



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #5c

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2008

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On July 8, 2008 Council staff received adopted amendment #08-1ER to the City of North Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Proposed Amendment #08-1ER was reviewed at the January 7, 2008 Council Meeting and was found to be generally consistent with the *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

North Lauderdale has an estimated 2007 population of 42,269, representing an increase of 31% since 2000. Incorporated in 1963, two-thirds of the City was developed in the 1970s. The City has annexed several areas in recent years. The City is adjacent to Margate and Coral Springs to the north and northwest, Fort Lauderdale to the southeast, and Tamarac to the south and west. As identified in the vacant land inventory of the City's 2005 Evaluation and Appraisal Report, there is very little vacant land (32.27 acres) left for development. The City is primarily a residential community of suburban character supported by community-oriented commercial development. The City is engaged in the revitalization of State Road 7 as an active member of the S.R. 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative.

Additional information regarding the City or the Region may be found on the Council's website, www.sfrpc.com.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #08-1ER contains the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)-based text amendments to the North Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the City's EAR, which was found sufficient on March 23, 2007 by the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Included in the package are the requirements to adopt a Public Schools Element, and a 10-year Water Supply Facility Work Plan. The general location of the City is exhibited as Attachment 1.

A summary of the adopted amendment package follows.

Summary of Staff Analysis

The EAR-based text amendments were adopted as proposed with minor revisions. In response to the Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the City revised Objective 7 and Policy 7.1 of the Transportation Element to incorporate the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Level of Service (LOS) standards "D" for the Turnpike. LOS standards for potable water throughout the plan were revised to be consistent with the LOS established for North Lauderdale in the South Florida Water Management District's *Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan*. The City revised and provided additional data and analysis to the Public Schools Element to address inconsistency and incompleteness issues concerning public school facilities concurrency.

10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and Associated Text Amendments

In addition to the EAR-based text amendments, the adopted amendment package includes the City's 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) and associated text amendments to the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements.

These text amendments have been transmitted pursuant to 2005 Growth Management legislation. Chapter 163.3177(6)(c), F.S., requires local governments to adopt a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan into their comprehensive plans 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 is August 15, 2008. In general, the Work Plan is intended for local governments to identify and plan for water supply sources and facilities needed to serve existing and new development. The emphasis on the preparation of the Work Plan is to coordinate local comprehensive planning with the regional water supply plan, as well as to promote coordination among local governments, the SFWMD, and water supply utilities within and/or across local government jurisdictions. In addition, the Work Plan should address potable water level of service standards, conservation measures, alternative water supplies, reuse, and capital improvement updates for implementation.

A summary analysis of the City of North Lauderdale's Work Plan and associated text amendments to four elements follows.

Work Plan

Most of the City of North Lauderdale is served by the City's water and sewer system. The remaining area is served by Broward County and the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Tamarac, and Margate, as shown in Attachment 2. The City also has interconnects with the Cities of Tamarac and Margate as well as Broward County for emergency water supplies. The Work Plan addresses water supply demand and projections, plans for implementing additional potable water needs, revenue sources and capital improvement plans. The City indicated that the only alternative source of future water supplies is to buy excess capacity through a bulk sales agreement with Broward County or another utility. The Comprehensive Plan is revised to reflect this single option.

Infrastructure Element

The key proposed changes to this element incorporate the City's Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. Additional and revised policies include:

- Modified LOS standards for potable water to reflect current system operational data;
- Coordination with the LEWSP, Broward County, and adjacent municipal utilities;

- Provisions to complete plant upgrades and to negotiate a bulk sales agreement with Broward County to provide for additional water supplies needed by the Year 2021; and
- Updated population, potable water and sewer supply and demand projections for the City and County service areas.

Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements

The proposed changes to these Elements duplicate the language proposed in the Infrastructure Element, as discussed above.

