservation; public recreation; open space; or stormwater management.

POLICY LU.1.22.9

TDRs will be authorized only by the City Council or Community Redevelopment Agency.

POLICY LU.1.22.10

Site plans for properties receiving TDRs shall be considerate of and compatible with abutting properties. Issues of open space, height, setbacks, building bulk, and other associated site improvements shall be evaluated as they relate to the development and abutting properties.

POLICY LU.1.22.11

TDRs may occur between properties of different ownership.

POLICY LU.1.22.12

There shall be no TDRs from or to submerged land, or from outside the Coastal Storm Area into the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY LU.1.22.13

The land use characteristics within any given Land Use Plan Map category shall be consistent with those land use characteristics enumerated for each such category and no transfer of density/intensity shall be permitted that is inconsistent with the use characteristics of a given category.

POLICY LU.1.22.14

The maximum permitted density/intensity of any parcel of land to which density/intensity is transferred (receiving parcel) shall not exceed the density/intensity standards for said parcels as set forth in the Land Use Plan Map category, except as specifically provided for in the Land Use Element and the *Land Development Code*.

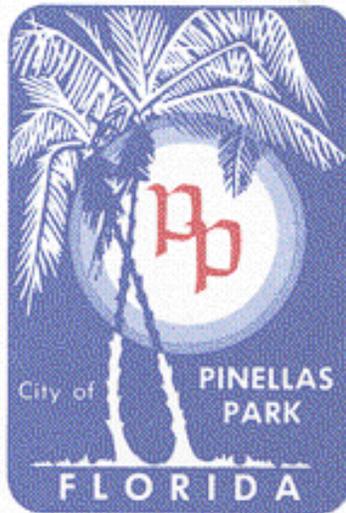
POLICY LU.1.22.15

Where an entire parcel of property is located in a Preservation or Recreation/Open Space Land Use category, and the density/intensity of such parcel has not been and cannot be transferred, such property shall be permitted a minimum benefit, but private property shall not be taken without due process of law and the payment of just compensation.

POLICY LU.1.22.16

All TDR documents shall require City Council or Community Redevelopment Agency approval, shall contain written evidence of the transfer of densities/intensities, and shall be recorded in the Official Records of Pinellas County. Copies of all such recorded TDR documents shall be filed with the Pinellas Planning Council and the City of Pinellas Park.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT



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GOAL T.1

Provide for a safe, convenient, and energy efficient multimodal transportation system that serves to increase mobility, reduce the incidence of single-occupant vehicles, efficiently utilize roadway capacity, reduce the contribution to air pollution from motorized vehicles, and improve the quality of life throughout the City of Pinellas Park and mid-county area.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND MOBILITY

OBJECTIVE T.1.1

Develop and maintain a multi-modal transportation system that increases mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and motorists which promote development patterns that reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Future Land Use Map and the MPO/PPC adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

POLICY T.1.1.1

Ensure selection, planning and construction of the most efficient and effective means of transportation between areas of activity, with minimum disruption to land uses. The Future Land Use Plan Map shall guide the location, function, sizing of new transportation facilities. All land use changes, amendments, etc., shall be reviewed for their impact on the transportation system.

POLICY T.1.1.2

Designate, plan, and design street improvements to provide sufficient carrying capacity to accommodate projected development as indicated by the Future Land Use Plan.

POLICY T.1.1.3

Designate, plan, and design transportation facilities that will minimize adverse impacts on land uses.

POLICY T.1.1.4

Require compatibility of development and development intensities with existing and planned transportation facilities. The Future Land Use Plan Map shall guide the location, function, and sizing of new transportation facilities. All land use changes, amendments, etc., shall be reviewed for their impact on the transportation system.

POLICY T.1.1.5

Utilize existing and proposed mass transit facilities to maintain existing and promote desired land use patterns and growth in the community.

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POLICY T.1.1.6

The City shall coordinate with the MPO/PPC to efficiently utilize the service capacity of roadways.

POLICY T.1.1.7

Adopt a strategy, timetable, and commitment to not further degrade the operating conditions of backlogged roadway facilities in the City.

POLICY T.1.1.8

The City shall coordinate with the MPO/PPC in the implementation of Transportation Systems Management Alternatives to reduce road congestion. Such strategies shall include van and car pooling, intersection signal timing, and improvements of parallel roadway facilities, where appropriate and feasible.

POLICY T.1.1.9

The City of Pinellas Park shall encourage development and redevelopment that will fully utilize the infrastructure, reduce reliance upon the automobile, and promote a community at human scale.

POLICY T.1.1.10

Implement Transportation Demand Management System (TDM) and Transportation System Management (TSM) strategies such as intersection improvements, signal coordination, ridesharing or improvement of parallel roadway facilities to relieve traffic congestion on constrained facilities.

POLICY T.1.1.11

The City will coordinate with the MPO/PPC to identify the constrained and backlogged roadways and to efficiently utilize the service capacity of these facilities.

POLICY T.1.1.12

Implement the Mobility Management System through the application of the following Transportation policies and site plan and right-of-way utilization review processes:

- a. All development projects generating new trips shall be subject to payment of a multi-modal impact fee.
- b. Development projects that generate between 51 and 300 new peak hour trips on deficient roads shall be required to submit a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) designed to address their impacts while increasing mobility and reducing the demand for single occupant vehicle travel.
- c. Development projects that generate more than 300 new peak hour trips on deficient roads shall be required to conduct a traffic study, submit an accompanying report, and a TMP based on the report findings.

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- d. Development projects not impacting a deficient road corridor shall, if necessary, be required to conduct a traffic study and/or submit a TMP necessary to address the impact of additional trips generated by the project on the surrounding traffic circulation system.
- e. Deficient roads shall include those operating at peak hour level of service (LOS) E and F or volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio 0.9 or greater without a mitigating improvement scheduled for construction within three years.
- f. Multi-modal impact fee assessments may be applied as credit toward the cost of a TMP.
- g. Multi-modal impact fee revenue shall be utilized to fund multi-modal improvements to local, county, or state facilities that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as well as the MPO/PPC adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.
- h. Pinellas Park shall work cooperatively with the MPO/PPC and other local governments to complete the biennial update of the Multi-modal Impact Fee Ordinance.

POLICY T.1.1.13

The City shall coordinate decisions on Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendments with the mobility and safety needs of the principal modes of travel including bicycling, walking, transit, and motor vehicles.

POLICY T.1.1.14

The City shall, when appropriate and feasible, incorporate bicycle-friendly design standards into all new and reconstructed collector and arterial roads by providing an area where bicyclists may travel adjacent to the outside vehicle lane. On existing collector and arterial roads, bicycle-friendly standards may be implemented at the next resurfacing using the design standards from FDOT's Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways.

POLICY T.1.1.15

When roads are improved to the standards identified in Policy T.1.1.14, the bicycle lane shall be designated by marking and signage.

POLICY T.1.1.16

When it is not feasible for the area intended for bicycle travel to meet the minimum width standards, a bicycle lane shall not be designated.

POLICY T.1.1.17

The width of the inner vehicle lanes may be set at a minimum standard. Outside lanes or individual lanes on a two lane road shall be made as wide as possible to accommodate bicycles.

POLICY T.1.1.18

The City shall require new development and redevelopment projects to make adequate provisions for storage/parking areas for bicycles as appropriate.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

OBJECTIVE T.1.2

Maintain a Transportation Element that coordinates with the long range plans and programs of the MPO/PPC, Pinellas County, the State of Florida, and adjacent jurisdictions.

POLICY T.1.2.1

Continue to coordinate the City's transportation planning efforts with the MPO/PPC through the following activities:

- a. Ensure that the Transportation Element of the City of Pinellas Park's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the Countywide Plan.
- b. Representation by one elected official of the City of Pinellas Park serving on the MPO/PPC; and
- c. Representation and active participation by the City of Pinellas Park on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BAC), and Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) of the MPO/PPC.

POLICY T.1.2.2

Continue to coordinate the City's transportation system improvements to be consistent with Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.

POLICY T.1.2.3

Continue dialogue with the MPO/PPC concerning on-going projects and the City's projected needs and programming for the multi-modal transportation system.

POLICY T.1.2.4

Utilize the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) for the scheduling of capital transportation improvement projects and expenditures.

POLICY T.1.2.5

Enforce all bicycle laws as set out in the City *Code of Ordinances*.

POLICY T.1.2.6

Continue to coordinate with the MPO/PPC in the development of an effective and efficient guideway transit system: through review and evaluation of corridor alternative via the Technical Coordinating Committee, Metropolitan Planning Organization, or any new committee structure which may be assembled to assess guideway transit, or other mass transit/rail initiative.

POLICY T.1.2.7

Continue to coordinate with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in the efficient implementation of a countywide mass transit system through representation of one elected official of the City of Pinellas Park serving on the PSTA.

POLICY T.1.2.8

Coordinate with the State of Florida in the development and implementation of a proposed future high speed rail program.

POLICY T.1.2.9

Access management for curb cuts and median cuts shall be coordinated with all appropriate governing jurisdictions, including the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), to efficiently utilize the service capacity of these facilities.

POLICY T.1.2.10

Approval of subdivision plats or site plan for proposed developments within the City is contingent upon the provision of an access plan that provides for safe roadway access and on-site of traffic circulation.

POLICY T.1.2.11

Approval of the subdivision plat or site plan for a project sited along a roadway facility not under the jurisdiction of the City must receive approval for roadway access from the responsible jurisdiction. In the event that the requirements of another jurisdiction are in conflict with the City of Pinellas Park, the more stringent regulations shall prevail.

POLICY T.1.2.12

Approval of a site plan for large proposed development is contingent upon a well-defined safe and efficient internal traffic circulation system.

POLICY T.1.2.13

Proposed roadway projects shall be evaluated and ranked in order of priority based upon facility conditions, traffic flow, safety and impact upon traffic circulation with adjoining neighborhoods.

POLICY T.1.2.14

Continue to coordinate with MPO/PPC on the review of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

POLICY T.1.2.15

All proposed amendments to the Transportation Element shall include a statement of findings supporting such proposal.

POLICY T.1.2.16

The City shall utilize the policies of the Capital Improvements Element to ensure application of the Mobility Management System.

POLICY T.1.2.17

Continue to coordinate with Pinellas County and the Florida Department of Transportation to undertake relief road projects to help mitigate existing deficiencies on the State Highway System.

POLICY T.1.2.18

Improvements necessary to alleviate congestion, improve flow, and enhance mobility, shall be identified in the City's Capital Improvements Element for all facilities within the community.

POLICY T.1.2.19

Coordinate with Pinellas County and Florida Department of Transportation in the implementation of physical and operational improvements and transportation demand management strategies for transportation facilities in the community.

POLICY T.1.2.20

Continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation in the efficient implementation of a regional aviation system through representation and participation by Pinellas Park on the Continuing Florida Aviation Systems Planning Process (CFASPP) Committee of the West Central Florida Metropolitan Area.

POLICY T.1.2.21

When making decisions on requests to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) or the Zoning Atlas, Pinellas Park shall review the potential impact on the transportation system by considering the following:

- a. Ability of the surrounding existing and planned transportation system to meet the mobility objectives of the Comprehensive Plan;
- b. Capacity of the surrounding existing and planned transportation system to accommodate any projected additional demand; and
- c. Extent to which the proposed FLUM amendment or rezoning furthers the intent of the Comprehensive Plan to improve mobility.

TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND MOBILITY

OBJECTIVE T.1.3

Provide for safe, convenient, and efficient designs for new or improved motorized and non-motorized vehicle transportation facilities to reduce congestion and accidents.

POLICY T.1.3.1

Roadway segments with level of service E and F or a volume-to-capacity (v/c) ratio 0.9 or greater without a mitigating improvement schedule for construction within three years as established by governing jurisdictions, will be subject to the Mobility Management System requirements. These segments will include the area within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the center line and termini of the impacted road segment.

POLICY T.1.3.2

Maintain level of service standards at the peak hour for all roads within the City's jurisdiction that are coordinated and consistent to the maximum extent feasible with the FDOT's level of service standards for the State Highway System and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) program and the Pinellas County level of service standards for County roads.

POLICY T.1.3.3

Continue the established maintenance program for local street improvements within the City.

POLICY T.1.3.4

Continue to coordinate signalization improvements with appropriate governing jurisdictions and in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

POLICY T.1.3.5

Provide for ongoing installation and improvements on the sidewalk network within the City.

POLICY T.1.3.6

Continue to monitor high traffic-accident locations in order to identify existing and potential problem areas.

POLICY T.1.3.7

Provide for pedestrian and bicycle pathway alternatives by incorporating sidewalks, recreational paths, bicycle lanes, or wide outside roadway lanes for the purpose of shared use lanes into all future urban roadway improvements.

POLICY T.1.3.8

Design enhancements for existing and future pedestrian and bicycle pathways, such as accessibility compliant curb ramps, shall be integrated into the development of the transportation system.

POLICY T.1.3.9

Pedestrian and bicycle pathways shall be located on street and highway rights-of-way, utility easements, mass transit or railroad rights-of-way, where appropriate and justifiable, as part of the transportation system.

POLICY T.1.3.10

Review of all proposed development for impact upon level of service shall occur at the preliminary site plan submittal phase of the development process.

POLICY T.1.3.11

The provisions for motorized and bicycle parking, on-site traffic flow, and the pedestrian and bicycle pathways will be regulated through the City's *Land Development Code*.

POLICY T.1.3.12

The City of Pinellas Park recognizes that the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) facilities in Pinellas County are strategically important as high speed and high volume inter-city and inter-regional roads. To efficiently utilize the capacity of these roads, the City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the MPO/PPC in the development and implementation of corridor plans and strategies intended to address operational and safety issues on the major road network.

POLICY T.1.3.13

Continue to strive to maintain and improve the modal split person-trips for the region.

POLICY T.1.3.14

Continue to coordinate with the MPO/PPC to establish mobility goals for constrained facilities based on corridor management studies. Numerical indicators shall be developed to measure the achievement of these mobility goals with the MPO/PPC for roads, transit routes and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

POLICY T.1.3.15

Participate with the MPO/PPC to analyze and evaluate land use conditions, and policies, land development regulations and funding issues associated with long-term mobility solutions.

POLICY T.1.3.16

Coordinate with MPO/PPC sponsored corridor management studies, analyzing information on existing land uses, future land use plans, existing traffic patterns and bus stop/bench/shelter and sidewalk locations to determine where opportunities exist to implement strategies to encourage mass transit ridership as well as other alternative modes of travel.

POLICY T.1.3.17

Encourage ride-sharing, van and car pooling, and other Transportation Demand Management (TDM) alternatives with efforts of the County's Transportation Management Initiatives (TMIs) which will encourage employers to participate in transportation management plan strategies.

POLICY T.1.3.18

Efficiently utilize roadway capacity, optimize operating efficiency and reduce travel demand through the application of system management and demand management strategies.

POLICY T.1.3.19

The City shall ensure that decisions regarding traffic signal installations and median opening requests are balanced between impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and compliance with applicable federal, state, and local roadway access rules and regulations.

POLICY T.1.3.20

Improve travel conditions and mobility options on constrained road corridors and other facilities afflicted with long-term level of service deficiencies.

POLICY T.1.3.21

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County in the development of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) that conforms to the regional and national ITS standards.

POLICY T.1.3.22

The City shall encourage van and car pooling and ride-sharing activities.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PROTECTION

OBJECTIVE T.1.4

Provide for the safe, efficient, and effective design of new and existing transportation facilities through acquisition and protection of rights-of-way.

POLICY T.1.4.1

Avoid the vacation of rights-of-way, alleys, or easements if they serve a purpose, provide principal or secondary access to a parcel.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

POLICY T.1.4.2

When vacating a right-of-way, alley, or access easement that affects an existing or future utility, require the retention or dedication of an easement for an existing or proposed utility.

POLICY T.1.4.3

Protect future transportation right-of-way requirements.

POLICY T.1.4.4

Recognize in right-of-way acquisition that intersection capacity is a key to urban roadway capacity. Consequently, develop right-of-way requirement policies that expand the rights-of-way in the areas of key intersections (especially at existing and future signalized locations) to allow for exclusive right-turn lanes and dual left-turn lanes.

POLICY T.1.4.5

Dedication of right-of-way for proposed roadway improvements will occur during the subdivision or plan approval stage, whichever is appropriate.

POLICY T.1.4.6

Approval of a site plan for proposed development shall provide for the building setback measured from the right-of-way line. To the extent feasible, detention/retention ponds, required parking and necessary internal traffic circulation lanes shall not be located within the right-of-way.

POLICY T.1.4.7

The City shall continue to maintain measures for identifying and protecting existing rights-of-way as part of continuing planning operations. In addition, the City shall continue to maintain the integrity of the Future Land Use Map by monitoring the impacts of development and ensuring consistency of new development with the Future Land Use and Transportation Elements.

POLICY T.1.4.8

The City hereby adopts minimum standards for new road right-of-way as listed below. The City shall preserve existing rights-of-way and enforce standards requiring dedication of roadways, the need for which was generated by new development. The City shall work with the County and FDOT to acquire right-of-way where traffic circulation identifies existing or projected deficiencies. The right-of-way and construction requirements are listed below shall be:

| Street Type | Minimum Right-of-Way |
|--|----------------------|
| Expressway | 100 – 200 feet |
| Arterial | 80 feet |
| Collector | 80 feet |
| Local | 60 feet |
| Cul-de-Sac | 60-foot radius |
| Source: Land Development Code, City of Pinellas Park | |

POLICY T.1.4.9

Existing platted local streets and local streets not part of or impacted by new development will be permitted to have right-of-way width of a width sufficient to accommodate the curb, pavement, and any bicycle or pedestrian features proposed, but not less than 50 feet.

POLICY T.1.4.10

Should physical conditions or policy constraints exist that are in conflict with the minimum standard for new road right-of-way, a variance from the standards may be considered.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

OBJECTIVE T.1.5

Existing and future trip generators should be provided with fixed route or paratransit service.

POLICY T.1.5.1

The City shall continue to coordinate with PSTA in the implementation of fixed routes or paratransit.

POLICY T.1.5.2

The City shall coordinate with the MPO/PPC and PSTA in developing locations for transit benches, shelters, and signs to be integrated into new and existing development.

POLICY T.1.5.3

Coordinate with PSTA to provide for efficient and effective mass transit service as well as opportunities for multi-passenger vehicle travel that accommodates the transportation needs of the service area population and the transportation disadvantaged while reducing single-occupant vehicle.

POLICY T.1.5.4

The City shall support the efforts of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to achieve the goals of its Five-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) and Ten-Year Mid-Range Transit Plan.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

POLICY T.1.5.5

The City shall continue to encourage economically disadvantaged and physically impaired citizens of Pinellas Park to have access to cost-effective and efficient transportation services.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL

OBJECTIVE T.1.6

Encourage bicycle use to promote healthy pedestrian, commuter, and recreational activities within the community.

