
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

PURPOSE

~~The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, as identified by Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and Chapter 9J-5.015, Florida Administrative Code, is to “identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, and policies, and development proposed in comprehensive plans and to determine and respond to the needs for coordination processes and procedures with adjacent local, regional, and state agencies.”~~ The City of Pahokee strongly believes that a well- developed communication network among all applicable public and quasi-public entities will enhance the long-range growth and prosperity of the City. The areas of concern for Pahokee include the adjacent municipalities of Belle Glade and South Bay, Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County School Board, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, the South Florida Water Management District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, state government, federal government, independent special districts, and utility companies.

Specific coordination needs within each of the elements of the Pahokee Comprehensive Plan that would benefit from improved or additional intergovernmental coordination and mechanisms for satisfying these needs are also identified, as appropriate.

EXISTING DATA AND CONDITIONS

Pahokee currently has either formal or informal coordination agreements, or interacts through standard operating procedures under statutory authority, with the following agencies or jurisdictions:

a. Adjacent governments, school boards and other units of local government:

- Belle Glade
- South Bay
- Palm Beach County
- Palm Beach County Housing Authority
- Palm Beach County School Board
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
- Tri-Cities League
- Multi-jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum
- Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committees
- Palm Beach County Environmental Health Unit

b. Independent special districts and regional agencies:

- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
- South Florida Water Management District

c. State agencies:

- Florida Department of ~~Community Affairs~~ Commerce
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS)
- Florida ~~Game and Freshwater~~ Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Department of State, Division of Historic Resources
- U.S. Soil Conservation Service

d. Authorities, independent special districts and utility companies which provide services within Pahokee:

- East Beach Water Control District
- Pelican Lake Water Control District
- Southeastern States Utilities
- ~~Glades Utility Authority~~
- Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department
- Pahokee Housing Authority
- Pahokee Chamber of Commerce
- Florida Power and Light
- ~~Bellsouth~~ AT&T

EVALUATION OF EXISTING COORDINATION MECHANISMS

For each agency listed above, Table 7-1 briefly describes the existing coordination mechanisms indicating the subject, nature of the relationship and the office with primary responsibility for coordination.

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element requires the City to actively communicate with the county, state, and adjacent municipalities on issues relating to annexation, land use changes, and coordination of public facilities. The City is involved in the Multi-jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum Committees and reports land use changes to the County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee which accounts for a large part of the joint planning requirements and siting facilities of countywide significance ~~in~~. Joint visioning sessions have been held with Belle Glade and South Bay.

Numerous independent governmental agencies affect the quality of life in Pahokee. Following is a discussion of the most influential of these agencies. Together with Table 7-1, this discussion presents all of the public and quasi-public entities with which the City needs to coordinate. Table 7-1 also relates plan elements to affected or involved agencies.

School ~~District Board~~ of Palm Beach County

The School ~~District Board~~ of Palm Beach County is an autonomous board established under chapter 230, Florida Statutes. The district school system is controlled by a school board consisting of seven (7) members elected at large and an appointed superintendent. The School ~~District Board~~ has the power to levy taxes, own land, and constitutes a corporate body under the laws of Florida. The City and the school administration must work closely together when reviewing new developments and community growth which affect the efficient operation of their respective agencies.

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) was created by the 1976 Legislature. Prior to being redesignated as the **SFWNMD**, the District operated as the ~~C~~entral and Southern Flood ~~C~~ontrol District by authorization of the 1949 Legislature. The SFWMD issues permits and has control of all water use in Pahokee, ~~which used over 900,000 gallons of water per day in 1995.~~

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) was created in October, 1976, by interlocal agreement pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes between Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach counties. ~~The Council's principal goal is to assure that future growth within the Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach County region occurs in a manner consistent with state and regional planning objectives and that a high quality of life will be achieved for all citizens of the region. To accomplish this goal, the TCRPC maintains a forum for identifying and promoting public understanding of local and regional issues and problems. The Council acts as a regional information clearinghouse and intergovernmental data source; conducts research for the purpose of developing and maintaining regional goals, objectives, and policies; and assists in the implementation of a number of local, state, and federal programs. TCRPC is the Treasure Coast's only regional forum where elected and appointed leaders regularly come together to discuss complex regional issues; develop strategic regional responses for resolving them; and build consensus for setting and accomplishing regional goals. Elected officials serve annual terms, and gubernatorial appointees serve three-year terms. TCRPC is made up of nineteen elected officials and nine gubernatorial appointees. Membership includes all four counties and 52 municipalities.~~

Other Governmental Agencies

In addition to the governmental agencies described above, there are city, county, state, and federal agencies with which the City coordinates and cooperates on matters of mutual interest and concern. Table 7-1 contains a listing of the various local, regional, state, and federal agencies interacting with Pahokee.

