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.

The amendment package from Martin County includes the following text changes: 1) add level of service (LOS) for open space/conservation to the Chapter 14 – Capital Improvements Element; 2) revise policies concerning the shoreline protection zone and wetlands protection in Chapter 8 – Coastal Management Element and Chapter 9 – Conservation and Open Space Element; 3) update Figure 5-9, Airport Layout Plan, to be consistent with the approved 2010 Airport Master Plan in the Chapter 5 – Transportation Element; and 4) revise or eliminate references to the Business Development Board in Chapter 15 – Economic Element and other related updates in Chapter 2 – Definitions, Chapter 4 – Future Land Use Element, and Chapter 6 – Housing Element. The proposed changes are available as a supplement to this report on Council’s website. This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and TCRPC comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Capital Improvements Element

The proposed amendment is to add a LOS for open space/conservation lands to Policy 14.1A.3 in Chapter 14 – Capital Improvements Element. The new LOS is “0.02 acres per weighted
resident.” The proposed change restores the same LOS for open space/conservation lands that was removed from the element during comprehensive plan amendments made in 2009. The amendment includes several other minor revisions to clarify text, reflect revisions to the Florida statutes, and update references to specific dates.

Coastal Management and Conservation and Open Space Elements

The proposed amendment is to revise the narrative and several policies in the Chapter 8 – Coastal Management Element and Chapter 9 – Conservation and Open Space Element. The proposed changes are related to the shoreline protection zone and regulations for wetlands protection. Major changes in the comprehensive plan are noted below:

**Chapter 8 – Coastal Management Element**

- **Section 8.3 – Future Needs.** This section is amended to provide population estimates and projections for the county.

- **Policy 8.1C.1 – Shoreline performance standards.** This policy is amended to state that all new development shall provide a 75 foot shoreline protection zone, extending landward from mean high water, within which there shall be no construction within or reductions to the shoreline protection zone, except as set forth in other provisions of the policy. Exceptions to the policy were revised to recognize a variety of situations and describe how they will be reviewed for compliance with the shoreline protection requirements.

- **Policy 8.1C.2 – Construction activity in estuarine systems and vegetation requirements.** This policy is amended to indicate that hardening of the shoreline shall not be allowed without a clear demonstration that there is continuing erosion that causes a significant threat to property. Hardening shall be a last resort where it can be demonstrated that other options which maintain natural vegetation and a sloped shoreline will not provide protection.

**Chapter 9 – Conservation and Open Space Element**

- **Policy 9.1G.1 – Protection of wetlands.** This policy is amended to indicate that the wetlands protection policy shall apply regardless of whether or not the wetlands in question have ever been delineated through either a binding or nonbinding boundary determination.

- **Policy 9.1G.2 – Wetlands, general provisions.** This policy is amended to revise the waivers and exceptions portion of the policy. The policy specifies that no exceptions or waivers will be granted to the wetlands protection policy except under certain conditions. The following conditions were added to the list of waivers and exceptions:
  - In all cases where wetlands alterations are allowed the least damaging alternative shall be chosen and mitigation shall replace the functions and values and the spatial extent of the altered wetlands. Exceptions shall not result in adverse
impacts on plants and animals that are designated by the federal government or the state of Florida as “Endangered” or “Threatened.”

- Development plans shall provide water table restoration, buffers, exotic removal, long term maintenance guarantees, and any other actions necessary to assure the continuing values and functions of the wetland area.

- On lots of record as of 1982 to provide reasonable use.

- The Growth Management Department shall issue an annual report showing development approvals where wetlands have been, or are proposed to be, altered or destroyed, under the limited exceptions allowed in this Plan. Those exceptions apply only where complete preservation would deny reasonable use of the property. The report shall show the areal extent and location of wetlands to be created to ensure no net loss of the spatial extent of wetlands. Annual monitoring reports to assure viable restoration and compliance with preserve area management plans shall be included. The report shall include a list of wetlands violations and required restoration.

**Transportation Element**

The proposed amendment is to update Figure 5-9, the Airport Layout Plan in Chapter 5 – Transportation Element, to be consistent with the 2010 Airport Master Plan, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on September 28, 2010. The revised plan includes an updated jurisdictional boundary survey. The Airport Master Plan delineates the location of existing and proposed aviation and non-aviation facilities and structures necessary for the operation and development of the airport.