POLICY T.1.6.1

Pinellas Park shall work with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the MPO/PPC to identify locations where the need for pedestrian accommodations between bus stops and the sidewalk network is most pronounced from a safety standpoint and on the implementation of necessary improvements.

POLICY T.1.6.2

Include sidewalks alongside roadways scheduled for resurfacing in the City's Capital Improvement Program, where feasible.

POLICY T.1.6.3

Continue implementation of the Sidewalk and Accessibility Ramp Program to expand the sidewalk network and close remaining gaps in the existing network.

POLICY T.1.6.4

Promote bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs and the enforcement of rules and regulations, in cooperation with the MPO/PPC Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

POLICY T.1.6.5

Coordinate efforts with Pinellas County and FDOT to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian-friendly provisions in the design and construction of expansion and resurfacing projects on County and State roads, where feasible.

POLICY T.1.6.6

Permanent structures such as utility poles and traffic control poles within the sidewalk that restrict pedestrian movement should be discouraged.

POLICY T.1.6.7

Access routes between adjacent parcels and neighborhoods, which create walking and bicycling connections, shall be promoted.

POLICY T.1.6.8

Access across property lines which allow vehicular and pedestrian movement between properties without returning to the street should occur where and when feasible.

POLICY T.1.6.9

Incorporate sidewalks, recreational paths, or bicycle pathways into all future urban roadway expansions.

POLICY T.1.6.10

Continue to fund the Sidewalk and Accessibility Ramp Program to provide for the installation of sidewalks and accessibility curb ramps throughout the City.

POLICY T.1.6.11

Assist the MPO/PPC and PSTA in encouraging mass transit ridership and other alternative modes of travel through the development of corridor management studies and transit development analyses.

POLICY T.1.6.12

The City shall continue to coordinate with the MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, MPO's School Transportation Safety Committee, FDOT's Community Traffic Safety Team, and other agencies and organizations as appropriate to identify locations where improvements are needed to enhance safety.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOODS MOVEMENT AND INTERMODAL FACILITIES

OBJECTIVE T.1.7

Facilitate the effective movement of goods in the City of Pinellas Park.

POLICY T.1.7.1

Coordinate with Pinellas County to identify roadways for truck movements in the Transportation Element.

POLICY T.1.7.2

The City shall participate with the MPO/PPC and PSTA in the development and update of intermodal facility planning activities.

POLICY T.1.7.3

The City shall work with the MPO/PPC, PSTA, TBARTA, and FDOT to provide enhanced transit service to existing and future employment centers.

POLICY T.1.7.4

The City shall work with the business community to more accurately determine their transportation service and facility needs.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

POLICY T.1.7.5

The City shall support roadway design standards that balance the need to improve operations and traffic carrying capacity with the economic vitality of adjacent land uses.

POLICY T.1.7.6

The City shall continue a roadway maintenance program to provide for safe operating conditions and to efficiently utilize the service capacity of these facilities.

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

OBJECTIVE T.1.8

Ensure the safe accommodation of motorized and non-motorized traffic while reducing the incidence of vehicular conflicts within the city's major transportation corridors.

POLICY T.1.8.1

Needed improvements to roadways exhibiting high incidents of vehicular accidents shall be appropriately prioritized in the development and scheduling of projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

POLICY T.1.8.2

Needed improvements to hurricane evacuation routes and to facilities providing access to these routes shall be appropriately prioritized in the development and scheduling of projects.

POLICY T.1.8.3

The City shall participate in and support hurricane evacuation planning activities in coordination with the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

POLICY T.1.8.4

The City shall support the installation of street lighting along major roadways, and in areas occupied bus shelters, bus benches, bus stops, and where heavy bicycle and pedestrian activity occurs.

POLICY T.1.8.5

The City shall coordinate with the State and County to develop and implement design standards for on-road bicycle facilities.

POLICY T.1.8.6

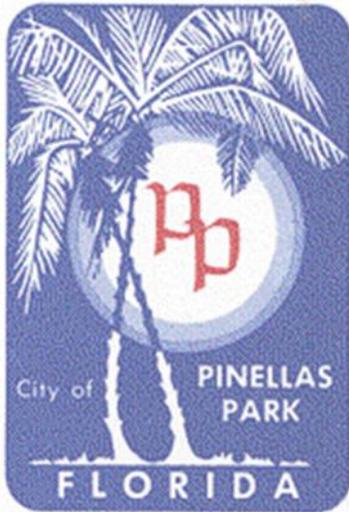
The City shall encourage other public agencies to maintain adequate funding programs for the operation and maintenance of the transportation system, including roads and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

POLICY T.1.8.7

The City shall encourage and support the use of traffic calming measures in residential and other areas, where appropriate.

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE



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GOAL C.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall conserve, appropriately use, protect and, where possible, enhance and restore the quality of natural resources in Pinellas Park.

OBJECTIVE C.1.1

To improve air quality and maintain compliance with all Federal and State ambient air quality standards.

POLICY C.1.1.1

Continue to provide adequate ambient air quality monitoring sites on City-owned properties.

POLICY C.1.1.2

Continue to reduce automobile-related air pollution by utilizing the Countywide Traffic Signalization System.

POLICY C.1.1.3

Give preference, whenever practicable, to those road improvements that will result in the greatest potential reduction of air pollution concentrations.

POLICY C.1.1.4

Continue to cooperate with and enhance relationships with Federal, State, and local governments and agencies to ensure strict compliance with ambient air quality standards.

POLICY C.1.1.5

Continue to promote the growth of clean industries in the City.

POLICY C.1.1.6

Promote the use of ride-sharing, car pooling, mass transit systems, safe bicycle routes, safe pedestrian routes, and other techniques to improve traffic flow in congested areas.

POLICY C.1.1.7

Give high priority to traffic flow improvements that reduce air pollution concentrations when planning and implementing transportation system improvements in the City.

POLICY C.1.1.8

Utilize the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management Air Quality Monitoring program information to ensure that new development complies with all ambient air quality standards.

POLICY C.1.1.9

New industrial point sources of air pollution shall be appropriately located to prevent significant deterioration of ambient air quality of surrounding uses.

POLICY C.1.1.10

The City shall cooperate with the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in assessing any negative air quality impacts associated with refuse to energy facilities (e.g., ash and dioxin impacts) as well as hazardous waste transfer, storage, mitigation, treatment, and disposal facilities.

POLICY C.1.1.11

The City shall continue to implement public education efforts addressing air quality issues.

POLICY C.1.1.12

The City shall cooperate with Pinellas County in promoting greater coordination, communication, and cooperation among Federal, State, and local governments and agencies in seeking regional compliance with ambient air quality standards.

POLICY C.1.1.13

The City shall continue enforcement of fugitive dust control measures used during land clearing and development.

POLICY C.1.1.14

The City shall protect Tampa Bay by participation in SWFWMD's Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) initiatives for:

- a. The reduction and/or elimination of excess nutrients and pollutants from point and nonpoint sources;
- b. The preservation, enhancement, restoration, and expansion of existing aquatic habitats;
- c. The adoption of local ordinances that shall protect natural systems, water quality, and wildlife habitat; and
- d. The management of watersheds in a holistic fashion.

OBJECTIVE C.1.2

By the year 2025 all surface water bodies in Pinellas Park shall meet or exceed State water quality standards for the intended use.

POLICY C.1.2.1

Continue to improve stormwater runoff quality by improving drainage control and treatment systems.

POLICY C.1.2.2

The City shall continue to encourage the planting of wetland tree and plant species in surface water bodies to improve natural treatment processes.

POLICY C.1.2.3

Establish appropriate procedures for maintenance for all existing and future stormwater control and treatment systems.

POLICY C.1.2.4

The City shall continue to expand the use of reclaimed water for residential and non-residential irrigation, further reducing the use of wells and the potential for saltwater intrusion.

POLICY C.1.2.5

The City shall continue to protect water quality by requiring mitigative measures and/or restricting activities known to adversely affect the quality and quantity of identified water sources including water recharge areas, surface water bodies, and water wells.

POLICY C.1.2.6

The City shall continue to protect and conserve the natural functions of soils, wildlife habitats, lakes, floodplains, and wetlands.

POLICY C.1.2.7

The City shall immediately give priority to providing sanitary sewer service to areas where water quality problems are clearly attributed to poorly functioning septic tanks.

POLICY C.1.2.8

When groundwater pollution sources are identified, the City shall seek assistance in implementation of cleanup actions.

POLICY C.1.2.9

Maintain or improve compliance with all State and Federal groundwater quality standards and by achieving a greater level of participation in conservation activities.

POLICY C.1.2.10

The City of Pinellas Park shall enforce the Southwest Florida Water Management District watering restrictions and prohibit the direct connection of irrigation systems to the potable water distribution lines within the jurisdictional limits of the City and water service area.

POLICY C.1.2.11

The City, in cooperation with the other appropriate agencies, shall seek the implementation of cleanup actions when water pollution sources are identified.

OBJECTIVE C.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to identify and appropriately use and protect minerals, soils, and native vegetative communities in the jurisdiction.

POLICY C.1.3.1

The City shall continue to implement measures to protect and mitigate negative impact upon native vegetative communities.

POLICY C.1.3.2

The City shall continue to, through the land use planning and development review processes, conserve and protect wetlands and floodplains from detrimental physical and hydrological alteration.

POLICY C.1.3.3

The City, through the land use planning and development review processes, shall continue to control encroachment into the 100-year floodplain.

POLICY C.1.3.4

The City, through the land development review process, shall promote the use of desirable native wetland plant species for biological filtration and assimilation of pollutants in new and altered existing stormwater retention and detention ponds.

POLICY C.1.3.5

The City shall continue to enforce the use of erosion control measures.

POLICY C.1.3.6

The City shall continue to require the use of native plant species in landscaping for the purposes of maintaining native wildlife populations and conserving water.

POLICY C.1.3.7

The City shall continue to maintain and update a recommended native plant listing and other educational materials to increase public awareness on the need to utilize native plant species in the developed landscape.

POLICY C.1.3.8

The City shall conserve, protect, enhance, and properly utilize wetlands, surface waters, and other associated ecological systems within the City, when identified as being impacted by a proposed development. The subject areas shall be reviewed by a representative of either the Southwest Florida Water Management District or the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the size and value of the wetland or surface water, the level of impact, the level of protection required, and the ratio of mitigation to impacted area for those impacts determined to be unavoidable.

POLICY C.1.3.9

Wetlands shall be evaluated by the SWFWMD and DEP to ensure proper protection and integration into the natural stormwater system for the basin.

POLICY C.1.3.10

In circumstances where the natural boundary of a wetland is unclear, the line of demarcation shall be established by either the SWFWMD or DEP.

POLICY C.1.3.11

The City shall assess the impacts of proposed development activities on the values and function of any wetland or other surface water (excluding man-made drainage channels and retention/detention ponds) that affect fish, wildlife, and listed species. The assessment shall be based upon a review of ecological and hydrological information and field inspection by a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection or the Southwest Florida Water Management District. When assessing the value of such functions, the factors considered will include:

- a. Condition - whether the wetland or other surface water is in a high quality state or has been the subject of past alterations in hydrology, water quality, or vegetative composition.
- b. Hydrologic Connection - the nature and degree of off-site connection that may provide benefits to off-site water resources through detrital export, base flow maintenance, water quality enhancement or the provision of nursery habitat.
- c. Uniqueness - the relative rarity of the wetland or other surface water and its floral and faunal components in relation to the surrounding regional landscape.
- d. Location - the location of the wetland or other surface water in relation to its surroundings. In making this assessment, the reference materials used will include but not be limited to the National Wetlands Inventory, the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and National Resource Conservation Service Soils maps.

- e. Fish and Wildlife Utilization - the use of wetlands or other surface water for resting, feeding, breeding, nesting, or denning by fish and wildlife, particularly those species that are listed as an endangered, threatened or species of special concern.
- f. Extent of Wetland - the total area within the delineated boundaries of the subject area as defined by the reviewing agency.

POLICY C.1.3.12

Development activities in wetlands shall protect the natural function of those wetlands or as a final option be mitigated in accordance with the SWFWMD and DEP guidelines and criteria as well as consistent with the local Land Use Plan.

POLICY C.1.3.13

Impacts of proposed development upon wetlands shall be required as a final option to mitigate the impact in accordance with the mitigation guidelines and criteria utilized by the SWFWMD and/or DEP, whichever is more stringent.

POLICY C.1.3.14

Mitigation should occur onsite, or upon adjacent lands.

POLICY C.1.3.15

When mitigation is required, a mitigation plan shall be developed, submitted, and approved prior to the issuance of a development order.

POLICY C.1.3.16

Mitigation ratios for the restoration or creation of a wetland shall be in accordance with the SWFWMD and/or DEP guidelines and criteria for mitigation.

POLICY C.1.3.17

Impacts to wetlands or other surface waters shall be mitigated through restoration (or other acceptable means) using native plant material that replaces type, value, and function of the areas impacted.

POLICY C.1.3.18

The City shall permit all land uses to abut preservation, conservation, and wetlands areas providing that when identified as being impacted by a proposed development the subject areas shall be reviewed by a representative of either the Southwest Florida Water Management District or the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the size and value of the wetland or surface water, the level of impact, the level of protection required, the ratio of mitigation to impacted area for those impacts determined to be unavoidable, and that all NPDES, DEP, SWFWMD, and local water quality standards are met.

POLICY C.1.3.19

Identification of wetlands on the future land use map are presumptive only and must be specifically identified and delineated in accordance with the Southwest Florida Water Management District and/or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection criteria.

POLICY C.1.3.20

Development shall be a final option in wetlands, however, if development occurs, then mitigation shall be required that is consistent with the SWFWMD and/or DEP guidelines and criteria for mitigation.

POLICY C.1.3.21

If wetland development is to occur in areas designated with the water/drainage feature overlay, the development must insure that the impact or destruction does not degrade the drainage and water quality attributes of the wetland.

POLICY C.1.3.22

The City shall upon assessment and determination by the Department of Environmental Protection or the Southwest Florida Water Management District, initiate measures to protect the identified streams and lake swamps from negative impact and development. Protective measures may include but not be limited to land use changes, and covenants running with the land.

OBJECTIVE C.1.4

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to identify and appropriately conserve, use, and protect wildlife and wildlife habitats within the community.

POLICY C.1.4.1

Promote education and awareness of the necessity for the protection of and the expansion of wildlife habitats.

POLICY C.1.4.2

The City shall utilize the natural systems inventory maps produced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to identify natural plant communities that are determined to provide significant wildlife habitats.

POLICY C.1.4.3

The City shall continue to implement the land development regulations to conserve and protect significant wildlife habitats as identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

POLICY C.1.4.4

The City shall restrict development activities that adversely affect areas identified and mapped as significant wildlife habitats. Where development activities are proposed in such areas, the City may require site intensive wildlife surveys and other field documentation, as needed, to assess potential impacts.

POLICY C.1.4.5

During the land development review process, the City shall consider effects upon wildlife and wildlife habitats and require mitigative measures on activities known to adversely affect the survival of endangered and threatened wildlife.

POLICY C.1.4.6

The City, in cooperation with Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, shall continue to implement a public education program on the need to protect and manage the habitats of threatened and endangered species, and species of special concern.

POLICY C.1.4.7

The City shall continue to cooperate with the State, region, adjacent local government, and appropriate governmental entity to conserve, protect, and appropriately use unique vegetative communities located within more than one local jurisdiction.

OBJECTIVE C.1.5

The City shall increase coordination with Pinellas County, Tampa Bay Water, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District in meeting future water supply demands through conservation and reuse to prevent excessive groundwater withdrawals.

POLICY C.1.5.1

The City shall continue to cooperate with Pinellas County, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and Tampa Bay Water, in developing water demand projections.

POLICY C.1.5.2

The City shall continue to implement and expand a Reclaimed Water System that maximizes the use of advanced treated wastewater effluent for irrigation purposes.

POLICY C.1.5.3

The City shall continue to encourage the use of the lowest quality water reasonably available, which is environmentally safe and suitable to a given use, such as irrigation, cooling water, etc., in order to reduce the unnecessary use of potable water.

POLICY C.1.5.4

The City shall, in cooperation with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, continue to promote a comprehensive water conservation public education program.

POLICY C.1.5.5

The City shall implement the Southwest Florida Water Management District water shortage restrictions.

OBJECTIVE C.1.6

The City shall continue its regulation of land excavation activities to ensure effective reclamation and productive reuse of such areas.

POLICY C.1.6.1

The City shall continue to prohibit land excavation activities that adversely impact water levels of either surface water or groundwater on surrounding property.

POLICY C.1.6.2

The City shall continue to ensure adequate standards and requirements are in place to minimize the negative impacts of land excavation, and to ensure that land is effectively reclaimed.

POLICY C.1.6.3

The City shall continue to implement setbacks between the land excavation projects and adjacent land uses to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

POLICY C.1.6.4

The City shall, in cooperation with the appropriate agencies, prohibit land excavations in identified wildlife habitats that support threatened or endangered species or species of special concern.

OBJECTIVE C.1.7

The City shall conserve valuable soil resources and ensure they are utilized in the manner best suited for their capabilities.

POLICY C.1.7.1

During the land development process, the City shall utilize soil capability analyses for flood hazard, stability, permeability, and other relevant soil characteristics when planning for new development.

POLICY C.1.7.2

During the land development process, the City shall require that soils be utilized in accordance with the soil suitability for construction, landscaping, transportation, and recreation. Actual determination of suitability will allow for special exceptions in which proper modification of the natural soil can take place to reduce the limitation for development.

OBJECTIVE C.1.8

The City of Pinellas Park, in cooperation with Pinellas County, shall develop a program that educates and facilitates proper disposal, storage, transfer, and recycling of Hazardous Materials.

POLICY C.1.8.1

The City shall continue to cooperate with Pinellas County to promote public education on the types of hazardous material as well as their proper storage and disposal.

POLICY C.1.8.2

The City in cooperation with Pinellas County shall disseminate information concerning the hazardous household waste disposal program and the need to properly dispose of household and industrial waste products.

POLICY C.1.8.3

The City in cooperation with the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization shall utilize the hazardous materials and waste movement plan to reduce the environmental and public health risks associated the hazardous materials transport.

POLICY C.1.8.4

The City, in cooperation with appropriate agencies, shall continue to inventory potential hazardous waste contamination sites within City boundaries.

POLICY C.1.8.5

The City shall, through the development review process, ensure that development which generates hazardous materials or wastes meets or exceeds the *Land Development Code* requirements for protecting citizens, abutting property owners, and the environment from contamination.

OBJECTIVE C.1.9

As an ongoing objective, the City shall support the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program in its efforts to improve the water quality and the overall environmental conditions of Tampa Bay.

POLICY C.1.9.1

The City shall cooperate with and implement, to the extent of their applicability, those provisions of the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan that are appropriate to this community and the impacts of development activities on the water quality of Tampa Bay.