JOINT PLANNING AREAS

Pahokee is party to several Joint Planning Areas through formal agreements with the following agencies: Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the roadway improvements and redevelopment of US 441; as well as Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Fire-Rescue. Coordination mechanisms between the City and these agencies are delineated in Table 7-1.

Comparison with Regional Policy Plan

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Treasure Coast Region (1995) has been reviewed and

considered during the process of writing and revisions to this Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan conforms to the Regional Policy Plan.

Specific Coordination Issues in Each Element

Each Comprehensive Plan element was reviewed for interagency coordination needs. These needs are described below.

Future Land Use

The City is interested in stimulating new residential and commercial development as well as redevelopment of underutilized and blighted areas. Pahokee continues to cooperate with the TCRPC and neighboring municipalities including Belle Glade, South Bay as well as the Tri Cities League to stimulate economic growth in the region. Pahokee has embarked on several projects including the development of an events center and redevelopment of the marina on Lake Okeechobee which was completed in collaboration with the State who owns these lands.

Also, the City intends to work with the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management implement actions the Herbert Hoover Dike Emergency Evacuation Guidance Document and other issues related to hazard mitigation.

Transportation

U.S. 441 runs right through the heart of Pahokee ~~and major improvements are underway which could require property owners to relinquish land for new traffic lanes and stormwater retention ponds~~. The City will continue coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure improvements are consistent with the City of Pahokee Goals and objectives.

Housing

Pahokee is mostly composed of single family residences, many which are for families of low to very low income. The City of Pahokee works with the Florida Department ~~of Commerce and of Community Affairs~~, the Palm Beach County Housing Authority to address housing issues within the City. ~~While in~~ recent years Pahokee has seen new housing ~~but~~ mainly in the form of mobile homes, ~~a multi-story apartment building in the Core area was approved in 2024~~. Affordable housing is one of the major issues in Pahokee and will require continued coordination and efforts from the previously mentioned agencies. Many Pahokee residents could benefit from home repair grants. There needs to be continuous coordination with ~~the~~ Palm Beach County Housing and ~~the~~ City to ensure residents are aware of such programs

Infrastructure

~~The Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay, along with Palm Beach County Water Utilities, are forming the Glades Utility Authority (GUA) to handle the operations of their water and sewer systems. Coordination with Palm Beach County, Belle Glade, and South Bay is essential. Pahokee coordinates with the several agencies including the South Florida Water Management District, Tri-Cities league, East Beach Water Control District, and Pelican Lake Water Control District. In 2013, the Glades Utility Authority, the former water and sewer supplier for the City, became part of the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department, which now provides water and sewer services to the City.~~

Recreation and Open Space

The City should continue coordination with the County on parks within the one mile vicinity of the City and coordinate as necessary on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Conservation

The City should ~~establish a close working coordination with the SFWMD on the SFWMD Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan, the SFWMD Lake Okeechobee & Estuary Recovery (LOER) Plan, the District Water Management Plan, SFWMD Everglades Program Best Management Practices, the Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan (LOPP), the Lake Okeechobee Protection Act~~ continue to work with the SFWMD and the USACE on all projects and plans related Lake Okeechobee and the components of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP).

Capital Improvements

~~Coordination with the Palm Beach Property Appraiser is effective and satisfactory. Continued coordination with FDOT is essential.~~

The City should annually evaluate the need for public improvements as identified in other elements of the comprehensive plan; estimate the cost of improvements for which the City is responsible; analyze the City's fiscal capability to execute capital improvements; and establish financial policies and schedules to assure the timely delivery of facilities and services based upon projected needs.

Public School

~~Currently, there are no outstanding coordination issues.~~

Local governments are required to adopt consistent comprehensive plan amendments to meet state statutes and ensure coordination among relevant agencies and neighboring local governments. Planning for public schools in Palm Beach County is coordinated through the "Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County and Municipalities of Palm Beach County for Coordinated Planning," which is included as Appendix 7A.

