

MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #6g

DATE: MARCH 2, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF NORTH MIAMI PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On February 10, 2009, Council staff received proposed plan amendment #09-RWSP1 to the City of North Miami 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 North Miami was incorporated in 1926. The City is a coastal community located in northeast Miami-Dade County. North Miami had a population of 59,880 in Census 2000, and was estimated to have 59,688 residents in 2008, a decrease since 2000 of 0.3 percent. The City has an area of approximately 9.98 square miles, and has a density of 6,040 persons per square mile. The City is a builtout, residential and shopping community with regional attractors such as the Oleta River State Park and Joan Lehman Museum of Contemporary Art.

Additional information on the Village and the Region can be found on the Council's website, www.sfrpc.com. The general location of the City is shown in Attachment 1.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Proposed amendment #09-RWSP1 includes amendments to the Future Land Use, Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements to the North Miami 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 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.

Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan)

The City of North Miami provides potable water to 78,000 people within its water service area of approximately 1-square miles, including City residents and businesses, the Village of Biscayne Park, and Golden Glades, Westview, and Pinewood of unincorporated Miami-Dade County. Sixty-five percent of the service area water is derived from the City's water permit and the remaining 35 percent is purchased from the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD). In October 2007, the City applied for renewal of its Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) to allow 10.03 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) to be withdrawn from the Floridan Aquifer and 8.73 MGD from the Biscayne Aquifer. The renewal is pending, but if granted it would allow the City to pursue their AWS plan of constructing a Reverse Osmosis plant utilizing the Floridan Aquifer and eliminating its dependency on MDWASD.

The City Work Plan describes its service area, its relationship with the County (MDWASD), supply facilities, provides data and analysis on current and projected water supply and demand through 2025, CUP issues, and describes local and regional conservation and reuse initiatives, and planned AWS projects and capital improvements.

Future Land Use Element

The proposed changes to this Element include new policies (1.9.5 through 1.9.8) to address concurrency management by coordinating current and future land uses with the availability of water supply, requiring Future Land Use Map amendments to provide data and analysis demonstrating adequate water supply and facilities are available, and following the recommendations outlined in the City Work Plan to protect water supply. A proposed revision to the Element's Goal would ensure protection of natural resources.

Infrastructure Element

The key proposed change to this Element is the incorporation of the City Work Plan by reference and a provision to update the Work Plan at least every 5 years. New policies would direct the City to maintain a 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements that incorporate projects identified in the Work Plan; be consistent with the potable water LOS standard identified in the Comprehensive Plan (165 gallons per capita per day) and by 2010 be consistent with the Miami-Dade County LOS standard for residential and non-residential uses; and research and pursue AWS projects.

Conservation Element

The proposed changes to this Element include new policies to engage in water supply planning efforts, utilize AWS projects where feasible, and promote City and County conservation techniques.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

The proposed changes to this Element include new policies to direct the City to establish and maintain procedures for coordinating water supply efforts with appropriate agencies. These procedures would include reviewing the *LECWSP* updates and coordinating with the SFWMD and Miami-Dade County staff on population information, LOS standards, and resource allocation. The City would revise its Work Plan as needed.

Capital Improvements Element

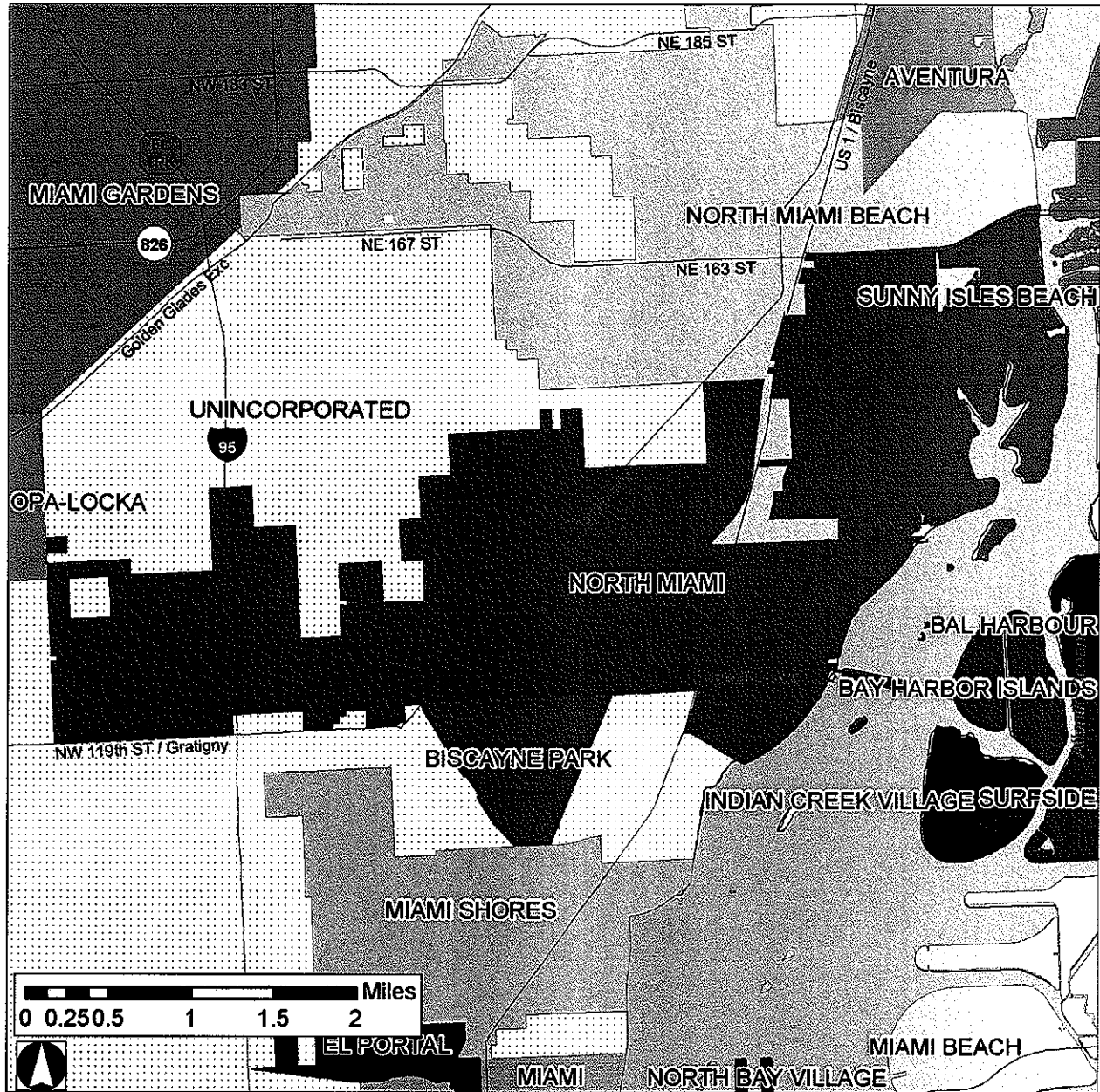
The proposed changes to this Element include new policies directing the City to review the 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements annually and incorporate projects identified in the City Work Plan and coordinate with the SFWMD, County, and other appropriate agencies for infrastructure improvements. The City also proposes the updated 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements for 2008/09-13.

The City of North Miami Council unanimously approved (5-0) the transmittal of the proposed amendment at its January 27, 2009, meeting.

Recommendation

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

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