



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7d

DATE: MARCH 2, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On February 11, 2009, Council staff received adopted plan amendment #09-RWSP1 (previously #08-RWSP1) 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 #08-RWSP1 was reviewed at the June 2, 2008, Council meeting and found to be generally consistent with the *SRPP*, with the exception of the amendments to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element. 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 2008 population was estimated as 180,400, an 18.4 percent 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 at 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.

City of Fort Lauderdale Work Plan

The City of Fort Lauderdale provides water service within City boundaries and also to the City of Oakland Park, Wilton Manors and Tamarac; the Hacienda Village in the Town of Davie; Port Everglades; and parts of unincorporated Broward County. Broward County provides a small proportion of water to the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Work Plan addresses water supply demand and projections, plans for implementing additional potable water needs, revenue sources and capital improvement plans. It also recommends that the City adopt a conservation ordinance and construct a Reverse Osmosis facility at the Peele-Dixie Water Treatment Plant to address the projected, water supply deficit starting in the year 2015.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #09-RWSP1 was submitted with revisions based on the July 15, 2008 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report issued by Department of Community Affairs. In response, the City revised policies in the Future Land Use, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvements, and Conservation Elements to ensure the availability of water to meet new development, outline specific water conservation measures, and add necessary provisions for a coordinated water supply planning effort.

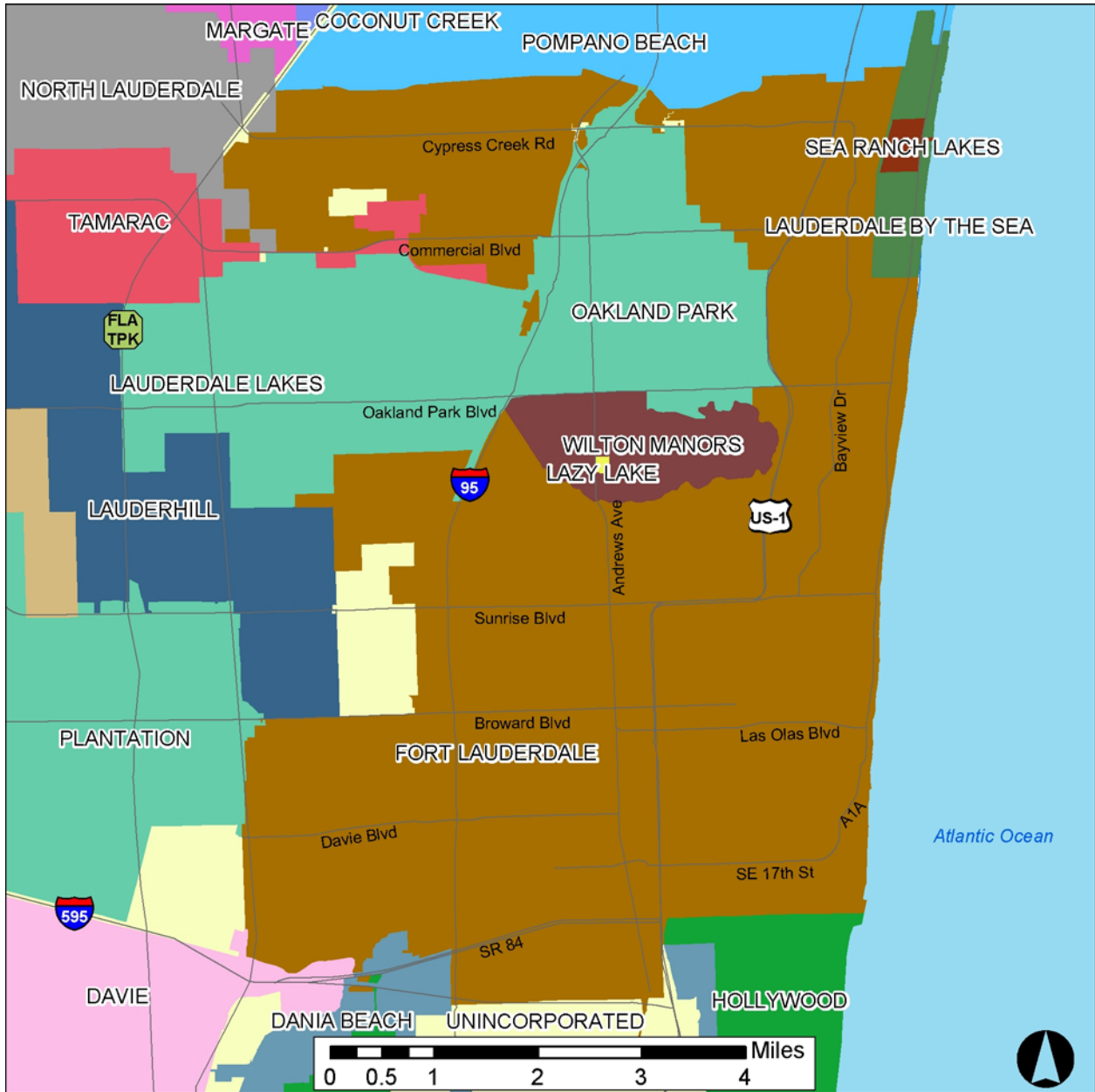
Staff analysis confirms that the City of Fort Lauderdale adopted amendment #09-RWSP1 is generally consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. The general location of the City is shown in Attachment 1.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Commission unanimously approved the transmittal of the adopted amendment at its January 21, 2009, meeting.

Recommendation

Find City of Fort Lauderdale 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 Fort Lauderdale
Adopted Amendment #09-RWSP1

Sources: FDEP, Broward County, SFRPC.

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