The City should continue to work with the School District of Palm Beach County in the development of public school facilities to maintain adequate school capacity in the City. The School District of Palm Beach County's Actual and Projected Enrollment, FY 2019-2028; Capacity Watch List 2023 Five-Year Enrollment Projections; and October 2023 FTE Enrollment Memorandum (highlighting Pahokee Schools) are provided as appendices 7B-7D.

Concurrency Management

The City should continue to coordinate and share information with relevant agencies and service providers to ensure adopted level of service standards are maintained. ~~the Florida Department of Transportation, Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County, and the Pelican Lake Water Control District.~~

Areas of Critical State Concern

There are no areas of critical state concern in the City of Pahokee.

The following abbreviations are used in Table 7-1:

AE - Advise and Encourage
 CA - City Agency
 FN - Formal Notice
 OA - Outside Agencies
 TA - Technical Assistance

AP - Approval, Permit
 FA – Formal Agreement
 IN - Informal Notice
 PM - Periodic Meetings to Coordinate Programs

**TABLE 7-1
 COORDINATING AGENCIES**

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relationship	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Pahokee Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Adjacent governments, school boards and other units of local government:					
Belle Glades	Comprehensive planning, regional issues, housing conservation, infrastructure	AE	Informal Coordination	Adequate	City Manager
South Bay	Comprehensive planning, regional issues, housing, conservation, infrastructure	AE	Informal Coordination	Adequate	City Manager
Palm Beach County	Comprehensive planning	AE	Informal coordination	Adequate	City Manager
Palm Beach County Housing Authority	Very low to moderate income housing, housing	TA, AE	Informal Coordination	Effective	City Manager
<u>School District of Palm Beach County</u> School Board	School capacity, School siting, improvements	FN, OA, FA, PM	Formal coordination to asses school capacity, new schools, improvements, and educational programs	Adequate	City Manager

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relationship	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Pahokee Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office	Public safety	OA	Inf Formal Coordination	Effective	City Manager
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue	Public safety	OA, AP	Formal Coordination. Review plans for compliance with fire code.	Effective	City Manager
Tri-Cities League	Comprehensive planning, regional issues, housing, conservation, infrastructure	AE	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Multi-jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum	Issus of jurisdictional importance.	FA	Formal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee	Comprehensive planning	FN	Comprehensive Plan Amendments review	Effective	City Manager
Palm Beach County Environmental Health Unit	Hazardous waste, groundwater, social issues, septic tank issues	AE	Informal Coordination	Adequate	Public Works

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relationship	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Pahokee Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)	Comprehensive Plan, Environmental, Intergovernmental Coordination Review	FN, IN, AE	Coordination for review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and Regional Plan.	Satisfactory	City Manager
South Florida Water Management District	Drainage Permits, Water Quality, Lake Okeechobee	FA, AP, FN	Developments of over 10 acres are reviewed by SFWMD.	Effective	Public Works, City Manager
State Agencies:					
Florida Department of Community Affairs <u>Commerce</u>	Comprehensive Planning, Plan Amendments, DRI, Areas of Critical State Concern, Community Development, Block Grants (CDBG), Housing Programs.	AP, TA	Oversight of Comprehensive Plan, Regulation of Land Development Code	Effective	City Manager
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Water Quality	AP	Permitting, Informal Coordination	Effective	Utilities
Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation Planning, Maintenance of Devices	AE, AP, PM, TA	Coordination	Effective	Public Works
Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS)	Hazardous Waste, Groundwater, Social Issues, Septic tank Issues	AE	Informal coordination	Adequate	Public Works
Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission	Protection of Endangered Species, Conservation	AE	Informal Coordination	Sufficient	City Manager

