MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: December 14, 2012 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan
Amendment No. 12-1ESR

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, requires that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. TCRPC comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. TCRPC must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the State Land Planning Agency.

Background

St. Lucie County is proposing to change the land use designation of 102 parcels on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the comprehensive plan.

Evaluation

This amendment package is to change the future land use designation of 102 parcels totaling 2,190.71 acres acquired by St. Lucie County through the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) program since 2002. The FCT grant program is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and provides funding to local governments to acquire land for parks, open space, greenways, and projects supporting Florida’s seafood harvesting and aquaculture industries. The proposed future land use designation of all of the parcels is Conservation Public (CPUB), which is for preservation and recreational use. The proposed amendment is consistent with protecting environmentally sensitive areas identified for conservation.
Extrajurisdictional Impacts

Under the informal agreement facilitated by the TCRPC, local governments in the northern three counties of the region are to provide copies of amendment materials to other local governments that have expressed an interest in receiving such materials. On November 8, 2012 the TCRPC requested comments from these local governments regarding any conflicts with the proposed amendment. As of the date of the preparation of this report, no objections to the proposed amendment have been received.

Effects on Significant Regional Resources and Facilities

No adverse effects on significant regional resources and facilities have been identified.

Conclusion

The proposed amendment is not in conflict or inconsistent with the SRPP.

Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to St. Lucie County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  FLU Maps 1-25
Exhibit 1
General Location Map
Exhibit 2
FLU Maps 1-25