



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #4c

DATE: JULY 6, 2009

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On June 9, 2009, Council staff received proposed 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)*. 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. The general location of the City is shown in Attachment 1.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Proposed amendment package #09-RWSP1 includes amendments to the Infrastructure, Conservation, Capital Improvements, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements of the Miami Gardens Comprehensive Plan, 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 supply (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, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvements, Conservation, and Future Land Use Elements may need to be revised for consistency of water supply planning.

Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (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. The City of North Miami Beach Work Plan was found in compliance May 12, 2009, and the Miami-Dade County Work Plan was found in compliance in July 18, 2008.

Infrastructure Element

The proposed changes to this Element would include new and revised Policies related to potable water service coordination, conservation, and sanitary sewer and potable water LOS standards. Specifically, the following revisions or additions are being proposed:

- Adopt the City Work Plan in coordination with the *LECWSP*;
- Adopt the County potable water LOS Standard of 155 gallons per person per capita day (gpcd), and the City of North Miami Beach LOS Standard of 144 gallons per person per day; and
- Investigate and utilize AWS.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would include new Policies to maintain consistency with the Work Plans of the County, the City of North Miami Beach, and the SFWMD; and participate with these agencies or localities in water supply planning efforts.

Capital Improvements Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would ensure that updates to the 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements include projects identified in the City Work Plan, or related local government's Work Plans, in order to maintain the proposed, revised, potable water LOS Standards (mentioned above).

Conservation Element

The key proposed changes to this Element would ensure water concurrency, and direct the City to comply with water use efficiency techniques in accordance with Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances.

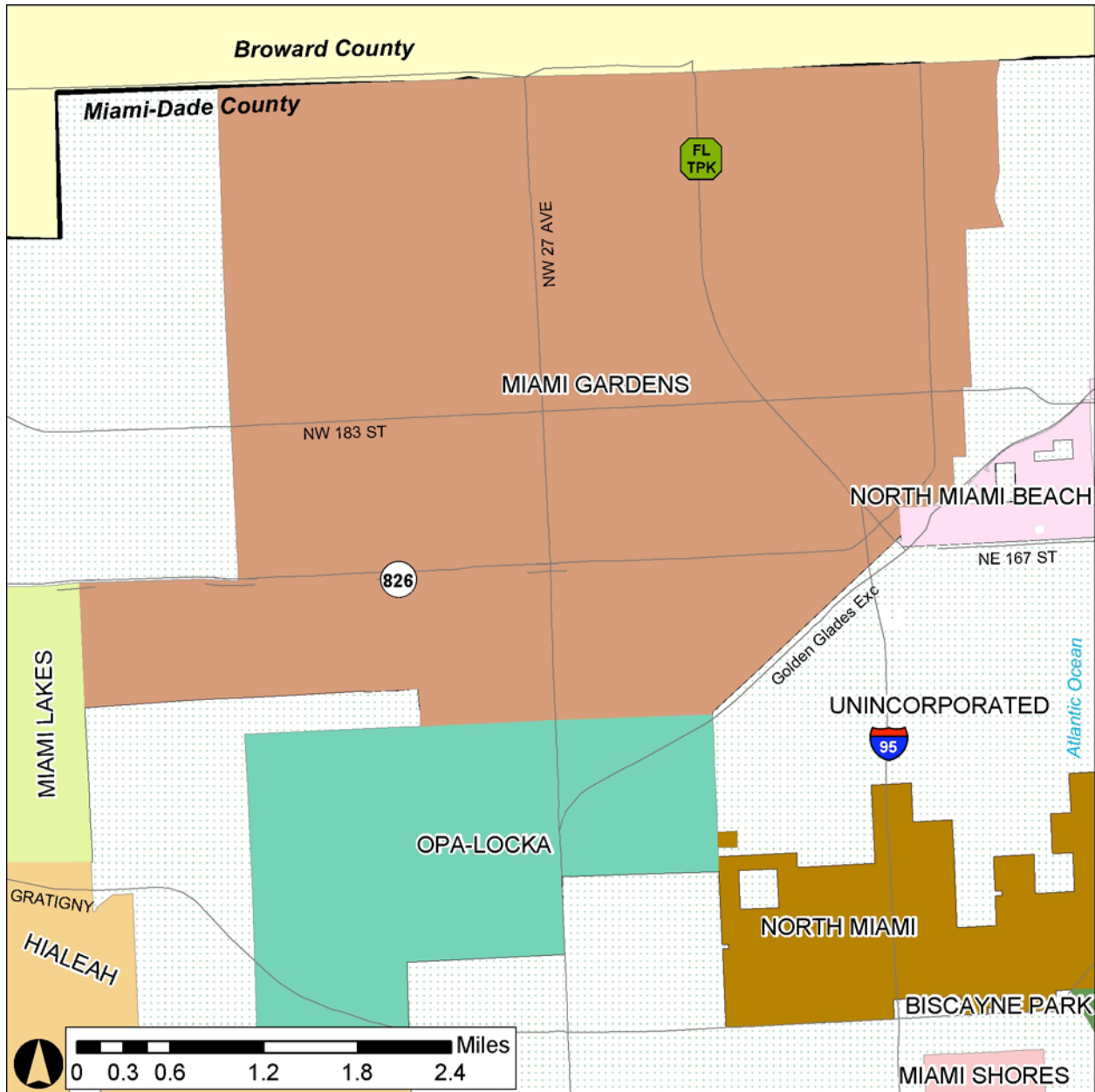
The City of Miami Gardens Council unanimously approved the transmittal of the proposed amendments at its June 3, 2009 meeting.

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*.

Recommendation

Find the City of Miami Gardens 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 Miami Gardens
Proposed Amendment #09-RWSP1

Source: Miami-Dade County, SFWMD, SFRPC.
Note: For planning purposes only. All distances are approximate.