



CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

Staff Memorandum For Comprehensive Plan Update Preliminary Assessment

In early 2025, Staff was directed to prepare an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"), primarily to address mandatory updates due to changes to state law, as well as changes to address the evolving community vision since the Plan's last major update in 2010.

Following a kick-off workshop with the City Commission in February 2025 and a community workshop on May 1, 2025, Staff prepared a complete assessment of the Plan referred to as the Preliminary Assessment Report ("Report").

This Report provided a full analysis of the City's demographics (existing and projected through 2050), land uses, available vacant lands, and infrastructure (existing and projected demand and capacities through 2050).

Appendix A of the Report provides a chart summarizing the applicable changes to Florida Statutes that must be addressed via required amendments to the Plan, i.e. "state required amendments".

Additionally, the Report evaluates the appropriateness of all the adopted Goal Objectives and Policies (GOPs) in the Plan based upon input from the City Commission and public at the community workshop. This input includes protection of LaBelle's small-town character and neighborhoods, ensuring availability of infrastructure, growth of the employment base and preservation of natural resources. Appendix B provides a chart of all GOPs in the adopted Plan, along with an analysis describing whether amendments are required to address changes to Florida Statute, or where amendments are recommended based upon changing local conditions and sentiments. The latter are the "optional amendments".

No action is required at this time other than the Commission review of the Report. Staff will present the Preliminary Assessment Recommendations at a publicly advertised Commission Workshop on December 11, 2025. The intent will be to obtain direction from the Commission to proceed with state required and optional/recommended amendments.

Attachments:

- Preliminary Assessment Report
- Appendix A: State Consistency Review
- Appendix B: Element By Element Review
- Appendix C: Public Workshop Summary
- Appendix D: Current Future Land Use Map
- Appendix E: Water & Wastewater Master Plans