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relationship	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Pahokee Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Department of State, Division of Historic Resources	Land use, Housing	IN	Informal coordination	Sufficient	City Manager
U.S. Soil Conservation Service	Soil Stabilization, Soil Conservation Service, Protection of Lake Okeechobee shoreline, Infrastructure, Conservation	AE	Informal Coordination	Sufficient	Public Works
Authorities, independent special districts and utility companies which provide services within Pahokee:					
East Beach Water Control District	Drainage, Lake Okeechobee	IN	Informal coordination	Adequate	Public Works
Pelican Lake Water Control District	Drainage, Lake Okeechobee	IN	Informal Coordination	Adequate	Public Works
Southeastern States Utilities	Potable Water	FN, FA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Utilities
Glades Utilities Authority Palm Beach County Water Utilities	Potable Water, Sanitary Sewer	FN, FA	Informal Coordination	Sufficient	Utilities
Pahokee Housing Authority	Very low to moderate income housing	IN	Informal Coordination for housing plan and funding	Adequate	City Manager
Pahokee Chamber of Commerce	Economic development, Enhancement of Quality of Life, Land Use, Transportation, Infrastructure	AE	Informal Coordination	Sufficient	City Manager

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relationship	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Pahokee Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Florida Power and Light	Land use	IN	Informal coordination	Effective	City Manager
Bellsouth <u>AT&T</u>	Land use	IN	Informal Coordination	Effective	City Manager

Source: City of Pahokee

STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

~~The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) adopted a completely new Strategic Regional Policy Plan on December 5, 1995 that addresses the provision of public services and facilities on topics ranging from “Improving Student Performance” to “Expanding Agricultural Opportunities”. The plan focuses on 49 goals as they have been identified in the State Comprehensive Plan. The regional plan furthers these goals numerous policies. The policies identify specific issues within the Treasure Coast Region in relationship to the overall state goals. The Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan:~~

- ~~1. Provides background on each issue;~~
- ~~2. Lists significant resources applicable to the specific issue that are available within the region;~~
- ~~3. Identifies the agencies and organizations that are directly involved; and~~
- ~~4. Specifies the regional goal, the corresponding policies, and the measures by which the effectiveness or success of the policy will be compared.~~

~~The intergovernmental coordination cluster of the Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan seeks to eliminate unnecessary duplication of programs and activities. Coordination currently takes place between Pahokee and TCRPC in the form of local comprehensive plan reviews. A consistency review, in accordance with Chapter 163 FAC, will also be conducted to ensure that the City plan is consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan.~~

~~The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) adopted its *Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)* in 1995 and is codified in Rule 29K-5002, *Florida Administrative Code*. The *SRPP* is designed to provide a holistic, comprehensive approach to building a region—from the identification and organization of its largest physical environmental features down to the arrangement of the block, street, and buildings of the smallest increment of the built environment, to support the organization of larger, more efficient, and sustainable patterns of development.~~

~~The *SRPP* is intended as an illustrated manual or guidebook for building a better region. There are illustrations and policy guidance contained in the *SRPP* for how local governments can respond to the plan. The source of all the images in the plan and the motivation for the plan were generated from the nearly fifty public planning charrettes held in and around the Region since 1989.~~

Intergovernmental Coordination Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal 7.1: Establish effective coordination measures among all pertinent public and quasi-public entities to improve Pahokee's Quality of Life and efficient use of resources.

Objective 7.1.1 - The City shall establish formal specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities, state, and federal agencies which have permitting and regulating authority, and quasi-public entities which provide services but lack regulatory authority in Pahokee.

Policy 7.1.1.1 - The City shall notify Palm Beach County in writing (prior to the application being considered by the City Planning and Zoning Board) of all applications for rezoning land which is contiguous with the County.

Policy 7.1.1.2 - Pahokee shall formally request in writing the creation of liaisons between the state regulatory agencies and the City. ~~An recently~~ established program of this type by SFWMD has proven highly successful in improving relations and information flow and will be suggested as a model for other agencies.

Policy 7.1.1.3 - The City Manager shall be responsible for ensuring an effective intergovernmental coordination program for Pahokee.

Policy 7.1.1.4 - The City shall resolve conflicts through the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's (TCRPC) ~~informal mediation dispute resolution~~ process regarding issues between the City and other local governments, regional agencies, and private interests as authorized by Section 163.3177, F.S., ~~and between federal and state agencies and the City of Pahokee.~~

Policy 7.1.1.5 - Pahokee encourages and shall assist with cooperative education programs between the City, County, and regulatory agencies to inform the public and development community about applicable laws and regulations. This could be accomplished by including brief informational pamphlets in utility bills or other means of widespread general circulation.

