



Planning Department

# **EAR Progress Report**

## **City Commission**

**August 19, 2010**

**City Legistar No. 100232**

- **Major Issues**
- **Key Findings**
- **Recommended Changes**



Planning and Development Services

## **EAR Assessment:**

# **Public Schools Facilities Element**

# Major Issues Assessment

- **Issue 3: Encourage Livable Neighborhoods for People of All Ages**
- **Policy 3.1.2** - Encourage use of existing schools as neighborhood centers. **Delete** term “existing”.

# Key Findings for Public Schools Element

- City has substantially met Goals, Objectives & Policies of Element

# Recommended Changes – Public Schools Element

- **Obj. 2.6 & Policy 2.6.1 – re: annual adoption of School Board’s annually updated 5-Year District Facilities Work Program in our CIE**
  - **Revise to incorporate Work Program by reference**



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## **EAR Assessment:**

# **Potable Water & Wastewater Element**

## Issue 8: Strengthen Natural Resource Protection

- **New policies needed to:**
- address water supply level of service (LOS) requirements
- state alternative water supply projects will be adopted w/in 18 months of water mgt. district adoption
- Add additional water conservation policies



# Key Findings for Water/Wastewater Element

- City has substantially met the goals, objectives & policies
- Element needs new policies concerning water supply, water conservation, and water mgt. district water supply plans
- Potable water LOS revisions needed based on updated data & analysis

# Recommended Changes – Potable Water/Wastewater Element

- Adopt water supply LOS
- Update potable water treatment plant capacity LOS based on data & analysis
- Amend existing water conservation policies and add new policies
- Add policy concerning adoption of water mgt. district water supply plans
- Delete unneeded policies



## Planning and Development Services

# EAR Assessment: Solid Waste Element

## Issue 2: Reduction of Greenhouse Gases

- Objective 1.1 - Recommend change from 50% to 75% waste diversion target of State

# Key Findings for Solid Waste Element

- Substantially met Goals, Objectives & Policies
- 100-megawatt Biomass facility approved by PSC
- Solid Waste Transfer station is receiving insufficient tonnage
- Weak enforcement provisions for non-participation in comm'l recycling program

# Recommended Changes

- Objective 1.1 - **increase** waste diversion **target rate** to 75%
- Add policy re: **collection of food waste** from restaurants & institutions for composting & production of methane gas
- Policy 1.1.5 - Increase **recycling participation** from 60% to 98% of MF Residential & Commercial properties
- Date & name changes



## Planning and Development Services

# EAR Assessment: Housing Element

# Major Issues Assessment

## Issue 1: Clarify Activity Center, Mixed-use, Urban Design Req'ts

- AHAC - New policies needed re: **affordable housing incentives** near transp. hubs, major employment centers, and mixed use development



## Issue 2: Greenhouse Gas Reduction

- AHAC – rec'd encouraging **energy efficiency upgrades** to rental units; new policies needed
- Add policies re: energy efficiency **standards** in design/construction of new housing & encouraging renewable energy use

## Issue 3: Livable Neighborhoods for People of All Ages

- *AHAC* - add policy under Obj 1.2 to **study allowance** of accessory residential units (ADUs) in res'l zoning districts, especially in single-family neighborhoods in University Context Area
- *Plan Board* – allow ADUs

## Issue 6: Infill & Redevelopment

- Delete *Policy 3.5.1* (contemplated owner occupancy **incentive program** City/UF – never budgeted by UF)
- Revise *Policy 3.5.2* to indicate City shall *continue* to implement recommendations on **increasing** desirability of **owner-occupancy** in Univ. Context Area;

## Issue 7: Navigate the New Economy

*Policy 3.1.9* - revise to add “very low-income and extremely low income areas” to this economic development assistance policy for low-income areas

# Key Findings for Housing Element

- **Goals, Objectives & Policies substantially met**
- **2006 – 2010: homeless pop. in County averaged approx. 1,280**
- **One-stop Center** going forward

# Key Findings for Housing Element

- **Cedar Grove II** completed in 2006 with 131 single-family homes
- **3 subsidized housing develop'ts** (Kennedy Homes '03, Seminary Lane '09, Glen Springs Manor '09) **closed** during planning period

# Key Findings for Housing Element

- **GRU's Low-income Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) weatherized 262 homes** prior to FY 2010; Federal & local funding for 276 homes for FY 2010
- **Porter's Garden (SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Depot Ave): 5 new single-family homes** for first-time homebuyers

# Recommended Changes

- Unrelated to Major Issues:
  - Policy 3.1.8* – (re: displaced persons)  
revise dates for new 10-yr planning  
period