

# Chapter 7 Intergovernmental Coordination Element

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## Executive Summary

This element reviews and inventories intergovernmental communication as it relates to the other elements of the Comprehensive Plan. It identifies and analyzes existing mechanisms of intergovernmental coordination, identifies needs, and makes recommendations to ensure consistent implementation of the comprehensive plan. This element also includes objectives and policies whose aim is to enhance coordination between various local units of government and organizations in and around Charlotte County, as well as to enhance coordination among local governments with State and regional agencies.

The goals of this element are to increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of government; provide for consistency in decisions and actions between various departments and agencies; and to improve citizen awareness and participation.

The following recommendations are contained within this element.

1. Emphasizing coordination in the implementation of the comprehensive plan through:
  - Development of shared recreational facility agreements between Charlotte County, the City of Punta Gorda and the Charlotte County School Board.
  - Establishment or expansion of agreements with independent districts for common issues of interest.
  - Establishing and strengthening of mutual agreements with adjoining counties/cities for assessment of land use proposals having interjurisdictional impacts--such as issues pertaining to rezoning, drainage, roads, and recreation.
  - Coordination with private utility providers within the County.
  - Coordination of activities with the Southwest Florida and South Florida Water Management Districts.
  - Coordination of level of service standards with local, State and federal entities (e.g., Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation). For example, there is local and regional planning council review in the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process. Roadway funding from developers can be allocated between communities impacted by particular developments. More arrangements of this kind would be beneficial.
2. Coordination of level of service standards with local, State, and federal entities (e.g., Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation). For example, there is local and regional planning council review in the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process. Roadway funding from developers may be allocated between communities impacted by particular developments. More arrangements of this kind would be beneficial.
3. Coordination with adjacent local governments to ensure that impacts of development are addressed through:

- Coordination with adjacent local governments regarding proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan, including the Future Land Use Map and the zoning atlas when the proposal is located within one-half mile of the jurisdictional boundary.
- Consideration of the existing comprehensive plans of affected local governments during inter-jurisdictional review of development proposals and amendments.
- Utilization of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's intergovernmental coordination process to determine whether development proposals would have significant impacts on Charlotte County's and other local governments' resources and to develop remedies to mitigate the impacts.

## **I. Introduction**

### **Purpose of the Element**

A major objective of the local comprehensive planning process is the “coordination of the local comprehensive plan with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, or the region...and with the State Comprehensive Plan”. (Section 163.3177(4)(a), Florida Statutes) In accordance with Section 9J-5.015 of the Florida Administrative Code the purpose of this Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) is as follows:

To identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives and policies and development proposed in local government comprehensive plans and to determine and respond to the needs for coordination process and procedures with adjacent local governments, and regional and State agencies.

This element addresses these requirements, by identifying units of government and other agencies that have, or should have, mechanisms of coordination to implement the elements of this plan. It then provides an analysis of the adequacy of the coordination mechanisms, and identifies problem areas requiring improvements. The element concludes by providing a formal set of goals, objectives and policies to maintain and foster intergovernmental coordination.

### **Relationship of the Element to the Comprehensive Plan**

The ICE necessarily relates to every other element of the Comprehensive Plan. There are two potential reasons for this being the case: (1) the substance of other elements has the potential to at least indirectly affect the resources of localities other than the unit of government responsible for that resource; and (2) the facility or resource is directly of concern to agencies at more than just the local level. Examples of the first category of intergovernmental issues are: roads crossing governmental boundaries (Transportation Element), rivers and estuaries that are downstream from sources either in, or flowing through, other counties or municipalities (Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element). Examples of the second category of intergovernmental issues are water management district control of usage of water resources for potable water to supply local land uses (Infrastructure Element), Department of Environmental Protection funding, regulation of beach renourishment, and land acquisition projects (Recreation and Open Space Element, Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element). The inventory section of this element provides a table indicating the interaction of various governments and agencies affecting different elements.

## II. Legislation

Chapter 163, Florida Statutes contains the State's Local Government Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulation Act. The Act provides Charlotte County with the authority to plan for future development and growth and to adopt and amend a comprehensive plan. 163.3177(h) describes the intergovernmental coordination element of the local comprehensive plan. Chapter 9J-5 of the Florida Administrative Codes provides the standards and criteria for local government comprehensive plans. As noted in Part I of this ICE, Chapter 9J-5.015 of the Code requires that the ICE must provide for coordination with "plans of school boards and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of the land," provided such plans exist; may contain a voluntary dispute resolution process for settlement of intergovernmental disputes; and must describe joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making on a number of issues. Furthermore, the Code requires that, within one year of adoption of the ICE, each county, the district school board, and any unit of local government service providers in that county, establish by interlocal or other formal agreement, the joint processes described above.

There are many policies throughout the State Comprehensive Plan, Ch. 187, Florida Statutes, which impact on intergovernmental coordination, including land use, public facilities, transportation, government efficiency, and plan implementation. This ICE seeks to be compatible and support these policies.

### **III. Inventory and Analysis**

Section III of this element provides an inventory and analysis of the linkages between various levels and sections of government. It also discusses intergovernmental coordination mechanisms and needs in reference to major planning bodies and activities, as well as in reference to each of the elements in the comprehensive plan. The appendix contains a table that summarizes the numerous coordination efforts.

There is a large volume of interlocal agreements, grant agreements, mutual aid agreements, maintenance agreements, etc., that Charlotte County has with other local governments and various governmental agencies. There are also a great number of agreements with private parties - development agreements and contracts for construction and services. Agreements also exist with State and federal agencies for such things as road maintenance, aid to libraries, dredging, and various services to the elderly. In 2004, Charlotte County completed an Interlocal Service Delivery Agreement Report (ISDAR) that summarizes the community's interlocal agreements. The ISDAR documents the cooperation and coordination that the County continues to undertake.

The points of coordination for intergovernmental coordination are important. Formal coordination mechanisms continue to exist through the water management districts established pursuant to Ch. 373 Florida Statutes, and related boards as well as the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. In 1992, the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization was formed for transportation planning. City and County public works staff meet together to coordinate on roads, water, and sewer. The County also coordinates with City and School District staff regarding school facility planning and school concurrency issues in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Planning and School Concurrency. To advance coordination of transportation plans between Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, in 2003, the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO signed an interlocal agreement with the Sarasota – Manatee MPO in accordance with Section 339.175 Florida Statutes. Formalized coordination continues with State and federal agencies through planning, permitting, and review processes. However, an informal working relationship between officials and staff in different jurisdictions and agencies continues to drive coordination.

Charlotte County's policy is to withhold approval of development proposals until the applicant has received all other required permits from the appropriate agencies. This practice benefits the County and other agencies by reducing redundancy, and prevents inter-agency conflict over a given project. Charlotte County also provides copies of its proposed Future Land Use Map amendments and Rezoning petitions to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, the City of Punta Gorda, the City of North Port, FDEP, Lee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties, the South and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts, the Florida Division of Historical Resources, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. Charlotte County takes the agencies'

comments seriously and addresses their concerns through its review and approval processes. Likewise, Charlotte County receives, reviews, and, where necessary, provides comments on proposed land use changes, pending legislation, and other similar materials from these agencies as appropriate.

### **Resources Significantly Impacted by Other Jurisdictions**

Local resources identified by Charlotte County, which are subject to impact and require intergovernmental coordination are: the roads classified on the traffic circulation map; the landfill, hurricane evacuation routes and shelters, parks and recreational facilities; potable water and sanitary sewer facilities impacted by inter-jurisdictional service agreements; public schools where attendance zones cross jurisdictional boundaries; Charlotte County governments offices and facilities located south of Charlotte Harbor, existing and future land uses (including consideration of density, intensity, and compatibility) within one-half mile of jurisdictional boundaries; Charlotte Harbor; the Shell Creek Surface Water Protection Area; and drainage basins crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

### **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)**

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), which is referred to in several different contexts in this element, is a regional planning agency established pursuant to Ch. 186, Florida Statutes. Because SWFRPC is the major existing regional intergovernmental coordination agency it is of great utility in the comprehensive planning process. Charlotte County enjoys an excellent working relationship with them.