Policy 7.1.1.6. - The City shall coordinate implementation of the goals, objectives and policies in its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with the South Florida Water Management District's Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan and Palm Beach County Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Policy 7.1.1.7 - The City shall increase its coordination efforts with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and Palm Beach County ~~and the Glades Utility Authority~~ regarding the sharing and updating of information to meet ongoing water supply needs.

Policy 7.1.1.8 - The City shall participate in on-going collaborative efforts with other local governments and agencies for long-term alternative water supply sources. The city shall participate in, at a minimum, annual meetings with Palm Beach County, SFWMD, and the cities of Belle Glade and South Bay ~~and the Glades Utility Authority~~ to discuss population projections,

land use changes and implementation of conservation reuse programs and alternative water supplies.

Objective 7.1.2 - The City encourages and shall continue to participate in the establishment of means for coordinating all levels of service standards which affect surrounding municipalities and unincorporated areas.

Policy 7.1.2.1 - The City shall continue to participate in the development of regional level of service standards intended to provide the required services necessary for proposed development in a uniform manner throughout the Glades Region.

Policy 7.1.2.2 - The City shall continue ~~to use the System for the Management of Concurrency (SYMCON)~~ to coordinate the timing, location, and capacity of public facilities with appropriate local governments and agencies to ensure that required services will be available when needed and are economically feasible.

Policy 7.1.2.3 - The City shall involve the TCRPC in ~~informal~~ mediation when level of service issues cannot be resolved by the City and the service provider.

Policy 7.1.2.4 - The City shall coordinate with SFWMD; and Palm Beach County ~~and the Glades Utility Authority~~ in the implementation of alternative water supply projects, the establishment of its level-of-service standards and resource allocations.

Objective 7.1.3 - The City shall ensure that all planning and development related activities are coordinated with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, and other units of local government, such as the school ~~district board~~, providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land.

Policy 7.1.3.1 - The City shall request the School ~~Board District~~ of Palm Beach County, Chamber of Commerce, South Florida Water Management District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and Florida Power and Light to designate a specific liaison to provide expertise from their various disciplines into planning and development related activities.

Policy 7.1.3.2 - The City shall annually review and update the Capital Improvements Element, and in conjunction with affected parties review all interlocal agreements relating to funding of scheduled Capital Improvement projects.

Policy 7.1.3.3 - The City shall coordinate closely with the School ~~Board District~~ on the location of future school locations in relation to the projected population and request the School ~~Board District~~ to appoint a liaison for such purpose.

Policy 7.1.3.34 - The City shall work with the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management to update and implement actions and strategies for the unlikely event that the Herbert Hoover Dike undergoes a breach. as specified in the Herbert Hoover Dike Emergency Evacuation Guidance Document.

Objective 7.1.4 - The City shall continue to implement an intergovernmental coordination process through participation in the Multi-jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum to ensure full consideration is given to the impacts of developments proposed in the City Comprehensive Plan or by other governmental entities.

Policy 7.1.4.1 - The City ~~shall~~ supports the development and adoption of interlocal agreements with the affected municipalities to coordinate the management of Lake Okeechobee.

Policy 7.1.4.2 - The City Commission shall work with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to identify regional issues and to assist in the periodic updating of the Strategic Regional ~~Comprehensive~~ Policy Plan.

Policy 7.1.4.3 - The City shall coordinate with the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) to evaluate amendments to the City of Pahokee Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 7.4.4 - The City shall utilize the following process 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:

1. The site plan procedure, which considers the future impact of a proposed site plan on the facilities and services provided by Pahokee and those of adjacent local governments, if any;
2. 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.
3. 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.

Objective 7.1.5 - The City shall coordinate all annexation plans with adjacent municipalities, Palm Beach County, and the Multi-jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum in accordance with the laws, rules, and policies of these agencies, the state, and the City.

Policy 7.1.5.1 - The City shall continue to depict potential future annexation areas on the Future Land Use Map Series contained within the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 7.1.5.2 - The City shall require all future annexations to occur only if adjoining the current City Limits and/or within the Future Reserve Annexation Area identified in the Future Land Use Map series and further require evaluation of fiscal impact of proposed annexations upon the City.

