
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

DATA INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is to identify and resolve incompatibilities between St. Lucie County's comprehensive planning processes and those of other governmental entities with interests in or related to the County's area of concern. The areas of concern for St. Lucie County include municipalities within the County, adjacent counties, the St. Lucie County School Board, the South Florida Water Management District, Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District, North St. Lucie River Water Control District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, state government, federal government, and utility companies.

Specific coordination needs within each of the elements of the St. Lucie County 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

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

Municipal Government

- City of Fort Pierce
- City of Port St. Lucie
- Village of St. Lucie

Adjacent County Government

- Indian River County
- Martin County
- Okeechobee County

County Government

- St. Lucie County Fire District
- St. Lucie County Health Department
- St. Lucie County Property Appraiser
- St. Lucie County Sheriff
- St. Lucie County Supervisor or Elections
- St. Lucie County Tax Collector

Education

- Bureau of Economic and Business Research (University of Florida)
- Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (Florida Atlantic University)

Indian River State College
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) (University of Florida)
St. Lucie County District School Board

Other

19th Judicial Circuit of Florida
Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County
Enterprise Florida
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
North St. Lucie Hospital District
Office of the Medical Examiner--19th Judicial District of Florida
Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County Florida
Smithsonian Institution
St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Florida Departments and Agencies

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Department of Children and Family Services
Department of Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning
Department of Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Department of Revenue
Department of Transportation
Division of Historic Resources
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
South Florida Regional Planning Council
South Florida Water Management District
State Attorney's Office

United States Departments and Agencies

Army Corps of Engineers
Commerce, Census Bureau
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Postal Service
Transportation

Regulated Utilities

AT&T
Florida Cablevision
Florida Power & Light
Fort Pierce Utility Authority

EVALUATION OF EXISTING COORDINATION MECHANISMS

For each agency previously listed, Table 8-1 briefly describes the existing coordination mechanisms indicating the subject, nature of the relationship and the office with primary responsibility for coordination.

JOINT PLANNING AREAS

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 revising this Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan conforms to the Regional Policy Plan.

Specific Coordination Issues in Each Element

Following is a summary the interagency coordination needs associated with each element of this Comprehensive Plan.

Future Land Use

Significant issues that warrant coordination include review of the western rural lands, annexations, and reduction of sprawl and greenhouse gases. The County will coordinate with the Department of Community Affairs, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Agency and local stakeholders on the Western Land Study. The County will continue to coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce on annexation through an interlocal agreement and pursue a similar agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie.

Coastal Management

In order to implement the goals of this element, the County works with various agencies including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Commission, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. With the assistance of the FDEP the County continues to protect reefs and sea grass beds, West Indian Manatees, Sea Turtles, and other listed species, and marine turtles and turtle nesting habitats. The County works with a variety of state and regional agencies to create of a system of natural area greenways and wildlife corridors that will protect ecological communities in the coastal area. Coordination with FEMA includes monitoring FEMA's regulations and updating the County's adopted flood protection regulations accordingly.

Port of Fort Pierce Sub-Element

Efficient transportation to the Port is essential for movement of cargo. The County continues to coordinate with FDOT and the Florida East Coast Railroad on transportation issues related to the Port.

Transportation

The County works with City of Port St. Lucie, City of Fort Pierce, the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, Martin County and the Florida Department of Transportation to coordinate the 2030 St. Lucie Transportation Plan, implementation of the 2030 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, and transit planning. Interagency coordination with FDOT is also required for the development of FDOT's annual Work Program and development of Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines. The last area

of intergovernmental coordination is focused on the airport and involves coordination with the Florida FDOT, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Florida Aviation System.

Housing

The County continues to coordinate with U.S. Housing and Urban Development, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for affordable and workforce housing programs. The County shall work with the US Department of Commerce to ensure accurate population and housing information is provided for the 2010 Census. Additionally, the County shall dialogue with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services to ensure an accurate inventory for any subsidized rental housing, group homes, or mobile home parks that may exist within the County. An inventory of historically significant housing is required for the Comprehensive Plan, and therefore periodic coordination and communication with the State's Division of Historic Resources, Florida Master Site File is necessary.