POLICY C.1.9.2

The City shall continue to support Pinellas County's participation in the establishment of a coordinated multi-jurisdictional effort for managing Tampa Bay under the leadership of the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program.

OBJECTIVE C.1.10

The City shall promote energy efficiency and energy conservation.

POLICY C.1.10.1

Incorporate sidewalks, recreational paths or bicycle pathways into all future urban roadway expansions.

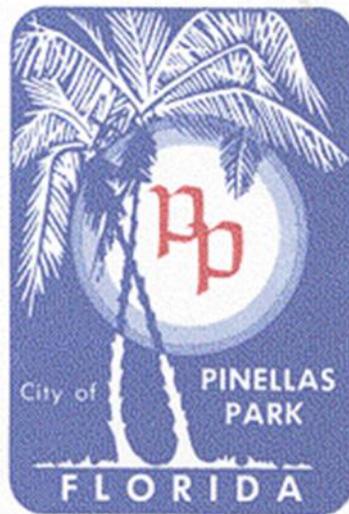
POLICY C.1.10.2

Continue to fund the Sidewalk, Ramp and Neighborhood Program to provide for the installation of sidewalks and ramps throughout the City.

POLICY C.1.10.3

Assist the MPO and PSTA in encouraging mass transit ridership and other alternative modes of travel through the development of corridor management studies and transit development analyses.

POTABLE WATER



POTABLE WATER ELEMENT

POTABLE WATER

GOAL PW.1

Provide needed public facilities in a manner which protects investments in existing and future facilities and promotes safe and orderly growth.

OBJECTIVE PW.1.1

The City shall continue to require that all developments obtain a Concurrency Review to ensure that the level of service standards are not degraded below the adopted level without 100 percent mitigation of impact to ensure sufficient facility capacity is available to serve the complete development.

POLICY PW.1.1.1

The following Level of Service standards have been established for the City of Pinellas Park and shall be used in determining the availability of facility capacity and demand created by new development:

Potable Water average Level of Service Standard shall be 60 gallons per day per capital for resident development and 30 gallon per day per employee for non residential development.

POLICY PW.1.1.2

All replacements or expansions of the utility systems shall meet or exceed the level of service standards for the facility.

POLICY PW.1.1.3

All replacements or expansions of the utility system shall be in accordance with this Element.

OBJECTIVE PW.1.2

The City will maintain a 10-year public utility improvements schedule; the schedule will reflect the projected demands identified in this Element and it will be updated annually in conformance with the Capital Improvement Element.

POLICY PW.1.2.1

The City will utilize this element when developing the water system portion of the Capital Improvement Element and when upgrading and extending water system service.

POLICY PW.1.2.2

The City will coordinate water improvements in accordance with adopted levels of service, the Master Plan, and other related infrastructure improvements.

POLICY PW.1.2.3

The City will monitor and annually report facility capacity and demand in order to determine level of service for potable water.

OBJECTIVE PW.1.3

Provide adequate quantities and qualities of water service to all customers of the Pinellas Park Water Service Area.

POLICY PW 1.3.1

The Public Works Department shall analyze the condition and adequacy of any water distribution system that the City may inherit through annexation and prepare cost estimates for upgrading those systems to meet City requirements.

POLICY PW 1.3.2

When new subdivisions are being developed, it shall be the responsibility of the developer to provide internal water systems which are constructed to City specifications.

POLICY PW 1.3.3

Continue to construct water system improvements which will provide adequate quantity, pressure, and duration of fire flows while meeting system user needs.

POLICY PW 1.3.4

Continue to develop a system and construct improvements which will conserve energy, water, and other valuable resources.

POLICY PW 1.3.5

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to coordinate with the water management and supply authorities in the implementation of techniques to augment existing water supplies to provide for future needs.

POLICY PW.1.3.6

The Public Works Department will work in cooperation with the Fire Department to ensure that adequate pressure flow is available for the protection of life and property.

OBJECTIVE PW.1.4

Continue to provide sound fiscal management for the operation and maintenance of potable water service in the City's service area

POLICY PW.1.4.1

The Office of Management and Budget will monitor annually the costs and revenues associated with the potable water system.

POLICY PW.1.4.2

The Office of Management and Budget will, on an annual basis, review the potable water utility rate structure to ensure adequate financial support.

POLICY PW.1.4.3

The Office of Management and Budget will produce anticipated revenue projections for five-year increments annually for use in potable water capital improvement programming.

POLICY PW 1.4.4

Fees charged users of potable water services shall continue to be adequate to cover system operating costs, repayments of capital costs, and allow for repair and replacement of existing facilities. The City shall also continue to evaluate new rate structures as necessary.

POLICY PW 1.4.5

Prioritization and scheduling of major improvements associated with the potable water system should be accomplished as a component of the capital improvement program.

POLICY PW 1.4.6

Funds set aside for repair and replacement of the potable water system shall not be diverted to other uses.

POLICY PW 1.4.7

The City should continue to seek financial support of the potable water system through grant programs administered by appropriate State and Federal agencies.

POLICY PW 1.4.8

Fees charged users of potable water services shall continue to be adequate to cover system operating costs, repayments of capital costs, and allow for repair and replacement of existing facilities. The City shall also continue to evaluate new rate structures as necessary.

POLICY PW 1.4.9

The City shall continue to refine the water conservation inverted rate structure for potable water users.

OBJECTIVE PW.1.5

The City will annually review and coordinate infrastructure improvements to ensure that maximization of existing facilities is encouraged prior to permitting expansion or upgrading of the utility system.

POLICY PW.1.5.1

The City shall prohibit development in areas where there is not available capacity in the existing utility system or where there does not exist a utility facility, unless impact is mitigated 100 percent by the developer.

POLICY PW.1.5.2

Development approval shall be subject to the determination that the capacity of the existing facilities is sufficient to serve the proposed development.

POLICY PW.1.5.3

Infill development shall be encouraged where system utilities are already available.

POLICY PW.1.5.4

The planning and siting of new public facilities shall serve as a pro-active growth management tool, discouraging sprawl activity.

POLICY PW.1.5.5

If public utilities and services cannot be extended to certain areas due to constraints (environmental, topographic, etc.) developments proposed for these areas should be guided to other areas where public services and facilities currently exist.

POLICY PW.1.5.6

Where capacity is not available in the existing system, the developer shall be required to upgrade the facility to the acceptable level of service.

GOAL PW.2

Provide potable water services to the City's service areas in accordance with the projected demands identified in this document and subsequent master facilities studies.

OBJECTIVE PW.2.1

Deficiencies of the existing system, which have been identified in this Element, will be addressed in the Capital Improvement Element and reviewed annually.

POLICY PW.2.1.1

Projects shall be initiated in accordance with this Element and in conformance with the CIE.

POLICY PW.2.1.2

The City shall require that all developments obtain a Concurrency Review to ensure an adequate Level of Service.

POLICY PW.2.1.3

The size of a water main necessary to provide adequate potable water service into a developing area shall be determined not only by the absolute needs of a particular consumer but shall reflect the needs for adequate fire protection for the area and type of development and the ability of the water system to provide service to all potential consumers on an area basis.

OBJECTIVE PW.2.2

Projected demands through the year 2025 will be met by undertaking the projects detailed in this Element.

POLICY PW.2.2.1

The City will provide and / or secure adequate financing to plan and construct the needed improvements listed.

POLICY PW.2.2.2

The City will undertake the improvements in accordance with the Master Plan and this Element.

POLICY PW.2.2.3

The planning and expansion of new public facilities shall be based upon demand forecasts and the rate of private development.

GOAL PW.3

Ensure the water distribution system is well maintained and delivers high quality safe potable water.

OBJECTIVE PW.3.1

The City will continue annual inspections to ensure the environmental quality and integrity of utility facilities.

POLICY PW.3.1.1

Life expectancy schedules for infrastructure components will be used to provide for the maintenance, repair, renovation and replacement of such facilities.

OBJECTIVE PW.3.2

The City will implement a program that will prohibit the issuance of a building permit if the proposed development will effectively reduce the environmental and functional integrity of the utility system below the acceptable Level of Service standard, in accordance with Article 16 of the *Land Development Code*.

POLICY PW.3.2.1

The City will continue to improve circulation of the extremities of the potable water system.

OBJECTIVE PW.3.3

Continue to maintain the water system in a safe, sound, and efficient manner.

POLICY PW 3.3.1

The Public Works Administration, Water Division, shall monitor water quality and the operation of the water distribution system with the intent of repairing and replacing deficient portions of the system within the framework of the capitalized budgeting process.

POLICY PW 3.3.2

Continue to provide adequate spacing of fire hydrants to provide optimum hose lays and fire flow.

POLICY PW 3.3.3

Require at the time of application for connection to the public potable water system, that minimum fire flows and hydrant spacing be consistent with fire district standards.

OBJECTIVE PW.3.4

Continue to develop a potable water system that is compatible with the environment and seeks to conserve and protect sensitive natural resources.

POLICY PW 3.4.1

Except for areas of the City where reclaimed water is available, shallow wells shall be recognized as a viable source of water for irrigation purposes.

POLICY PW 3.4.2

The City shall require water conserving fixtures in newly constructed or remodeled buildings.

POLICY PW 3.4.3

Manage the supply of water in quantities which would minimize significant adverse impacts on the natural system and protect the long term public interest.

GOAL PW.4

Establish and utilize potable water conservation strategies and techniques to ensure the availability of potable water resources in the future.

OBJECTIVE PW.4.1

The City will annually conduct programs and efforts to conserve potable water supplies.

POLICY PW.4.1.1

The City will continue to coordinate with Pinellas County in developing alternative water sources and offsetting potable water consumption, to ensure future water supplies.

POLICY PW.4.1.2

For all developments with irrigation systems, the system shall not be connected to the City's potable water system.

POLICY PW.4.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall enforce the Southwest Florida Water Management District watering restrictions and the Pinellas County ordinance prohibiting the direct connection of lawn sprinkler systems to the potable water distribution lines within the jurisdictional limits of the community.

POLICY PW.4.1.4

The City shall expand its water conservation program to reduce the demand on the potable water resource and to limit the impact of fresh water withdrawals on the natural environment.

POLICY PW.4.1.5

The City shall implement a Reclaimed Water System which maximizes the use of advanced treated wastewater effluent for irrigation purposes.

POLICY PW.4.1.6

The City shall continue to utilize its reclaimed water system and shall expand the system to ensure maximum productivity with minimal environmental impacts.

POLICY PW.4.1.7

The City shall, in cooperation with the SWFWMD, continue to promote a comprehensive water conservation public education program.

POLICY PW.4.1.8

The City shall annually present a public information program which addresses issues of water conservation, recycling, and other environmental issues that face society today.

POLICY PW.4.1.9

The City shall continue its comprehensive educational program with specifically targeted messages for residential, commercial industrial, and institutional consumers to discourage waste and conserve potable water resources.

POLICY PW.4.1.10

The City shall continue to cooperate with Pinellas County, the SWFWMD, and Tampa Bay Water, in developing water demand projections.

POLICY PW.4.1.11

The City shall encourage the use of the lowest quality water reasonably available, which is environmentally safe and suitable to a given use, such as irrigation, cooling water, etc. in order to reduce the unnecessary use of potable water.

POLICY PW.4.1.12

The City shall enforce existing requirements, and establish new requirements and procedures as needed, to assure that low water usage plumbing fixtures are used in all new buildings or in conjunction with renovations.

POLICY PW.4.1.13

The City shall continue to promote water conservation through public education programs, promoting plumbing retrofitting, expanding the local reclaimed water system, and promoting drought-tolerant landscaping. Such efforts shall include continuing water restriction enforcement, the distribution of brochures promoting water conservation, and utilizing conservation information from Pinellas County.

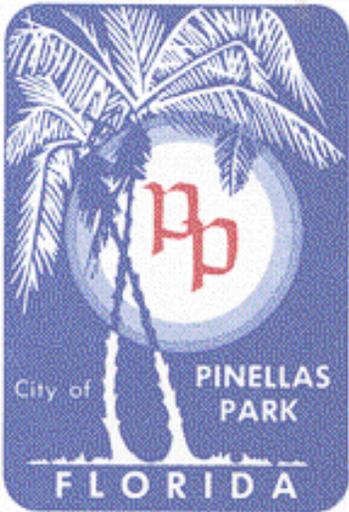
POLICY PW.4.1.14

The City shall promote the use of native and drought-tolerant plantings, including the promotion of the principles of Florida-friendly landscaping, as a means of conserving water through continued public education and enforcement of development.

POLICY PW.4.1.15

The City shall encourage the use of low impact development design techniques for private development and as part of its own public works projects.

SANITARY SEWER ELEMENT



SANITARY SEWER

GOAL SS.1

Provide needed public facilities in a manner that protects investments in existing facilities and promotes safe and orderly growth.

OBJECTIVE SS.1.1

The City shall require that all development obtain Concurrency Approval to ensure that the level of service (LOS) standards are not degraded below the adopted level without 100 percent mitigation of impact to ensure sufficient facility capacity is available to serve the completed development.

POLICY SS.1.1.1

The following ADF (average daily flow) design standards shall be the basis for determining the availability of facility capacity prior to the issuance of a permit for a development project for Sanitary Sewer (no gravity line surcharging; pumping stations pumping the peak inflow with the largest station out of service):

- a. Residential (1985 and after): 100 gallons per day per person
- b. Non-Residential: 1,000 gallons per day per acre

Peak factors, the multiples of ADF used to determine the highest hourly flow expected in any year, shall be as follows:

| ADF | PEAK FACTOR |
|-------------|-------------|
| 0.0-0.2 | 3.50 |
| 0.2-0.8 | 3.00 |
| 0.8-2.0 | 2.50 |
| 2.0-4.0 | 2.25 |
| 4.0-Greater | 2.00 |

POLICY SS.1.1.2

All replacements or expansions of the utility systems shall meet or exceed the LOS standards for the facility.

POLICY SS.1.1.3

All replacements or expansions of the utility system shall be in accordance with the Master Plan or any updates.

POLICY SS.1.1.4

To determine whether adequate wastewater treatment capacity is available for a development or redevelopment project in Pinellas Park, the City will utilize the adopted level of service standard for the South Cross Bayou Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

SANITARY SEWER ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE SS.1.2

The City will maintain a ten-year schedule for public utility improvements; the schedule will reflect the projected demands identified in this Element and Master Plan, and it will be updated annually in conformance with the Capital Improvement Element (CIE).

POLICY SS.1.2.1

The City will utilize this Element and Master Plan when developing the sewer projects for the CIE and when upgrading and extending water and wastewater system service.

POLICY SS.1.2.2

The City will coordinate sewer line improvements with other infrastructure improvements in accordance with adopted LOS and with the Master Plan and this Element.

POLICY SS.1.2.3

The City will monitor facility capacity and demand in order to determine LOS provided by wastewater facilities.

OBJECTIVE SS.1.3

The Office of Management & Budget will annually review the City's ability to ensure adequate financial support for operations, maintenance and contingency funds associated with the wastewater system.

POLICY SS.1.3.1

The Office of Management & Budget will monitor annually the costs and revenues associated with the sewer system.

POLICY SS.1.3.2

The Office of Management & Budget will, on an annual basis, review the sewer utility rate structure to ensure adequate financial support.

POLICY SS.1.3.3

The Office of Management & Budget will annually produce anticipated revenue projections for 5-year increments annually for use in sewer capital improvement programming.

POLICY SS.1.3.4

Fees charged users of sewer services shall be adequate to cover system operating costs, repayment of capital costs, suitable coverage for payment of bonded indebtedness to maintain desirable bond rating, and allow for repair and replacement of existing facilities.

OBJECTIVE SS.1.4

The City will annually review procedures to ensure that maximization of existing facilities is encouraged prior to permitting expansion or upgrading of the utility system.

POLICY SS.1.4.1

The City shall prohibit development in areas where there is not available capacity in the existing utility system or there does not exist a utility facility, unless impact is mitigated.

POLICY SS.1.4.2

Development approval shall be subject to the determination that the capacity of the existing facilities is sufficient to serve the proposed development.

POLICY SS.1.4.3

Needed extensions or upgrades to the existing utility system should occur in an orderly manner as to discourage sprawl.

POLICY SS.1.4.4

The planning and siting of new public facilities shall serve as a pro-active growth management tool, discouraging sprawl activity.

POLICY SS.1.4.5

If public utilities and services cannot be extended to certain areas due to constraints (environmental, topographic, etc.), developments proposed for these areas should be guided to other areas where public services and facilities currently exist.

POLICY SS.1.4.6

Where capacity is not available in the existing system, the developer shall be required to upgrade the facility to the acceptable LOS. The City may participate in the cost of the project, when the improvement provides for communitywide benefit.

POLICY SS.1.4.7

When new subdivisions are being developed, the developer shall provide internal sewer systems which that are constructed to City specifications.

POLICY SS.1.4.8

The City will continue to extend force mains and lift station capacity to serve new infill development.

POLICY SS.1.4.9

The City will continue the cleaning and lining of major interceptors to protect the integrity of the sewer system.

POLICY SS.1.4.10

The use of reclaimed water for irrigation of City parks, golf courses, ball fields, soccer fields and other appropriate land uses will continue to be developed in an effort to conserve potable water.

POLICY SS.1.4.11

The City will continue to encourage long-term agreements with golf course operators and other individuals or groups to use reclaimed water for irrigation by offering reclaimed water on an incentive-based fee schedule.

POLICY SS.1.4.12

The City will expand the reclaimed water network to serve all areas to optimize potable water conservation efforts, while concurrently providing for optimum use for wastewater effluent.

GOAL SS.2

Provide sanitary sewer services to the City's service areas in accordance with the projected demands identified in this Element and subsequent master facilities studies.

OBJECTIVE SS.2.1

Deficiencies of the existing system, which have been identified in this Element, will be addressed in the CIE, as dictated by the actual demand and rate of development.

POLICY SS.2.1.1

Projects will be initiated in accordance with the Master Plan and this Element, and in conformance with the CIE.

POLICY SS.2.1.2

Projects that address identified deficiencies will have a high priority in the formulation of the CIE.

POLICY SS.2.1.3

New development will comply with Article 16 of the *Land Development Code*, ensuring that the LOS for sewer facilities that serve the development can be maintained.

OBJECTIVE SS.2.2

Projected demands through the year 2025 will be met by undertaking the projects as detailed in this Element.

POLICY SS.2.2.1

The City will provide and/or secure adequate financing to plan and construct the needed improvements listed under Objective SS.2.2.

POLICY SS.2.2.2

The City will undertake the improvements in accordance with the Master Plan and this Element, and in conformance with the CIE procedures.

POLICY SS.2.2.3

The planning and expansion of new public facilities shall be based upon demand forecasts and the rate of private development.

GOAL SS.3

Ensure that the environmental and functional integrity of the sanitary sewer facilities of the City is maintained on a basis reflective of demand and age of the facility.

