



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7c

DATE: JULY 7, 2008

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

## Introduction

On June 5, 2008 Council staff received adopted amendment #08-1ER/PEFE to the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment was reviewed at the January 7, 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 City of Fort Lauderdale is the seventh largest municipality in the state and the primary urban center for Broward County. The City's 2007 population was estimated as 179,971, an 18.1% increase from the City's 2000 population. The City was incorporated in 1911 and is the county seat of Broward County. The City's economic base is in tourism, the marine industry, and as a major employment center for the Region. Fort Lauderdale is a mature urban place. While the City is considered to be built out, it nevertheless has approximately 750 acres (just over one square mile) of vacant land scattered throughout the City on small parcels. Much of the developed land is designated for land use densities greater than the existing development. With its location at the heart of the metropolitan area, and its access to mass transit, Fort Lauderdale is an ideal location for infill and redevelopment. The State Road 7/U.S. 441 Corridor runs through a small portion of western Fort Lauderdale and the City is a member of the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative.

Additional information regarding the City or the region may be found on the Council's website, [www.sfrpc.com](http://www.sfrpc.com).

## Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment #08-1ER/PEFE contains text amendments to the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan as recommended by 2005 Evaluation and Appraisal Reports (EAR) and text amendments required for public school facilities. A map depicting the general location of the City is included in Attachment 1.

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 Policy 1.42.2, 1.42.8, 1.43.2, 1.43.6 of the Future Land Use Element to set density and intensity standards for the Transit-Oriented Corridor (TOC) and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) land use categories. The City also revised and provided additional data and analysis to the Public Schools Element to address the inconsistency and incompleteness issue.

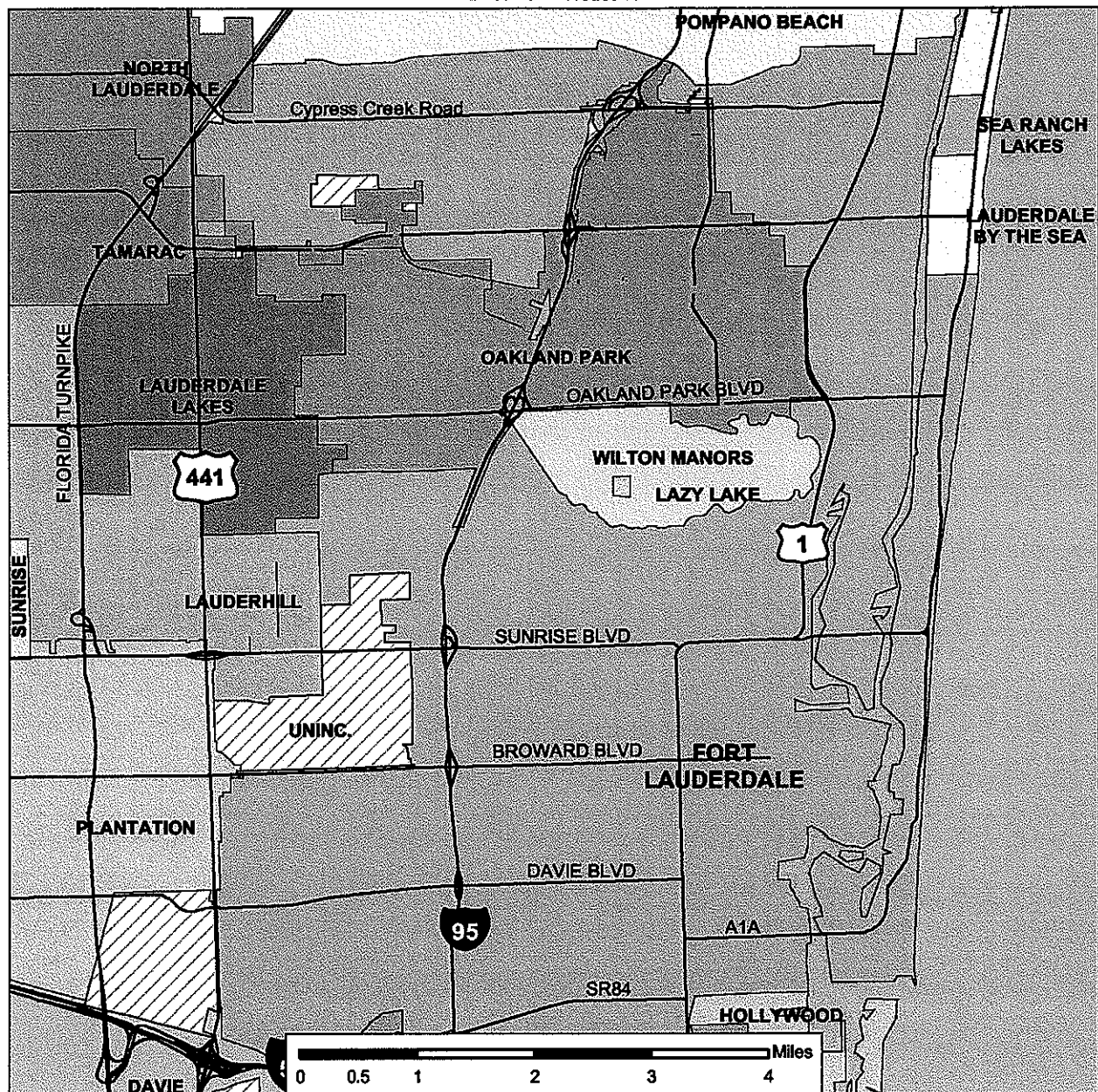
Staff analysis confirms that adopted amendment package #08-1ER/PEFE to the City of Fort Lauderdale is generally consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission approved the transmittal of the adopted amendments by a unanimous vote on May 6, 2008.

Recommendation

Find City of Fort Lauderdale adopted amendment package #08-1ER/PEFE 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 Fort Lauderdale  
Adopted Amendment #08-1ER

Sources: FDEP, SFWMD, Broward County, SFRPC.

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