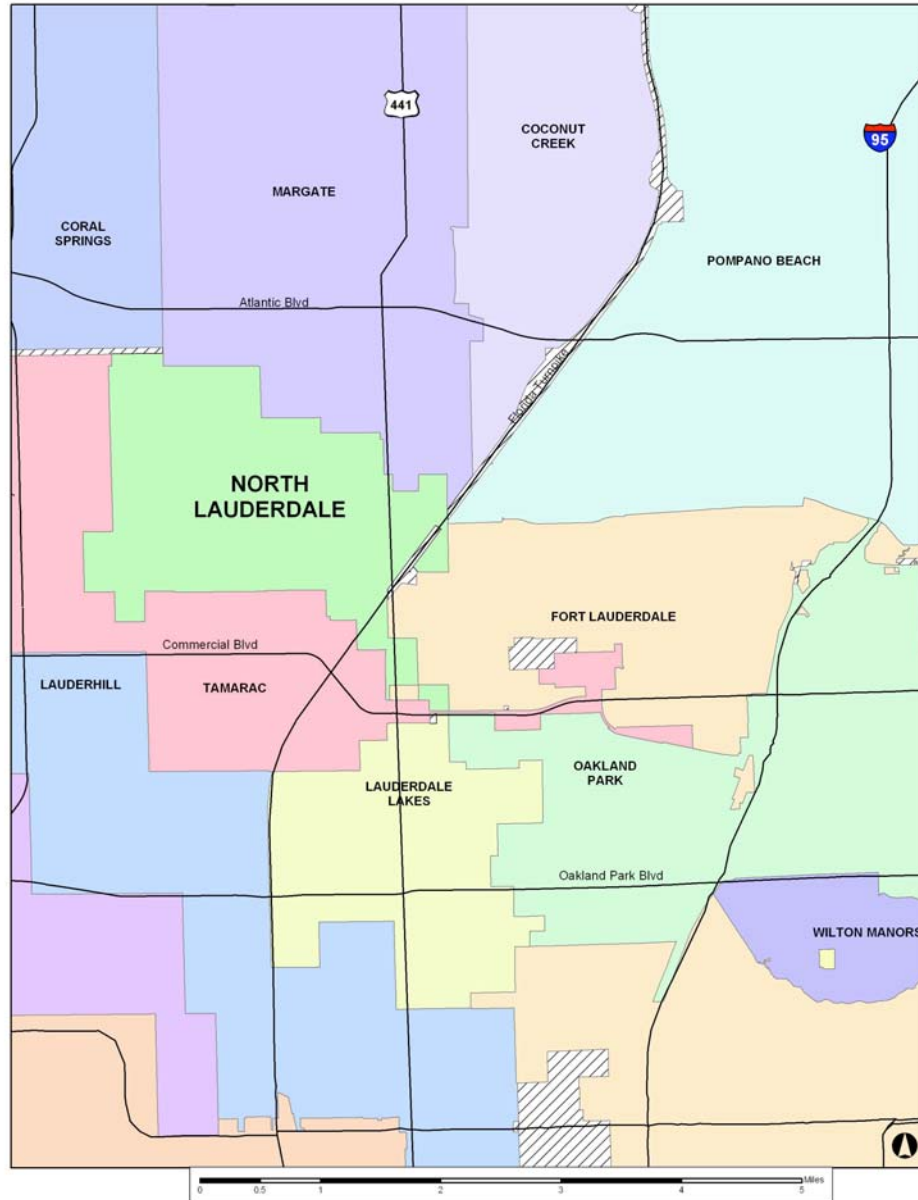
Staff analysis confirms that adopted amendment package #08-1ER to the City of North Lauderdale is generally consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The City of North Lauderdale Commission approved the transmittal of the adopted amendments by a unanimous vote at its May 29, 2008 meeting.

