



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7c

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DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2009  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: TOWN OF SURFSIDE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

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## Introduction

On December 24, 2008 Council staff received adopted plan amendment #08-RWSP1 to the Town of Surfside Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment #08-RWSP1 was reviewed at the September 8, 2008 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 Town of Surfside is a small community covering approximately 365 acres along the northeastern coastline of Miami-Dade County directly south of Bal Harbour Village, west of Bay Harbor Islands and Indian Creek Village, and north of Miami Beach. The Town was incorporated in 1935, and is estimated to have 5,789 residents in 2008, which approximately represents a 19 percent increase over the 2000 estimate. The Town is characterized by a majority of residential uses on its western borders while the coastal development is a mix of commercial, residential and recreational uses.

Additional information on the Town and the Region can be found on the Council's website, [www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com).

## **Water Supply Planning**

The text amendments in this adopted 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 of water supply planning.

#### Town of Surfside Work Plan

The Potable Water Sub-Element serves as the required Town Work Plan. The Town is a wholesale customer of Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD), through the Hialeah-Preston service area. The Water Supply Plan addresses water supply demand and projections, revised level of service standards, plans for implementing additional potable water needs, revenue sources and capital improvement plans, conservation provisions, and plan implementation and monitoring procedures.

#### Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #08-RWSP1 was submitted with revisions based on the October 21, 2008 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report issued by the Department of Community Affairs. In response, the City added a new policy to the Future Land Use Element requiring water availability prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The Conservation Element outlines new conservation strategies; the Intergovernmental Coordination Element provides increased emphasis and specificity for collaboration with all appropriate municipalities and agencies regarding water supply planning. The Town adopted Miami-Dade County's water demand projections and single, consistent potable water LOS standard (155 gallons per capita per day).

Several changes were made to the Town Work Plan, such as including expanded detail about the water distribution system and the large-user agreement with the County.

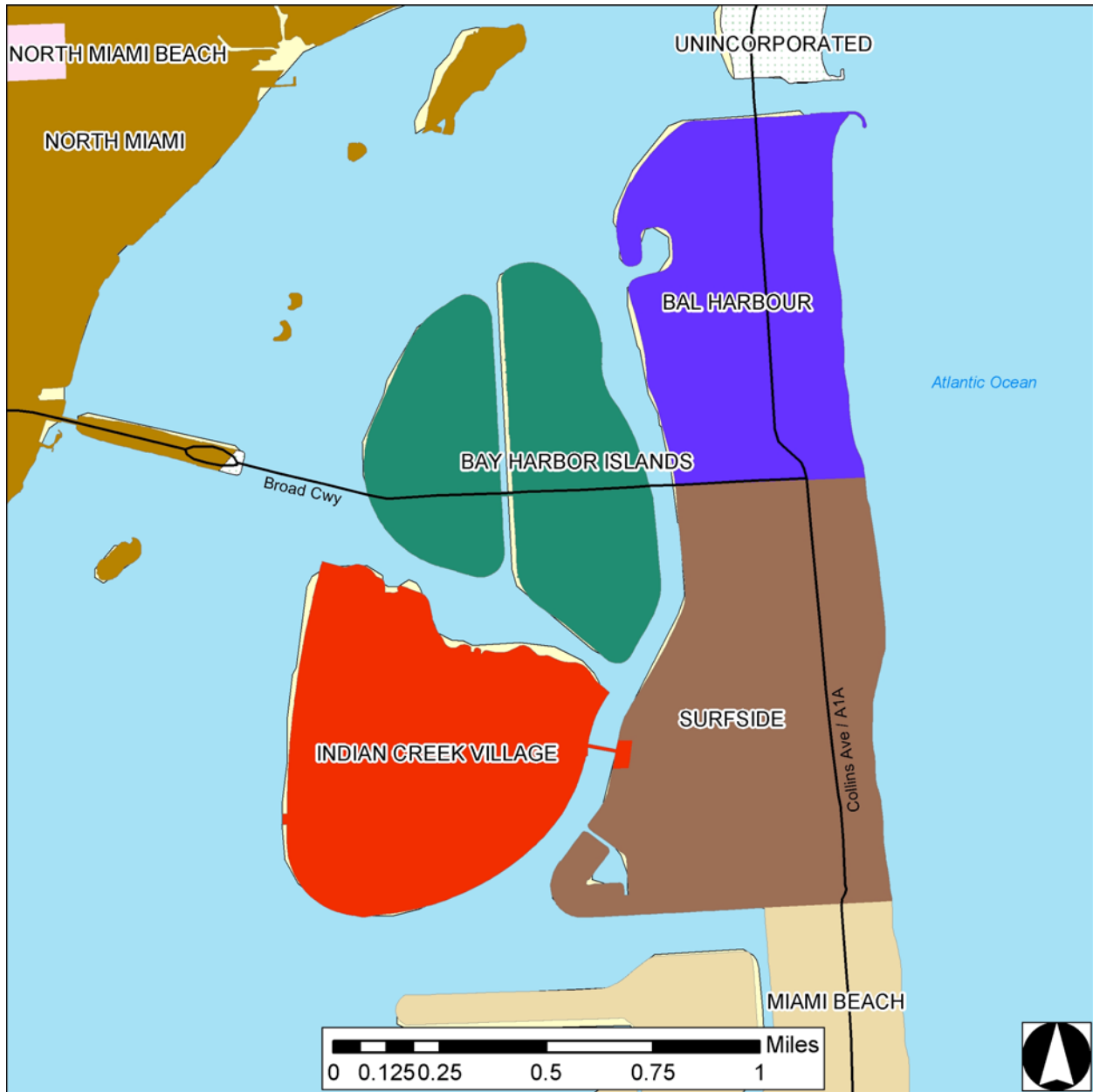
Staff analysis confirms that Town of Surfside adopted amendment #08-RWSP1 is generally consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. The general location of the Town is shown in Attachment 1.

The Town of Surfside Commission unanimously approved the transmittal of the adopted amendment at its December 9, 2008 meeting.

#### Recommendation

Find Town of Surfside adopted amendment #08-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

Town of Surfside  
Adopted Amendment #08-RWSP1

Sources: FDEP, Miami-Dade County, SFRPC.

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