

MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7d

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF TAMARAC ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On August 13, 2009, Council staff received adopted plan amendment #09-RWSP1 to the City of Tamarac Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida* (*SRPP*). The proposed amendment was reviewed at the April 6, 2009 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

Located in west central Broward County, the City of Tamarac was incorporated in 1968. In 2008, the City had a population of 59,855 and a land area of 12 square miles, giving the City a population density of 4,938 people per square mile. Since the 2000 Census, the City's population has grown by 7.7 percent. The projected population at build-out is around 60,000 people. Tamarac is primarily a suburban community developed around leisure activities, including nine golf courses and the King's Point Performing Arts Theater. The general location of the City is shown in Attachment 1.

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 with water supply planning.

City of Tamarac Work Plan

Three water utilities meet the potable water needs of the residents and businesses within the City of Tamarac. The City has its own Utility Department (TUD), which also serves a small development of 288 units in the City of North Lauderdale, known as the "Courtyards". The City's current Water Use Permit (WUP) expires in 2024, allocates 7.19 million gallons per day (MGD) withdrawal from the Biscayne Aquifer. This allocation is enough to meet the demands of the TUD service area of 7.167 MGD by 2025, however, the City plans to withdraw 2.0 MGD from the Floridan Aquifer as an alternative water supply.

In addition, the Broward County Water and Wastewater Services (BCWWS) District 1 serves a small portion of the City and the City of Fort Lauderdale Water Services (FTLWS) sells wholesale water to the eastern portion of the City, east of NW 31st Avenue. The City Work Plan describes the BCWWS and FTLWS alternative water supply projects that will also meet the demands of the City through 2025.

Summary of Staff Analysis

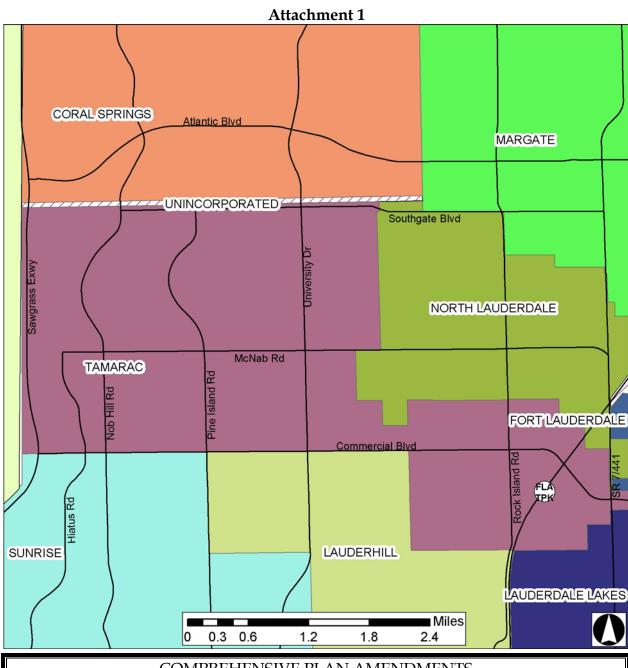
Adopted amendment package #09-RWSP1 was adopted as proposed with revisions based on the April 24, 2009 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report, issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In response, the City made a minor adjustment to the potable water Level of Service (LOS) standard to reflect the average per capita use rate of 107 gallons per capita per day (gpcpd). Policy 1.3 of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element was revised to ensure the City coordinates its LOS standard with applicable service providers and to implement joint conservation activities and programs. In addition, the City Work Plan was revised to reflect current population projections, include population projection methodology, and replace the Water Supply Service Area map to clearly reflect water service provider boundaries.

The City of Tamarac Commission unanimously approved (5-0) the transmittal of the adopted amendments at its July 8, 2009 meeting.

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

Recommendation

Find City of Tamarac 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.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS Location Map City of Tamarac Adopted Amendment #09-RWSP1 Sources: Broward County, SFRPC. Note: For planning purposes only. All distances are approximate.