

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 8

From: Council Staff

Date: June 19, 2009 Council Meeting

Subject: Orientation Series on Regional Planning and Development

Introduction

The Treasure Coast Region has experienced extraordinary growth in recent years. All indications are that the future will be no different over the long-term. In the last 25 years, an estimated 870,000 new residents made the Region their home. In the next 25 years, the Region's population is projected to reach approximately 2,473,300; an increase of 616,600 new residents.

These residents are seeking the lifestyles and community that are unique to the Treasure Coast. Maintaining the Region's appeal and standard of living while accommodating the expected growth presents numerous challenges as infrastructure, roadways, waterways, general services, and the countryside become increasingly burdened. The success of managing growth under these circumstances is directly affected by how and where this growth occurs on the landscape. As Council members, you are uniquely positioned and empowered to direct the growth of the Region in a positive and sustainable way.

Council staff is developing a presentation series to examine many of the important growth management issues. There will be a brief presentation scheduled at each of Council's next eleven meetings. These presentations are identified in the attached schedule. They will be based upon Council's adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan and will explore the many components of sustainable planning and design at the regional and neighborhood scale. By providing additional insight into the history and use of time-tested planning techniques, staff hopes to provide Council members with additional understanding and knowledge about how to promote positive growth in the Region.

Thank you for your dedication to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and for being an influential part of the Region's future.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

Attachment

# The Strategic Regional Policy Plan and Planning for the Treasure Coast: The Region, Corridor, District and Neighborhood

*A Series Dedicated to Education and Dialogue on  
Regional Planning and Urban Design for the Treasure Coast Region*

## **June 19, 2009**

- OVERVIEW: The Strategic Regional Policy Plan, Regional Planning and Urban Design: Components for Building a Healthy Region

## **July 17, 2009**

- The Neighborhood: Building Blocks of a Region

## **September 18, 2009**

- The District and Corridor: Centers and Edges

## **October 16, 2009**

- Streets, Blocks, and Alleyways: Interconnectivity and Detailing the Street

## **December 11, 2009**

- Public Open Spaces: Creating Memorable Infrastructure

## **January 15, 2010**

- Civic and Public Buildings: Placement and Priority

## **February 19, 2010**

- Mix of Uses: Vertical and Proximal Relationships

## **March 19, 2010**

- Mix of Housing: The Integration of Varying Building Types and Price Points

## **April 16, 2010**

- Building Typologies: Form, Density, Height, and Discipline

## **May 21, 2010**

- Parking: How to Handle the Necessary Nemesis

## **June 18, 2010**

- Summary: A Strategy for the Region