Infrastructure

The Infrastructure Element provides for potable water, sewer, drainage, and solid waste facilities to meet the needs of existing and future development. The County shall continue to coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District and potable water providers on implementation of the 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and development of alternate water supplies. The County will coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to encourage these areas served by package plants to connect to a central sewer system. In coordination with the South Florida Water Management District, the County will continue to support projects related to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP)/IRL-South Plan in order to improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River Estuary.

Recreation and Open Space

The intergovernmental coordination needs within this element include the ongoing work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and its oversight of four state parks located within the County. Further, through an interlocal agreement, program administration for many City of Fort Pierce parks has been delegated to the County. Finally, the County and the St. Lucie County School Board have informal arrangements that allow for shared recreational facilities.

Conservation

The County shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to protect wetlands, native habitats, and create greenways.

Capital Improvements

The County shall continue to coordinate with non-County entities that provide and monitor public facilities affecting concurrency such as the Florida Department of Transportation, the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District. As part of the County's overall economic development strategy, continued coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration on investment in the St. Lucie Airport shall continue to be a priority for the County.

Economic Development

Economic development is a high priority in the County and works continuously with the Economic Development Council and Enterprise Florida on attracting new businesses and encouraging the expansion of new businesses in St. Lucie County. In order to encourage economic development, the County continues to focus on working with local higher education providers. In particular, the County will coordinate with the University of Florida through the Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority to develop an agriculturally-and-biotechnologically-focused research park (TCERDA).

Towns, Villages, and Countryside (TVC)

The County is coordinating with the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation on transportation improvements to accommodate the TVC area.

Public School Facilities Element

The County continues to coordinate with the St. Lucie School Board on school concurrency through implementation of the interlocal agreement.

Areas of Critical State Concern

There are no areas of critical state concern in St. Lucie County.

The following abbreviations are used in Table 8-1.

AE - Advise and Encourage
 CA - County 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 8-1
 COORDINATING AGENCIES**

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	St Lucie Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
MUNICIPALITIES:					
City of Fort Pierce	Annexation, Port of Fort Pierce, Transportation	PM	Interlocal Agreement Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services County Administrator
City of Port St. Lucie	Annexation, Economic Development	PM	Interlocal Agreement Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services County Administrator
Village of St. Lucie	Airport	AE	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services County Administrator
ADJACENT COUNTY:					
Indian River County	Comprehensive Planning	PM	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services
Martin County	Regional Transportation Plan Economic Development	PM	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services
Okeechobee County	Comprehensive Planning	AE	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services
COUNTY AGENCIES:					
St. Lucie County Fire District	Fire Rescue services	FA	Interlocal Agreement	Effective	County Administrator
St. Lucie County Health Department	Public Health Services	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
St. Lucie County Property Appraiser	GIS Data Tax Revenues	CA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services Management and Budget

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St. Lucie County Sheriff	Criminal Justice	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections	Elections	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
St. Lucie County Tax Collector	Revenue	CA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
SCHOOLS:					
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (Florida Atlantic University)	Economic Development Education	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Indian River State College	Economic Development Education	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) (University of Florida)	Economic Development Education	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
St Lucie County School Board	Public Education	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
OTHER:					
19 th Judicial Circuit of Florida	Justice System	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Attorney
Bureau of Economic and Business Research (University of Florida)	Population Projections	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services
Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County	Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Enterprise Florida	Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District	Stormwater	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Public Works
North St. Lucie River Water Control District	Stormwater	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Public Works
North St. Lucie Hospital District	Public Health Services	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Office of the Medical Examiner--19th Judicial District of Florida	Justice System	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Attorney
Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County Florida	Justice System	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Attorney
Smithsonian Institution	Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator

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St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce	Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)	Transportation	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Services
Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority	Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	Comprehensive Planning Economic Development	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Growth Management
FLORIDA DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning	Comprehensive planning	AP, TA	Oversight of Comprehensive Plan, EAR, Regulation of Land Development Code	Effective	Planning and Development Services
Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management	Mutual Aid Agreement	OA, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Safety

