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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT  
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

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**GOAL 7: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

To provide accessible, effective, and frequent intergovernmental coordination opportunities to achieve consistency among all government agencies that implement plans and programs which affect the Town of Loxahatchee Groves through development activities; preservation of the quality of life and efficient use of resources.

7.1 *Objective:*

~~Continue and improve initiated semi-annual contact through~~ Attend formal and informal meetings with Palm Beach County ("PBC") officials, School Board of Palm Beach County, adjacent municipalities, and other regional and local agencies providing services or regulatory control over the use of land within Loxahatchee Groves.

7.1.1 Policy:

~~Loxahatchee Groves~~ The Town shall maintain an active program of monitoring and communication with operating under the provisions of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Act, Chapter 163 F.S., and distribute amendments to its Comprehensive Plan adopted by the entities described in Objective 7.1.

7.1.2 Policy: Reserved

~~The Town shall continue informal methods to increase the effectiveness of the existing coordination mechanisms of intergovernmental coordination which shall include but not be limited to the official identification of primary responsibility for coordination.~~

7.1.3 Policy:

The Town shall initiate periodic meetings between its Town Manager and Council and their counterparts in surrounding communities to discuss each municipality's plans for growth management and upcoming developments which could affect any of those municipalities.

7.1.4 Policy:

~~The Town's Comprehensive Plan~~ Town will consider ~~be consistent, where feasible and practical, with~~ the Treasure Coast Regional Policy Planning Council Regional Policy Plan, Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plans of adjacent local governments, and applicable regional water supply plans when amending the Comprehensive Plan.

7.1.5 Policy:

The Town will consult with their water supplier prior to issuing building permits for new development and redevelopment to ensure adequate water supplies to serve new development is available by the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

7.1.6 Policy:

The Town shall participate in the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process as mechanisms to provide an open forum for communication and coordination of programs involving the Comprehensive Plan, and to resolve conflicts with other local governments.

7.1.7 Policy:

Cooperatively pursue the resolution of development and growth management issues having impacts that transcend the Town's current political jurisdiction ~~including issues of federal, regional, and state significance with the appropriate agencies.~~ Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Accessibility to parks in neighboring municipalities;
- B. Roadway improvements and formulation of master plans with other entities and agencies that would offer regarding traffic control, on Okeechobee Boulevard;
- C. Stronger enforcement of speed limits and traffic safety measures and/or lowering speed limits on alphabet roads;
- D. Stormwater runoff and water quality;
- E. Alternate water supply plans;
- F. Hazardous waste exposure; and,
- G. Siting of facilities with County-wide significance.

7.1.8 Policy:

The Town shall, in conjunction with other affected parties, evaluate the Capital Improvements Element when it is undergoing annual review to determine if current funding is proportional to services rendered.

7.2 *Objective:*

*Ensure that the impacts of development proposed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan upon development in adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, the region and the State are addressed through coordination mechanisms.*

7.2.1 Policy:

The review of development proposals shall include findings that indicate relationships of such proposed developments to the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments.

7.2.2 Policy:

The Town shall utilize the following ~~process procedures, as appropriate,~~ when considering the location and extension of public facilities, ~~that are subject to concurrency and when siting facilities with countywide significance, including locally unwanted land uses that are established within a formal agreement~~

~~between local, county and state governments and agencies:~~

- ~~A1.~~ A1. ~~The site plan procedure, Site Plan approval~~ which considers the future impact of a proposed site plan development on the facilities and services provided by The Town Loxahatchee Groves ~~and those of adjacent local governments, if any or other governmental entity.~~
- B2. The goals, objectives and policies contained within the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments, when reviewing proposed site-specific map amendments to the Future Land Use map. and,
- C3. Establishment of joint planning processes or joint planning areas with local governments, the School District of Palm Beach County, other governmental units providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region, and the state.

#### 7.2.3 Policy:

The Town shall utilize the following procedures to identify and implement joint planning areas (JPAs) for the purpose of addressing issues related to annexation and mutual infrastructure service areas:

- A. Coordinate planning activities mandated by the various elements of the ~~Loxahatchee Groves~~ Comprehensive Plan with local governments, the School District of Palm Beach County, other governmental units providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region, and the state;
- B. Use of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with the other local governments, when agreed to by all affected parties;
- C. Work cooperatively with ~~Palm Beach County~~ PBC to facilitate any annexation areas with consistent joint meetings or work groups, and other mechanisms; and
- D. Demographic and social-economic information and services shall be readily available for county, school board, and municipal planning activities.

#### 7.2.4 Policy:

The Town shall participate in the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) in order to ensure communication and coordination with other municipalities on comprehensive planning issues.

#### 7.3 Objective: Reserved

~~Ensure coordination with the School Board of Palm Beach County to establish concurrency requirements for public school facilities.~~

7.3.1 Policy: Reserved

~~The Town of Loxahatchee Groves, in cooperation with appropriate local, county, and state governments and agencies, shall continue to utilize the following collaborative planning process to reach decisions on population projections and public school siting:~~

- ~~a) Employ compatibility and public school impact procedures, which consider land use compatibility and public school impacts through use of flexibility provisions included in the Loxahatchee Groves Comprehensive Plan;~~
- ~~b) Provide the School Board of Palm Beach County with population projections and other demographic and socio-economic data to assist the School Board with appropriate student generation rates and public school siting;~~
- ~~c) If requested, provide professional support to the School Board Superintendent's site review committee;~~
- ~~d) Involve the School Board of Palm Beach County during the review process for residential Land Use Plan Amendments, Plats, and Developments of Regional Impact; and,~~
- ~~e) Procedures shall be coordinated in a manner that conforms to the interlocal agreement between the Town and the School Board.~~

7.4 Objective:

*Special emphasis shall be placed on maintaining effective lines of communication with county, regional, and state agencies when setting levels-of-service and/or permitting requirements, and initiating maintenance and capital improvement projects located within the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.*

7.4.1 Policy: Reserved

~~The Town Manager or an appointed designee shall prepare and review the annual level-of-service monitoring report contained within the adopted concurrency management system. The purpose of this report is to provide affected entities with timely and accurate information in order to evaluation and coordinate levels-of-service.~~

7.4.2 Policy: Reserved

~~In situations where other public or private entities are providing a public facility or service such as roads, sewer, drainage, parks, or solid waste within the Town, the Town shall coordinate its adopted level of service standard with the applicable entity and within the financial parameters allowed by the Capital Improvement Element of this Plan.~~

~~7.4.3 Policy:~~

~~Coordination with Federal, State, and County authorities shall continually be practiced and refined to ensure that the Town receives a proportionate share of revenue allocations, facilities and service improvements.~~