

APPENDIX B



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August 16, 2005

Ms. Montye Beamer, Director
Volusia County, Growth and Resource Management
123 West Indiana Avenue
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Dear, Ms. Beamer:

The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed your letter of June 17, which outlines the scope of work for the preparation of the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Department agrees with the summary of the issues as set forth by the County. This letter serves as confirmation of our understanding. The Department would like to confirm within Item 1 Disaster Mitigation and Recovery that the County will assess whether provisions of the Comprehensive Plan have been successful in directing growth and development away from Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA). In addition to the items set forth in the EAR scope of work, the County should prepare an intensity standard for the non residential land use categories. Under Item 5 Land Use Compatibility, Environmental Resources and Habitat Protection the County should also assess the goals, objectives, and policies within the Comprehensive Plan, in regards to the ESC land use category and the adopted wetland policies for the degree of success its environmental programs have had in protecting these environmental resources and habitat areas.

With regard to the scope of work, the EAR should address the evaluation requirements of sections 163.3191(2)(a)-(p), Florida Statutes, as applicable. The County should be aware of newly-enacted legislation (Florida Senate Bill 360, now codified as Chapter 2005-290, Laws of Florida) amending Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, including the EAR requirements. As of July 1, 2005, all evaluation and appraisal reports must address, as applicable, two new evaluation topics: section 163.3191(2)(o), F.S., relating to concurrency exception areas, concurrency management areas, and multimodal transportation districts; and section 163.3191(2)(p), F.S., relating to coordination of the comprehensive plan with existing public schools, and section 163.3191(2)(1), F.S., requiring an evaluation of the success of the local government in identifying and implementing alternative and traditional water supply projects necessary to meet the local government's water supply needs. In addition to the previously mentioned evaluation requirements, the County should also include a summary of the public participation program and activities undertaken in preparing the EAR (see section 163.3191(2)(j), F.S.)

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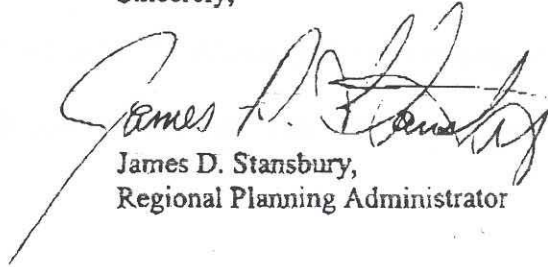
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The EAR process is an essential component of comprehensive planning for local governments in Florida. The Department wishes to encourage your efforts in carrying out this important evaluation and review process. We look forward to continue success as the County prepares its EAR. If you or your staff have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact me, at (850) 922-1818, or Towanda Anthony, Planner, at 850-922-1782.

Sincerely,



James D. Stansbury,
Regional Planning Administrator

JS/ta

cc: Jeff Jones, Acting Executive Director, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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