The SWFRPC is composed of representatives of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties, and various municipalities within those counties, including Punta Gorda. (Map 7.1 shows the member counties of the SWFRPC.) The SWFRPC has a full-time professional planning staff, and is responsible for the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), which contains the following mechanisms for intergovernmental coordination involving local governments: regional clearinghouse review for state and federal environmental agencies, the local planners' technical advisory committee, mediation of planning conflicts between local governments, and other specialized processes. The SWFRPC has near equal representation between large and small counties, which makes it a useful agency for mediating disagreements with large neighbors. They also conduct special studies and provide an outstanding library that is frequently used by local government planners throughout the region.

Both the City of Punta Gorda and the County are members of the council, and elected officials from both local governments participate actively on the SWFRPC board. Also, planning staff from both local governments participate actively in the SWFRPC-Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and work with council staff in various planning and permitting processes.

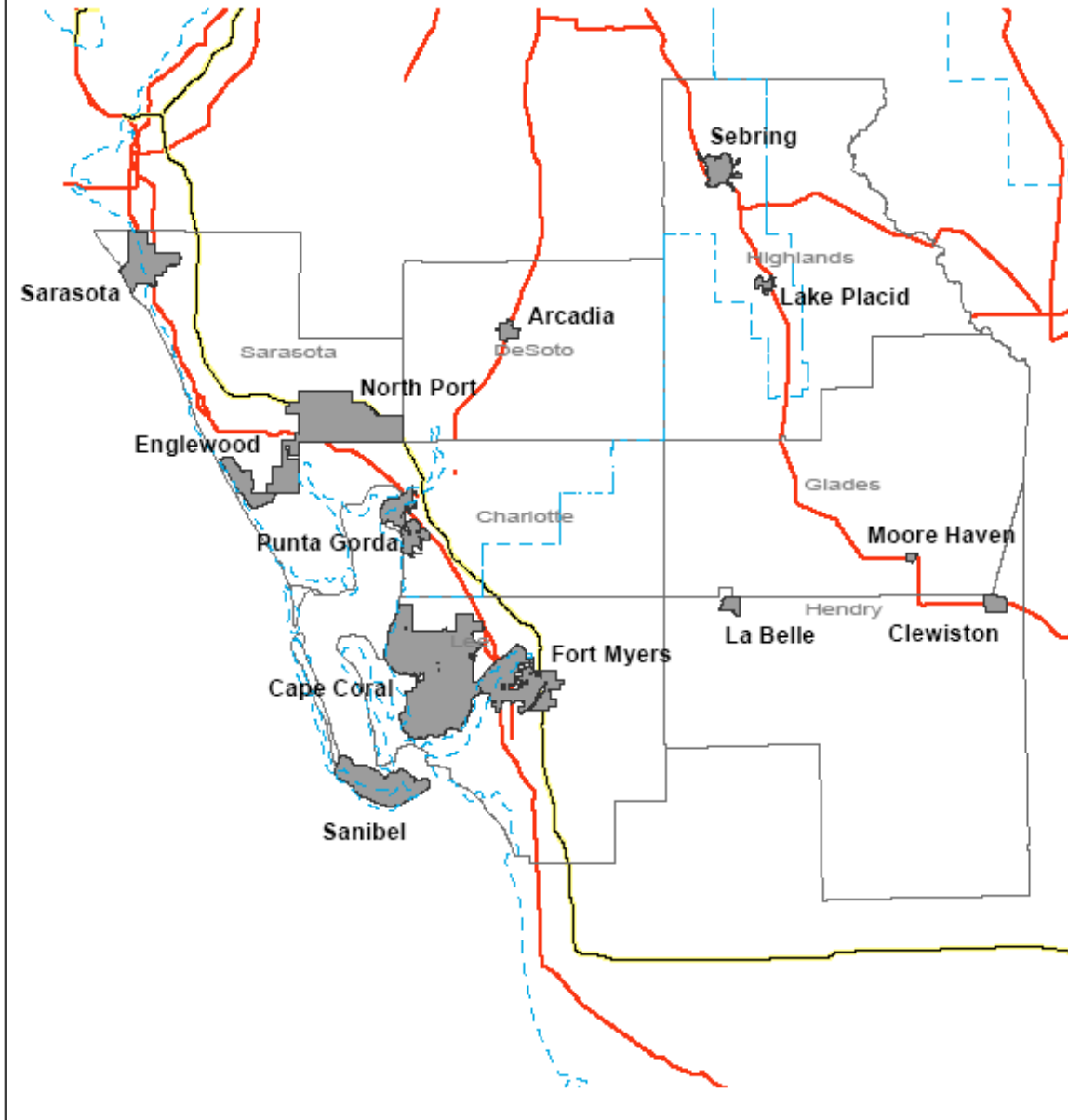
SWFRPC is a review agency for all amendments to comprehensive plans. Under the formal review process, SWFRPC reviews local plan amendments for consistency with the SRPP and


forwards its comments to the Department of Community Affairs. Findings of inconsistency with the SRPP may initiate administrative proceedings against a local government that can keep those plan amendments from taking effect. As such, Charlotte County considers the SRPP to ensure consistency with the spirit of its goals.

SWFRPC also reviews the County Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The SWFRPC plays a significant role in the intergovernmental coordination process through implementation of a formal dispute resolution process.



## Map 7.1 Charlotte County and Coordinating Jurisdictions



<p>Charlotte County Community Development Land Information Section Draft Date 10/05 Located: M:\comdev\gg8Comp_Plan_NEW\WAPSR Chapter_3 7.1_coordinating_jurisdictions.mxd ArcMap Version 9.1</p>	<p>Stateplane Projection Datum NAD83 Units meters Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Florida Department of Environmental Protection</p>	<p>— Water Management District Boundary — Interstate — U.S. Road</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">                   Scale: 1:1,006,323                  1 inch equals 15.9 miles             </p>	<p>This map is a representation of compiled public information. It is believed to be an accurate and true depiction for the stated purpose, but Charlotte County and its employees make no guarantee, implied or otherwise as to its use. This is not a survey or is it to be used for design.</p>
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### **General Inter-County Coordination**

Charlotte County shares borders with four counties, as well as touching two additional counties at section corners. Map 7.1 shows the arrangement of Charlotte County amidst these other counties, as well as the local jurisdictions which impact the County.

There are few formal agreements with Lee County, Sarasota County and the City of North Port. An agreement with Lee County allows residents of the Lee County portion of Boca Grande to use Charlotte County's franchisee to collect their garbage and also use Charlotte County's landfill for disposal. There is an agreement with Sarasota County's Solid Waste Department permitting residents in the south portion of Sarasota County to dispose of household waste on a limited basis at West Charlotte Mini-Transfer & Recycling. Charlotte County and Sarasota County are also parties to the interlocal agreement that established the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. An agreement exists with North Port for maintenance of Hillsborough and Chancellor Boulevards. Agreements were also entered with Sarasota County concerning updates to the SLOSH hurricane model (also with Lee and Collier Counties). In 1995, Sarasota County, Charlotte County, and the City of North Port established the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board to advise the governing bodies of the three jurisdictions concerning the coordinated provision of public services to the Englewood community. There are also mutual aid agreements between Charlotte County Fire/EMS and the North Port Fire District.

Individual agreements also exist with other area counties. DeSoto County and Charlotte County have agreements for mutual aid. DeSoto County is a party to the Peace River agreement. An agreement exists with the State and Glades County for Charlotte County to provide library services. Glades County is a party to the multi-county agreement with SWFRPC. Agreements with Hendry County are limited to the multi-county agreements on mutual aid and SWFRPC creation.

SWFRPC serves as a coordination forum among four of Charlotte County's surrounding counties; however, it does not have any coordinating functions with DeSoto County with which Charlotte County shares a lengthy border and the Peace River. Coordination between Charlotte County, the surrounding counties and the SWFRPC has been fairly good, though informal, and it is certainly necessary to the comprehensive planning process.

Despite the limited number of agreements between Charlotte County and the adjoining Counties, as further highlighted in this Section each are represented on various joint authorities, boards, and commissions that serve southwest Florida. This interaction aids with cooperation and the development of compatible goals by the Counties.

### **Intra-County Coordination**

The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) holds quarterly workshop meetings with School Board Officials, the City of Punta Gorda, and the Charlotte County Development Authority, as well as meetings with other agencies as needed. BCC will continue to use agreements in support of coordination and cooperation.

Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda have various agreements addressing potable water and sewer service, mutual aid, the landfill, and the Shell Creek-Prairie Creek water supply area for Punta Gorda.

