

A Greener County Comprehensive Plan

St. Lucie County is undertaking an update to their Comprehensive Plan to make the Plan greener. The Comprehensive Plan provides direction for land development, land preservation and is the basis for zoning regulations. Last year the County adopted the state-required Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan that the Florida Department of Community Affairs approved in January 2009. The EAR outlines policy changes including addressing greenhouse gas reduction and green building practices.

The greener Comprehensive Plan parallels the County's application to become a certified "Green Local Government" through the Florida Green Building Coalition. The Comprehensive Plan will support the Greenprint philosophy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners which outlines the County's vision of a sustainable future. The updated Comprehensive Plan work will be completed by a team of urban and environmental planners and civil and traffic engineers lead by Lorraine Tappen, AICP at Calvin Giordano & Associates, consultants for the County.

The Comprehensive Plan update (officially called "EAR-based Comprehensive Plan Amendments") will be discussed in workshops in early 2010. Residents, business owners, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend and express their views on changes in the Plan. Questions and comments can be submitted anytime to Britton Wilson, Senior Planner, Growth Management Department wilsonb@stlucieco.org.