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Department of Children and Family Services	Group homes, foster care facilities	FN, OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Community Services
Department of Environmental Protection	Water management, water quality, air quality, beaches/land, solid waste, septic tanks, water facility development, water use permits, wastewater management	AP	Permitting, informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Public Works
Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles	Roadway safety	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Transportation Planning Organization
Department of Revenue	Tax Administration	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Management and Budget
Division Of Historic Resources	Historic lands and buildings	TA, AE	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning and Development Grants Resource/Disaster Recovery
Department of Transportation	Transportation planning, highway construction, right of way, alignments, access control transit	AE, TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Airport Port Transportation Planning Organization
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Conservation issues	AE, TA	Permitting, informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Protection of state listed species
South Florida Water Management District	Stormwater management, wetlands mitigation impacts, water use	TA, AE, AP	Permitting, Informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Public Works

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	St Lucie Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
State Attorney's Office	Justice System	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Attorney
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:					
Army Corps of Engineers	Wetland Mitigation	TA, AP	Permitting, Informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Public Works
Commerce, Census Bureau	Decennial Census	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning and Development
Environmental Protection Agency	Wetland Mitigation/impacts	TA, AP	Permitting, Informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Public Works
Federal Aviation Agency	Airport	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Airport
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Hurricane mitigation	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Safety
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Habitat /wildlife conservation	TA, AP	Permitting, Informal coordination	Effective	Environmental Resources Federal listed species and habitat Public Works
U.S. Postal Service	Address development, mail delivery	OA	Informal Coordination	Effective	County Administrator
Transportation	Transportation planning	TA	Informal coordination	Effective	Port Airport Transportation Planning Organization
REGULATED UTILITIES:					
AT&T	Telephone service	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Hometown Cable	Cable services, underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Florida Power & Light	Underground utilities	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works
Fort Pierce Utility Authority	Electric, water and sewer service	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Public Works

Source: County of St Lucie County, 2009.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Goal ~~408~~.1: Establish effective coordination measures among all pertinent public and quasi-public entities to best maintain St. Lucie County's quality of life and efficient use of resources.

Objective ~~408~~.1.1: St. Lucie County shall establish specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities; with local, State, and Federal agencies who have permitting and regulating authority; and with quasi-public entities which provide services but lack regulatory authority in St. Lucie County; with County volunteer groups; and with interested ~~citizen groups~~ residents who have notified the County of their interest.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.1 - Coordinate with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Community Affairs~~Martin County~~, and the cities of Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce to complete the ~~ongoing Alternate Land Use Study~~implementation of the Western Lands Study.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.2 - Notify in writing the cities of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, and St. Lucie Village of all applications for rezoning and land use amendments which are contiguous to their borders or within an area of planned annexation.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.3 - Through the development review process, coordinate all development in the unincorporated County with local governments that are adjacent to or will be impacted by the development.

Policy 8.1.1.4 - Coordinate requests for development orders or permits, as appropriate, with adjacent counties, special districts, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the South Florida Water Management District and state and federal agencies.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.4~~—5~~ - Charge the County Administrator with continuing responsibility for developing and enforcing an effective intergovernmental coordination program for St. Lucie County.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.5~~—6~~ - Support the Treasure Coast Council of Governments to provide a regular formal forum in which to deal with issues unique to Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties.

Policy ~~408~~.1.1.6~~—7~~ - Continue cooperative education programs between the County and regulatory agencies to inform the public and development community about applicable laws and regulations. Information should continue to be made available on the County's website and may be distributed by~~This could be accomplished by~~ including brief informational pamphlets in utility bills or other means of widespread general circulation.