There are informal communication efforts between the staffs of Charlotte County and Punta Gorda. When a planning or zoning initiative is proposed which is located in proximity of the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda boundary, the staff of that jurisdiction contacts the other staff and solicits input. The County and City should jointly establish a formal process whereby the respective Community Development Departments notify each other of plan amendments, actions affecting the municipal boundary, specified zoning, subdivision, and site plan reviews, and then provide the neighboring jurisdiction an opportunity to comment on the given item.

The agreements between Charlotte County and local agencies are mostly with the School Board and the various fire control districts. Direct relationships between local governments and other entities, through contracts and agreements, have continued to expand in recent years. A substantial number of agreements were generated with the various utilities in the County and the Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBUs) or the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTUs) formed to pay for improvements. Agreements with Punta Gorda continue for recycling education, the justice center, fire academy training, traffic light maintenance, and formation of the MPO.

The Charlotte County Development Authority is a five-member elected body that is not responsible to the Board of Commissioners, and has some jurisdiction over facilities such as the Charlotte County Airport. The Development Authority is represented on the Metropolitan Planning Organization-Technical Advisory Committee, supporting intergovernmental coordination. The coordination relationship between the Development Authority and the BCC are helpful in carrying out the comprehensive planning process.

### **The Comprehensive Plan**

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is the State Land Planning Agency designated by the legislature, and as such, directs the formulation and implementation of all county comprehensive plans. The coordination relationship between the DCA and counties is governed by Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. DCA's administrative responsibility is to ensure consistency of proposed plans and plan amendments with the law. It coordinates review of plans and plan amendments with other agencies; receives petitions from affected parties objecting to a plan or

plan amendment; and works to resolve disputes in most cases before they are taken to an administrative hearing.

### **Future Land Use**

The way in which land is used can have profound impacts on nearby jurisdictions, making it necessary to communicate with the other jurisdictions regarding future land use. Below is a discussion of some of the coordination efforts as they pertain to land use. However, as land use is such a wide topic that touches all of the other elements, further analysis is included in the respective element analyses.

County staff present and discuss development proposals such as rezonings, plan amendments, and Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) before the BCC. When there are issues of significance, the appropriate staff is requested to gather information, perform analysis, and present information.

### **Transportation**

Intergovernmental coordination of transportation-related elements of the comprehensive plan is organized through the Charlotte County - City of Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO provides a forum for transportation planning services, coordinates intergovernmental needs and goals, and facilitates public involvement. The MPO Board consists of elected officials from Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda along with an Airport Authority Commissioner. The Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, District One has a non-elected official on the Board. The MPO Board's policies are implemented by its staff.

Federal funds for transportation improvements available through the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) provides the MPO with regional planning influence. The federal funds include the responsibility for cooperation and coordination among its members by requiring that the MPO adopt a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The regional plan must accomplish the objectives of the planning process to improve mobility, foster economic growth and development, minimize fuel consumption, and minimize air pollution. SAFETEA-LU allows the MPO some discretion in determining how the objectives are achieved and requires that it consider a range of options to achieve the objectives of the planning process. The LRTP is based on community priorities, federal and State regulations, the Florida Transportation Plan, system plans (e.g, the Transit Development Plan and bicycle/pedestrian plans), area plans, and local comprehensive transportation and land use elements. The MPO uses the LRTP to develop MPO Transportation Improvement Program priorities, area plans, and other transportation plans.

State transportation dollars also fund significant portions of area transportation improvements. As such the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has a primary role in the planning and implementation of the transportation components of the comprehensive plan and, less

directly, in the Future Land Use Element since it must reflect an adequate ability to move people and goods. Significant changes in the relationship between local governments and FDOT resulted from the formation of the MPO, and the transportation funding process required by SAFETEA-LU. FDOT is represented on the MPO board as well as on the staff level Technical Advisory Committee (MPO-TAC). The utility of this relationship to the comprehensive planning process is great and its quality has been improved throughout the MPO structure and process.

In 2003, the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO signed an interlocal agreement with the Sarasota – Manatee MPO. The agreement, formulated in accordance with Section 339.175 Florida Statutes, supports coordination of policies through development of a joint regional long range transportation plan and joint regional project priorities. The agreement advances coordination of transportation plans between Charlotte and Sarasota Counties.

### **Natural Resources and Coastal Planning**

The Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element provides the foundation for the County's involvement in the permitting programs administered by a variety of regional, State, and federal agencies. The County has standing as an affected party, and may provide comments to the various agencies including the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACoE), as provided through these agencies' specific permitting programs. While the Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element acknowledges the lead authority of these and other agencies in the enforcement of their regulatory and permitting mandates, the County makes available local information and knowledge of which the lead agency may not be aware. This not only allows a more thorough review of permit applications, it also ensures that local issues are addressed to the greatest extent allowed through the specific permitting process.

The County's role of providing comments during permit review windows is often reciprocated by these agencies. For example, DCA routes plan amendments to the FDEP in order to receive that agency's comments regarding environmental impacts, which may result from a proposed change in land use. Similarly, the FFWCC participates in the Development of Regional Impact review process and provides written comments and recommendations to the County and Regional Planning Council.

The Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdictional responsibility over the navigable waters of the United States and over wetlands. Clearing and filling activities in wetlands require permits from the Corps. Also, dredging, filling, and construction activities in Charlotte Harbor all require permits from the Corps. Area wide drainage improvements contemplated in the Drainage Section of the Infrastructure Element should be planned in consultation with the Corps because

of the potential impact on wetlands. Coordination is generally at the development plan review stage and is useful in carrying out the Comprehensive Plan policies.

Charlotte Harbor is the most important natural resource of Charlotte County. In 1995, the Harbor was selected for inclusion in the National Estuary Program (NEP) administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Charlotte Harbor NEP is locally administered by the SWFRPC with technical assistance from the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota. In 2000 a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan was completed for Charlotte Harbor. The management plan has goals, quantifiable objectives, and priority actions. The priority actions are the specific strategies for achieving the goals and quantifiable objectives for the three priority problems: hydrologic alterations, water quality degradation, and fish and wildlife habitat loss. BCC endorsed the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan by being a signatory. BCC is also represented on the Policy Committee that establishes general policy for the Charlotte Harbor NEP and has ultimate authority in program administration. The management plan supports coordination between the many agencies. The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan is being updated.

Charlotte Harbor can be potentially impacted by upstream development. The Peace River is the major tributary and is subject to impacts from mining and agriculture upstream in DeSoto County and Hardee County. The Peace River Basin Board and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority are regional forums for coordination. The Peace River is a principal intergovernmental concern with jurisdictions outside Charlotte County. Existing forums established through the water management district may be adequate for discussion of broader policy issues but this element needs to include policies, agreed upon through "cross acceptance", for review of upstream development proposals and mitigation of impacts.

The Peace River Basin Board is a basin board within the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), which covers parts of Polk, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, and Charlotte Counties. The Peace River Basin Board has taxing authority for funding projects through ad valorem taxes. Its board is appointed by the Governor. The projects of the Basin Board are largely driven by local government requests. Charlotte County needs to take advantage of Basin Board funding for which it is eligible.

The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is composed of elected officials from Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and DeSoto Counties. There are three such authorities within SWFWMD boundaries. The Authority is a water supplier as a result of the acquisition of the General Development Utilities Plant on the Peace River, and also reviews utilization of water resources.

SWFWMD is the governing board for the Peace River Basin Board. SWFWMD is the permitting agency that approves water withdrawals for consumptive use, and approves stormwater management plans for development. While the basin boards manage individual

projects within their jurisdictions, SWFWMD manages larger regional projects with which local projects must be coordinated.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) serves the same purpose as SWFWMD. The City of Punta Gorda is within SWFWMD but a portion of South Charlotte County lies within the SFWMD boundary. The Telegraph Swamp area south of the Webb Babcock Wildlife Management Area drains southward to Lee County and is in SFWMD's jurisdiction.