**Economic Element**

The proposed amendment is to revise or eliminate references to the Business Development Board in Chapter 15 – Economic Element. The amendment also includes other related updates for consistency in Chapter 2 – Definitions, Chapter 4 – Future Land Use Element, and Chapter 6 – Housing Element. The references to the Business Development Board are being eliminated based on the desire of the Board of County Commissioners to remove references to individual non-profit organizations. The proposed change gives the County more flexibility in considering organizations that it may wish to interact with regarding economic issues. Major changes in the comprehensive plan are noted below:

**Chapter 2 – Definitions**

- The definition for Targeted businesses is amended to remove references to businesses identified in the Business Development Board Target Industry List. The revised definition identifies Targeted businesses as uses identified on the State of Florida Targeted Industries List as produced and as updated by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and/or other entities designated by the State of Florida for economic development.
Chapter 4 – Future Land Use Element

- The text of the Future Land Use Element is amended as follows:
  - The contents of Table 4-3 are deleted and replaced with new contents titled, Population Projections by Age for Martin County, 2015-2040.
  - The contents of Table 4-4 are deleted and replaced with new contents titled, Employment Comparison by Industry: Percentage of Employment by Major Industry Groups for the State, Palm Beach County and Martin County 2011.
  - Policy 4.7A.10 – Fiscally sound methods for encouraging in-fill development. This policy is amended to remove references to the Community Redevelopment Agency and Business Development Board.
  - Policy 4.13A.9 – AgTEC policies. Part 3 of this policy is amended to remove the reference to the Martin County Business Development Board.

Chapter 6 – Housing Element

- Policy 6.1C.7 - Employment-based housing. This policy is amended to remove the reference to the Business Development Board.

Chapter 15 – Economic Element

- The text of the Economic Element is amended as follows:
  - Section 15.1 – Background. This section is revised to add the following language: A principal goal of Martin County is to promote balanced, orderly, sustainable economic growth by creating and promoting an economic environment consistent with Sec.1.1 that will enhance prosperity for all communities and citizens of the County. This Element is based on the statements of economic principles in sections 1.5.A. through 1.5.G in Chapter 1 of this Plan. Our environment and quality of life are the foundations for Martin County’s economy. Protecting both, while providing for orderly growth and development, is fundamental to Martin County’s success in maintaining a strong and vibrant economy that is free from over development.
  - Section 15.2 – Policy Considerations. The content of this section is deleted and replaced with a new title, Purpose and Intent.
  - Section 15.2 – Purpose and Intent. This section includes new language that states the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan (CGMP) and Economic Element are based on the following principles:
- Providing for fairness, efficiency, and predictability in government actions in order to provide a healthy business climate.
- Supporting a high quality public school system.
- Using objective economic indicators to monitor economic development.
- Protecting the quality of life and the environment.
- Practicing fiscal conservancy in all government actions.
- Coordinating public and private development decisions.

- Adds Policy 15.1A.1. Martin County shall provide for fairness, efficiency, and predictability in its actions in order to provide a healthy business climate.

- Deletes Policy 15.1A.2, which stated Martin County recognizes that economic development efforts in the community are spearheaded by the Business Development Board of Martin County, a nonprofit corporation created by the private sector and funded by the private and public sectors.

- Adds Policy 15.1A.3. Martin County shall use objective indicators to measure economic health.

- Adds Policy 15.1A.4. The county shall annually update and maintain information from Florida Abstracts and other sources on the economy. Sources shall be identified which give consistent accurate information over time.

- Adds the following measure under Objective 15.1A – Measure: The County shall establish and maintain current accurate information on economic indicators. Unemployment rate, agricultural and non-agricultural jobs, average annual wages, median household income, tax base in relation to population, total ad valorem taxes in relation to population, home ownership, foreclosures and homes for sale and other economic information shall be collected from sources which can be shown to be the best available data on a continuing basis.

- Revises Policy 15.2A.4 to remove reference to the Business Development Board and specifies that the County shall establish a liaison by resolution of the County Commission to coordinate all state and federal incentive programs on behalf of companies locating or expanding in the County.

- Revises Policy 15.2C.2 to specify the County shall review annually the marketing plan developed by the Tourist Development Council.

- Revises Policy 15.2C.6 to specify the County shall encourage the redevelopment of existing, and attraction of new, high-quality resort/transient lodging properties.