Recommendation

Find the adopted amendment package #08-1ER to the City of North Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. Approve this staff report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Attachment 1



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

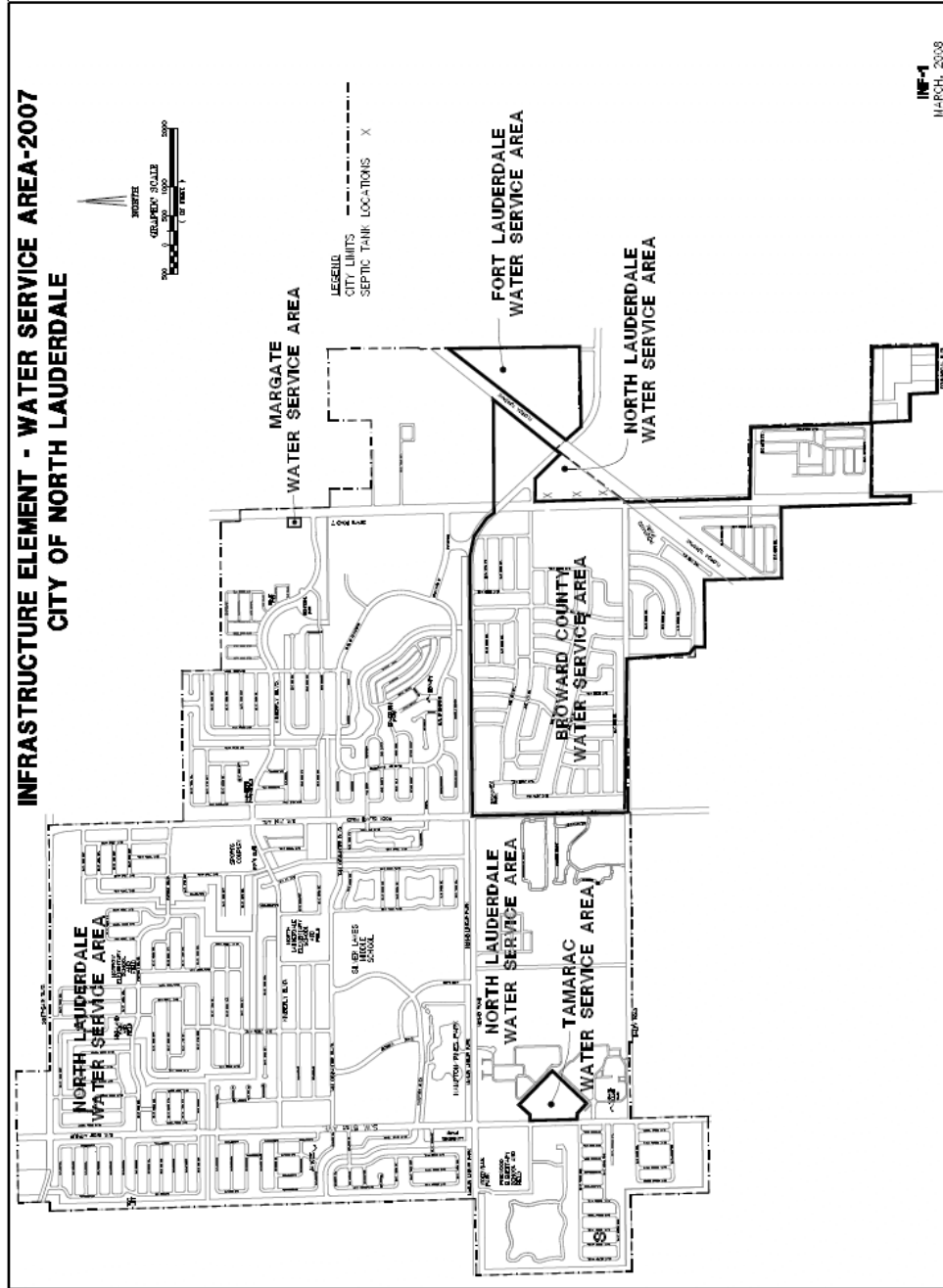
Location Map

City of North Lauderdale
Adopted Amendment #08-1ER

Sources: FDEP, SFWMD, Broward County, SFRPC.

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

Attachment 2



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Water Supply Service Area

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Sources: City of North Lauderdale

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