SWFWMD and SFWMD complete District Water Management Plans consistent with the requirements of Section 373.036, Florida Statutes and Section 62-40.520, Florida Administrative Code. District Water Management Plans provide comprehensive long-range guidance for the actions of the two water management districts in implementing their responsibilities under State and federal laws. To facilitate comparison and coordination of the plans of the water management districts, the District Water Management Plans are organized to reflect the four areas of responsibility of the water management districts: water supply, flood protection and floodplain management, water quality and natural systems. This common format is also used for the District Water Management Plan annual reports to help track the progress each district has made in implementing its district water management plans. To further assist with coordinating the policies between SWFWMD and SFWMD, especially for jurisdictions like Charlotte County, which must develop coherent water policies that conform to the rules of both water management districts, the County reviews and comments on both District Water Management Plans. Also, SWFWMD and SFWMD executives meet and representatives of both sit as ex-officio members on the SWFRPC, which encourages formulation of a joint policy on Charlotte County.

The Myakka River Management Coordinating Council oversees the Myakka River Wild and Scenic River Plan. The segment of the Myakka that lies within Sarasota County was designated by the Florida Legislature under the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Wild and Scenic River Plan controls development and other activities on the river along a 200 foot corridor extending along either side of the river. Charlotte County is represented on the Council, which meets three times a years to discuss issues of concern. Charlotte County developments near the protected corridor are matters appropriate for intergovernmental coordination. This coordination relationship is useful in protecting a regionally significant resource and the quality of the relationship is good in terms of communication.

In terms of the harbor, Charlotte County and Punta Gorda have a relationship with the United States Coast Guard. The agency provides important educational, law enforcement, and emergency resource functions. A Regional Harbor Board promotes a non-regulatory, educational approach to boating practices within Charlotte, Collier, Manatee, Sarasota, and Lee Counties by adopting common guidelines. The Board was formed in July of 1995 by a

memorandum of agreement between the FDEP, the Florida Sea Grant College Program, WCIND, SWFRPC, and the Boater's Action and Information League (BAIL).

The Marine Advisory Committee is an advisory committee formed by the Board of County Commissioners. It includes members from marine-oriented organizations throughout the County and four members-at-large. This body provides input on the recreational, coastal management and conservation issues. Because of the mutual interest of the City and the County in Charlotte Harbor, the activities of this committee do provide some coordination benefit. The Committee advises the County in the expenditure of Boating Improvement Program funds and West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) funds.

WCIND has representation from Charlotte County. Coordination with WCIND supports the comprehensive planning process by funding dredging and navigational improvement projects. The ELMS III law requires indemnification of dredge spoil disposal sites to be coordinated with WCIND and located on the Future Land Use Map if appropriate. Coordination with WCIND is good and useful to the comprehensive planning process.

FFWCC's relationship centers on aspects of habitat and preservation. Coordination with the agency has resulted in acquisition of lands in the Charlotte Flatwoods through the Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever programs. The relationship has utility for the comprehensive planning process and the quality of the relationship is good.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has responsibility for the Endangered Species Act, which plays a part in conservation policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The primary coordination relationship is in the review of individual development proposals. The coordination takes place through FFWCC.

In terms of soils and agriculture, there are several relationships. The Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), which is an elected body, works closely with the Federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Assistance with soils analysis, water conservation, and agricultural site planning (crop selection and location, drainage, farm pond excavation) is available to Charlotte County through NRCS's office in Fort Myers. The County has an agreement with SWCD to help improve the environment and safeguard natural resources by assisting with the inventory of soil, water and plant resources, helping with land use planning for the future, providing soil maps and interpretations, and by providing other technical assistance. The County agrees to cooperate with SWCD in such things as the development and implementation of land and water use programs using resources, data, and technical information provided by SWCD, counsel with SWCD concerning present and future plans for development, and consider and comment on SWCD's long range plan and projects for watershed protection as they apply to the County's plans and activities. This coordination relationship works well and it is useful in carrying out the comprehensive planning process insofar as it helps to sustain the viability of local agriculture.



The Florida Department of Agriculture's main connection with the local comprehensive plan is through the Future Land Use Element. Citrus groves, cattle, and other crops are important in Charlotte County. These activities require substantial land and water resources and they contribute to seasonal demands for housing and services. An interest of the agency is land planning policies that sustain valuable agricultural production areas in Charlotte County. Coordination should be achieved in concert with other agricultural and soil conservation agencies. An appropriate forum is the County's Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ANRAC). Though coordination with the agency is limited, the potential utility and quality of the relationship are good.

The intergovernmental relationship with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is primarily through the Soil Conservation Service, which is discussed above in the context of the Soil and Water Conservation District. An indirect link with the USDA through the Cooperative Extension Service could be helpful in formulating and implementing landscaping programs and regulations.

### **Infrastructure**

Coordination in public facilities has occurred as a matter of necessity. The Peace River agreement is an example of coordination between adjacent counties. Charlotte County has been regulating stormwater for years, and has been assuming a greater role in stormwater management as it has developed. Charlotte County reviews subdivision plats and development proposals to ensure that development is approved and constructed in accordance with the standards established by the Comprehensive Plan. The County's review also considers the standards of both Water Management Districts ensuring coordination with their District Water Management Plans. Coordination between City and County public works staff, the respective advisory boards, and the governing bodies on stormwater management increased due to implementation of the federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Act. An annual report is submitted to DEP documenting that the County is meeting the permit requirements of the NPDES Act. Solid waste issues are coordinated between the City and the County. Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda have an interlocal agreement to promote public awareness, support, and cooperation in solid waste management and recycling programs for the protection of the County's natural environment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for implementing Federal environmental legislation (e.g. the Clean Water Act) that prescribes quality standards for potable water and sanitary sewer operations, as well as stormwater quality. Permitting and monitoring processes provide the opportunity for coordination on a regular basis. The EPA's enforcement of its regulations can potentially be very expensive to local governments. Coordination with EPA is useful to the comprehensive planning process and the quality of the relationship as a means of communication is adequate.

The Soil and Water Conservation District addresses issues associated with the Infrastructure Element. Charlotte County's unincorporated areas continue to be served by various private water and sewer utilities. Charlotte County owns and operates Charlotte County Utilities (CCU). In recent years, CCU has purchased a number of the private utilities, notably in the West County Planning District. For purposes of this element, it should be noted that these utility relationships are not by and large intergovernmental relationships, except for the relationship between Charlotte County and Punta Gorda Utilities and the Englewood Water District. CCU and Punta Gorda Utilities are negotiating an interlocal agreement allowing the opportunity for the County to purchase water from Punta Gorda or for the County to sell water to the City at some future date, or for either to help each other during an emergency. Respective utilities staff and elected officials are holding joint meetings in an effort to arrive at an agreement. Another agreement is being negotiated among Charlotte County, Punta Gorda, and the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority to allow an interconnect with the City. The Water Supply Authority must get BCC's approval prior to running the line through Charlotte County.

CCU has an agreement with City of North Port to allow water interconnects. The agreement also provides for interconnects that allow either entity to provide water to the other in case of emergency such as drought or a hurricane.

The Englewood Water District is a governmental entity providing services but does not have regulatory authority over the use of the land. The water district's service plans must comply with the Future Land Use Element, the accompanying Future Land Use Map, as well as the Urban Service Area. The Englewood Water District and the County must coordinate future activities to ensure that they complement the County's growth management efforts. CCU has an interlocal agreement with Englewood Water District for sanitary sewer service. Under the agreement, Englewood accepts and treats excess flows of up to 0.4 mgd from CCU's Rotonda service area.

The Public Works and Engineering Departments of the City and County work together to resolve road maintenance difficulties along the city-county border. The County has agreements with Punta Gorda to maintain traffic signals and to provide street stripping services on request. In the past the County and the City have developed agreements to complete road and drainage improvements along roads that straddle the border. The relationship between the respective staffs is good.

Environmental Health is a large State agency that is focused mainly on human services; however, septic system permitting is also an important responsibility. Environmental Health is providing technical assistance that will assist the County with a septic system management program. As the County develops and implements a septic system management program, coordination with DOH will be a major component for success. The quality of the existing relationship is good.

The coordination that exists with Florida Power & Light for land use and traffic circulation is informal. Similar coordination exists with the phone companies and the cable companies. Coordination is generally at a development review level to avoid conflicts with utility easements and infrastructure.

### **Recreation and Open Space**

Charlotte County's Comprehensive Plan has a recreation and open space element that establishes level of service standards for recreational facilities. The County and the City coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in the acquisition of property for preservation. Additional public access to barrier island beaches is an issue that requires continued cooperation with State agencies.