- Revises Policy 15.2C.7 to delete reference to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and specify the County shall work with the Tourist Development Council and other organizations to establish a convention/business center and accomplish other goals related to tourism.
Revises *Policy 15.2C.8* to delete reference to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Revises *Policy 15.2D.2* to delete reference to expedite processing of requests for service and adds recognizing that potable water is a limited resource.

Revises Goal 15.3 To promote orderly and balanced economic growth while protecting natural resources, enhancing the quality of life, and providing prudent fiscal management.

Deletes the original text in *Objective 15.3A*.

Adds Objective 15.3A. Martin County shall adopt land use regulations that will encourage economic development to the extent consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the CGMP.

Adds Policy 15.3A.8. Martin County shall create a concurrency data base to make accurate information on concurrency available to applicants for development approval.

Adds the following measure under *Objective 15.3B* – Measure: The Growth Management Department shall maintain a list of industrial subdivisions that have all facilities available. A list shall be maintained of areas of vacant Industrial land use that are not available for immediate use along with a report on how their deficiencies can be remedied.

Adds the following measure under *Objective 15.3C* – Measure: The Growth Management Department shall coordinate with other departments to provide annual reports listing Level of Service deficiencies and proposals to remedy those deficiencies. The report shall analyze reasons for service deficiencies and propose strategies to avoid future deficiencies.

Adds *Objective 15.4C*. Martin County shall coordinate with and support the county’s public schools as an incentive to business creation, expansion, and relocation.

Adds *Policy 15.4C.1*. The county shall work with the Martin County School District and Indian River State College to showcase the high caliber of county schools.

Adds *Policy 15.4C.2*. Martin County schools shall be marketed as an incentive to business creation, expansion, and relocation.

Adds *Policy 15.4C.3*. Impact fees shall be kept current to avoid school overcrowding.
Extrajurisdictional Impacts

TCRPC requested comments from local governments and organizations expressing an interest in reviewing the proposed amendment on September 4, 2013. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Comments from Citizens

Council has received correspondence from many citizens concerning the proposed amendment. The majority of the correspondence is in support of the proposed amendment.

Regional Impacts

The proposed revisions to policies concerning the shoreline protection zone and wetlands protection in the Coastal Management and Conservation and Open Space elements will strengthen and enhance efforts to protect natural resources of regional significance. Other changes in the plan serve to clarify and provide updated information. No adverse effects on significant regional resources and facilities have been identified.

Conclusion

The proposed amendment is consistent with the SRPP.

Recommendation

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

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  Correspondence

NOTE: The complete underline and strikethrough version of the proposed text amendments is available as a supplement to this report on Council’s website.
From: Al Forman <alforman1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Al
Subject: Comp Plan amendments

Please be advised that the undersigned supports the following County-adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, and urges you to approve it as being compliant with state requirements.

**Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR**

Thank you.

Al Forman
Box 1828
Palm City, FL 34991
To whom it may concern:

I strongly support County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements. Most of the citizens of Martin County support it. We elected Commissioners by landsides in order for it to be passed.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Myra Galoci
745 NE Spencer St.
Jensen Beach, Fl., 34957
As an active participant in Martin County's year-long process to update its Comprehensive Plan, I encourage your support of the amendments that were adopted by our County Commission on August 13, 2013. Comp Plan Amendment 13-5 includes a number of well thought-out changes that will benefit our community, including residents, our local economy, and our environment.

Improvements have been made to the draft amendment based on comments and suggestions by your collective agencies and we look forward to your finding that the amendment is in compliance with all state statutes and requirements.

Greg Braun
My husband and I would like to advise you that we support Martin County Amendment MRT No. 13-1 ESR, amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. We request that you approve this amendment as being beneficial to all residents of Martin County, as well as meeting with State requirements.

Thank you,
Ken and Meredydd Francke
5525 SE Martin Meadows Ave.
Stuart, FL
I strongly support the following County adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan!! Please support and approve it! It is compliant with state requirements, and God only knows it is beneficial to we residents of Martin County.

Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment- MRT # 13-2 ESR

From the bottom of our hearts we 'Thank You'

Arlene Seidenspinner, Realtor
Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate
10778 SE Federal Highway
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455
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Cell: 772-349-3227
Fax: 772-546-5336
Email: arlenespinner@bellsouth.net
Dear Sir,

Please do all you can to support the Amendment (MRT No. 13-1 ESR) mentioned in the subject line. The residents of Martin County, myself included, feel the amendment is beneficial to the county and compliant with state requirements.