OBJECTIVE SS.3.1

The City will continue annual inspections of utility facilities to ensure functional integrity.

POLICY SS.3.1.1

The City will continue to monitor compliance with the Sewer Use Ordinance.

OBJECTIVE SS.3.2

The City will prohibit the issuance of a building permit if the proposed development will effectively reduce the environmental and functional integrity of the utility system below the acceptable LOS standards, in accordance with Article 16 of the *Land Development Code*.

POLICY SS.3.2.1

The City's review of proposed development will include review of anticipated characteristics of the waste stream and their compliance with the Sewer Use Ordinance.

GOAL SS.4

Prevent existing and future sources of wastewater from adversely impacting the groundwater, estuaries, and quality of life.

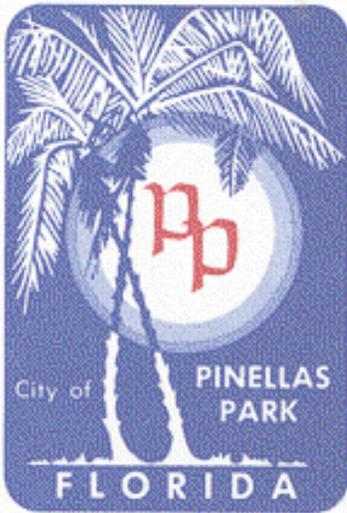
OBJECTIVE SS.4.1

Installation of individual on-site disposal systems will be prohibited, unless undue hardship is proven to the agency responsible for permitting such disposal systems within Pinellas County.

POLICY SS.4.1.1

Adequate sanitary sewerage will continue to be provided to eliminate the need for installation of individual on-site disposal systems.

SOLID WASTE ELEMENT



SOLID WASTE

GOAL SW.1

To provide a cost-effective, and efficient method of collecting, recycling, and disposing solid waste throughout the City of Pinellas Park in an environmentally sound manner which will protect the public health and safety.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.1

The City of Pinellas Park will maintain a monitoring system to identify service and facility deficiencies on an annual basis.

POLICY SW.1.1.1

When a deficiency is identified the City of Pinellas Park shall allocate the necessary personnel and resources to remedy the deficiency.

POLICY SW.1.1.2

If an identified deficiency is associated with the Pinellas County Solid Waste Operations, the City will cooperate with Pinellas County and the Technical Management Committee to remedy the deficiency.

POLICY SW.1.1.3

The City shall monitor the performance of the solid waste collection contractor to ensure the minimum Levels of Service.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.2

The City of Pinellas Park will continue to provide a level of solid waste collection services to meet the existing and future needs of the City, and ensure that all solid waste is being collected in a cost-effective, efficient and environmentally sound manner.

POLICY SW.1.2.1

The City will maintain the following level of solid waste service:

- a. A twice weekly garbage pick up, and a once weekly recycling pick up, for residents. This service includes unlimited can service and the removal of white goods (refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, etc).
- b. Commercial accounts are picked up on as needed basis.
- c. The capacity to collect, recycle or otherwise dispose of up to 1.3 tons per person per year, consistent with Pinellas County's level of service standard.

POLICY SW.1.2.2

Services of the private waste collection contractor will be monitored to ensure the acceptable performance standards relative to the needs of the City.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park will ensure that solid waste collection service is available for all existing and future City residents and businesses.

POLICY SW.1.3.1

The City shall make available at the time of annexation solid waste collection service or require proof of existing service by a licensed solid waste collection service.

POLICY SW.1.3.2

The City shall include solid waste collection as a part of the utility services for City residents and businesses.

POLICY SW.1.3.3

The City shall provide collection service to every residential and commercial location within the City.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.4

The City of Pinellas Park will strive to reduce the local solid waste stream by 30 percent or a target range consistent with the current State requirements.

POLICY SW.1.4.1

The City will continue the citywide curbside recycling program.

POLICY SW.1.4.2

The City shall continue the office paper recycling program for all City buildings.

POLICY SW.1.4.3

The City shall strive to purchase products and supplies that are made from recycled materials, pursuant to the procurement procedures of the City.

POLICY SW.1.4.4

A public information program which will utilize both printed and electronic media will be used and periodically updated, to educate the public about the waste reduction and recycling program, and the need to reduce the amount of solid waste being generated.

POLICY SW.1.4.5

The City shall continue to support the separation and removal of recyclable metals from the solid waste stream prior to disposal.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.5

Support solid waste management practices which protect the environment and promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

POLICY SW.1.5.1

Enforce Section 11-101 through 11-111 and Section 16-106 through 16-109 of the Pinellas Park *Code of Ordinances* which defines proper procedures for the storage, treatment, transfer, and disposal of solid waste.

POLICY SW.1.5.2

Enforce the regulations established in the City of Pinellas Park *Land Development Code*, Section 26-906 (Ordinance No. 144, September 27, 1984) with regard to the storage, treatment, and transfer of hazardous waste, and Section 26.705(D) outdoor storage of industrial by-products or similar type of material.

POLICY SW.1.5.3

A public information program which will utilize both printed and electronic media will be used to educate the public about sound solid waste management practices.

POLICY SW.1.5.4

A public information program will be used to educate the public about hazardous materials, products and wastes and their proper disposal.

POLICY SW.1.5.5

Review on an annual basis and amend, if necessary, Sections 18-1509 and 18-1507 of the *Land Development Code* to ensure that regulations established in regard to the storage, treatment, and transfer of hazardous waste and industrial by-products be updated to ensure a state of the art regulating mechanisms.

POLICY SW.1.5.6

Continue to respond to and investigate illegal dumping and prosecute illegal excavation activities.

POLICY SW.1.5.7

Minimize litter on public roads and water bodies through a combination of educational programs and scheduled maintenance.

POLICY SW.1.5.8

Continue to cite violators who dump along the road or who abandon vehicles or appliances in an unsafe or unsanitary manner, as defined by City Ordinance.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.6

The City shall require that hazardous wastes and materials are handled, collected, transported, stored, disposed and recycled in a manner adequate to protect human health, safety and the environment.

POLICY SW.1.6.1

Support and follow existing Federal and State regulations regarding large quantity generators of hazardous waste.

POLICY SW.1.6.2

Encourage and support State efforts to develop a stronger statewide Hazardous Waste Management Program.

POLICY SW.1.6.3

The City shall support the efforts of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as the repository for the District VIII SARA Title III information.

POLICY SW.1.6.4

The City shall continue to implement its Hazardous Materials Management Program for all City government departments and operations.

POLICY SW.1.6.5

The siting of hazardous waste transfer facilities within reasonable travel distance to industrial parks and other businesses shall be guided by the City *Land Development Code*.

POLICY SW.1.6.6

Continue to coordinate with the County-wide Hazardous Materials Response Team for hazardous waste accidents or spills.

POLICY SW.1.6.7

Direct citizens to authorized sites for disposal and transfer/temporary storage facilities located in Pinellas County for hazardous household wastes.

POLICY SW.1.6.8

Support and encourage the Household Chemical Collection Program provided by Pinellas County by assisting in notifying citizens of drop-off sites through the City's various outreach programs.

POLICY SW.1.6.9

Provide education to inform citizens of the need and opportunities for recycling through the City's various outreach programs.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.7

Through daily monitoring of service and periodic review of the contract, the City shall continue to provide sound management for solid waste collection, transport, disposal and recycling.

POLICY SW.1.7.1

Fees charged residents and commercial customers shall be adequate to cover operating costs.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.8

SOLID WASTE ELEMENT

Continue the implementation of a dumpster and recycling container screening program to support the visual appearance objectives of the City.

POLICY SW.1.8.1

All dumpsters in the City shall continue to be screened.

OBJECTIVE SW.1.9

The City shall coordinate debris collection activities with Pinellas County following a natural disaster.

POLICY SW.1.9.1

Debris removal and disposal procedures after a natural disaster shall be consistent with the Pinellas Park Debris Removal Plan.

POLICY SW.1.9.2

The City shall have contracts in place for debris collection prior to the occurrence of a natural disaster.

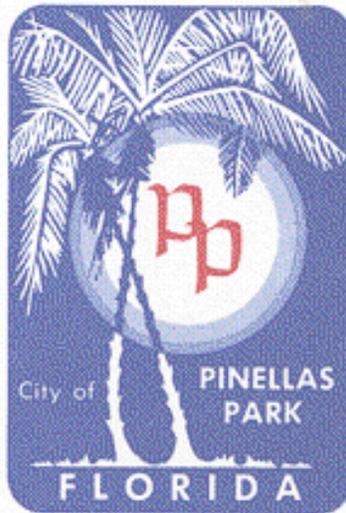
OBJECTIVE SW.1.10

The City shall coordinate with the County and all appropriate entities regarding solid waste collection and disposal.

POLICY SW.1.10.1

The City shall utilize its Technical Management Committee as a joint planning and work group for solid waste issues to further intergovernmental coordinating with all the municipalities within the County.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

GOAL D.1

Stormwater shall be managed to provide flood protection for the residents and businesses of the City of Pinellas Park and to preserve, protect, and/or enhance the water quality of receiving water bodies.

OBJECTIVE D.1.1

Stormwater management levels of service deficiencies for both existing and projected which have been identified in this plan shall be reduced.

POLICY D.1.1.1

The City shall implement all City jurisdictional stormwater improvement measures in the time frame as identified in the Comprehensive Plan and as prioritized by City Council.

POLICY D.1.1.2

To accommodate future growth, the City shall analyze and evaluate the stormwater management system, basin-by-basin, to identify stormwater management and flood control deficiencies.

POLICY D.1.1.3

Existing deficiencies as identified in this plan shall be of first priority.

POLICY D.1.1.4

Stormwater management measures designed to accommodate future growth shall be a second priority.

POLICY D.1.1.5

All identified deficiencies shall be reviewed annually to ensure that an up-to-date listing of deficiencies exists.

POLICY D.1.1.6

The City shall maintain and annually update a prioritized schedule of stormwater management projects.

POLICY D.1.1.7

The City shall annually estimate improvement costs for identified stormwater management projects.

POLICY D.1.1.8

The City shall continue to aggressively implement identified stormwater management improvements to correct deficiencies to accommodate growth.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

POLICY D.1.1.9

Drainage improvements shall be modeled, reviewed, and considered for inclusion in all roadway improvements.

POLICY D.1.1.10

Hydrological and hydraulic models shall be used to identify the impact of proposed improvements upon the stormwater management system.

POLICY D.1.1.11

Project scheduling and priorities shall be flexible enough to accommodate emergencies, opportunities for shared project funding, and new requirements of the local governments.

POLICY D.1.1.12

As a need or emergency arises, stormwater projects required to address localized issues, such as neighborhood flooding, may take precedence over planned improvements.

OBJECTIVE D.1.2

The implementation of level of service standards and regulations regarding flood control for both public and private development shall reduce the deficiencies identified in this plan.

POLICY D.1.2.1

All applicable Federal, State, and local regulations (as presented in the Regulatory Framework section of the Stormwater Management Element) relating to flood control shall continue to be met in public and private design.

POLICY D.1.2.2

Drainage channels serving drainage basins greater than one square mile shall be sized to contain a 25-year/24-hour storm event within the channel banks. Peak post-development runoff shall not exceed peak pre-development runoff rates.

POLICY D.1.2.3

Closed conduit (storm sewer) systems serving drainage basins greater than one square mile shall be sized so that the hydraulic grade-line is no higher than the inlet grate, inlet throat or rim elevations for a 25-year/24-hour storm event. No surcharging will be allowed.

POLICY D.1.2.4

Drainage channels serving drainage basins less than one square mile shall be sized to contain a 10-year/24-hour storm event within the channel banks. Peak post-development runoff shall not exceed peak pre-development runoff rates.

POLICY D.1.2.5

Closed conduit (storm sewer) systems serving drainage basins less than one square mile shall be sized so that the hydraulic grade-line is no higher than the inlet grate, inlet throat or rim elevations for a 10-year/24-hour storm event. No surcharging will be allowed.

POLICY D.1.2.6

Retention or detention facilities shall be sized so that the post-development condition discharge amount does not exceed the pre-development condition discharge amount for a 25-year/24-hour storm event and 6 inches of freeboard is maintained.

POLICY D.1.2.7

The 100-year/24-hour storm event shall be confined to streets and yards for all new construction in order to protect human life and minimize structural damage.

POLICY D.1.2.8

Require review of all construction and infill projects to ensure that adopted levels of service are maintained.

POLICY D.1.2.9

The City shall prohibit all construction and infill projects in established areas that currently do not meet the adopted level of service for drainage until such time as an acceptable level of service has been achieved.

POLICY D.1.2.10

Continue to control encroachment in the 100-year floodplain.

POLICY D.1.2.11

Repetitive street flooding of collector or arterial streets, within the adopted storm event criteria, shall indicate a current deficiency.

POLICY D.1.2.12

Repetitive street flooding of local streets, within the adopted storm event criteria, shall indicate a current deficiency.

POLICY D.1.2.13

Repetitive street flooding of emergency evacuation routes, within the adopted storm event criteria, shall indicate a deficiency of first priority.

OBJECTIVE D.1.3

The City shall continue to protect and improve surface water quality within its jurisdiction to meet or exceed the standards established in Chapter 62-25 FAC.

POLICY D.1.3.1

All applicable Federal, State, regional, and local (as presented in the Regulatory Framework section of the Stormwater Management Element) relating to water quality shall continue to be met in public and private design.

POLICY D.1.3.2

The City shall annually inspect City-owned stormwater management facilities to assure that water quality measures are in place.

POLICY D.1.3.3

The City shall require the inclusion of water quality improvement measures when constructing stormwater retention/detention facilities.

POLICY D.1.3.4

Erosion and sediment control measures shall be required with construction projects as identified by the City Engineer.

POLICY D.1.3.5

All stormwater management system studies shall include water quality measures to be implemented along with flood control improvements.

POLICY D.1.3.6

The City shall continue to preserve appropriate wetlands and floodplains as conveyance systems, wildlife habitat, natural storage and treatment areas, and aquifer recharge areas.

POLICY D.1.3.7

The City shall cooperate with Pinellas County and the Department of Environmental Protection, as appropriate, to improve monitoring and compliance enforcement of all point and non-point source discharges within the City boundaries.

POLICY D.1.3.8

The City, through land use planning and development review processes, shall continue to conserve and protect wetlands and floodplains from detrimental physical and hydrological alteration.

POLICY D.1.3.9

The City through the land use planning and development review processes shall control encroachment into the 100-year floodplain.

POLICY D.1.3.10

The City, through the land development review process, shall promote the use of desirable native wetland plant species for biological filtration and assimilation of pollutants in new and altered existing stormwater retention and detention ponds.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

POLICY D.1.3.11

The City, in cooperation with other appropriate agencies, shall seek the implementation of cleanup actions when water pollution sources are identified.

POLICY D.1.3.12

The City shall require measures to improve water quality on all development projects involving stormwater management and meet Chapter 62-25 FAC standards.

POLICY D.1.3.13

The City shall coordinate with the County and State to improve the quality of stormwater in those areas where stormwater quality does not meet standards.

POLICY D.1.3.14

The City shall investigate and assess alternative approaches to address drainage and mitigation concerns.

POLICY D.1.3.15

As a part of the development review process, construction plans will be reviewed to make sure that proposed activities do not create an adverse impact upon abutting properties or stormwater system.

OBJECTIVE D.1.4

The City shall continue to encourage a multi-jurisdictional approach to stormwater management and coordinate or jointly participate in project implementation.

POLICY D.1.4.1

The City shall continue to seek inter-governmental cooperation and solutions to multi-jurisdictional stormwater management problems and projects.

POLICY D.1.4.2

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Pinellas Park Water Management District, Pinellas County, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Transportation to improve drainage conditions throughout the community.

POLICY D.1.4.3

New development shall meet State and SWFWMD drainage and water quality requirements except as provided by law.

POLICY D.1.4.4

As part of drainage improvements in areas without detention, evaluate the use of detention facilities as a method to reduce flood impacts.

POLICY D.1.4.5

Treatment of stormwater runoff shall be required for all new development, redevelopment, and expansion which occur in existing developed areas as provided by law. In accordance with Chapter 62-25 FAC, the stormwater treatment systems shall provide a level of treatment for the runoff from the first 1 inch of rainfall for projects in drainage basins of 100 acres or more. For projects with drainage basins less than 100 acres, the stormwater treatment systems must provide a level of treatment for the first one-half inch of runoff in accordance with Chapter 62-302, Section 62-302.500 FAC. Stormwater discharge facilities shall be designed so as to not lower receiving water quality or degrade the receiving water body below the minimum conditions necessary to assure the suitability of water for the designated use of its classification as established in Chapter 62-302 FAC.

POLICY D.1.4.6

Continue to coordinate with the Pinellas Park Water Management District and Pinellas County on the implementation of improvements to upgrade the primary system under their jurisdiction.

POLICY D.1.4.7

The City shall continue to coordinate stormwater management projects with other jurisdictions.

OBJECTIVE D.1.5

The City shall require new development in existing areas or subdivisions to provide for stormwater drainage to protect from flooding and pollution.

POLICY D.1.5.1

Infill residential development within improved residential areas or subdivisions existing prior to 1989 must ensure that post-development stormwater runoff will not contribute pollutants which will cause the runoff from the entire improved area or subdivision to degrade receiving water bodies.

POLICY D.1.5.2

Infill commercial development within improved commercial areas existing prior to 1989 must ensure that post-development stormwater runoff will not contribute pollutants which will cause the runoff from the entire improved area to degrade receiving water bodies.

POLICY D.1.5.3

Infill industrial development within improved industrial areas existing prior to 1989 must ensure that post-development stormwater runoff will not contribute pollutants which will cause the runoff from the entire improved area to degrade receiving water bodies.

POLICY D.1.5.4

Development shall be prohibited in areas where there are insufficient drainage facilities, unless improvements will be in place at the time of development impact.

POLICY D.1.5.5

All new development will ensure that post-development stormwater runoff will not contribute pollutants which will degrade receiving water bodies.

OBJECTIVE D.1.6

The City shall continue to develop and implement programs which reduce pollutant discharge into the environment.

POLICY D.1.6.1

Coordinate with Pinellas County and the State to implement programs that monitor stormwater and assure the quality is improved.

POLICY D.1.6.2

Continue to implement a program of routine maintenance for City-operated stormwater facilities.

POLICY D.1.6.3

Require that private drainage facilities be routinely maintained to ensure quality of discharge.

POLICY D.1.6.4

Routinely clean streets to reduce pollutants from entering the stormwater conveyance system.

POLICY D.1.6.5

The City shall continue to implement a program of public education on stormwater pollution.

POLICY D.1.6.6

The City shall develop and promote a public education program aimed at property owners which addresses the impacts of improperly managed lawn litter and fertilizer herbicide-pesticide applications on surface water quality.