### **Housing**

Charlotte County's non-profit housing development corporation is the Housing Corporation of Charlotte County, Inc. The Corporation contracts with Charlotte County to administer the City's and County's State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP). The executive director of the Housing Corporation works with Charlotte County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), an appointed body, to identify needs and solutions to County housing problems. The AHAC also works closely with local non-profit housing organizations to identify possible projects. Additionally, the City of Punta Gorda is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community. CDBG funds may be used in support of affordable housing projects.

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation, which deals with affordable housing projects, has an intergovernmental coordination relationship with the City and the County through SHIP. In addition to providing funding for housing, the SHIP program requires a plan to address affordable housing needs. The SHIP plan must be coordinated with the Comprehensive Plan's Housing Element. The relationship has utility in planning and implementation for housing needs and the quality of the relationship is good.

Charlotte County's AHAC provides advice to the BCC regarding affordable housing matters, including SHIP funding. AHAC provides a forum for local agencies and housing service providers that facilitates coordination on SHIP and CDBG planning processes. Charlotte County does not have a public housing authority but the Charlotte County Housing Finance Authority issues bonds for affordable housing projects. The Punta Gorda Housing Authority (PGHA) manages a Section 8 Voucher program serving Punta Gorda and Charlotte County. PGHA is working on redevelopment of public housing units in the City that were destroyed by Hurricane Charley. . Coordination with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation concerning SHIP and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG (City only) is facilitated through the planning processes for these programs. Coordination through Charlotte County's Housing Finance Authority and the Affordable Housing Advisory

Committee is good in terms of its utility and quality, but the intergovernmental aspect of this coordination is really between City and County staff and between local governments and FHFC and HUD.

One area of a potentially enhanced relationship with the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) is in the Housing Element. The County could potentially have a stronger relationship with HRS with respect to housing, as there could be more coordination regarding housing and services for special needs populations, low income persons, the elderly, and the homeless.

HUD has an intergovernmental coordination relationship with the City of Punta Gorda through the CDBG program. HUD relationships also exist with the Punta Gorda Housing Authority for public housing and the Section 8 Voucher Program. These coordination relationships have utility in carrying out affordable housing objectives and the relationships generally work well in terms of communication.

### **Capital Improvements**

Capital improvements utilizing local, State or federal funding requires coordination through a financially feasible capital improvement plan. There are many reasons that this coordination is necessary: some capital facilities serve multiple jurisdictions, their construction impacts may cross jurisdictional boundaries, efficiencies might be gained through shared facilities, and various permitting agencies may be involved. Local governments and other agencies have to address impacts and mitigation across jurisdictional boundaries.

There are no permanent bodies in existence whose sole purpose is to coordinate intergovernmental relations in regard to capital improvements. When a capital project is proposed, the affected parties coordinate among themselves. For every capital improvement, all relevant bodies work together, and the local government looks for possible efficiencies through shared facilities and services.

### **Historic Preservation**

The Charlotte County Historical Advisory Committee, a nine member body that is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, provides input on the management of the County's historic resources.

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), active with the County's archaeological heritage, provides coordination between various levels of government. CHEC is a not-for-profit organization composed of four corporate members: the County of Charlotte, the City of Punta Gorda, the Charlotte County School Board, and the Peace River Audubon Society. Each member supports CHEC through policy directives, financial assistance and donations of in-kind services.

In order that continuity of historic preservation efforts be maintained across jurisdictional boundaries, it is necessary to communicate and coordinate preservation efforts that affect these areas. In areas immediately outside Punta Gorda, it is necessary to coordinate efforts to maintain the atmosphere that the City has created within its limits.

Limited intergovernmental coordination with the Department of State occurs through the Division of Historical Resources. Charlotte County coordinated with the Division of Historical Resources as it developed the Historic Preservation Element. Since historic resources are fairly limited, the scope of this coordination relationship is limited but it has utility for that narrow area of concern within the planning process. The quality of the relationship is good.

SAFETEA-LU calls for coordination between the US Department of Transportation, the State Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Department of State's Division of Historical Resources when a transportation project has impact on a historical site or project. All of the above agencies have to work together to ensure that historic resources are preserved.

The United States Department of the Interior has an indirect intergovernmental relationship with local governments through which it coordinates enforcement of the Historic Preservation Act through State's Division of Historical Resources. The agency is responsible for the National Register of Historic Places. Charlotte County faces the task of identifying and managing scattered historic and archaeological resources. However, the coordination relationship between the agency and the County government is limited since most of the building stock is so new.

## **Community Facilities and Services**

### *Charlotte-Glades Library*

Charlotte County provides library administrative support to Glades County through an interlocal agreement. The Charlotte-Glades library system annually receives money for its four branch libraries. In April 2002, BCC adopted a Charlotte County Public Library Master Plan for 2002 to 2025. The Library Master Plan sets forth the building program for libraries for the time period. The Library Master Plan considers the policies of the County Comprehensive Plan.

The Charlotte-Glades Library System is a member of the Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN), which is a consortium of all types of libraries in southwest Florida. SWFLN makes available certain technology along with technological training, and is an important cooperative unit that links all of the libraries in the region.

Charlotte-Glades have an agreement with the State Library whereby Charlotte-Glades Library System can access databases designed for library use. Through the use of this and other information technology, the library is better able to meet the needs of the community.

### *Educational Facilities and Services*

Coordination between Charlotte County and the School Board on school siting is very important. In May 2003, the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners, the City of Punta Gorda, and the Charlotte County School Board adopted an Interlocal Agreement for School Facility Planning in agreement with Section 163.3177(6)(h)1 and 2, Florida Statutes. The Agreement provides a formal process for maintaining the coordination among all parties regarding comprehensive land use and school facilities planning issues. In 2008 this Interlocal Agreement was updated to reflect changes in growth management legislation, including provisions for school concurrency.

In support of the agreement, BCC conducts an annual meeting with the Punta Gorda City Council and School Board officials to facilitate communication and encourage coordination. At the meeting, issues such as changes in land use, school siting, and population change are discussed in hopes of establishing more meaningful cooperation regarding the range of issues related to school siting. In addition to the issues identified above, the Staff Working Group, which is made up of County, City, and School District staff, also meets regularly to discuss traffic implications, utility provision, impacts of development (school concurrency) and the level of service for schools. These are all issues that require coordination between the County, the City, and the School Board on a regular basis. As required by the Agreement, the School Board has appointed a representative to review staff reports dealing with projects that might impact the school system.

In terms of public school facilities, the School Board has a joint use agreement with the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department. The County has a facility development and use agreement with the School Board. The School Board also coordinates with the County's Emergency Management Office concerning the use of schools for hurricane shelters.

### *Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)*

There are numerous interlocal agreements regarding fire and emergency medical services. The Englewood Area Fire District, the City of Punta Gorda Fire Department, and the North Port Fire District Authorities share automatic mutual aid with the Charlotte County Fire/EMS Department. If one fire department needs help dealing with an emergency, the neighboring fire departments assist. The Englewood Fire Control Department will go one mile into Charlotte County to aid in dealing with an emergency. North Port will respond to calls in the northern half of Charlotte County, and the Charlotte County Fire/EMS responds within the eastern portion of the City of North Port. There are also agreements with Sarasota County, the Bayshore Fire and Protection District, the Boca Grande Volunteer Fire Department, and the Cities of Cape Coral and North Fort Myers Fire Departments. The Bayshore interlocal agreement stipulates that Charlotte County Fire/EMS pays for three fire fighters and a portion of the administration costs, and supplies the facilities and equipment for Station 9 in Punta Gorda. The Bayshore Fire Department supplies the rest of the fire fighting personnel, and assumes responsibility for fire protection in the southeastern section of the County. The Punta Gorda

agreement is one of mutual aid; each fire department will automatically go one mile within the jurisdiction of the other department. Charlotte County Fire/EMS has also agreed to respond to calls for help from the Boca Grande Volunteer Fire Department. These mutual aid agreements all function well in practice. Charlotte County Fire/EMS is also covered under the State-wide mutual aid plan.