Sincerely, Betty Zondag
Stephanie Heidt

From: Lawrence J. Schipper <ljschippersr@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 8:42 PM
To: ray.eubanks@deo.myflorida.com; laura.regalado@deo.myflorida.com;
compplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrcp.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us;
Sherri.Martin@DEO.MyFlorida.com; gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us;
FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@sfwmd.gov;
tmanning@sfwmd.gov
Subject: Martin Count Comprehensive Plan Amendment-MRT No. 13-1 ESR
Attachments: ljschippersr.vcf

Dear Sir or Madam,

We want to make sure that each of you knows that we support Martin Count Comprehensive Plan Amendment-MRT No. 13-1 ESR to the Comprehensive Plan.
We urge you to approve and support it fully.
We firmly believe that it is compliant with state requirements, and will be beneficial to the residents of Martin County.

Thank you.

Lawrence J. & Patricia T Schipper
1716 SW Monarch Club Dr
Palm City, FL 34990-8405
I, Geraldine P. Knam, fully support the plan amendment below and want you to support it.

Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR

Thank you.

Geraldine P. Knam
7547 SE Bay Cedar Circle
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
We support the comp plan. Katharine and William Miller 103 River Rd, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455
Please be advised that the undersigned supports the following County-adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, and urges you to approve or support it as being compliant with state requirements, and beneficial to the residents of Martin County.

**Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR**

Thank you.

Sharon Coffey
6786 SE Bunkerhill drive
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
As a citizen of Martin County, I support approval of the adopted Comp Plan Amendments, including Amendment 13-5 which restores overall goals and policies that protect our neighborhoods, preserve our environment, strengthen our economy and maintain the Martin County difference. Debra L. Klein
To All Concerned;

As a Jensen Beach resident of Martin County who has been affected by changes that were made in the past to the Comprehensive Plan, I wish to make it known that I fully support the adopted Comp Plan Amendments, including Amendment 13-5.

Amendment 13-5 will help protect our neighborhoods and preserve our environment.
I support MRT No.13-1 and hop you will find compliance with all state statues an requirements.

Respectfully,

Glenda Burgess
Mike Busha

From: elzer@gate.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:30 PM
To: Ray.Eubanks@DEO.myflorida.com; Laura.Regalado@DEO.myflorida.com; Sherri.Martin@DEO.myflorida.com; cmpplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrpc.org; tracy.suber@fioe.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; Denna.Woodward@DOS.MyFlorida.com; gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us; FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@sfwmd.gov; nikkiy@martin.fl.us
Cc: Martin County Comp Plan Amendments -- Adoption of #13-5 (MRS No. 13-1ESR) and Transmittal of #13-7

Subject: To: Dept. of Economic Opportunity

Martin County Conservation Alliance has been a volunteer non-profit in Martin County since 1964 working for the environment and quality of life protections. The process for Martin County Comp Plan Amendments #13-5 (adopted) and #13-7 (transmitted) have been extensive and inclusive.

Our organization and our members have been actively involved in restoring our Comp Plan protections that are so important to residents for more than a year. After considerable review and discussion, Martin County Conservation Alliance agrees with the Commission Majority (4 of 5 Commissioners) in believing that these Amendments are in full compliance of state laws. The State removed the closer oversight of the DCA and said that the County residents have choices. We have made that choice with these Amendments. We are living the hardship economically and environmentally from impacts because other areas allow wetland destruction, did not require adequate stormwater management or shared adversity.

We support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. Residents have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties.

Thanks to you and all of the agencies that review our Comp Plan Amendments for comments that help improve them. Please now find them in compliance.

Sincerely,
Martin County Conservation Alliance
By: Donna Melzer, Chair
Mike Busha

From: Gene Gillis <gene111@genebillings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 4:12 PM
To: Ray.Eubanks@DEO.myflorida.com; Laura.Regalado@DEO.myflorida.com;
Sherri.Martin@DEO.myflorida.com; compplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrpc.org;
Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us;
FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@sfwmd.gov; nikkiv@martin.fl.us
Cc: elzer@gate.net
Subject: Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR

We support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. Residents have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties.
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Sent by Kathy Carew, Hobe Sound, FL
Mike Busha

From: O'Reilly, Gerry <Gerry.OReilly@dot.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 4:53 PM
To: 'myra galoci'
Cc: BOCC; O'Reilly, Gerry; Bush, Lois; ray.eubanks@deo.myflorida.com; laura.regalado@deo.myflorida.com; compplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcp.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; Sherri.Martin@DEO.MyFlorida.com; Denna.Woodward@DOS.MyFlorida.com; FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@sfwmd.gov; nikki@martin.fl.us
Subject: RE: MRT No. 13-1 ESR...Please support!