POLICY D.1.6.7

The City shall continue to cooperate with Pinellas County to eliminate the discharge of inadequately treated runoff into waters of the State in accordance with Chapter 62-25 FAC and NPDES program standards.

OBJECTIVE D.1.7

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to guide floodplain construction, reconstruction, and redevelopment within the City.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

POLICY D.1.7.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall implement Floodplain Management Planning activities and disseminate information about flood hazards of the area to residents.

POLICY D.1.7.2

The Floodplain Management Planning Activities will focus on: Availability of Public Information; Mapping and Regulatory Activities; Flood Damage Reduction Activities; and Flood Preparedness.

POLICY D.1.7.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall require and retain elevation certificates based upon Lowest Floor Elevation (finished construction) for all buildings built within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). These completed certificates shall be maintained in hard copy form and in computer format.

POLICY D.1.7.4

The City of Pinellas Park shall provide flood zone determinations from the latest Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) to all inquirers for property located within the corporate limits of Pinellas Park.

POLICY D.1.7.5

The City of Pinellas Park shall provide inquirers, upon request, verbally or in written form, the following information from the latest FIRM: Community Number; Panel Number and Suffix; Map Revision Date; FIRM Zone; Base Flood Elevation.

POLICY D.1.7.6

The City of Pinellas Park shall inform all properties located in an SFHA, that the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory according to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

POLICY D.1.7.7

The City of Pinellas Park shall be responsible for the review of all development and redevelopment site plans and construction plans for compliance with Stormwater Management regulations.

POLICY D.1.7.8

A parcel which is identified to be partially within the 100-year floodplain shall require a determination by the Floodplain Administrator or a Certified Floodplain Manager as to if any structure on the parcel is within the 100-year floodplain.

OBJECTIVE D.1.8

The City shall continue to educate the community and enhance residents' awareness and preparedness of flood hazards in the City of Pinellas Park in accordance with FEMA Regulations.

POLICY D.1.8.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall conduct outreach projects which are produced and distributed throughout the community to enhance residents' awareness and preparedness of flood hazards.

POLICY D.1.8.2

A floodplain information section of the City of Pinellas Park Newsletter shall be distributed annually to all addresses within the City.

POLICY D.1.8.3

A Floodplain Notice will be prepared and distributed annually to all addresses within the City located in an SFHA. The distribution of this document shall coincide with the start of the rainy season.

POLICY D.1.8.4

The Floodplain Notice shall contain information on the following subjects: Local Flood Hazard; Local Flood Hazard Map; Local Flood Warning System; Flood Safety; Flood Insurance; Property Protection; Permit Requirements Substantial Improvement Requirements; and Drainage Maintenance.

POLICY D.1.8.5

The City of Pinellas Park shall maintain and annually update in the Reference Section of the public library the following information: a copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map with an explanation of its use; documents on flood insurance; documents on retrofitting flood prone buildings; documents on community floodplain management and flood hazard mitigation; and a directory of addresses and telephone numbers of local offices that can provide additional information on the above topics.

POLICY D.1.8.6

The City of Pinellas Park shall provide the following flood protection assistance:

- a. Site-specific flood and flood-related data such as floor elevations, data on historical flooding in the neighborhood, or other similar information that is available;
- b. Information on how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse people have if they are dissatisfied with a contractor's performance.
- c. Site visits to review flooding, drainage, and storm sewer problems and provide one-on-one guidance to the property owner.
- d. Guidance and assistance on retrofitting techniques to the property owner.

POLICY D.1.8.7

The City of Pinellas Park shall maintain digitized FIRM maps. These maps shall be updated to include all new revisions to the City's FIRMs, Letters of Map Amendments, Letters of Map Revisions, and any changes as appropriate.

POLICY D.1.8.8

The City of Pinellas Park shall maintain a database in which the following information is tracked:

- a. Whether the property is located in an SFHA;
- b. The specific flood zone of the property; and
- c. The base flood elevation, if applicable.

This information shall be updated to include all new revisions to the City's FIRMs, Letters of Map Amendments, Letters of Map Revisions, and any changes as appropriate.

POLICY D.1.8.9

The City of Pinellas Park shall maintain, replace, and/or add to its elevation reference marks located on the FIRM, whenever it is notified that one is missing or unusable. These elevation reference marks shall be checked yearly for location and elevation and certified to October 1 of each year.

POLICY D.1.8.10

The City of Pinellas Park shall update the Pinellas Park Disaster Operations Plan annually.

OBJECTIVE D.1.9

The City shall continue to maintain an operationally effective drainage system through inspections and routine maintenance.

POLICY D.1.9.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall be responsible for inspection, maintenance, and removal of debris from the City's drainage system and shall include those canals, ditches, channels, stream enclosures, culverts, bridge openings, street gutters, underground storm sewers, inlets, catch basins, and any retention basins over which the City has jurisdictional authority.

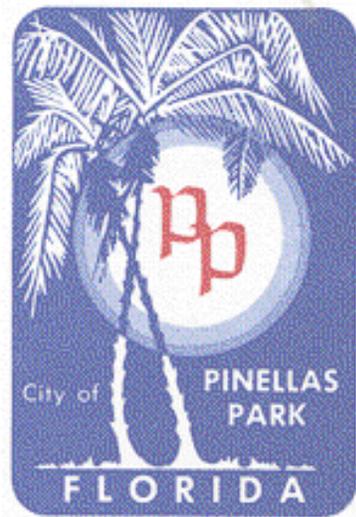
POLICY D.1.9.2

The City of Pinellas Park will conduct annual inspections of the drainage system and maintain records of inspections and debris removal.

POLICY D.1.9.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall prohibit anyone from throwing any garbage, trash, or refuse in any stream or other body of water.

HOUSING ELEMENT



HOUSING

GOAL H.1

Provide safe, sanitary, and decent housing in a variety of types, sizes, locations and costs to meet the needs of current and future residents regardless of race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, income, or familial status.

OBJECTIVE H.1.1

The City will support the provision of an adequate supply of dwelling units in a variety of types, locations and costs to meet the current and projected housing needs of all residents.

POLICY H.1.1.1

Through the land use plan and zoning regulations, the City shall continue to support a land use pattern and land use decisions that provide for diverse housing opportunities and choices at varying densities and locations, while ensuring the provision of adequate public services, utilities, and amenities.

POLICY H.1.1.2

Through utilization of Planned Unit Developments, subdivision regulations, and other provisions of the *Land Development Code*, the City shall continue to encourage innovative housing development techniques that contribute to livability, mobility, cost efficiency, sustainability, and sound construction principles.

POLICY H.1.1.3

The City shall continue to encourage redevelopment and urban infill residential development that are compatible with and support the integrity and viability of existing residential neighborhoods.

POLICY H.1.1.4

By 2010 the City shall amend the *Land Development Code* to reduce the required minimum area per housing unit in order to support a broader range of housing opportunities, choices, densities, and costs.

POLICY H.1.1.5

By 2009, the City shall establish, through the development regulations and building permitting process, provisions for the temporary placement of dwelling structures for the purposes of post-disaster sheltering and recovery. Such structures may include, but are not limited to, manufactured homes, cottage housing, and modular units.

POLICY H.1.1.6

Annually review ordinances, codes, regulations, and the permitting process for the purpose of eliminating excessive requirements, and amending or adding other requirements, in order to increase private sector participation in meeting the community's housing needs, while continuing to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the residents.

POLICY H.1.1.7

Provide information, data, technical assistance, incentives, and supports as available to the private sector in order to maintain a housing production capacity sufficient to meet current and future market demand.

POLICY H.1.1.8

Encourage the provision of affordable, workforce, and special needs housing by providing information, data, technical assistance, and other incentives and supports as available, to the development community, not-for-profit organizations, and other public and private entities and partnerships interested in expanding the supply of such units.

OBJECTIVE H.1.2

The City will continue to modify and update local code and regulations to encourage new residential development, infill development, and redevelopment that is consistent with the "Livable Communities" objectives of expanded transportation choices, vibrant public spaces, and enhanced quality of life.

POLICY H.1.2.1

Through the comprehensive planning program and land development regulations, support efforts to create, recreate, and maintain areas of mixed-use development at appropriate locations in order to achieve the following objectives:

- a. place housing in proximity to employment opportunities, services and amenities;
- b. establish urban and suburban areas that support transportation choices other than privately-owned vehicles and are more efficiently served by public transit and/or bicycle and pedestrian transit;
- c. provide locations that create a range of housing opportunities and choices, including affordable and workforce housing;
- d. provide vibrant and safe public spaces and walkable areas.

POLICY H.1.2.2

Continue to encourage the use of transfers of development rights (TDRs), Planned Unit Developments, and other innovative development techniques to support mixed use development and livable communities.

POLICY H.1.2.3

Through the land use plan and zoning regulations, support and encourage affordable and workforce housing development that is located in proximity to employment centers, public transportation, and a range of facilities and services.

POLICY H.1.2.4

Foster residential development and redevelopment at an intensity and scale that is compatible with proximate residential neighborhoods.

POLICY H.1.2.5

Provide adequate buffering and a transition gradient between higher density residential development and proximate, less intensive residential neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE H.1.3

The City will encourage the provision of an adequate supply of affordable and workforce housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, moderate-, and middle-income households.

POLICY H.1.3.1

Affordable and workforce housing units are those serving households whose income does not exceed the limits specified below, with no more than 30% of household income expended on housing costs.

- a. Extremely low income – 30% of adjusted area median income
- b. Very low income – 50% of adjusted area median income
- c. Low Income – 80% of area median income
- d. Moderate Income – 120% of area median income
- e. Middle Income/Workforce Housing – 150% of area median income

POLICY H.1.3.2

Continue to ensure that all residential districts as designated by the Future Land Use Map and *Land Development Code* shall permit development of affordable and workforce housing, including manufactured housing, modular housing, and developments containing units affordable to a range of income groups.

POLICY H.1.3.3

The following criteria will be used in determining preferred locations for affordable and workforce housing development:

- a. The proposed development is located in proximity to places of employment.
- b. A mode of transportation other than privately-owned vehicles (e.g., a bus stop) is available or will be available within walking distance of the proposed development.
- c. The proposed development is located in proximity to neighborhood services such as a grocery store, pharmacy, or bank.
- d. There is adequate infrastructure to serve the proposed development;
- e. The proposed development is located outside the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY H.1.3.4

Support housing developments that provide a mix of housing to serve a range of income levels, integrating traditional market-value housing with affordable housing opportunities, while avoiding concentration of affordable units in specific areas.

POLICY H.1.3.5

Encourage mixed use development, density transfers, density bonuses, Planned Unit Development, and other innovative methods to reduce impediments to affordable housing development.

POLICY H.1.3.6

A density bonus shall be available for affordable housing developments, subject to development guidelines and specifications as well as compatibility with surrounding development, site constraints, and other appropriate considerations as determined through the *Land Development Code* and the site plan review process. Subject to the above constraints and considerations, any density bonus allowed for an affordable housing development shall not exceed 50 percent of the allowable density on a property as determined by the Future Land Use Map or the applicable land development regulations, whichever is more restrictive. Where a density bonus is allowed for an affordable housing development, the allowable floor area permitted for the underlying use is not required to be reduced. A density bonus shall not be allowed for affordable housing developments located within the Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY H.1.3.7

Continue to offer expedited permitting to developers of affordable rental and ownership units.

POLICY H.1.3.8

Support the development of affordable and workforce housing units that address long term affordability through innovative design elements that reduce maintenance and operational costs.

POLICY H.1.3.9

Encourage the provision of affordable and workforce housing by providing information, data, technical assistance, and incentives as available to the development community, not-for-profit organizations, and other public and private entities interested in developing workforce housing and housing for extremely low, very low-, low-, moderate-, and middle-income families.

POLICY H.1.3.10

Continue to cooperate with the Pinellas County Community Development Department and the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority in funding, implementation, outreach, and referrals for affordable housing programs, including new housing construction, homebuyer assistance, and purchase/rehabilitation assistance.

POLICY H.1.3.11

Support the provision of additional rental housing for extremely low, very low-, low-, moderate-, median-, and middle-income households through programs administered by Pinellas County, the State of Florida, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other public and private entities.

POLICY H.1.3.12

By July 1, 2007 and every three years thereafter, the City will prepare an inventory list of all real property to which it holds fee simple title that may be appropriate for use as affordable housing.

POLICY H.1.3.13

The Pinellas Park Community Planning Division will be notified in advance of City-owned land that is to be declared surplus in order to assess its potential for use for affordable housing programs.

POLICY H.1.3.14

Continue to review ordinances, codes, regulations and the permitting process for the purpose of eliminating or modifying conflicting and excessive requirements.

POLICY H.1.3.15

By 2010, provide a review of available incentives for providing affordable and workforce housing to determine their effectiveness, and indicate any changes to the Comprehensive Plan, *Land Development Code*, or other instruments that need to be made in order to offer such incentives.

OBJECTIVE H.1.4

The City will encourage the preservation of existing affordable and workforce housing stock.

POLICY H.1.4.1

Establish criteria to evaluate and monitor housing supply and affordability within the City and identify housing and neighborhood needs.

POLICY H.1.4.2

In the development and redevelopment of the City, consider the effects of proposed development upon the existing supply of affordable and workforce housing.

POLICY H.1.4.3

Encourage and promote preservation and rehabilitation programs and strategies for identified neighborhoods and other residential and mixed use areas.

POLICY H.1.4.4

Focus available funding resources on housing and community facility improvements in declining neighborhoods.

POLICY H.1.4.5

Cooperate with the Pinellas County Community Development Department, Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority, and other public and private entities in public outreach, administration, and implementation of housing assistance programs for rehabilitation of substandard rental and ownership housing.

OBJECTIVE H.1.5

The City will continue to provide for adequate sites in residential areas or areas of residential character for group homes, foster care facilities, and special needs housing in order to meet identified or projected housing needs.

POLICY H.1.5.1

Provide for the location of licensed group homes, foster care facilities, and other supportive housing and services in all residential zoning districts, and encourage their location where there is adequate supporting infrastructure, facilities, and services.

POLICY H.1.5.2

Encourage the provision of housing for households with special needs through public, private and joint ventures and collaborations.

POLICY H.1.5.3

Continue to allow housing for persons with special living needs in residential neighborhoods.

POLICY H.1.5.4

Encourage barrier free, accessible housing for individuals with disabilities by permitting, and cooperating with available programs that help qualifying residents with, ramps, railings, special equipment, and other accommodations to enhance the lives of residents who are physically disabled.

POLICY H.1.5.5

As new living arrangement alternatives are determined for those with special housing needs, update the *Land Development Code* to provide appropriate accommodations in the City.

OBJECTIVE H.1.6

The City will continue to ensure that existing housing stock is safe, sanitary, and decent by providing enforcement of building code and minimum housing criteria.

POLICY H.1.6.1

Provide prompt review and enforcement of building code infractions.

POLICY H.1.6.2

Enforce the *Land Development Code* and *Code of Ordinances* to maintain housing quality within the community.

POLICY H.1.6.3

Demolish or provide for the demolition of dilapidated, unsafe dwelling units.

POLICY H.1.6.4

Through the *Land Development Code* and *Code of Ordinances*, protect residential neighborhoods from incompatible uses that have a negative or deteriorating effect.

OBJECTIVE H.1.7

The City will direct appropriate resources toward the renovation, repair, and, when necessary, the removal of substandard housing.

POLICY H.1.7.1

Through both private and public resources, continue to work toward eliminating substandard housing conditions.

POLICY H.1.7.2

The City will cooperate with other public and private entities in public outreach, administration, and implementation of housing assistance programs for rehabilitation of substandard housing.

POLICY H.1.7.3

Target available rehabilitation funds to prevent neighborhood decline, promote the maintenance and aesthetic improvement of ownership and rental properties, and promote the sustainability of new and existing housing stock.

POLICY H.1.7.4

When necessary, the City will cooperate with the Pinellas County Urban Consortium to direct available funding resources to demolition of substandard housing in the Community Redevelopment Area.

OBJECTIVE H.1.8

The City will work to ensure that all households displaced through public development, redevelopment, or code enforcement activities are able to relocate to standard, affordable housing.

POLICY H.1.8.1

The City shall determine, prior to relocation, the housing needs of households that are to be displaced due to public facility construction or infrastructure improvement projects.

POLICY H.1.8.2

The City will provide technical assistance to assist displaced very low-, low-, and moderate-income persons in finding affordable replacement housing.

POLICY H.1.8.3

The City will continue to work with Pinellas County Community Development, the Pinellas County Housing Authority, and other public and private entities to provide replacement housing for extremely low-, very-low, low-, and moderate-income persons displaced from substandard housing.

POLICY H.1.8.4

The City will continue to balance the enforcement of the *Land Development Code* and *Code of Ordinances* and the safety of all Pinellas Park residents with the need to avoid the result of homelessness due to code enforcement actions.

OBJECTIVE H.1.9

The City will continue to cooperate with other public and private entities in public outreach, administration, and implementation of housing assistance programs for rehabilitation of substandard rental and ownership housing.

POLICY H.1.9.1

Continue to implement a housing rehabilitation awareness outreach program to increase public awareness and use of housing rehabilitation programs available through the Pinellas County Consortium.

POLICY H.1.9.2

Continue to cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies to promote and facilitate the use of Community Development Block Grant, State Housing Initiatives Partnership, and other appropriate funding sources in promoting housing rehabilitation and neighborhood improvements.

OBJECTIVE H.1.10

The City will promote energy efficiency in housing.

POLICY H.1.10.1

The City will enforce the 2007 Florida Building Code as it relates to energy efficiency.

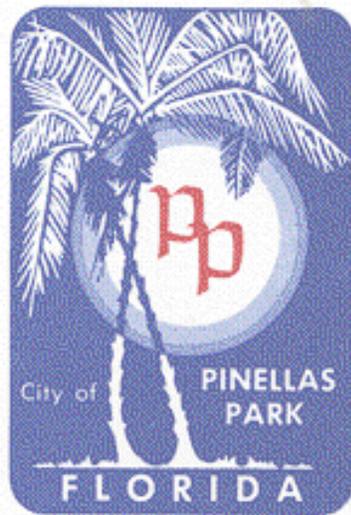
POLICY H.1.10.2

The City will encourage the retrofitting of existing housing in order to make the structures more efficient.

POLICY H.1.10.3

The City will promote the use of alternative forms of energy uses such as photovoltaic cells or solar heating.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT



PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE

GOAL PR.1

Provide, develop, and maintain adequate, accessible and functional open space and recreational facilities for all segments of the present and future population regardless of age, race, sex, religion, socio-economic status, ethnic origin, or handicap.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.1

Public recreation facilities will be accessible to all neighborhoods, the disabled and the elderly of the community, and will have adequate motorized and non-motorized access and vehicular parking to serve the facility.