Policy 7.1.5.3 - Prior to annexation, a facilities and services extension plan shall be prepared and adopted for proposed annexation areas which shall:

- a. Establish the location, level of services standards and phasing for each facility and service to be extended by the City;
- b. Require all development or redevelopment activities to be timed, staged and located in conjunction with the provision of the public facilities and services addressed in this plan without exceeding their established level of service standards; and
- c. Reserve the right of the City, in order to encourage infill development and reduce urban sprawl, to discourage development and redevelopment activities within proposed future annexation areas until such time as facilities and services are extended in accordance with the plan regardless if facilities and services are offered by a developer in advance of the plan phasing.

Policy 7.1.5.4 - All annexations undertaken by the City shall be consistent with state statutes, section 171.043(1), F.S.

Policy 7.1.5.5 - In instances where annexed areas are to be serviced with facilities provided by another entity, the City shall enter into an interlocal agreement for the provision of such services.

Policy 7.1.5.6 - The City shall continue to meet with Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, and the Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum to discuss future annexation plans and eliminate any conflicts between the plans or policies of each agency.

~~Objective 7.1.6 – Ensure coordination with the School Board District of Palm Beach County to establish concurrency requirements for public school facilities.~~

~~Policy 7.1.6.1 Policy – The City of Pahokee, 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 the use of flexibility provisions included in the Pahokee Comprehensive Plan.~~
- ~~b) Provide the School Board District of Palm Beach County with population projections and other demographic and socio-economic data to assist the School Board District with appropriate student generation rates and public school siting.~~
- ~~c) If requested, provide professional support to the School Board District Superintendent’s site review committee.~~
- ~~d) Involve the School Board District of Palm Beach County during the review process for residential land use plan amendments, plats, and developments of regional impact.~~

~~Procedures shall be coordinated in a manner that conforms to the interlocal agreement between the City and the School Board.~~

Goal 7.2 School Facility Development, Siting, and Development Coordination. It is a GOAL of the City of Pahokee to maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public education facilities for planning and decision-making regarding population projections, public school siting, and the development of public education facilities concurrent with residential development and other services. This goal shall be accomplished recognizing the constitutional obligation of the school district to provide a uniform system of free public schools on a countywide basis.

Objective 7.2.1 – Coordination of Planning. To ensure that the capacity of schools is sufficient to support student growth at the adopted level of service standard for each year of the five-year planning period and through the long term planning period.

Policy 7.2.1.1 - The City of Pahokee shall enter into and abide by the “Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County and Municipalities of Palm Beach County for Coordinated Planning.”

Policy 7.2.1.2 - The City of Pahokee shall coordinate with Palm Beach County and the School District of Palm Beach County on an annual basis to develop population projections for future school needs to ensure adequate capacity for current and future students.

Policy 7.2.1.3 - The City of Pahokee shall provide the School District with its Comprehensive Plan, along with the five-year land use and population projections, to facilitate development of school enrollment projections and shall annually update this information.

Policy 7.2.1.4 - The City of Pahokee shall provide opportunity for the School District to comment on comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, and other land-use decisions which may be projected to impact on the public schools facilities plan.

Policy 7.2.1.5 - The City of Pahokee shall coordinate with local governments and the School District on emergency preparedness issues which may include consideration of:

1. Design and/or retrofit of public schools as emergency shelters;
2. Enhancing public awareness of evacuation zones, shelter locations, and evacuation routes;
3. Designation of sites other than public schools as long term shelters, to allow schools to resume normal operations following emergency events.

Objective 7.2.2 - School Facility Siting. To establish a process of coordination and collaboration between the County, local governments, and the School District in the planning and siting of public school facilities in coordination with planned infrastructure and public facilities.

Policy 7.2.2.1 - The City of Pahokee shall coordinate and provide for expedited review of development proposals with the School District during the development review process to ensure integration of public school facilities with surrounding land uses and the compatibility of uses with schools.

Policy 7.2.2.2 - The City of Pahokee shall encourage the location of schools proximate to urban residential areas.

Policy 7.2.2.3 - The City of Pahokee shall advise the School District of a proposed public school site's consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and land development regulations, including the availability of necessary public infrastructure to support the development of the site.

Policy 7.2.2.4 - The City of Pahokee shall coordinate with the School District for the co-location of public facilities, such as parks, libraries, and community centers with schools, as sites for these public facilities and schools are chosen and development plans prepared.