Ms. Galoci,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the proposed Martin County comprehensive plan amendments. The Department is currently reviewing them under the requirements identified in Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. Under those requirements, our review is focused on issues within our agency’s jurisdiction as it relates to transportation resources and facilities of state importance. Other state and local agencies review the proposed amendments for impacts and issues related to other infrastructure and natural resources that come under their authority. You can be assured that we will take your comments into consideration as we conduct our review. The Department will provide its review letter to Martin County on or before September 28, 2013.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Department. If you have any comments or questions about this e-mail, please contact Lois Bush at (954) 777-4654 or lois.bush@dot.state.fl.us.

Gerry O'Reilly
Director of Transportation Development
Telephone: (954) 777-4411
gerry.oireilly@dot.state.fl.us

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements. Most of the citizens of Martin County support it. We elected Commissioners by landslide in order for it to be passed.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Myra Galoci
745 NE Spencer St.
Jensen Beach, Fl., 34957
Mike Busha

From: Howard Rothe <hrothe1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Laura.Regaledo@DEO.myflorida.com; Sherri.Martin@DEO.myflorida.com; complplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrpc.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; garry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us; FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@sfwmrd.gov; nikkiv@martin.fl.us

Subject: Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR

I strongly support the subject Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and I urge you to also support it.

I have kept informed about this subject for quite some time and I support the home rule that allows residents to have much stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally conservative protections than those that are available in most other counties.

I and many other friends who are residents want to keep Martin County a good place to live and not make it like the blight that we have seen in other counties in South Florida.

Howard S Rothe
2323 SW Brookwood Lane
Palm City, FL
772-221-9286
Mike Busha

From: Ron Hutchinson <elronski@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 5:08 PM
To: Ray.Eubanks@DEO.myflorida.com; Laura.Regalado@DEO.myflorida.com; Sherrn.Martin@DEO.myflorida.com; compplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrcp.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us; FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@stwmd.gov; nikki@martin.fl.us
Subject: Martin County Comprehensive Plan
Expires: Friday, September 06, 2013 12:00 AM

Dear Representatives;

You will soon be approached by special interest Lobbyists who will be heavily financed by what we, here in Martin County refer to as “BIG SUGAR”. Please do not let money do all the talking. We live here and we have spoken long and loudly in support of the adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. As residents we have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets us, as residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties.

Respectfully,
L. Ron Hutchinson
Palm City
I support the subject Martin County Comp Plan amendment and request a finding of compliance with state statutes and requirement. I also support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. I am one of the many residents who have been involved in the process for close to a year and support home rule that lets residents choose stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally conservative protections than most other counties.

We in Martin County care about our county and hope you will find in favor of the above. Many thanks.

Marge Ketter
7088 SE Rivers Edge St
South Martin County
Jupiter FL 33458
I fully support the adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that I support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. Residents have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties. I urge you approve of these changes without delay. Thank you, Stanley M. Welsh Jensen Beach FL.
I am writing to express my family's support for the Martin County comprehensive plan. We support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. The plan is a culmination of thoughts and aspirations of many families in the county. We, in Martin County, hold the local environment and culture dear and do not want to see over development ruin our way of life. the plan is meant to allow for limited growth and local control of our resources.

Thank you for approving this plan,

Tom Rohe

Palm City Florida, USA
Mike Busha

From: Robert Beckmann <bobbeckmann4545@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 7:17 PM
To: Ray.Eubanks@DEO.myflorida.com; Laura.Regalado@DEO.myflorida.com; Sherri.Martin@DEO.myflorida.com; comptplans@freshfromflorida.com; mbusha@tcrpc.org; Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us; FWCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com; tmanning@stwmd.gov; nikkiV@martin.fl.us
Subject: Martin Comp Plan

I support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. Residents have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties.