POLICY PR.1.1.1

Parks and recreational facilities will be designed and constructed that meet all land development requirements of the City including, but not limited to, handicap, pedestrian, and non-motorized accessibility as well as parking and landscaping.

POLICY PR.1.1.2

All recreational facilities will be equipped and properly maintained with durable apparatuses and fixtures to reduce maintenance and replacement costs and that will provide utility for present and future residents and visitors of Pinellas Park.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.2

Implement a balanced parks and recreation system plan, based upon service area coverage and the desires of the community, which address the public's identified needs and ensure the facilities are adequately and efficiently supplied and maintained.

POLICY PR.1.2.1

The City shall maintain 3 acres of open space/recreational acreage for every 1,000 persons. This standard and the definition of parkland shall be adopted in the *Land Development Code Regulations*.

POLICY PR.1.2.2

The City shall utilize the Site Guidelines below as standards and definitions for use in development and maintenance of recreation resources, facilities, and programs.

Site Guidelines for Community Outdoor Recreation Resources and Facilities

| PARK FACILITY | LOCATION | SERVICE AREA / POPULATION SERVED | AREA PER 1,000 POPULATION | PARK ACREAGE | | FACILITIES |
|-------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| | | | | ADJOINING SCHOOL | SEPARATE PARK | |
| Equipped Play Area or Tot Lot | Neighborhood area adjacent to elementary school when feasible | Up to ¼ mile, serving up to 2,500 | ½ acre | Minimum of ¼ acre | Minimum of 1 acre | Play apparatus areas, open space, landscaping, and picnic tables. |
| Neighborhood Park | Neighborhood area adjacent to elementary school when feasible | ¼ to ½ mile, serving up to 5,000 | 2 acres | Minimum of 2 acres | Minimum of 5 acres | Play apparatus areas, recreation buildings, sports fields, paved multipurpose courts, senior citizen areas, picnic area, open or free play area, and landscaping. |
| Community Park | Designed to serve residents of a group of neighborhoods, adjacent to junior or senior high school when feasible | ½ to 3 miles, serving up to 25,000 | 2 acres | Minimum of 5 acres | Minimum of 20 acres | All facilities found in neighborhood park plus facilities to service entire family. Pools, softball/baseball fields, tennis courts, play areas, picnic area, passive and active rec areas, and recreation building. |
| Urban-District Park | In a large urban area or its periphery | 30 to 40 minutes driving time/one park for each 50,000 | 5 acres | --- | Minimum of 100 acres, but 200 acres or larger if more desirable | Playground apparatus areas, restrooms, hiking and riding trails, nature center, boating, swimming, picnic area, and sports fields. |
| Special Use Areas and Parks | Near center of urban area | No specific service area as most serve entire urban area | Specific facilities will dictate | --- | Varies depending on condition and nature of use | Exhibits, museum, botanical garden, special facilities to serve a specific group, and drainage easements. |

POLICY PR.1.2.3

The City shall correct or improve existing deficiencies in parks and recreational facilities, ensure usability, and accessibility.

POLICY PR.1.2.4

Identify and define recreational needs of the community through public hearings, recreation board meetings, citizens’ surveys, and the city’s parkland facilities guidelines as detailed in the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

POLICY PR.1.2.5

Maintain an effective interface between the Pinellas Park Recreation Board, Pinellas Park Equestrian Board, City staff, and the City Council in identifying recreational needs within the community.

POLICY PR.1.2.6

The Parkland Dedication Ordinance shall be strictly enforced and fees utilized as permitted.

POLICY PR.1.2.7

The Parkland Dedication Fee shall be monitored on an annual basis by the Finance and Community Development Departments to ensure the fee is realistic to actual costs and funds are expended as required by the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

POLICY PR.1.2.8

The City shall continue to actively pursue available federal, state and county revenue sources to supplement local funding sources.

POLICY PR.1.2.9

All acquisition of, and physical improvements to, parks and recreation facilities that are required by this element and have an estimated cost in excess of \$50,000 will be scheduled in the Capital Improvements Element.

POLICY PR.1.2.10

The acquisition of property suitable for new parkland or expansion of existing facilities should be thoroughly investigated when the opportunity arises.

POLICY PR.1.2.11

The designation and acquisition of natural reservations as well as recreation and park sites shall be made in accordance with the long-range Comprehensive Plan for the City.

POLICY PR.1.2.12

Park and recreational lands shall be planned for multiple active and passive usages and located in areas most suitable to adequately satisfy the needs and age of the resident and seasonal population.

POLICY PR.1.2.13

Planning of park and recreational facilities shall include concern for protection of environmental and natural resources, urban wildlife populations, energy efficiency and the orderly extension and expansion of other public facilities and services.

POLICY PR.1.2.14

Address varying desires of the City's population when implementing plans, with special attention to needs of those who may have significantly limited recreational alternatives such as low and moderate income groups, minorities, youth, and elderly.

POLICY PR.1.2.15

Ensure appropriate recreational trail types are deliberately set aside and planned in the park, recreation, and open space system.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.3

Coordinate efforts with appropriate governmental entities and the private sector to provide for open space and recreational needs and opportunities for City residents.

POLICY PR.1.3.1

Coordinate the establishment of all recreation and open space Levels of Service standards with all state, regional, or local entities having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

POLICY PR.1.3.2

Coordinate with the Pinellas Park Water Management District, governmental entities, and all public and private organizations, for the joint use and/or development of existing and future recreational facilities.

POLICY PR.1.3.3

Parkland credits provide for developments dedicating open space that directly yields recreational utility for City residents, to the extent as outlined in the City's Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

POLICY PR.1.3.4

New residential developments shall adhere to the provisions of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance of the *Land Development Code*.

POLICY PR.1.3.5

Continue to enforce the adopted Recreation and Open Space Land Dedication Requirements for the express purpose of maintaining the existing Levels of Service of recreation lands and facilities.

POLICY PR.1.3.6

The City shall continue existing joint use agreements with the public school system to maximize utilization of recreational facilities.

POLICY PR.1.3.7

During the site planning process of a residential development, land may be set aside for recreational purposes and should not be the land that is remaining after design. If a developer who opts not to dedicate a portion land for recreation purposes, a Parkland Dedication Fee must be paid.

POLICY PR.1.3.8

Tracts of land, greater than 1 acre in size, which are determined to be environmentally sensitive as a mutual decision of the owner and City, shall be designated Preservation or Open Space/Recreation on the Future Land Use Plan Map and shall exist as a natural reservation.

POLICY PR.1.3.9

Environmentally sensitive areas designated as Preservation or Open Space/Recreation on the Future Land Use Plan shall be protected.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.4

Lands designated as Open Space/Recreation shall be protected from future incompatible land uses and will continue to function as components of the City's Parks and Recreation System.

POLICY PR.1.4.1

Open space buffers between community facilities, residential areas, and pedestrian attractors will be maintained, whenever possible.

POLICY PR.1.4.2

Aesthetics of the community will be protected through adherence to the land development requirements of the community as stated in the City's Codes of Ordinances and *Land Development Code*.

POLICY PR.1.4.3

The City shall strive to conserve and preserve the natural resources and wildlife habitats located in City park facilities.

POLICY PR.1.4.4

Parks and recreation facilities shall be held inviolate against diversion to other uses, except in the instance of overriding public need.

POLICY PR.1.4.5

The Parks and Recreation System should encompass and encourage the conservation, preservation, and restoration of natural features, scenic areas and sites of historical significance.

POLICY PR.1.4.6

New development shall be compatible with the recreational use of adjacent areas and, where appropriate and feasible, provide for pedestrian and non-vehicular access.

POLICY PR.1.4.7

The City should utilize areas of ecological, historical, or archaeological value for parks and recreation areas.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE PR.1.5

Expand the recreational pathway system to provide for the safe, convenient and efficient linking and coordination of recreational facilities and pedestrian and non-vehicular attractors.

POLICY PR.1.5.1

The shared roadway concept between motorized and non-motorized vehicles should be incorporated into the design of all new street facilities, when feasible.

POLICY PR.1.5.2

Strict adherence to the City's *Code of Ordinances* and *Land Development Code* regulations will be maintained with regard to sidewalk installation.

POLICY PR.1.5.3

Linkages between recreational facilities, governmental complexes, pedestrian attractors and residential areas should be created whenever possible to form a network of common corridors within the City.

POLICY PR.1.5.4

A recreational path and sidewalk system network will continue to be expanded to connect the various public facilities and pedestrian attractors within the community.

POLICY PR.1.5.5

The City shall seek to enhance or expand its recreational pathway system by identifying potential links with other public recreational facilities adjacent to the City.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.6

Pinellas Park shall assess active recreation needs and citizen priorities, including neighborhood-level priorities, as a means to determine the best strategies and funding mechanisms to support a long term investment in active recreation.

POLICY PR.1.6.1

Partnership opportunities will be a part of the City's recreation program, and will include consideration of mutually beneficial interlocal and joint use agreements between the City and the School Board, adjacent municipalities, volunteer groups and other recreational service providers.

OBJECTIVE PR.1.7

Ensure the Equestrian Trail Network is safe, convenient, and efficient linking and coordination of the trails.

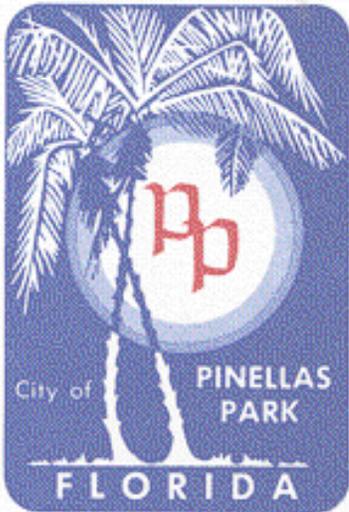
POLICY PR.1.7.1

The Equestrian Trail Network is open to pedestrians as well as equestrian activities.

POLICY PR.1.7.2

The City shall maintain and expand the Equestrian Trail Network.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES ELEMENT



PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

GOAL PS.1

Through partnerships and effective collaboration among local governments and the Pinellas County School District, and because of a shared commitment to educational excellence, all students of the Pinellas County School District shall be provided the opportunity for high student achievement through the availability of high quality public educational facilities.

OBJECTIVE PS.1.1

The City of Pinellas Park agrees to coordinate with local governments and the School District to base their plans upon consistent projections of population growth and student enrollment, and will coordinate in sharing of information on proposed school facility changes, certain planned infrastructure improvements, and proposed land use plan amendments and/or rezonings that increase or decrease residential densities. (Section 163.31777 F.S.)

POLICY PS.1.1.1

To ensure that land use and zoning decisions are adequately coordinated with public school facility planning, the City of Pinellas Park shall continue to notify the School District of all Local Planning Agency hearings where land use plan amendments and/or rezonings will be considered that increase or decrease residential densities. (Section 163.31777, & Section 163.3174(1), F.S.)

POLICY PS.1.1.2

The City of Pinellas Park shall inform the School District in advance of infrastructure projects that will restrict vehicular or pedestrian accessibility to public schools with sufficient time for School District review and comment, in compliance with Section 3(b) of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement. An example would be infrastructure projects that would disrupt the use of sidewalks that are utilized by students accessing public school facilities.

POLICY PS.1.1.3

Per the Public School Interlocal Agreement, the School District shall notify the City of Pinellas Park of the need for on site or off-site improvements to support new, proposed expansion, or redevelopment of existing schools within the jurisdiction of the City of Pinellas Park. Thereafter, representatives of the School District and the City of Pinellas Park will meet and determine the responsibility for making such improvements and identify other agencies that should be involved. The School District and the City of Pinellas Park will then meet with the other agencies to coordinate the completion of the on-site and off-site improvements, in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement (Section 163.31777(2), F.S.).

POLICY PS.1.1.4

The location for existing public—elementary, middle, and high—school facilities; ancillary facilities; and land banked sites owned by the School District are depicted in figures in Appendix III.

OBJECTIVE PS.1.2

The City of Pinellas Park shall practice effective intergovernmental coordination with its partner local governments and the School District to ensure coordination of land use plans, development approvals, and capital facilities planning.

POLICY PS.1.2.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall appoint one elected official to represent the City's interest to the Pinellas Schools Collaborative, to provide for collaborative oversight and to provide coordination and direction regarding implementation of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement.

GOAL PS.2

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with its partner local governments and the School District on projects that encourage cohesive neighborhoods, that contribute to community building, and that provide for long-term sustainability.

OBJECTIVE PS.2.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall support efforts that facilitate coordination of planning between the City and the School District for the location and development of public educational facilities.

POLICY PS.2.1.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall participate with the School District in the process of evaluating potential school closures, significant renovations to existing schools, and school site selection before land acquisition in accordance with the Section 4 of the existing Public Schools Interlocal Agreement.

POLICY PS.2.1.2

For purposes of Objective 2.1, public educational facilities are defined as elementary schools, special education facilities, alternative education facilities, middle schools, high schools, and area vocational-technical schools of the Pinellas County School District.

POLICY PS.2.1.3

Public educational facilities of the School District are an allowable use within the following future land use categories:

- Residential Rural
- Residential Estate
- Residential Suburban
- Residential Low
- Residential Urban
- Residential Low Medium
- Residential Medium
- Residential/Office General
- Residential/Office Limited
- Institutional
- Community Redevelopment District

POLICY PS.2.1.4

The location and construction of new public educational facilities, or the expansion of an existing site, within one of the future land use categories listed in Policy PS.2.1.3 shall only be allowed upon a determination by the City of Pinellas Park that the proposed site is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY PS.2.1.5

In addition to consistency with the City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan, the proposed location of a new or expanded public educational facility of the School Board within one of the land use categories listed in Policy PS.2.1.3 shall be reviewed and considered with the following general criteria:

1. The proposed location is compatible with present and projected uses of adjacent property.
2. The site area of the proposed location is adequate for its intended use based on the State Requirements for Educational Facilities and provides sufficient area to accommodate all needed utilities and support facilities and allow for adequate buffering of surrounding land uses.
3. Based on the Five-Year Work Program of the School Board and the City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan, there will be adequate public services and facilities to support the public educational facility.
4. There are no significant environmental constraints that would preclude development of a public educational facility on the site.
5. There will be no adverse impact on archaeological or historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated by a local government as locally significant historic or archaeological resources.
6. The proposed location is well drained and soils are suitable for development or are adaptable for development and outdoor educational purposes with drainage improvements.

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7. The proposed location is not in conflict with the City of Pinellas Park Stormwater Management Plan and any watershed management plans adopted by the City of Pinellas Park, if applicable.
8. The proposed location is not in a velocity flood zone or a floodway.
9. The proposed location can accommodate the required parking and anticipated queuing of vehicles onsite.
10. The proposed location lies outside the area regulated by Section 333.03(3), F.S., regarding the construction of public educational facilities in the vicinity of an airport.

POLICY PS.2.1.6

The following criteria shall also be used to evaluate whether proposed locations of specific types of schools are consistent with the City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan:

Elementary Schools, Special Education Facilities, and Alternative Education Facilities

1. The proposed location shall have direct access to at least a collector road or as otherwise approved by the City of Pinellas Park after determination of acceptable traffic impacts on adjacent roads of lesser classification.

Middle Schools

1. The proposed location shall have direct access to at least a collector road or as otherwise approved by the City of Pinellas Park after determination of acceptable traffic impacts on adjacent roads of lesser classification.
2. Outdoor recreational facilities and similar support facilities shall be located and buffered on the proposed site to minimize impacts on adjacent properties.

High Schools

1. The proposed location shall have direct access to at least a collector road, or as otherwise approved by the City of Pinellas Park after determination of acceptable traffic impacts on adjacent roads of lesser classification.
2. Stadiums, outdoor recreational facilities, and similar support facilities shall be located and buffered on the proposed site to minimize impacts on adjacent properties.

Vocational-Technical Schools

1. The proposed location shall have direct access to at least a collector road, or as otherwise approved by the City of Pinellas Park after determination of acceptable traffic impacts on adjacent roads of lesser classification.
2. Industrial education facilities shall be located and buffered on the proposed site to minimize impacts on adjacent properties.

POLICY PS.2.1.7

Proposed locations that are less than the standard site acreage as prescribed in the Florida Department of Education State Requirements of Educational Facilities may be determined to be consistent with the City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan provided the requirements of Section 1013.36, F.S., are met and off-site impacts can be adequately mitigated.

POLICY PS.2.1.8

A consistency determination for a proposed new site or additional property with the City of Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan may be conditioned with references to specific types of public educational facilities.

POLICY PS.2.1.9

At the time of consistency determination, the City of Pinellas Park may impose reasonable conditions for development of the site as it relates to any of the criteria in Policies 2.1.5 and 2.1.6. Conditions may not be imposed which conflict with those established in Chapter 1013 of the Florida Statutes or the State Uniform Building Code, unless mutually agreed to by the City of Pinellas Park and the School District.

POLICY PS.2.1.10

Before a significant change of program at a public educational facility is implemented, the School District and the City of Pinellas Park shall require a review of the facility's onsite and offsite impacts. The School District and the City of Pinellas Park will work cooperatively to mitigate onsite and offsite impacts, including impacts to public facilities, identified through the review.

POLICY PS.2.1.11

The policies in Objective 2.1 are intended to be consistent with, and not conflict with, the provision in Chapter 1013, F.S.

OBJECTIVE PS.2.2

Consistent with Section 163.3177(6)(a), F.S., and consistent with the City of Pinellas Park future land use policies, the City shall explore those opportunities where co-location of public facilities and public schools provides a mutual benefit, serves a desirable community purpose, or represents an efficient use of finances and staff resources.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT

POLICY PS.2.2.1

As the opportunity arises, the City of Pinellas Park and the School Board, shall evaluate the ability to enter into an agreement to co-locate existing or planned school sites with other public facilities, including but not limited to: bike and pedestrian pathways, libraries, parks, community and recreational centers and facilities, museums, performing arts centers, auditoriums, stadiums, healthcare and social services and other uses as may be determined appropriate.

POLICY PS.2.2.2

Should the City of Pinellas Park and the School Board determine that the co-location of public facilities is mutually advantageous and desirable, the appropriate method of agreement will be decided upon, and could include such options as, but not be limited to, interlocal agreement, a City of Pinellas Park resolution, or memorandum of understanding.

OBJECTIVE PS.2.3

The City of Pinellas Park will support the School District's commitment to sustainable design and operations, as public schools are integral contributors to the quality of the surrounding community.

POLICY PS.2.3.1

The City of Pinellas Park and the School District will share information on sustainable design and green building practices, and take advantage of opportunities to incorporate demonstration projects and technologies onsite, so that local schools can serve as community models of environmental efficiency.

GOAL PS.3

The City of Pinellas Park will coordinate with the School District and other local governments to improve the safety of students as they access public school facilities.

OBJECTIVE PS.3.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall collaborate with the School District and other local governments to promote safe access for students to public school facilities.

