

1.5 A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF SUCCESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT [163.3191(2)(H)]

CHAPTER FOURTEEN - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Overview for the Intergovernmental Coordination Element will be updated as part of the EAR-based amendment to reference changes that have occurred since the last update.

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element has a single Goal:

Goal 14.1 Volusia County shall initiate and/or participate in the intergovernmental coordination mechanisms necessary to ensure consistency among local, county and regional government plans and policies and to resolve any conflicts that may arise.

This Goal and major portions of the Element are implemented through the Volusia Growth Management Commission (VGMC), an entity created under the County home charter rule. The Commission is an intergovernmental coordination mechanism that has the power and duty to determine the consistency of the municipalities and the County's Comprehensive Plan and any amendments with one another. Consistency with regional plans and programs is coordinated through the agency review process prescribed under the State Growth Management Act.

Volusia County has initiated a number of Interlocal agreements with local governments to ensure and enhance the delivery of services and to resolve conflicts. Agreements have been inventoried in the Intergovernmental Service Delivery Report (ISDAR) that serves as a support document for this EAR update.

Actions taken by Volusia County have been consistent with Goal 14.1, and no change in this Goal is anticipated as part of the EAR based amendments.

OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS

Objective 14.1.1

Volusia County shall continue communication with adjacent cities and counties and federal, state and regional agencies, among others, via effective formal and informal coordination mechanisms to ensure consistency in planning related matters and to coordinate the impacts of development. The formal and informal mechanisms shall include membership in areawide organizations and multi-level staff communication.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded. The County has been successful in maintaining communications with local governments through organizations such as the Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Volusia Growth Management Commission (VGMC). Informal

communication is fostered by a number of forums sponsored by civic and professional groups. The County periodically hosts “planners luncheons” for local government planners to discuss areas of mutual concern. The County and city managers have a similar informal group that meets on a regular basis.

Policy Relevance

The 15 Policies supporting Objective 14.1.1 are relevant and are proposed to remain as is with the exception of Policy 14.1.1.13 as stated below:

14.1.1.13 The County shall develop, in conjunction with other local governments within and adjacent to Volusia County, a permit tracking system. This system shall require that each jurisdiction provide, on a timely basis, information on development/building activity. The information will be used to perform areawide planning studies for facilities and land use.

Policy 14.1.1.13 is laudable in its intent to create a County and area wide system for tracking development to serve as a tool for area wide planning. In practice this Policy “over reaches” the jurisdictional ability of the County to implement. Additionally the Policy is ahead of its time, in that many jurisdictions do not presently acquire and report development activity on a regular basis. This Policy is proposed for deletion as part of the EAR-based amendment.

The sharing and coordination of development information between local governments will be a topic for negotiation of interlocal agreements as described under a proposed revision of Objective 14.1.2.

Objective 14.1.2

Volusia County shall negotiate interlocal agreements coordinating land and planning development activities to allow for orderly growth and facilitate the efficient provision of government services and facilities. The County shall coordinate with those state, regional or local entities having operation and maintenance responsibility for public facilities when establishing level of service standards. The Interlocal agreements may include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Utility Services
- Conservation
- Housing
- Libraries
- Schools

Objective Achievement Analysis

With the exception of the addition of the topics “Development Activity” and “Annexation” this Objective will remain as currently worded. It has been the County’s intent to establish interlocal agreements to plan for and accomplish the efficient delivery of

government services. The county has initiated a process to develop an “interlocal agreement” template to serve as a model for negotiations with the various service providers. The Objective as currently worded represents current actions and the intent of the County.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 9 Policies. Policy 14.1.2.4 will be deleted, through an EAR-based amendment, to because the Halifax and Indian River Task Force is no longer functioning and has been disbanded. The remaining 8 policies will remain as currently worded and will be renumbered accordingly.

Objective 14.1.3

Volusia County shall resolve inconsistencies which may arise between the County and local governments by utilizing the informal and formal negotiating techniques described below.

Objective Achievement Analysis

The Objective will remain as currently worded.

Policy Relevance

The Objective contains 3 Policies that will remain as currently worded.