### *Hurricane Shelters*

Hurricane evacuation and shelter efforts are coordinated by the County Emergency Management Office, the Red Cross, the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, and all other Florida counties. The decision to open shelters is done together with the County and the School Board. Under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, all suitable school facilities must be made available to the Emergency Operations Center; this includes schools, buses and cafeterias. The Charlotte County Emergency Management Office has direct communication with the local Red Cross headquarters at all times. In the event of activation of the County Emergency Operations Center, the Red Cross would send a liaison to help with the coordination of registration at the shelters. Charlotte County and Punta Gorda are parties to a State-wide mutual aid agreement. The County Emergency Management Office is in constant communication with the DCA Division of Emergency Management, and the County has the capability to link via satellite with any other County. All of these agreements and coordination efforts are vitally important to the safety of people in Charlotte County. Further coordination to try to establish hurricane shelters outside of the Category 3 Hurricane Vulnerability Zone is necessary to ensure that safety. The County should pursue agreements with public and private agencies which own land in such places to cooperatively develop evacuation shelters or to ensure that any development on such properties would include shelter capacity.

### *Justice Facilities and Services*

There is a mutual aid agreement in place ensuring that operational assistance is available from other Sheriff's Offices in the State during times of crisis, catastrophic disasters, civil unrest, or jail escape. In addition, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has a cooperative agreement with the Lee County Sheriff's Office to accommodate law enforcement on Gasparilla Island/Boca Grande, which lies within Lee's jurisdiction but is physically accessible through Charlotte County. The CCSO also has a working relationship with Lee and other counties, which aim to combat auto theft. There is also a working agreement between the Punta Gorda City Police and the CCSO to provide concurrent services with the Punta Gorda City Police being the initial primary responder within the city limits. The CCSO also coordinates with the School Board in having School Resource Officers at several schools and various programs for Charlotte County students. As part of community oriented policing, the CCSO coordinates safety efforts with various citizens' groups. The Florida Highway Patrol has County-wide jurisdiction to provide law enforcement when called upon. Its main responsibility, however, is handling traffic related problems.

The *Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)* maintains officer records, controls the officer training curriculum, certification exams, and officer discipline. The FDLE regulates the CCSO in many ways, and offers funding for various programs.

#### *Health and Social Service Facilities and Services*

Given the multiplicity inherent in the nature of social services, coordination is very important. At minimum, agencies need to be aware of what agencies are doing and how. This helps to avoid duplication and possible conflicts. Charlotte County's social service agencies have strong coordination between them. Sometimes different State agencies have different rules and regulations which do conflict, and the County's agencies try to resolve the differences. Prior to the 2004 hurricane season, the County and local community recognized the need and value in working closely together to prioritize needs and coordinate service delivery. Coalition networks including the Emergency Assistance Clearing House (EACH), Our Charlotte Elder Affairs Network (OCEAN), the Charlotte County Collective (C3), the Alliance for a Safe and Drug Free Community, and the Indigent Health Care Advisory Board promote coordination and cooperation among the County's social service providers. Post hurricane season 2004, the human services community developed an even stronger desire to work together in the recovery efforts by pooling funding, identifying unmet needs, and coordinating service delivery. An out growth of the recovery efforts is the establishment of the non-profit Inter-Faith, Inter-Agency Network of Charlotte County (IINCC). IINCC assists in the collaboration of human services agencies, available resources, and volunteers.

In July 2005, the County implemented the 2-1-1 telephone line, which provides information and referrals on health and human services. The service directs residents to over 400 health and human services agencies and 650 programs. The 2-1-1 telephone call center also serves as an excellent resource for the human services agencies in providing accurate information on available resources, identifying unmet needs, and coordinating the local service delivery system.

Government agencies such as the County Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the County Public Health Unit, and Charlotte Community Mental Health Services all try to coordinate efforts in hope of avoiding duplication of services and in hope of providing effective health and social services. Overall, these efforts have been successful, and it can be said that the coordinating relationships are good.

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) also regulates some of the activities of the County's Department of Human Services, and offers funding for small amount of their activities.

The Department of Elder Affairs (DEA) provides a large amount of funding for the Department of Social/Senior Services, and provides an advisory and approval function of the various plans that Human Services offers. An advisory, funding and plan approval function also exists with the Charlotte County Council on Aging.



*Cultural Facilities and Services*

The main coordinating cultural body in the County is the Charlotte County Arts and Humanities Council, which is partially funded by the County. It promotes more than sixty associated organizations, and sometimes funnels government grant money to arts organizations. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department assists in coordinating and facilitating cultural resource activities throughout Charlotte County.

The Division of Cultural Affairs within the Department of State provides grant programs, guidance, and assistance to the Arts and Humanities Council regarding cultural facilities and services. The relationship among all of the arts agencies is good.

## IV. Goals, Objectives and Policies

**Goal 1:** Charlotte County will maintain or enhance the level of coordination and cooperation among the various governments, authorities and agencies making decisions affecting natural resources, housing, historic and archaeological resources, public facilities, and public services within and around Charlotte County.

**Objective 1.1:** Charlotte County will coordinate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to Charlotte County with the City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County Public Schools, the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, and other units of local government - such as independent districts, the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities and counties, and privately owned utilities serving Charlotte County.

**Policy 1.1.1:** Charlotte County will be an active participant of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Technical Advisory Committee, and participate in the Regional Dispute Resolution Program should it become appropriate as an institutional mechanism for addressing issues affecting local governments and having regional significance such as school siting and affordable housing.

**Policy 1.1.2** (*Amended by Ordinance # 2008-063, Adopted on September 9, 2008*): Charlotte County will carry-out the Updated Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Planning and School Concurrency in effect with the City of Punta Gorda and the School Board to at a minimum:

- a. Insure consistency between school facility construction plans and the planning of related public facilities and infrastructure through the Capital Improvements Element, the Future Land Use Element, and the Community Facilities and Services Element;
- b. Coordinate local land use plans, school facility capacity, population projections, development trends, and locational planning necessary to support the needs of current and future student populations. The County, City, and School District staff (Staff Working Group) will meet as needed, but no less than annually, to discuss these issues and formulate recommendations prior to any party making a decision which could impact on the areas of concern of the other parties.
- c. Ensure consistency between the Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element of this plan, particularly the disaster mitigation component, and school location and design. The use of new school facilities as hurricane evacuation shelters should be pursued in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the County and regional shelter location and design policies.
- d. Maximize the potential for the collocation and joint uses of public facilities, including the use of public school facilities for recreational, cultural and civic purposes in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Element.

**Policy 1.1.3:** Upon application for initial staff review of plan amendments, actions affecting municipal boundaries, zoning, subdivision, site plan approval processes, and conditional use permits within the South County planning area, Charlotte County will notify the City of Punta Gorda, and then provide the City of Punta Gorda with an opportunity to provide meaningful input regarding those planning or zoning changes. The City of Punta Gorda is requested to reciprocate by notifying the County of planning and zoning changes within its jurisdiction, and providing the County with an opportunity to provide meaningful input regarding those changes.

**Policy 1.1.4:** Charlotte County will maintain, and expand as appropriate, procedures and agreements for coordination with independent districts. These include arrangements such as mutual aid agreements between the Charlotte County Fire Department and independent fire districts, and the Punta Gorda Fire Department. These arrangements shall be expanded to include ongoing communications between independent fire districts and utility districts, and the County concerning the impact of the land use plan on the need for services and facilities in those districts.

**Policy 1.1.5:** In conjunction with adjacent counties and municipalities - and in cooperation with property owners as well as resource management agencies such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the water management districts - Charlotte County will develop and maintain a land acquisition process. Methods may include the development of multi-jurisdictional mitigation banks or parks; the creation of greenways and preserves which cross jurisdictional boundaries; and the establishment of resource conservation plans and management agreements with private landowners to ensure the long-term presence of viable populations of game, non-game, rare, and unique wildlife and habitats.

**Policy 1.1.6:** Amendments to the local Comprehensive Plan will be evaluated by the local government for consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the State Growth Management Plan.

**Policy 1.1.7:** The regular Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Technical Advisory Committee meeting and the Intergovernmental Clearing House Review process will continue to be fully utilized for intergovernmental communication and conflict mediation as provided by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

**Policy 1.1.8:** The annexation of areas by municipalities consistent with the provisions of Ch. 171, *Florida Statutes* will be facilitated.

**Policy 1.1.9** (*amended by Ordinance # 2008-047, adopted on May 20, 2008*): Charlotte County will establish ongoing procedures and regular communication mechanisms with

privately owned utilities supplying centralized water and wastewater services in Charlotte County to coordinate facility expansion and extension with local land development as detailed in the Infrastructure Element and the Future Land Use Element of this plan. Ongoing procedures and communications mechanisms to enhance coordination with local utility providers in the extension and location of lines, and with the location, extension and expansion of electrical generation transmission facilities to serve development shall be pursued.