POLICY PS.3.1.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall participate on the School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC) of the MPO/PPC to identify locations within the County where student safety is a concern, and to develop recommendations in response to student safety issues raised by the School District, local governments, the School Transportation and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety (STEPS) Committee, or the community to enhance the safety of students accessing public school facilities.

POLICY PS.3.1.2

The City of Pinellas Park shall consider implementation of recommendations from the STSC that affect its jurisdiction, in coordination with the School District and any agencies that have some involvement in the identified action, to support student access to public schools in a manner that both improves student safety and is compatible with the surrounding community.

POLICY PS.3.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall cooperate with School District initiatives that implement STSC recommendations for modifications to a school campus.

POLICY PS.3.1.4

The City of Pinellas Park shall, in its Capital Improvement Program, determine the priority for construction of those sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle paths, and other improvements that help to provide continuous access to public schools for pedestrians and bicyclists.

POLICY PS.3.1.5

For new development or redevelopment within a two-mile radius of any existing or planned public school facility, the City of Pinellas Park may require the developer to construct sidewalks along the corridor contiguous to the property being developed that directly serves the public school facility, in support of Section 1013.36 (5), F.S. and the adopted MPO/PPC Long Range Transportation Plan.

GOAL PS.4

Opportunities are maximized for public schools to be designed such that they can serve a vital emergency management purpose in times of disaster.

OBJECTIVE PS.4.1

The safety of the public shall be a high priority when designing future public school facilities and renovating existing facilities.

POLICY PS.4.1.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the School District and Pinellas County on emergency preparedness issues, including the use of public school facilities for emergency shelters.

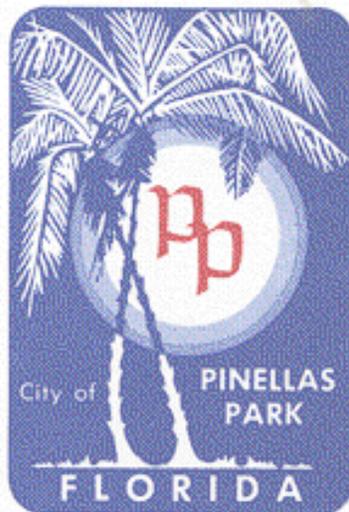
POLICY PS.4.1.2

Future public school facilities that are not located within category 1, 2 or 3 evacuation zones, shall be designed to serve the public as emergency shelters, consistent with Section 1013.372 F.S. These public school facilities shall be designed according to the public shelter criteria outlined in the Florida Building Code.

POLICY PS.4.1.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall annually update its Capital Improvements Element to ensure that the School District's capital needs are reflected in the Comprehensive Plan, enabling the coordination of existing and planned public school facilities with the required local capital projects needed to provide emergency shelter spaces, as identified by the Tampa Bay Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study, developed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

GOAL ICE.1

To maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of coordination with adjacent cities, Pinellas County, the School Board, public and private service providers, independent special districts, the regional planning agency, and state agencies, thereby ensuring and enhancing the coordination of plans and programs.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.1

The City will continue to coordinate with adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions to ensure that the local Comprehensive Plan does not conflict with plans of other governmental and special entities and that appropriate information is available for issues of mutual concern.

POLICY ICE.1.1.1

The City shall coordinate City services and plans in areas of mutual concern with local, county, regional and state governmental entities, special entities and the School Board through Interlocal Agreements or other appropriate mechanisms.

POLICY ICE.1.1.2

The City shall continue to coordinate with Pinellas County on the issues of solid waste disposition and resource recovery.

POLICY ICE.1.1.3

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County Community Development in the preparation of grant applications and the administration of housing and community development programs.

POLICY ICE.1.1.4

The City shall vigorously pursue joint planning agreements with Pinellas County for areas of potential annexation.

POLICY ICE.1.1.5

All joint planning agreements shall be reviewed and renewed five years from the date of agreement, or as often as necessary to continue the Agreement.

POLICY ICE.1.1.6

All joint planning agreements shall include maps depicting the area(s) under the agreement, provisions for termination of the agreement, assignment of responsibility for plan amendment processing and land development coordination, a method of conflict resolution, and provision for reporting on an annual basis. Reports should summarize all annexation activities and provide maps depicting the changes.

POLICY ICE.1.1.7

The City shall continue to participate with the existing forums for cooperative actions and conflict resolutions such as the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Pinellas Planning Council, the Technical Coordinating Committee, the Local Mitigation Strategy Workgroup, the School Collaborative Workgroup, the Planners Advisory Committee and any future forum of this nature which may be created.

POLICY ICE.1.1.8

The City shall utilize the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Dispute Resolution process when the need for conflict resolution arises.

POLICY ICE.1.1.9

The City shall seek to formalize through: agreements, letters of understanding, contracts, formal resolutions or other means, existing coordinative efforts when such formal coordinative mechanisms do not exist.

POLICY ICE.1.1.10

The City shall review the growth and development in its adopted Comprehensive Plan with the current plans of adjacent municipalities, the County, and the School Board to identify and resolve any conflicts, insure consistency and coordinate issues of service delivery.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.2

The City shall provide for notification and discussion on development which exceeds the thresholds of anticipated impacts established in the Countywide land use plan with all affected jurisdictions.

POLICY ICE.1.2.1

The City shall coordinate planning, development, provision of services and other appropriate activities with the school board, abutting jurisdictions, and other affected agencies through (a) written notification before hearings and/or actions, (b) formal consideration of comments which may be received on a proposed activity, or (c) participation through existing channels of dialogue.

POLICY ICE.1.2.2

The City shall coordinate planning, development, provision of services and other appropriate activities with the state, regional and federal agencies through (a) written notification before hearings and/or actions, (b) formal consideration of comments which may be received on a proposed activity, or (c) participation through existing channels of dialogue.

POLICY ICE.1.2.3

The City shall maintain, through various citizen committees such as the Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Board and City Council, an ongoing program to ensure citizen involvement.

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POLICY ICE.1.2.4

Proposed development which is more intense than that identified in the adopted local plan shall be coordinated with adjacent communities plans through the Future Land Use Map Amendment Process to allow for comments, requests for information and resolution of issues.

POLICY ICE.1.2.5

The City shall continue to practice collaborative and coordinated planning with Pinellas County to ensure the provision of sufficient regional and passive recreational lands, and shall continue to enter into formal individual agreements where necessary to facilitate the operation and maintenance of these facilities.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.3

The City shall coordinate with all entities having operational and maintenance responsibility of public facilities within Pinellas Park. The issuance of all development permits within the City shall require approval of the entity having operational and maintenance responsibilities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of such entities.

POLICY ICE.1.3.1

The City shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation on the issue of level of service standards for FDOT jurisdictional roadways.

POLICY ICE.1.3.2

The City shall coordinate with the MPO/PPC on the issue of level of service standards for Pinellas County jurisdictional roadways.

POLICY ICE.1.3.3

The City shall coordinate and not conflict with Pinellas County regarding the issue of stormwater drainage.

POLICY ICE. 1.3.4

The City shall coordinate and not conflict with the Pinellas Park Water Management District regarding the issue of stormwater drainage.

POLICY ICE.1.3.5

The City shall coordinate and not conflict with the Southwest Florida Water Management District regarding the issues of stormwater management, development, and water usage.

POLICY ICE.1.3.6

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County, through contractual agreements, for the disposal of wastewater generated by the community. The requirements of the contract shall establish the criteria with which the level of service is to be determined.

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POLICY ICE.1.3.7

The City shall coordinate with the Cities of Largo and St. Petersburg, through Interlocal Agreement, for the disposal of wastewater generated by portions of the community. The requirements of the Interlocal Agreement shall establish the criteria with which the Level of Service is to be determined.

POLICY ICE.1.3.8

The City shall coordinate with the City of St. Petersburg, through Interlocal Agreements, for providing water to portions of the community. The requirements of the Interlocal Agreement shall establish the criteria with which the Level of Service is to be determined.

POLICY ICE.1.3.9

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County, through contractual agreements, for providing water to portions of the community. The requirements of the contract shall establish the criteria with which the Level of Service is to be determined.

POLICY ICE.1.3.10

The City of Pinellas Park will continue to coordinate with the MPO/PPC and PSTA, in the promotion of various modes of the transportation system in Pinellas County through:

- a. existing committee structure of the MPO/PPC,
- b. existing committee structure of the PSTA,
- c. redevelopment decisions coordinated with Long Range Highway and Transit Plans, and,
- d. future and redevelopment decisions coordinated with a formally adopted transit plan.

POLICY ICE.1.3.11

The City shall coordinate with the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Pinellas County on issues relative to the provision of potable water to the community.

POLICY ICE.1.3.12

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County regarding the development of potable water resources and reducing dependence upon existing water sources.

POLICY ICE.1.3.13

The City will review the plans and independent special district facility reports of the Pinellas Park Water Management District (PPWMD), the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Tampa Bay Water (TBW), the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and the Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to identify and resolve conflicts with the City's Comprehensive Plan, including concurrency related items.

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POLICY ICE.1.3.14

The City will coordinate with the PPWMD, the PSTA, TBW staff, the SWFWMD, and the Pinellas Park CRA in order to resolve issues identified in Policy ICE 1.3.13.

POLICY ICE.1.3.15

The City will consider amending its Comprehensive Plan based upon the review of plans and discussions identified in Policy ICE 1.3.14.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.4

As an ongoing objective, the City will coordinate with Pinellas County, State of Florida, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and other units of government as detailed in the County Charter and State Legislation to ensure continued coordination of all disaster and hurricane evacuation plans.

POLICY ICE.1.4.1

The City, through the City Manager and/or his designee, shall work with the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the State of Florida in the coordination and furthering of local emergency management plans and dissemination of information.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.5

The City shall recognize campus master plans which may be located within the Pinellas Park Planning Area in the future.

POLICY ICE.1.5.1

The City shall review and coordinate with the appropriate entity regarding the potential future location of campus master plans within the city.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.6

The City shall support efforts that facilitate coordination of planning between the City and School Board for population projections and for the location and development of public educational facilities within the City.

POLICY ICE.1.6.1

The City shall use the process contained in the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the School Board of Pinellas County to review proposed public education facility sites to be located within the City.

POLICY ICE.1.6.2

The City and the School Board shall annually coordinate in the development of their respective capital improvement programs.

POLICY ICE.1.6.3

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County in developing countywide population projections that include expected growth shown in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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POLICY ICE.1.6.4

The City will forward the population projections used in the City's Comprehensive Plan to the School Board for their consideration of projected growth and development relating to the future needs for schools in the School Board's 5, 10, and 20-year facility plans.

POLICY ICE.1.6.5

The City will coordinate with the School Board regarding the joint utilization of consistent population projections.

POLICY ICE.1.6.6

Proposed school locations will be reviewed for opportunities to integrate/collocate schools with other public facilities, including but not limited to: bicycle and pedestrian paths, libraries, parks, emergency shelters, and community centers.

POLICY ICE.1.6.7

The City and the Pinellas County School Board will annually share information and assess future needs to identify areas of mutual concern and financial savings concerning the construction of public facilities.

POLICY ICE.1.6.8

The City will enter into an interlocal agreement with the Pinellas County School Board if it is determined that the collocation of public facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers, is advantageous and mutually agreeable.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.7

The City will identify and describe joint processes for collaborative planning on facilities subject to concurrency, facilities with countywide significance, and problematic land uses.

POLICY ICE.1.7.1

The City will coordinate with Pinellas County to determine future needs for water and sewer within areas served by the City.

POLICY ICE.1.7.2

The City shall coordinate with Pinellas County in the development of their respective capital improvements for water and sewer facilities in unincorporated areas within the City's service areas.

POLICY ICE.1.7.3

The City will coordinate, through the MPO/PPC, the transportation needs of the City with those of Pinellas County and the Florida Department of Transportation.

POLICY ICE.1.7.4

The City will coordinate with service providers having no regulatory land use authority in the City to improve coordination of the City's concurrency management methodologies and systems, and levels of service.

POLICY ICE.1.7.5

The City will coordinate with Pinellas County regarding joint projects identified in the City's and County's Stormwater Management Plans.

POLICY ICE.1.7.6

The City will continue to coordinate with the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for the provision of countywide facilities, including but not limited to solid waste disposal, the St. Pete/Clearwater International Airport, and the Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center.

POLICY ICE.1.7.7

The City will continue to coordinate with the MPO/PPC and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the provision of major transportation facilities and mass transit.

POLICY ICE.1.7.8

The City will forward notice of proposed future land use plan policies related to hurricane shelters and evacuation routes, as well as map amendments resulting in an increase in population within coastal high hazard areas, to the TBRPC and the Pinellas County Emergency Management Department to determine hurricane shelter space availability and the effect of increased evacuation populations on evacuation clearance times and routes.

POLICY ICE.1.7.9

The City will periodically review its development standards to avoid conflicting with the standards of neighboring jurisdictions and in an effort to coordinate a countywide approach to development standards, thereby providing uniformity.

POLICY ICE.1.7.10

The City will coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council, or the appropriate ad hoc committees, in the development, review, and recommendation of efficient countywide guidelines in the location of problematic land uses.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.8

The City will identify, implement, and coordinate joint planning areas for annexation and provision of services.

POLICY ICE.1.8.1

The City will coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council, and other jurisdictions as appropriate, to establish a more comprehensive and better integrated annexation process that will include consideration of the following:

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- a. Advance Notices - a procedure that provides for advance notice of all annexations to the respective parties of interest;
- b. Accurate Legal Descriptions - a means to review and validate the legal descriptions for annexations;
- c. State Law Compliance - definitions and examples by which to determine compliance with the state law for contiguity, compactness, enclaves, and procedures for annexation agreements/indentures;
- d. Ability to Serve - pre-determined or administrative means to establish a municipality's ability to serve the area;
- e. Service Contracts - enabling provisions for Pinellas County and each municipality to enter into mutually acceptable agreements to provide selected services where it is beneficial to the citizenry and cost-effective to do so in lieu of annexation;
- f. Consistency - a requirement for consistency with the Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan at the time of annexation; and
- g. Coordination with State Plan Amendment Review Process - to establish eligibility for waiver of the requirement for plan amendment pursuant to Section 163.3171(3) FS, at the time of annexation.

POLICY ICE.1.8.2

The City will provide a copy of its published or posted notice of annexation, via certified mail, to the Board of County Commissioners as required by Section 171.044(6) FS.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.9

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with plans of Pinellas County, the School Board of Pinellas County and other local governments through participation in joint planning processes and procedures.

POLICY ICE.1.9.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall implement the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement in coordination with Pinellas County, the School District and the other local governments that are signatories to the Agreement (the partner local governments).

POLICY ICE.1.9.2

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue its participation on the Pinellas Schools Collaborative as a means of facilitating planning and coordination among local governments and the School Board.

POLICY ICE.1.9.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall include a Public School Facilities Element as a part of its adopted Comprehensive Plan and will coordinate with the School District to maintain data useful for coordinated planning between local governments and the School Board.

POLICY ICE.1.9.4

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate and share information with the School District and the Pinellas County Planning Department to determine whether there is available public school capacity to support the anticipated students from residential site plans and final residential subdivision approvals.

POLICY ICE.1.9.5

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the School Board of Pinellas County to implement the public educational facilities siting requirements of Chapter 163 and Chapter 1013, F.S., as stipulated in Section 4 of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement.

POLICY ICE.1.9.6

The City of Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the School Board of Pinellas County to implement the public educational facilities siting and co-location requirements of Chapter 163 and 1013, F.S., and as outlined in the interlocal agreement entered into between Pinellas Park, impacted local governments, Pinellas County, and the School Board of Pinellas County, and as identified in the Future Land Use Element.

POLICY ICE.1.9.7

The City of Pinellas Park shall enter into interlocal agreements, or other appropriate formal agreements and understandings, when necessary to formalize cooperative understandings and processes.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.10

The City shall continue to recognize and implement existing infrastructure service agreements, and enter into new agreements as necessary, for the purpose of ensuring adequate, efficient and equitable provision of needed services.

POLICY ICE.1.10.1

The City shall continue to provide water, wastewater collection and reclaimed water service to unincorporated areas in accordance with the conditions contained within the individual billing, connection and service agreements established between the respective governments.

OBJECTIVE ICE.1.11

The Comprehensive Plan shall be internally consistent, and the goals, objectives, and policies of one Element shall further, and not conflict with, those of any other Element.

POLICY ICE.1.11.1

The Plan shall be presumed to be internally consistent, but if a segment of the Plan is found to be inconsistent with another segment of the Plan, the City shall initiate an amendment or take other appropriate action to correct the inconsistency.

GOAL ICE.2

Pinellas Park shall maintain an innovative and proactive program of intergovernmental and interagency coordination, cooperation and partnership in order to provide the most efficient and effective operations and services, to identify and resolve mutual issues and concerns, to protect, preserve, and enhance significant natural resources, and to protect the quality of life for existing and future Pinellas Park residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.1

Pinellas Park shall continue to coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with those units of government which provide service within the City's municipal boundaries, but which do not have regulatory authority over the use of land.

POLICY ICE.2.1.1

The City shall ensure that implementation of the Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan is coordinated with the relevant plans and regulatory requirements of Pinellas County, Federal and State agencies including, but not limited to, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Department of Transportation.

POLICY ICE.2.1.2

The City shall coordinate with the School Board of Pinellas County and Pinellas County, to implement the public educational facilities siting and collocation requirements of Chapter 163 and 1013, F.S., as outlined in the interlocal agreement entered into, and as identified in the Public Schools Facilities Element.

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.2

The City shall continue to ensure that its planning activities are coordinated with the plans of Pinellas County and adjacent local governments within Pinellas Park's area of concern.

POLICY ICE.2.2.1

The City shall enter into interlocal agreements, or other appropriate formal agreements, and understandings, when necessary to formalize cooperative understandings and processes.

POLICY ICE.2.2.2

Pinellas Park shall ensure that implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is coordinated with the plans of regional and countywide planning bodies including, but not limited to, Pinellas County, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, MPO/PPC, at a minimum, reviewing and commenting on respective plans, by initiating and participating in coordination meetings as necessary, and by representative membership on specific committees, boards and councils.

POLICY ICE.2.2.3

Pinellas Park shall ensure that implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is coordinated with the plans of Federal, State and Regional regulatory agencies including, but not limited to, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District by, at a minimum, adherence to regulatory permits and requirements.

POLICY ICE.2.2.4

Pinellas Park shall coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council to maintain consistency with the Countywide Comprehensive Plan by: Participating in the countywide planning process through representation on, and coordination with, the Pinellas Planning Council; maintaining the procedures, and responsibility therefore, by which to determine the need for and processing of any requisite amendment to the Countywide Future Land Use Plan.

POLICY ICE.2.2.5

Pinellas Park shall continue to participate in the collaborative process with the County, the School Board, and other agencies to develop, coordinated population projections.

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.3

Pinellas Park shall continue to coordinate with governments regarding the siting of facilities of significance and in assessing the potential for development related impacts.

