



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7c

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2009  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: BROWARD COUNTY ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

## Introduction

On October 20, 2009, Council staff received adopted plan amendment #09-1ARA to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment package was reviewed at the May 4, 2009 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

Broward County, incorporated in 1915, is a highly-urbanized county located in the southeastern portion of Florida. The 2008 population is estimated to be 1,758,494, an 8.3 percent increase since 2000. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest county in the nation. Broward County contains 1,197 square miles of land, of which the western two-thirds is held in conservation areas and the eastern one-third is considered developable. Population densities in the eastern part of the County average 4,318 people per square mile. Continued population growth and a growing economy, coupled with limited undeveloped land have resulted in pressures for infill and redevelopment at higher densities in the County. This creates the need to address issues related to school facilities, water supply, affordable housing and traffic congestion. Through its charter responsibilities, Broward County regulates the land use plans of its 31 municipalities. The County works closely with its cities to provide a consistent, comprehensive planning effort. Notable among the coordinated planning efforts is the State Road 7/U.S. 441 Collaborative. A map depicting the general location of the County is shown in Attachment 1.

## Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #09-1ARA contains text amendments to the Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, Transportation, Future Unincorporated Area Land Use, and Housing Elements of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP).

A summary of the adopted amendments in this package follows.

### **Conservation Element (County Amendment No. 09-1-T2)**

The adopted amendments to this Element were adopted without change to fulfill legislative requirements for water supply planning and energy conservation. In addition, the County has incorporated a Boat Facility Siting Plan into the Manatee Protection Plan (MPP) of the Conservation Element to satisfy state requirements.

Staff analysis confirms that the text amendments continue to be compatible with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved (9-0) the transmittal of the adopted text amendments at its September 22, 2009 meeting.

### **Intergovernmental Coordination Element (County Amendment No. 09-1-T3)**

The adopted amendments to this Element were adopted without change to fulfill legislative requirements for water supply planning; and to direct the County to collaborate with local, regional, and state agencies and governments to create and implement Transit/Housing Oriented Redevelopment (THOR) corridor plans.

Staff analysis confirms that the text amendments continue to be compatible with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved (9-0) the transmittal of the adopted text amendments at its September 22, 2009 meeting.

### **Transportation, Future Unincorporated Area Land Use, and Housing Elements (County Amendment No. 09-1-T5, 09-1-T6, and 09-1-T7)**

The adopted amendments to these Elements fulfill recent legislative requirements for energy efficiency, conservation, and reduction of greenhouse gases. The amendments were adopted without change, with the exception of the Transportation Element (TE). Language referring to managed lanes within the TE was deleted because the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is responsible for managed lanes, not the County.

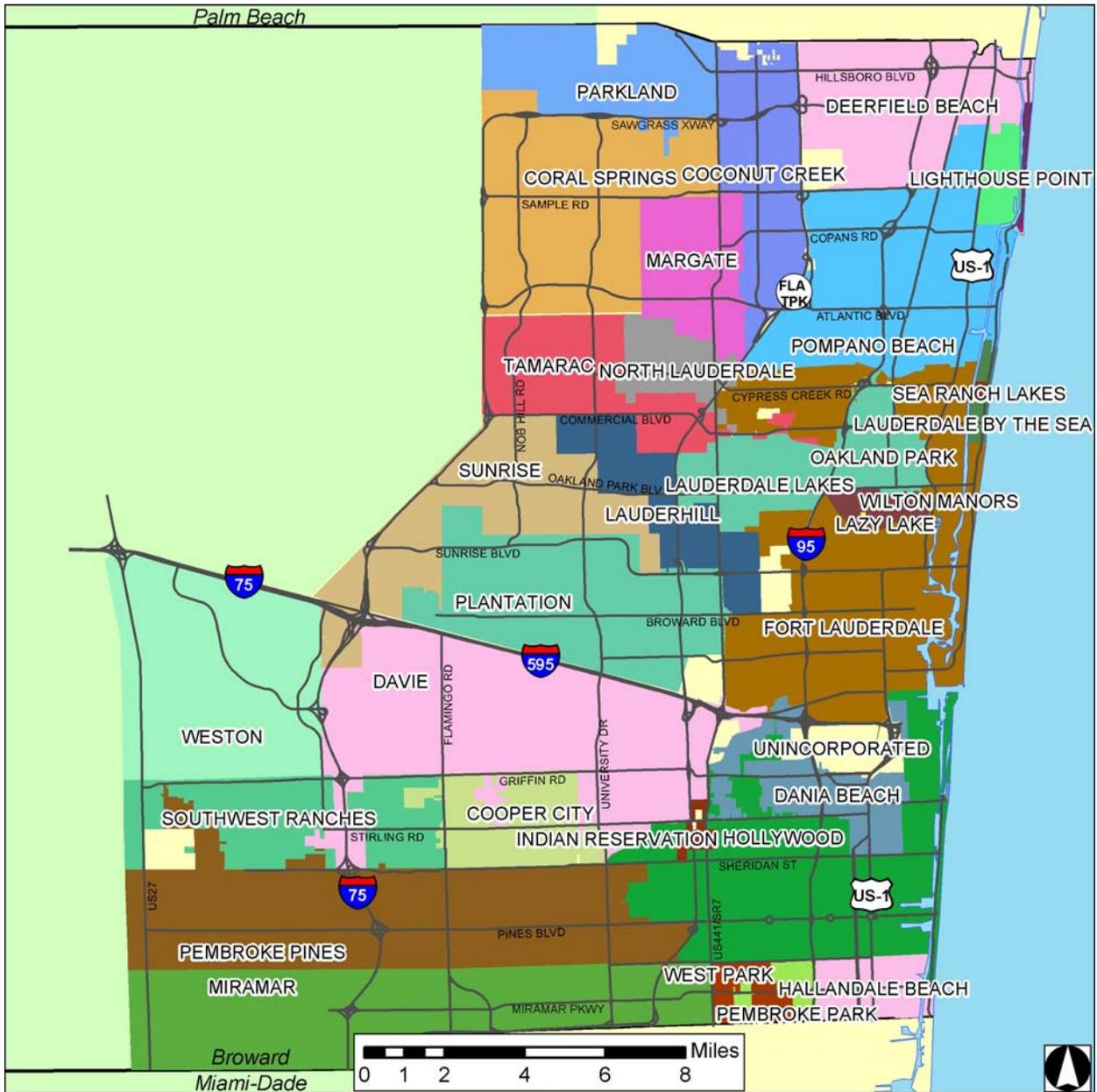
Staff analysis confirms that the text amendments continue to be compatible with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved (9-0) the transmittal of the adopted text amendments to the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use and Housing Elements at its September 22, 2009 meeting; the text amendments to the TE were adopted at the October 13, 2009 meeting by an unanimous vote (8-0).

### **Recommendation**

Find Broward County adopted amendment #09-1ARA 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

Broward County  
Adopted Amendment #09-1ARA

Sources: FDEP, SFWMD, Broward County, SFRPC.

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