**Policy 1.1.10:** Charlotte County's Department of Human Services will foster cooperation and coordination between health and social service providers within the County in order to establish a clear direction which minimizes duplication of effort and maximizes all community resources.

**Policy 1.1.11:** Charlotte County staff will review the annexation reports prepared by City of Punta Gorda staff, participate in the joint quarterly meetings, exchange technical information, and attend appropriate public meetings concerning potential annexations.

**Objective 1.2** (*amended by Ordinance # 2008-047, adopted on May 20, 2008*): Charlotte County will coordinate Level of Service Standards for public facilities with the State, regional or adjacent counties and municipalities or local entities with operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

**Policy 1.2.1:** Charlotte County will coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO to maintain level of service standards for State roads consistent with the State Department of Transportation Five Year Improvement Program, in accordance with the Transportation Element.

**Policy 1.2.2:** Charlotte County will seek the cooperation of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and similar authorities to maximize opportunities for appropriate recreational use of State lands consistent with environmental considerations.

**Policy 1.2.3** (*amended by Ordinance # 2008-047, adopted on May 20, 2008*): Charlotte County will fully cooperate with the South Florida Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the development and implementation of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program and the Save Our Rivers (SOR) Program in Charlotte County. Charlotte County will coordinate with the Districts' RWSP, the SWUCA Recovery Strategy, and the District's Water Management Plans. To aid in this coordination, Charlotte County will prepare and implement a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan every five years within eighteen months of the latest Water Management Districts' Water Supply Plan.

**Policy 1.2.4:** Charlotte County will coordinate with the West Coast Inland Navigation District and other State and federal agencies as appropriate in the identification and designation of new dredge spoil disposal sites.

**Policy 1.2.5:** Any conflicts between Charlotte County or Punta Gorda, and a public agency seeking a dredge spoil disposal site that cannot be resolved locally will be resolved through the dispute resolution process of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

**Policy 1.2.6:** Should the need for a new permanent dredge spoil disposal site arise, Charlotte County will coordinate with the West Coast Inland Navigation District in determining an appropriate site. If siting conflicts arise, then Charlotte County will enlist the help of the Coastal Management Program of the Florida Coastal Zone Section.

**Objective 1.3:** Charlotte County will coordinate with adjacent local governments and regional planning agencies to ensure that impacts of development are addressed.

**Policy 1.3.1:** Charlotte County shall inform adjacent local governments of a proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan, including the Future Land Use Map and the zoning atlas when the proposal is located within one-half mile of the jurisdictional boundary of a neighboring jurisdiction. County staff shall inform adjacent local governments of proposed changes beyond the one-half mile distance from a jurisdictional boundary when those proposed changes are deemed to have impacts on adjacent local governments. The informing of adjacent local governments can be done in one or more of the following ways: phoning, sending a fax, sending a letter, or sending a copy of the staff report.

**Policy 1.3.2:** Charlotte County will request that adjacent local governments inform the County of proposed amendments to their comprehensive plans, including the Future Land Use Map, and the zoning atlas when such proposal is located within one-half mile of the jurisdiction boundary of Charlotte County.

**Policy 1.3.3:** Charlotte County will utilize the intergovernmental coordination process of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as outlined and updated in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan to:

- a. determine whether development proposals would have significant impacts on other local governments or State or regional resources or facilities and to develop remedies to mitigate the impacts.
- b. determine whether development proposals in other jurisdictions would have significant impacts on Charlotte County's resources or facilities and to develop remedies to mitigate the impacts.

**Policy 1.3.4:** Future development in Charlotte County and other affected jurisdictions will pay the proportionate cost of joint infrastructure and services resulting from the development's impact.

**Policy 1.3.5:** The Future Land Use Element's Future Land Use Map officially sets aside a DRI Mixed Use Category for Development of Regional Impact (DRI) projects. Each project within the DRI Mixed Use Area shall develop in accordance with a DRI development order, which is a written resolution adopted by the County Commissioners for the purpose of allowing and promoting growth and development to occur in a responsible manner compatible with the County's 5 year Capital Improvement Program and the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element.

**Policy 1.3.6:** Charlotte County will consider the existing comprehensive plans of affected local governments during inter-jurisdictional review of development proposals and amendments.

**Policy 1.3.7:** Charlotte County will coordinate with other local governments, and regional, State, and federal governments in the management of the Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay aquatic preserves consistent with Policy 1.8.1 of the Natural Resources and Coastal Planning Element.

**Policy 1.3.8:** Charlotte County will consider entering into agreements with surrounding counties as well as with regulatory agencies to ensure that local concerns are addressed during the permitting stages of potential point-source pollutant generators.

**Policy 1.3.9:** Charlotte County encourages adjacent local governments to participate in various planning decisions which will have direct effects upon their citizens. Charlotte County will participate in planning decisions of other local governments. Planning decisions which may impact surrounding jurisdictions include, but are not limited to, roadway and stormwater management improvements, land use and zoning amendments, public facility sitings, and recreational facility development.

*(Ordinance #2000-028, adopted August 8, 2000)*

## V. Appendix

The table is a matrix organized by agency and comprehensive plan element. Each element is specifically listed when it is affected by some type of coordination effort. (Please note that the Infrastructure Element is divided into its constituent parts in the table. These are sanitary sewer, potable water, solid waste, drainage, and aquifer recharge.) The descriptive components of the matrix for each agency plan element relationship are the coordination mechanism, the nature of the relationship, the responsibility for coordination, and the effectiveness of existing coordination.

The "coordination mechanism" is the formal or informal means of coordination. These means are: contact between appropriate parties; established regular meeting processes for which particular concerns can be scheduled on the agenda; and written plans, policies, procedures, laws, agreements, etc. that govern actions taken in various circumstances.

Under "coordination mechanisms", "LDR" means Land Development Regulation. "CAC" means Citizen Advisory Committee. "Interlocal agreement" is defined as a formally adopted agreement between governmental entities affecting their relationship on a single issue or a narrow range of issues.

The "nature of relationship" category is characterized by advice or information, funding, sharing of facilities, and potential regulatory interference. The "nature" of the association is influenced through one or more of those four characteristics. The "relationship" is between the local governing body and some other entity. This simplicity is necessary for clarity, but it is important to recognize that real world coordination is impacted by relationships between other entities over which the local governing bodies have no control.

The "responsibility for coordinating" is fairly self explanatory as are the descriptive terms used underneath. The terms refer to one or more County or City departments for each relationship. The departments listed under the "responsibility for coordination" under the various elements generally implement policies. The appropriate listed departments must initiate and maintain coordination on any proposed action affecting one of the relationships described in the matrix. It must be recognized that the success of the coordination efforts will also depend on other parties.

**Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships**

MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
Charlotte County Arts & Humanities Council	Future Land Use	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Serv.
	Recreation and Open Space and Facilities	CAC-TAC	Joint Funds	Comm. Serv.
	Community Facilities & Services	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners	Future Land Use	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Community Development
	Transportation	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation/ Advisory Plan	Public Works/County Adm./ Comm. Dev./MPO
	Housing	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Social Services/Budget
	Sanitary Sewer	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Utilities Director
	Potable Water	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Utilities Director
	Solid Waste	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Public Works



Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships  
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MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
	Drainage	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Community Development
	Recreation and Open Space	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Parks & Rec.
	Capital Improvements	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	County Admin./Budget/ Comm. Dev
	Historic Preservation	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Community Development/ Historic Pres. Advisory Committee
	Community Facilities & Services	Adopted Plan and LDR	Primary Implementation	Community Development/ Fire/EMS/School Board
Youth Council	Future Land Use	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Serv.
	Housing	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	TAC	Shared Facilities	Comm. Serv.

Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships  
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MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
Charlotte County Development Authority	Transportation	TAC/Adopted Airport Plan	Advisory/Primary Implementation	Public Works/Comm. Dev./ City Engineering/MPO
	Capital Improvements	Taxing Authority	Facility Management	Comm. Dev.
	Future Land Use	Approved Plan	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Charlotte County Housing Finance Authority	Housing	Advisory Committee	Technical Assistance	Comm. Dev.
Housing Corp. of Charlotte County	Housing	Formal- Public Notice	Funding	Clerk's Office/Attorney's Office/Internal Audit Dept.
Charlotte County School Board	Future Land Use	TAC/SWG	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Informal	Advisory	Comm. Dev.

Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships  
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MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
	Recreation and Open Space	TAC	Shared Facilities	Comm. Dev.
	Capital Improvements	Informal	Joint Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services	Joint Workshops	Advisory/ Shared Facilities	BCC
	Public School Facilities	SWG	Advisory/Primary Implementation	School Board/BCC
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office	Community Facilities & Services	Informal	Concurrent Services with Punta Gorda Police	Sheriff's Office
Englewood Water District	Potable Water	Adopted Plan	Technical Assistance	Utilities Dept.
	Sanitary Sewer	TAC - Staff	Advisory	Utilities Dept.
Florida Power & Light	Future Land Use	Technical - Advisory	Shared Facilities	Public Works

Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships  
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MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
	Transportation	Technical - Advisory	Advisory Public	Works
Englewood Fire District/Others	Future Land Use	Technical - Advisory	Mutual Aid	Public Safety
	Capital Improvements	Formal Budgeting	Joint Funds	Public Safety
	Community Facilities & Services	Informal	Mutual Aid	Fire/EMS Dept.
Marine Advisory Committee	Transportation	Appointed Board	Advisory	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Appointed Board	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Soil & Water Conservation District	Future Land Use	Elected Board	Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
	Solid Waste	Elected Board	Joint Services	Pub. Works
	Drainage	Elected Board	Joint Services	Pub. Works/ Engineering

Table 7.1 Intergovernmental Relationships  
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MATRIX OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

<u>LOCAL AGENCY</u>	<u>PLAN ELEMENT/ SECTION</u>	<u>COORDINATION MECHANISM</u>	<u>NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION</u>
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Elected Board	Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
Sprint United Telephone	Future Land Use	Technical Advisory	Advisory	Public Works
General Telephone	Future Land Use	Technical Advisory	Advisory	Public Works
Private Utilities*	Future Land Use	TAC	Advisory	Utilities
	Sanitary Sewer	TAC	Advisory	Utilities
	Potable Water	TAC	Advisory	Utilities
	Capital Improvements	TAC	Advisory	Utilities
* See the Water and Sewer Sub-element of this Plan, Tables 4.1 for a list of Potable Water Providers and Tables 4.7 & 4.9 for a list of Sanitary Sewer Providers and Wastewater Facilities serving Charlotte County.				
Historic Advisory Committee	Historic Preservation	BCC Appt. Board	Advisory	BCC
Dept. of Community	Future Land Use	Formal -	Tech. Advisory/	Comm. Dev.

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Affairs		Public Notice	Joint Funding/ Plan Approval	
	Transportation	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Funding/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Housing	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Funding/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Sanitary Sewer	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Potable Water	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Solid Waste	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Drainage	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and	Formal -	Tech. Advisory/	Comm. Dev.

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	Open Space	Public Notice	Plan Approval	
	Capital Improvements	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Historic Preservation	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services Funding	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Plan Approval/	Comm. Dev./Fire/EMS Dept. Office of Emerg. Mgt./ Social/Senior Services/
Dept. of Environmental Protection	Future Land Use	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev./MPO
	Sanitary Sewer	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Utilities/Comm. Dev.
	Potable Water	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Utilities/Comm. Dev.

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	Solid Waste	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Public Works
	Drainage	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Dept. of Transportation	Future Land Use	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Formal - Public Notice	Shared Facilities/ Technical/ Advisory/ Joint Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Capital			



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	Improvements	Formal - Public Notice	Advisory/ Joint Funding	Public Works.
	Historic Preservation	Formal - Public Notice	Advisory/ Joint Funding	Comm. Dev./MPO
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Future Land Use	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Formal - Public Notice	Shared Facilities/ Tech. Advisory	Comm. Serv.
Department of State (includes Bureau of Historic Preservation and Library Dev.)	Future Land Use	Formal - Public Notice	Joint Funding/ Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Housing	Formal - Public Notice	Joint Funding/ Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev. Bureau of
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal - Public Notice	Joint Funding/ Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.

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	Recreation and Open Space	Formal - Public Notice	Joint Funding/ Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Historic Preservation	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev./Arts & Humanities Council/Charlotte-Glades Library
Dept. of Law Enforcement	Community Facilities & Services	Formal - Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Sheriff's Office
Dept. of Health	Future Land Use	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Housing	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory	Comm. Dev./Budget Office
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory/ Joint Funding	Utilities/Comm. Dev.
	Potable Water	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Tech. Advisory	Utilities/Comm. Dev.

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	Natural Resources & Coastal Tech. Planning	Public Notice/ Advisory	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory Joint Funding	Comm. Dev./Fire/EMS Dept. Social/Senior Services
Dept. of Elder Affairs	Community Facilities & Services	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory/Funding Plan Approval	Comm. Dev./Social/ Senior Services
Florida Housing Finance Corporation	Housing	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Funding	Comm. Dev.
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Florida Dept. of Agriculture	Future Land Use	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal	Public Notice/	Tech. Advisory/	Comm. Dev.

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	Planning	Tech. Advisory	Joint Funding	
Environmental Protection Agency	Future Land Use	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works
	Solid Waste	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works
	Drainage	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Serv.
Army Corps of Engineers	Future Land Use	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works

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	Drainage	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev
	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Serv.
	Capital Improvements	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Soil Conservation Service	Future Land Use	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works
	Solid Waste	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Public Works
	Drainage	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Public Works

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	Planning			
Rural Economic and Community Development*	Housing	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
* Rural Economic and Community Development was formerly the Farmers Home Administration.				
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	Housing	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
Dept. of the Interior	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Serv.
	Historic Preservation	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
Coast Guard	Transportation	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Serv.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Serv.

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Dept. of Agriculture	Housing	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Tech. Advisory/ Funding	Comm. Dev.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice	Technical Advisory	Comm. Dev.
City of North Port	Future Land Use	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Sanitary Sewer	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Potable Water	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Drainage	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works

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	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Capital Improvements	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Historic Preservation	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
DeSoto, Sarasota, Glades, & Lee Counties	Future Land Use	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Sanitary Sewer	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Potable Water	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works



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	Drainage	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Capital Improvements	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Historic Preservation	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
	Community Facilities & Services	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Comm. Dev.
Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board	Future Land Use	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Transportation	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Sanitary Sewer	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners

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	Potable Water	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Drainage	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioner
	Capital Improvements	Informal Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Historic Preservation	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
	Community Facilities & Services	Informal - Coordination	Advisory (Technical)	Board of County Commissioners
Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority	Future Land Use	Formal Meetings	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Potable Water	Formal Meetings	Tech. Advisory Funding	Utilities

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	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal Meetings	Tech. Advisory Funding	Comm. Dev.
Southwest Florida Water Management District (includes Peace River & Manasota River Basin Boards)	Future Land Use	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Utilities/Public Works
	Potable Water	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Utilities/Public Works
	Drainage	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Comm. Serv./Parks & Rec.
	Capital Improvements	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev./Budget
South Florida Water	Future Land Use	Public Notice -	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.

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Management District		Formal Meeting	Funding	
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Utilities
	Potable Water	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Utilities
	Drainage	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory Funding	Comm. Services/ Parks & Rec.
	Capital Improvements	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Services/Budget
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council	Future Land Use	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
	Transportation	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Pub. Works/Comm. Dev.

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	Housing	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
	Sanitary Sewer	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Utilities/Public Works
	Potable Water	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Utilities/Public Works
	Solid Waste	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Public Works
	Drainage	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Public Works
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Serv./Parks & Rec.
	Capital Improvements	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev./Budget
	Historic Preservation	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev.

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	Community Facilities & Services	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory/ Joint Services	Comm. Dev.
West Coast Inland Navigation	Transportation	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory - Funding	Comm. Dev. District
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory - Funding	Comm. Dev.
	Capital Improvements	Public Notice - Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory - Funding	Comm. Dev./Budget
Myakka River Management Coordinating Council	Future Land Use	Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Natural Resources & Coastal Planning	Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Dev.
	Recreation and Open Space	Formal Meeting	Tech. Advisory	Comm. Serv./Parks & Rec.
Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (District 8)	Community Facilities & Services	Public Notice/ Tech. Advisory	Advisory/ Funding/ Plan Approval	Human Services