POLICY ICE.2.3.1

Pinellas Park shall continue to share development-related information, including proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map, with affected municipalities and counties, and shall consider all relevant comments received before arriving at decisions which may have multi-jurisdictional impact.

POLICY ICE.2.3.2

Pinellas Park shall continue to utilize, among other processes, the development of regional impact review process as a means of participating in the siting of projects with regional (including countywide) significance.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.4

Pinellas Park shall continue to practice collaborative planning with affected governments and agencies to facilitate the locating and extension of facilities subject to concurrency, and shall formalize, as necessary, through specific agreements, its process for coordinating the establishment of level of service standards with other state, regional or local governments and service providers who have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities providing service.

POLICY ICE.2.4.1

As provided for within the Transportation Element, Pinellas Park shall coordinate with Pinellas County, FDOT, MPO/PPC, PSTA, and affected local governments, concerning the biennial updates of the Multi-Modal Impact Fee Ordinance through the MPO/PPC Planning Process and the implementation of the Pinellas County Mobility Management System.

POLICY ICE.2.4.2

Pinellas Park shall continue to coordinate with the SWFWMD, including with its adopted Regional Water Supply Plan, and area governments and agencies in planning for a reliable long term regional potable water supply. The City shall update the Potable Water Element's Ten Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan within 18 months after the update to SWFWMD's Regional Water Supply Plan is approved.

POLICY ICE.2.4.3

Pinellas Park shall continue to collaborate with adjacent governments and agencies to manage surface water in an efficient and coordinated manner by entering into specific interlocal/interagency agreements describing responsibility and formalizing specific commitments.

POLICY ICE.2.4.4

The City shall cooperate with the MPO/PPC and other local governments to complete the biennial update of the Multi-Modal Impact Fee Ordinance through the MPO/PPC Planning Process.

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.5

Pinellas Park shall continue to recognize and implement existing infrastructure service agreements, and enter into new agreements as necessary, for the purpose of ensuring adequate, efficient and equitable provision of needed services.

POLICY ICE. 2.5.1

Pinellas Park shall continue to provide water, wastewater collection and/or treatment, and reclaimed water service to incorporated areas in accordance with the conditions contained within the individual billing, connection and service agreements established between the respective governments.

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.6

Pinellas Park shall coordinate with local governments and agencies for the purpose of protecting and restoring functional and connected habitats and associated living resources for the purpose of meeting regional surface water management goals, and for the practice of efficient resource planning and regulation.

POLICY ICE.2.6.1

Pinellas Park shall encourage, initiate where appropriate, and participate in multi-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination in watershed planning, in meeting National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program requirements, in the implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMP), and in the implementation of the CCMP, and in the implementation of efficient, effective and comprehensive surface water management programs.

POLICY ICE.2.6.2

Pinellas Park shall practice multi-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination in developing and promoting educational programs related to water resource management and in the resolution of resource issues.

POLICY ICE.2.6.3

Pinellas Park shall continue to use the ongoing NPDES coordination process as one means of coordination to facilitate the sharing of stormwater project information, to collectively identify and meet surface water resource educational information needs, and to collaboratively address, as appropriate, surface water-related mandates such as NPDES municipal storm sewer permit requirements.

POLICY ICE.2.6.4

Pinellas Park shall remain an active participant in regional technical studies and policy forums on wetlands.

POLICY ICE.2.6.5

Pinellas Park shall encourage, and participate in, as appropriate, efforts by the SWFWMD to prioritize the identification of the recharge area within the Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area (NTBWUCA).

OBJECTIVE ICE.2.7

Pinellas Park shall, as a practice, work towards cooperative and mutually beneficial relationships with governments and agencies, and shall endeavor to anticipate and address issues before conflicts arise.

POLICY ICE.2.7.1

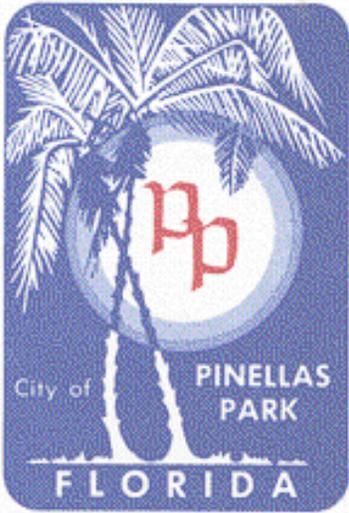
Pinellas Park shall utilize available formal and informal dispute resolution processes, including those to be provided by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, when necessary and appropriate.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

POLICY ICE.2.7.2

Pinellas Park shall continue to place emphasis on the informal and efficient coordination processes that provide greater mutual benefit and foster professional relations.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL CIE.1

The City shall utilize sound fiscal policies to ensure through its land development and capital improvements planning processes the timely and efficient provision of public facilities concurrent with the impact of development.

OBJECTIVE CIE.1.1

The City shall utilize the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan to meet the needs of the local government for the construction of capital facilities necessary to meet existing deficiencies, to accommodate desired future growth, and to replace obsolete or worn-out facilities.

POLICY CIE.1.1.1

Capital improvement shall mean a one-time acquisition of \$50,000 or more for land, improvements to land, structures, improvements to structures (including planning, design, engineering, permitting, and construction) and initial furnishings, or have an anticipated life expectancy of at least 10 years.

POLICY CIE.1.1.2

The City Administration and affected Departments shall annually review, evaluate and prioritize projects of the Capital Improvement Element for inclusion in the annual Capital Budget section of the Annual Budget.

POLICY CIE.1.1.3

The Capital Improvements Element shall provide for the availability of public facilities and services for which a level of service standard has been adopted and that are needed to support development concurrent with the impacts of such development. Public facility and service availability shall be deemed sufficient if the public facilities and services for a development are phased, or the development is phased, so that the public facilities and those related services that are deemed necessary by the local government to operate the facilities necessitated by that development, are available concurrent with the impacts of that development.

POLICY CIE.1.1.4

The schedule of capital improvements shall be based upon the Land Use, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, Stormwater Management, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and shall be consistent with all other elements of this Plan.

POLICY CIE.1.1.5

The City shall utilize the "Criteria for Establishing Priority" located in the Capital Improvements Element to review, evaluate and prioritize all projects in the Comprehensive Plan. These criteria may be amended periodically to reflect changing circumstances but shall include, at a minimum, the following considerations:

- a. The elimination of public hazards;
- b. The renewal and replacement of obsolete or worn-out facilities;
- c. The elimination of existing capacity deficits;
- d. Local budget impact;
- e. Locational needs based on projected growth patterns;
- f. The accommodation of new development and redevelopment facility demands;
- g. Financial feasibility;
- h. Cost savings due to factors such as matching grant funds and private contributions; and
- i. Plans of state agencies, water management districts, and other regional and local agencies and departments that provide public facilities within the City's jurisdiction.

POLICY CIE.1.1.6

The City shall encourage citizen participation in the Capital Improvements process through formal boards, statutory hearings, citizen advisory board meetings, public meetings, information forums, town meetings, workshops, or City Council meetings.

POLICY CIE.1.1.7

The Capital Improvements Program shall provide for the availability of public facilities to serve developments for which development orders were issued prior to the adoption of the comprehensive plan.

POLICY CIE.1.1.8

The City of Pinellas Park shall, where cost effective, utilize rehabilitation and reuse techniques on existing public facilities, structures, and buildings as the preferred alternative to new construction.

POLICY CIE.1.1.9

The Capital Improvements Element shall provide for the replacement or renovation of existing public facilities to occur within the planning increment in which the life expectancy or level of service of the facilities is to be exceeded.

POLICY CIE.1.1.10

Inclusion of a capital facility and related service in the Capital Improvements Element will consider the financial feasibility of providing recurring annual operating and maintenance costs.

POLICY CIE.1.1.11

The Capital Improvements Element will indicate the anticipated years of project commencement, construction, and completion.

POLICY CIE.1.1.12

A plan amendment will be required to defer, delay, or eliminate the construction of, a project identified in the Capital Improvements Element.

POLICY CIE.1.1.13

The Capital Improvements Element shall be amended and updated once each year to reflect any applicable changes to the goals, objectives, and policies or capital improvement needs set forth in the other Comprehensive Plan elements.

OBJECTIVE CIE.1.2

Through the land development process, the City shall ensure that public facility needs do not exceed the ability to fund and provide needed capital improvements and that future development will bear a proportionate cost of facility and service improvements necessitated by the development in order to adequately maintain adopted level of service standards.

POLICY CIE.1.2.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall direct the land development review process for new development in a way that maximizes the use of existing public facilities.

POLICY CIE.1.2.2

The estimated costs of all needed capital improvements shall not exceed conservative estimates of available revenue sources pursuant to City ordinances, and which have not been rejected by referendum, if a referendum is required to enact a source of revenue.

POLICY CIE.1.2.3

The City's maximum limit of bonded indebtedness shall be 25% of assessed valuation, as set forth in the City Charter.

POLICY CIE.1.2.4

Future development shall bear a proportionate, pro-rata share of costs of facility improvements necessitated by the development in order to adequately maintain adopted level of service standards.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT

POLICY CIE.1.2.5

The City of Pinellas Park shall implement a Mobility Management System and use multi-modal impact fee revenue to fund multi-modal improvements to the City's transportation facilities.

POLICY CIE.1.2.6

The City of Pinellas Park shall continue to evaluate and establish such impact fees, user fees, special assessments, or other revenue sources necessary to recapture the costs of providing public facilities and services to new growth.

POLICY CIE.1.2.7

The City shall provide or arrange for others to provide the public facilities which have been identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY CIE.1.2.8

All development projects generating new trips shall be subject to the multi-modal impact fee.

POLICY CIE.1.2.9

Local Government Development Agreements, as described in Sections 163.3220-163.3243, Florida Statutes, shall allow private enterprise to construct public facilities consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies in the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY CIE.1.2.10

A Local Government Development Agreement shall be considered to be in compliance with adopted level of service standards when a commitment by the development to mitigate the pro rata share of the costs of public facility and service improvements necessitated by that development is clearly delineated within the agreement, and is scheduled to occur such that the facility and those related service improvements that are deemed necessary, are available concurrent with the impacts of that development.

POLICY CIE.1.2.11

A Development Agreement may include provision for joint efforts on the part of the developer and the City of Pinellas Park; construction of the needed facility by either party; or payment to the local government for the construction of the needed facility.

POLICY CIE.1.2.12

The City of Pinellas Park recognizes that the Florida Strategic Intermodal System facilities in Pinellas County are strategically important as high speed and high volume inter-city and inter-regional roads. To protect the efficiency of these roads, development should be mitigated and phased in order to minimize the impacts on roadway capacity.

OBJECTIVE CIE.1.3

Land use decisions and available or projected fiscal resources will be coordinated with a schedule of capital improvements that maintains adopted level of service standards and meets existing and future facility needs.

POLICY CIE.1.3.1

The City of Pinellas Park shall require public facilities and services for which a level of service standard has been adopted and that are needed to support development to be available concurrent with the impacts of development approved by the City of Pinellas Park.

“Concurrent” shall mean that all adopted level of service standards be maintained during and following the development of all such projects, or the impacts of said development are mitigated consistent with this Plan, in accordance with the level of service review standards established by this Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY CIE.1.3.2

The City adopts the level of service standards for the following public facilities and services located within the City’s jurisdiction:

- a. Potable Water: 80 gallons per capita per day at a minimum pressure of 30 psi.
- b. Sanitary Sewer (with no gravity line surcharging; pumping stations pumping the peak inflow with the largest station out of service):
 - i. Residential (1985 and after): 100 gallons per day per person
 - ii. Non-Residential: 1,000 gallons per day per acre
 - iii. Peak factors, the multiples of Average Daily Flow (ADF) used to determine the highest hourly flow expected in any year, shall be as follows:

| ADF | PEAK FACTOR |
|-------------|-------------|
| 0.0-0.2 | 3.50 |
| 0.2-0.8 | 3.00 |
| 0.8-2.0 | 2.50 |
| 2.0-4.0 | 2.25 |
| 4.0-Greater | 2.00 |

- c. Solid Waste:
 - i. A twice weekly garbage pick up, and a once weekly recycling pick up, for residents. This service includes unlimited can service and the removal of white goods (refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, etc).
 - ii. Commercial accounts are picked up on as needed basis.

- iii. The capacity to collect, recycle or otherwise dispose of up to 1.3 tons per person per year, consistent with Pinellas County's level of service standard.
- d. Stormwater Management:
 - i. Drainage channels serving drainage basins greater than one square mile shall be sized to contain a 25-year/24-hour storm event within the channel banks. Peak post-development runoff shall not exceed peak pre-development runoff rates.
 - ii. Closed conduit (storm sewer) systems serving drainage basins greater than one square mile shall be sized so that the hydraulic grade-line is no higher than the inlet grate, inlet throat or rim elevations for a 25-year/24-hour storm event. No surcharging will be allowed.
 - iii. Drainage channels serving drainage basins less than one square mile shall be sized to contain a 10-year/24-hour storm event within the channel banks. Peak post-development runoff shall not exceed peak pre-development runoff rates.
 - iv. Closed conduit (storm sewer) systems serving drainage basins less than one square mile shall be sized so that the hydraulic grade-line is no higher than the inlet grate, inlet throat or rim elevations for a 10-year/24-hour storm event. No surcharging will be allowed.
 - v. Retention or detention facilities shall be sized so that the post-development condition discharge amount does not exceed the pre-development condition discharge amount for a 25-year/24-hour storm event and 6 inches of freeboard is maintained.
 - vi. The 100-year/24-hour storm event shall be confined to streets and yards for all new construction in order to protect human life and minimize structural damage.
 - vii. Treatment of stormwater runoff shall be required for all new development, redevelopment, and expansion which occur in existing developed areas as provided by law. In accordance with Chapter 62-25 FAC, the stormwater treatment systems shall provide a level of treatment for the runoff from the first 1 inch of rainfall for projects in drainage basins of 100 acres or more. For projects with drainage basins less than 100 acres, the stormwater treatment systems must provide a level of treatment for the first one-half inch of runoff in accordance with Chapter 62-302, Section 62-302.500 FAC. Stormwater discharge facilities shall be designed so as to not lower receiving water quality or degrade the receiving water body below the minimum conditions necessary to assure the suitability of water for the designated use of its classification as established in Chapter 62-302 FAC.

POLICY CIE.1.3.3

The City of Pinellas Park shall implement a Concurrency Management System to ensure that public facility impacts associated with development do not cause violation of adopted level of service standards. The Concurrency Management System shall include the Capital Improvements Element, the 5-year Schedule of Capital Improvements; a Concurrency Management Test Statement updated annually; and a Level of Service Compliance Review.

POLICY CIE.1.3.4

A Level of Service Compliance Review for stormwater management, sanitary sewer, potable water, and solid waste shall be required prior to issuance of any Development Order as part of the Concurrency Management System. Determination of level of service compliance shall be a condition of all site plan, rezoning, and land use approvals, and building permits.

POLICY CIE.1.3.5

All level of service compliance approvals shall provide for an expiration date of no more than 12 months from the date of issuance.

POLICY CIE.1.3.6

A level of service compliance approval shall be required for each phase of a multi-phase project. Until a level of service compliance has been met, construction will not be permitted.

POLICY CIE.1.3.7

Consistent with public health and safety, sanitary sewer, solid waste, stormwater management, adequate water supplies, and potable water facilities shall be in place and available to serve new development no later than the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent. Prior to approval of a building permit or other development order, the City shall consult with the water supplier to determine whether adequate water supplies to serve the new development will be available no later than the anticipated date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

POLICY CIE.1.3.8

Consistent with the public welfare, parks and recreation facilities to serve new development shall be in place or under actual construction no later than one (1) year after issuance of a certificate of occupancy. However, the acreage for such facilities shall be dedicated or acquired by the City prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

POLICY CIE.1.3.9

Consistent with the public welfare, transportation facilities needed to serve new development shall be in place or under actual construction within three (3) years after the City approves a building permit or other development order that results in traffic generation.

OBJECTIVE CIE.1.4

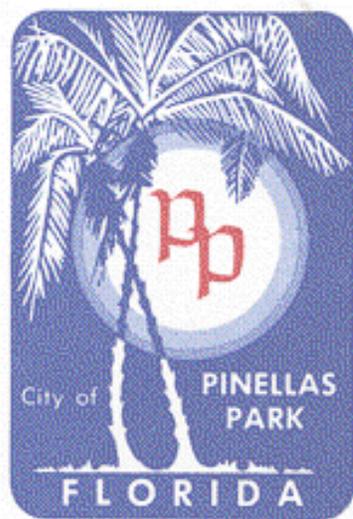
The City shall encourage efficient provision of capital improvements by restricting public expenditures for infrastructure in the Coastal High Hazard Area and Coastal Storm Area.

POLICY CIE.1.4.1

Public expenditures for infrastructure in the Coastal High Hazard Area and Coastal Storm Area will be restricted to the following:

- a. maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing facilities;
- b. expenditures for protection, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources or public access;
- c. or expenditures for a public facility of overriding public interest to ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ELEMENT



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GOAL CP.1

To encourage participation of the citizens of Pinellas Park and to keep them informed of matters affecting the growth and direction of the City.

OBJECTIVE CP.1.1

Seek representation of diverse community interests on citizen advisory committees.

POLICY CP.1.1.1

Residents, business owners and property owners shall be informed, through the local media, of the creation of new advisory committees.

POLICY CP.1.1.2

Coordination with local business, civic, and cultural organizations is encouraged.

POLICY CP.1.1.3

Residents, business owners, and property owners will be notified, through the local media, of any openings on advisory committees.

POLICY CP.1.1.4

Residents, business owners, and property owners may apply to be on citizen advisory committees at any time.

OBJECTIVE CP.1.2

Establish procedures for keeping the general public informed of matters affecting the growth and direction of the City.

POLICY CP.1.2.1

Residents, business owners, and property owners shall be notified of actions affecting the use of their property through mailings and/or announcements in newspapers of general circulation.

POLICY CP.1.2.2

Residents, business owners and property owners shall be informed of actions of the City Council through local sources.

POLICY CP.1.2.3

Draft and final planning documents shall be made available for review by the general public.

POLICY CP.1.2.4

The Pinellas Park City Clerk's Office and Pinellas Park Library shall be an official depositories for all adopted comprehensive planning elements.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ELEMENT

POLICY CP.1.2.5

Coordination with local media to educate and inform residents, business owners and property owners shall be continued.

POLICY CP.1.2.6

Continue to utilize the City Newsletter as a medium of information dissemination.

OBJECTIVE CP.1.3

Establish procedures for maintaining two-way communication with residents, business owners and property owners of the City.

POLICY CP.1.3.1

Written comments concerning City documents, policies, and actions shall be retained for response or consideration.

POLICY CP.1.3.2

Additional mediums of information exchange should be investigated by the City.