Policy ~~108~~.1.1.7 - ~~By January 31st of each calendar year, formally request in writing that Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village designate their~~

~~anticipated future annexation areas, inform the County as to the nature of such plans, and provide further notification in the event there is change to these plans.~~

~~Policy 408.1.1.8 - Continue to review transportation service volumes and Levels of Service as they relate to State roads, and coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) relative to State level of service standards.~~

~~Policy 408.1.1.9 - Coordinate with communities within the unincorporated area as they explore the impacts of incorporation.~~

~~Policy 8.1.1.10 – Per the June 2005 Joint Planning Agreement with the City of Fort Pierce and the March 2007 Joint Planning Agreement with the City of Port St Lucie, continue working with the municipalities on an ongoing basis for the evaluation of future development applications as well as for the adequate and cost effective provision of public services.~~

~~Policy 108.1.1.10 – By January 1, 2003, meet with representatives of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village to identify potential joint planning areas. Annexation and joint infrastructure are to be considered and discussed; more specifically, the following areas may be considered:~~

- ~~Fort Pierce ————— Areas adjoining Okeechobee Road from Hartman Road to Eleven Mile Road area adjoining existing city limits.~~
- ~~Port St. Lucie ————— Existing enclaves~~
- ~~————— LTC Ranch/Midway Road area~~
- ~~————— I-95/Gatlin Boulevard area~~
- ~~St. Lucie Village ————— No areas identified.~~

~~Policy 408.1.1.11-- By January 1, 2003, Eestablish procedures to deal with future municipal incorporation proposals. The County shall continue to implement a joint planning agreement with the City of Fort Pierce on coordination of the city's annexation plans.~~

~~Policy 8.1.1.12 – Explore annexation coordination procedures and an interlocal agreement with the City of Port St Lucie by January 2012.~~

~~Policy 8.1.1.13 – Ensure that new development is in harmony with the physical, economic, and social development policies and goals of the adopted Treasure Coast Regional Policy Plan.~~

~~Policy 8.1.1.14 – Explore the feasibility of agreements with Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie that would allow cross-jurisdictional transfers of development rights by January 2013.~~

~~Policy 8.1.1.15 - The County shall cooperate with and assist the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Commission in the implementation of protective and recovery programs for the West Indian Manatees, Sea Turtles, and other listed species.~~

Policy 8.1.1.16 - The County shall support and, when appropriate, assist the conservation efforts of public and private organizations which protect and promote the protection of marine turtles and turtle nesting habitat.

Policy 8.1.1.17 - The County shall cooperate with the South Florida Water Management District to conserve water resources in emergencies and during declared water shortages.

Policy 8.1.1.18 - The County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), local municipalities and other appropriate agencies in alternative water supply planning efforts.

Policy 8.1.1.19 - St. Lucie County shall cooperate with the FDEP and other applicable agencies in their management programs that provide for the protection of native habitats within the County

Policy 8.1.1.20 – In cooperation with the Economic Development Council and the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce, assist in implementation of the revised Vision for St. Lucie County

Policy 8.1.1.21 - Encourage and support research and development opportunities and public facilities related to campus master plans with educational providers to encourage and enhance clustering of targeted industries.

Policy 8.1.1.22 - The County shall continue to work with other units of local government to provide for the reciprocal use of recreation, school and other facilities.

Policy 8.1.1.23 - St. Lucie County shall continue, with the assistance of the State of Florida and the St. Lucie County Historical Commission, to identify significant historic resources within the unincorporated areas which are in need of protection and develop management and restoration plans as appropriate.

Policy 8.1.12.4- The County shall coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers on maintaining authorized channel depth.

Policy 8.1.1.25- The County shall coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie Village and the St. Lucie School Board to ensure compatibility of land uses adjacent to the Airport and consistency with the Airport Master Plan.

Objective 408.1.2: The County shall coordinate the revision of Level of Service Standards for public facilities with any State, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities; and coordinate on the provision of public facility improvements with the capital facility plans of any other governmental entity providing public facilities within St. Lucie County.

Policy 408.1.2.1 - Concurrency Management procedures, as outlined in the Capital Improvements Element, will continue to be implemented ~~by August 1, 1990,~~ to ensure that required services will be available when needed.

Policy ~~408~~.1.2.2 - By 2012, Establish a Planning Forum, to meet at least quarterly, to coordinate programs of infrastructure development and improvement between the County, the municipalities, and interested public groups so that adopted levels of service can be maintained throughout the entire County.

Policy ~~408~~.1.2.3 - Use the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for informal mediation when conflicts with other local governments do not appear as if they would be otherwise resolved.

