



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7e

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On November 16, 2009, Council staff received adopted plan amendment #09-RWSP1 to the City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment was reviewed at the July 6, 2009 Council meeting and 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

The City of Miami Gardens is located in northeast Miami-Dade County, just south of Broward County. The City was incorporated in May 2003, making it the third largest municipality in Miami-Dade County. Miami Gardens is a highly urbanized area encompassing approximately 20 square miles. The City is landlocked and surrounded by North Miami Beach, Miami Lakes, and Opa-locka in Miami-Dade, and Miramar in Broward. The 2000 population was 100,809 and is expected to increase to 110,751 by 2010. Miami Gardens consists of primarily residential development, with a number of high intensity commercial/industrial areas, mainly along transportation routes. The City, essentially built out, is focused on infill development and redevelopment opportunities. A map depicting the general location of the City is included in Attachment 1.

Water Supply Planning

The text amendments in this adopted package 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 (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.

City of Miami Gardens Work Plan

Residents and businesses of the City of Miami Gardens receive potable water directly from the City of North Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD); in addition, a small portion of the City receives water from the City of Opa-locka (a wholesale customer of MDWASD). MDWASD is the City of Miami Gardens' largest water provider and primarily responsible for maintaining the distribution and operating facilities that serve the City through the Hialeah-Preston Water Treatment Plant located in the County's North Regional Water Service Area. The City of North Miami Beach serves Miami Gardens through the Norwood Water Treatment Plan.

The City Work Plan describes its water service provider relationships, including service area boundaries, facilities, demand, capacity, AWS projects, and conservation initiatives.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #09-RWSP1 was adopted as proposed with revisions based on the August 17, 2009 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report, issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In response, the City revised the Work Plan to establish 10-year time frames. The Intergovernmental Coordination Element was revised to direct the City to update its Work Plan within 18 months of a *LECWSP Update* and to include Objectives and Policies to ensure collaborative planning. The Conservation Element was revised to include specific water conservation and reuse programs; to identify water conservation efforts to be implemented in conjunction with the SFWMD; and identify indoor water use efficiency technologies from the Miami-Dade County Code that the City will implement.

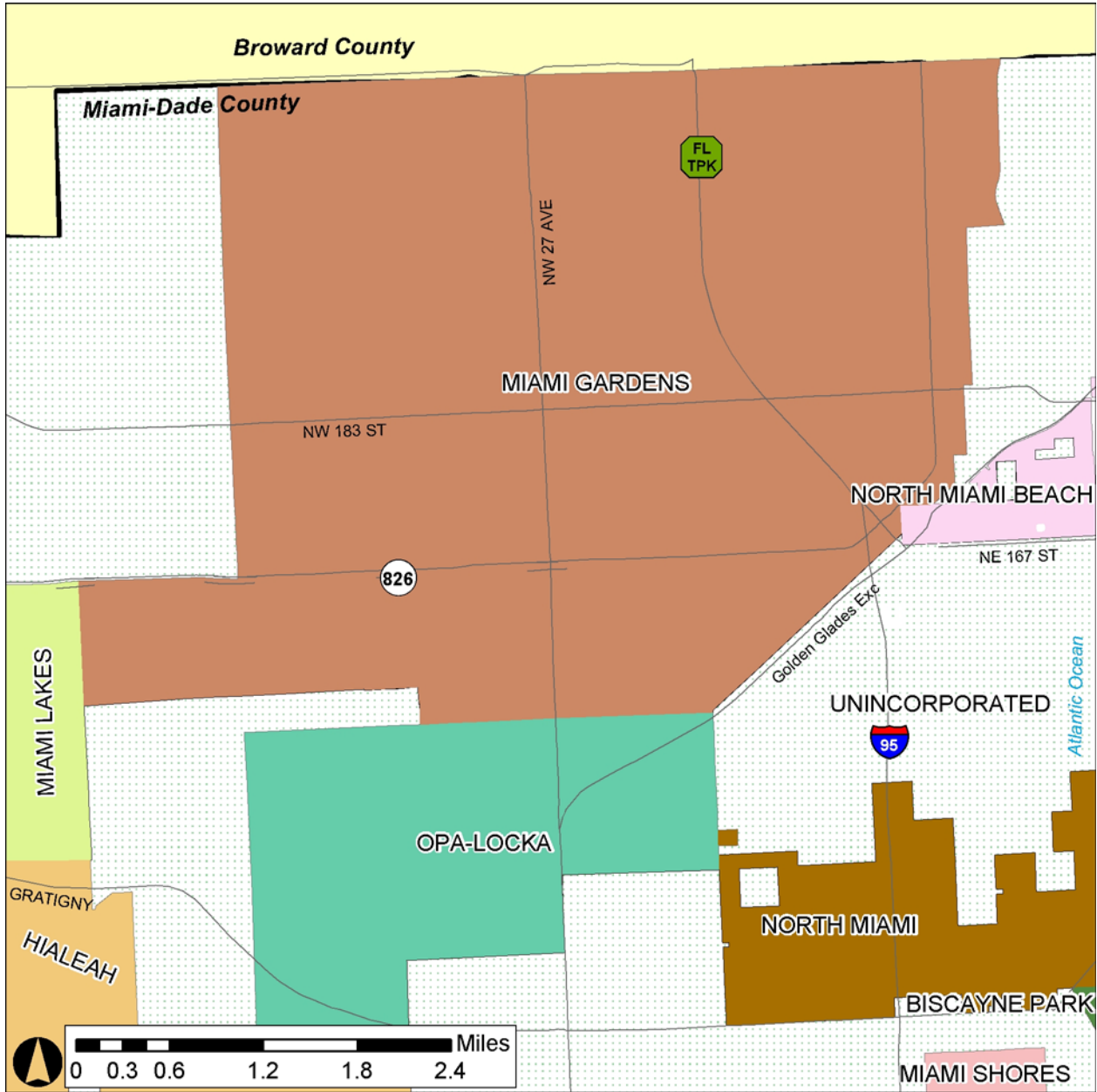
The City of Miami Gardens Commission unanimously approved (5-0) the transmittal of the adopted amendments at its October 7, 2009 meeting.

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

Recommendation

Find City of Miami Gardens adopted 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 Miami Gardens
Adopted Amendment #09-RWSP1

Sources: Miami-Dade County, SFRPC.

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