



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #6b

DATE: APRIL 6, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF TAMARAC PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On February 23, 2009, Council staff received proposed plan amendment #09-RWSP1 to the City of Tamarac Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Staff review is undertaken pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 9J-5 and 9J-11, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Community Profile

Located in west central Broward County, the City of Tamarac was incorporated in 1968. In 2008, the City had a population of 59,855 and a land area of 12 square miles, giving the City a population density of 4,938 people per square mile. Since the 2000 Census, the City's population has grown by 7.7 percent. The projected population at build-out is around 60,000 people. Tamarac is primarily a suburban community developed around leisure activities, including nine golf courses and the King's Point Performing Arts Theater. The general location of the City is shown in Attachment 1.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Proposed amendment #09-RWSP1 includes amendments to the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements related to water supply planning.

Water Supply Planning

The text amendments in this proposed package have been transmitted pursuant to 2005 Growth Management Legislation. Chapter 163.3177(6)(c) of the Florida Statutes requires local governments to adopt a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) into their Comprehensive Plan within 18 months after the jurisdictional Water Management District approves a Regional Water Supply Plan or its update. The *Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan (LECWSP) Update* was approved by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on February 15, 2007. Therefore, the deadline for local governments within the Lower East Coast jurisdiction to adopt a Work Plan was August 15, 2008.

The Work Plan is intended for local governments to identify and plan for water supply facilities and sources needed for existing and new development or population. The emphasis on the preparation of the Work Plan is to coordinate local comprehensive planning with the regional water supply plan, as well as

promote coordination among local governments, the SFWMD, and water supply utilities within and across local government jurisdictions. The Work Plan should address the following related to water supply planning: regional and local issues; current and projected population, water supply, and demand; Level of Service (LOS) standards; conservation and reuse; alternative water supplies (AWS); and capital improvement updates for implementation.

The Goals, Objectives, and Policies (GOPs) of a local government's Comprehensive Plan are required to reflect adoption and content of the Work Plan. The Infrastructure, Capital Improvements, Intergovernmental Coordination, Conservation, and Future Land Use Elements may need to be revised for consistency with water supply planning.

10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan)

Three water utilities meet the potable water needs of the residents and businesses within the City of Tamarac. The City has its own Utility Department (TUD), which also serves a small development of 288 units in the City of North Lauderdale, known as the "Courtyards". The City's current Water Use Permit (WUP) expires in 2024, allocates 7.19 million gallons per day (MGD) withdrawal from the Biscayne Aquifer. This allocation is enough to meet the demands of the TUD service area of 7.167 MGD by 2025, however, the City plans to withdraw 2.0 MGD from the Floridan Aquifer as an alternative water supply.

In addition, the Broward County Water and Wastewater Services (BCWWS) District 1 serves a small portion of the City and the City of Fort Lauderdale Water Services (FTLWS) sells wholesale water to the eastern portion of the City, east of NW 31st Avenue. The City Work Plan describes the BCWWS and FTLWS alternative water supply projects that will also meet the demands of the City through 2025.

Comment

An important component of the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan is the description and analysis on municipal and regional conservation and reuse initiatives, or the lack thereof. The City of Tamarac should include this component of its conservation and reuse initiatives and those of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Infrastructure Element

The proposed changes to this Element include revisions and new policies that would:

- Revise the potable water LOS Standards for the City's Utility Western Service Area (113 gallons per capita per day, gpcpd) and Eastern Service Area (73 gpcpd);
- Ensure that City funded projects for infrastructure are included in the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and annual budget;
- Require that prior to approving a building permit, or functional equivalent, for new development that adequate water supplies are available;
- Adopt the City's Work Plan, and the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Work Plans, by reference;
- Require the City's Work Plan be updated within 18 months of an update to the *LECWSP*; and
- Support the conservation, reuse, and other water programs of the SFWMD and the City's water service providers.

Conservation Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would create new policies (2.3 through 2.5) to direct the City to enforce lawn irrigation restrictions established by the SFWMD and Broward County, as updated; prohibit uses or activities that threaten water quality; and consider adopting a City conservation ordinance to reduce further water consumption.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would revise Policy 1.3 to include Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale as entities the City shall improve coordination with in order to provide ongoing water service, and demonstrate service needs and demands. New Policy 1.23 would support the development of AWS programs and projects of the City's water service providers.

Capital Improvements Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would create new Policy 4.5 to direct the City's Utility to maintain and improve adopted potable water LOS Standards as guided by the City's Work Plan and its water service providers. Policy 4.6 would require maintenance of the City's water supply system and facilities through improvements as identified in the CIP. Revisions to the potable water LOS Standards, as noted in the Infrastructure Element above, are also proposed.

