



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7f

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2008

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: BROWARD COUNTY ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On September 17, 2008 Council staff received adopted plan amendment #08-1ARA to the Broward County Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. The proposed amendment #08-1ARA was reviewed at the April 1, 2008 Council meeting. The Council found the amendment generally inconsistent with the *SRPP*, particularly with Goals 4 and 21, Policies 4.3 and 21.2, related to infrastructure and intergovernmental coordination. 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 2007 population is estimated to be 1,765,707, an 8.8 percent increase over the 2000 U.S. Census estimate. It is the 15th 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 in-fill 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 land use plans of its thirty-one 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, which involves the County, 13 municipalities and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Additional information regarding the County 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 is 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 with water supply planning.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #08-1ARA contains amendments to the Potable Water and Drainage and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge (DANGAR) Elements of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan. The DANGAR Element was submitted without changes.

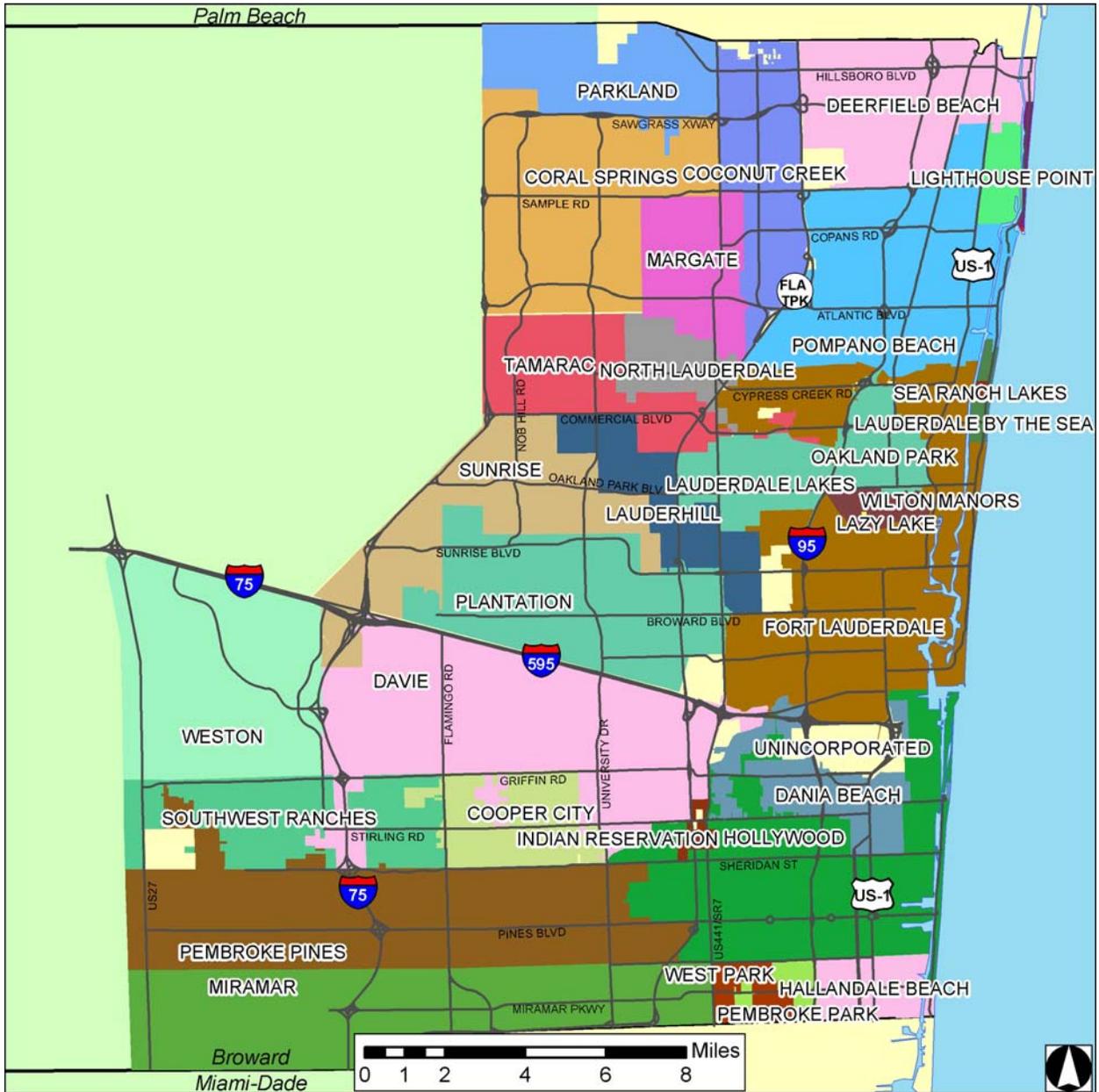
The Potable Water Element was submitted with revisions based on the June 2, 2008 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In response to comments that additional elements should be revised for consistency between the Work Plan and Comprehensive Plan, the County transmitted proposed amendments to the Capital Improvements, Conservation, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements under a separate proposed amendment package (#08-2ARA) to DCA on September 9, 2008 (see Council agenda item #6f). Revisions were made to the County's Work Plan and the Potable Water Element's supporting Data and Analysis for consistency and to clarify population forecasting methodologies; population, water supply, and demand projections; potable water LOS standards; service area capacity and descriptions; outside water supplier information; and new regulatory requirements.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the transmittal of the adopted amendment at its September 9, 2008 meeting.

Recommendation

Find Broward County adopted amendment #08-1ARA 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 #08-1ARA

Sources: Broward County, FDEP, SFRPC.

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