Policy 8.1.2.4 - Coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, and Martin County and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to implement and revised the 2030 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan.

Policy 8.1.2.5 - Coordinate with City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, the Florida Department of Transportation, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, Martin County on the Regional Transit Development Plan for the Port St. Lucie Urbanized Area.

Policy 8.1.2.6 - The County shall coordinate with pertinent State and regional agencies to identify natural area greenways and wildlife corridors to link existing public parks, preserve areas and similar public areas for conservation and habitat preservation purposes.

Policy 8.1.2.7 - The County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to connect small package plants to central water and sewer services.

Policy 8.1.2.8 - Continue to coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District on implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration (CERP)/IRL South Plan and Indian River Lagoon Surface Water Improvement Program (IRL SWIM) Plan.

Policy 8.1.2.9 - The County shall monitor and review campus master plans, particularly with regard to their probable effects on public facilities.

Policy 8.1.2.10- The County shall coordinate with the St. Lucie County Fire District on development of level of service standards for construction of fire facilities to accommodate existing and future development.

Objective ~~408~~.1.3: The Planning and Development Services Director of Community Development shall continue to be responsible for coordination of County activities with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, St. Lucie County, the adjacent counties, and other units of local government such as the School Board providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land.

Policy ~~408~~.1.3.1 - Continue to receive and review copies of all proposed plan or rezoning amendments for areas adjacent to St. Lucie County boundaries.

Policy ~~408~~.1.3.2 - Continue to request liaisons regarding proposed plan or rezoning amendments with the St. Lucie County School Board, St. Lucie County Fire District, South Florida Water Management District, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Florida Power and Light, and

adjacent local governments.

Policy ~~408~~.1.3.3 - In conjunction with other affected parties, including interested public groups, continue to evaluate existing interlocal agreements when the Capital Improvements Element is undergoing annual review to determine if current funding is proportional to services rendered.

Policy ~~408~~.1.3.4 - Continue to coordinate closely with the School Board on the location of future school locations in relation to the projected population and land use.

Policy ~~408~~.1.3.5 - Continue to support joint use agreements between the County and the School District.

Policy 8.1.3.6 – St. Lucie County in conjunction with the St. Lucie County School District shall implement the Public School Facilities Element and interlocal agreement for public schools facility planning. The Public School Facilities Element and the interlocal agreement state principles and guidelines to ensure coordination of the County’s Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the School Board and describe the joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making and population projections, school siting, and the local and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency.

Objective ~~408~~.1.4: ~~By August, 1990, the~~ The County, through the County Administrator, shall ~~establish~~ continue ~~an~~ intergovernmental coordination ~~process~~ procedures to ensure full consideration is given to the impacts of developments proposed in the County Comprehensive Plan on other governmental entities and vice versa.

Policy ~~408~~.1.4.1 ~~– support the development and adoption of interlocal agreements with the affected municipalities to~~ Continue to coordinate the impacts of development and management of the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon (including the Intracoastal Waterway), ~~and~~ Savannas, and other natural resources with the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other relevant agencies.

Policy ~~408~~.1.4.2 - Continue to work with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to identify regional issues and to assist in the periodic updating of the ~~Comprehensive Strategic~~ Regional Policy Plan.

Policy ~~408~~.1.4.3 - Agree to abide by regulations of the municipalities when developing within their corporate limits.

Objective ~~408~~.1.5: Review port activities in coordination with the Comprehensive Plan of Fort Pierce.

Policy ~~408~~.1.5.1 - The Board of County Commissioners shall continue to coordinate with the City of Fort Pierce, other governmental entities, and interested public groups to resolve problems related, but not limited to, transportation, development and land use, natural and man-made hazards and disasters, and protection of natural resources at the port.

Objective 8.1.6: Ensure coordination in the designation of new dredge spoil sites located within the County’s jurisdiction.

Policy 8.1.6.1 – Coordinate with the Florida Inland Navigational District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Fort Pierce and other relevant agencies to identify and regulate all existing and future spoil dredge sites within the County.

Policy 8.1.6.2 – Resolve conflicts related to dredge spoil sites through a dispute resolution process.