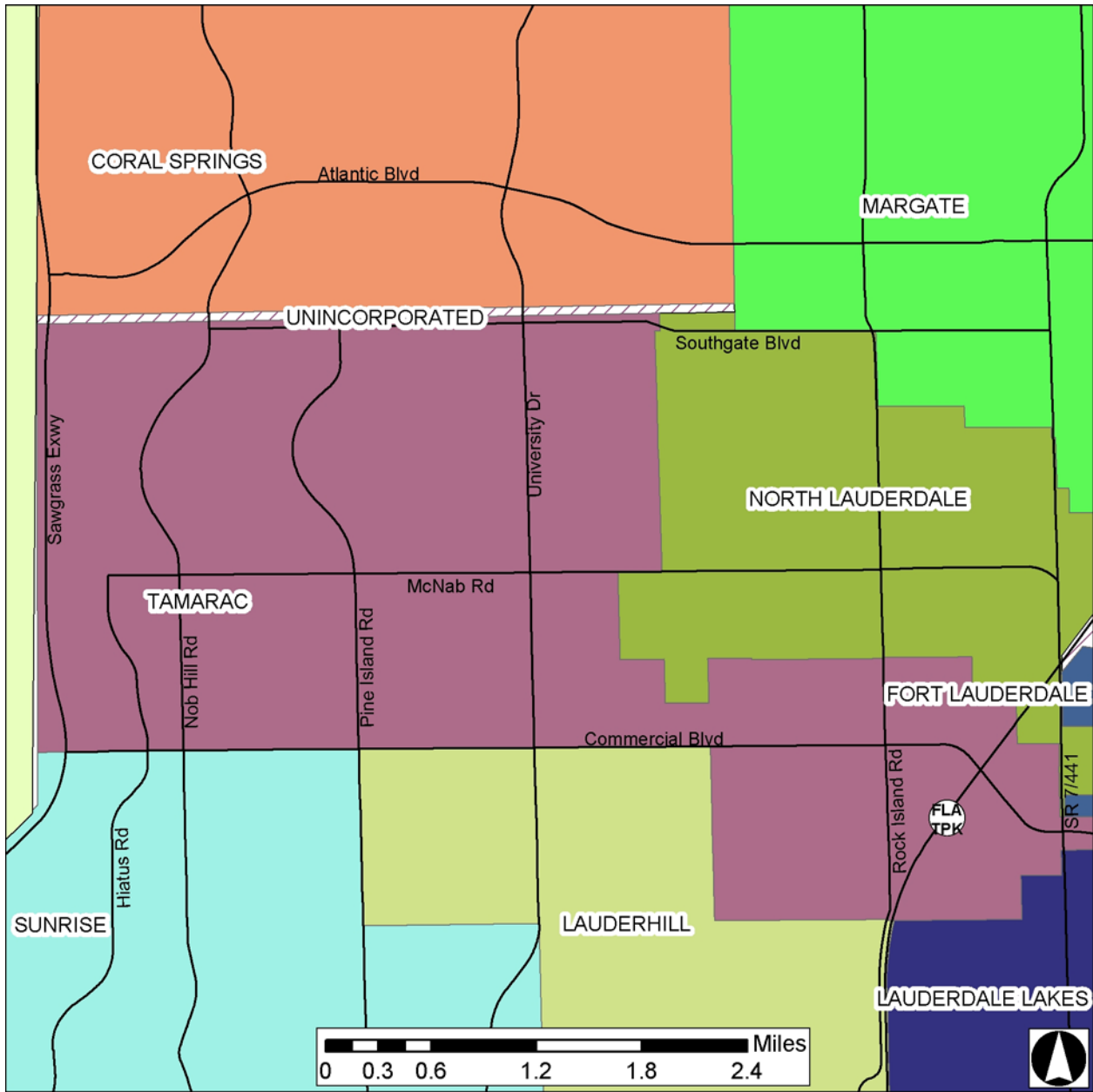
Staff analysis confirms that the proposed amendments are generally consistent with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The City of Tamarac Commission unanimously (5-0) approved the transmittal of the proposed amendment at its February 11, 2009 meeting.

Recommendation

Find the City of Tamarac proposed amendment #09-RWSP1 generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Approve this staff report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Attachment 1



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Location Map

City of Tamarac
Proposed Amendment #09-RWSP1

Source: Broward County, SFRPC.

Note: For planning purposes only. All distances are approximate.