Thank you,
Robert C Bbeckmann
4545 SW Bimini Cir South
Palm City, FL 34990
We support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13-5. Residents have been involved in the process for close to a year now and support home rule that lets residents choose to have stronger neighborhood, environmental, economic and fiscally-conservative protections than most other counties.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Dinsmore
Hobe Sound, FL
We are writing this evening in support of subject Comp Plan Amendments currently under review. We've lived in Martin County for 20+ years, and raised our two children here. We both work in Martin County, one of us as an employee of a large company, and one as an independent business owner. We are grateful to the Martin County leaders who had the foresight to draft our Comprehensive Plan and appreciative of the efforts of those that continue to work to insure that the original goals and intent of the Plan either remain in place or are restored.

To that end, we hope that you will find Comp Plan Amendments #13-5 and #13-7 in compliance with State statutes. We are active in our community and believe strongly that these amendments are supported by the majority of Martin County residents based on print media, interactions with our neighbors throughout the community, and meetings we've attended. Residents have been encouraged to get involved and provide feedback, and many have.

A clear Comprehensive Plan helps insure that growth in Martin County will come with a thoughtful approach and, hopefully, will insure that Martin County will continue to be a place that our children (and someday grandchildren) will be proud to say they grew up in.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Regards,

Tom and Jane Logan
Hobe Sound, FL
Please protect Martin County and support the Adopted Comp Plan Amendment 13-5 that restores overall goals and policies that protect our neighborhoods, preserve our environment, strengthen our economy and maintain our quality, fiscally conservative planning -- and CPA #13-7 that carries out some of the environmental protections.

Thank you,
Sandy Seaton
4234 NE Skyline Drive
Jensen Beach, Florida
34957
I support adopted Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 - MRT No. 13-1 ESR - and encourage a finding of compliance with all state statutes and requirements and that we support the recently transmitted #13-7 that carries out CPA #13.

Sincerely,
Geraldine P. Knam
7547 SE Bay Cedar Circle
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
772 332-3394
After exhaustive work on the part of our elected county commission, the county staff, and many, many residents of Martin County we have presented you with changes to our comp plan. This is the will of a vast number of Martin County residents who voted overwhelmingly to elect this commission last year. It can be no secret that the key issues framing that election were the nature of the plan and how it must be changed to accommodate the will of the majority. The plan amendments before you express the will of the majority.

We, the residents, through this commission have expressed our desire to have Martin County develop in a certain rational ecologically sound way. Under Home Rule we are entitled to these environmental, legal and economic standards as long as they are not in conflict with state law. The plan amendments are not in conflict with the law.

For this body to do anything other than approve these plan changes should be unthinkable and contrary to the tenet of Home Rule. Regardless of what agricultural and or developer lobbyists may tout, the people spoke on these issues at last year’s election and continues to speak through these changes now before you. I and my fellow citizens of Martin County urge adoption which would fulfill our right as a county to grow and develop in a manner that we have chosen.

Thomas F. Campenni
www.tomcampenni.com
772-287-5781
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Jan DeMiranda
Hobe Sound, Martin County Resident
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If you think the state is doing a good job and we should not have stricter local standards, you can tell them so.

THE TIME TO DO IT IS NOW

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Plan Reviewers: Ray.Eubanks@deo.myflorida.com, compplans@freshfromflorida.com, Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us, tmannings@sfwmd.gov

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WHATEVER YOUR INPUT IS, LET THEM KNOW THE PEOPLE IN MARTIN COUNTY CARE.

Maggy
ALL DEPARTMENTS:

AS A RESIDENT OF MARTIN COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I SUPPORT THE COUNTY ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

TO MAINTAIN THE LIFE STYLE FOR US THAT LIVE IN THE COUNTY, I ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL & SUPPORT FOR PLAN AMENDMENT –MRT-13-1-ESR.

SINCERELY,

AL & CAROL WORONIEC
6872 SE WARWICK LANE
STUART, FLORIDA –34997
Please find MRT13-1ESR "in compliance" and allow Martin County citizens to protect our environment by restoring protections for our waters, agricultural lands, and native species and habitat in our Comprehensive Plan.

Our rivers and estuaries are in danger. Citizens of Martin County want and need to preserve our waters from the pollution and the lack of attention that has been given to our environment for too long.

We support the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that were adopted by our County Commission, especially Amendment 13-5 revising Chapters 1, 2 and 4, and urge the DEO and all reviewing agencies to find them in compliance.

Ginny Sherlock
534 SE Madison Avenue
Stuart, FL 34996
Fw: Let the state know we care

11:20 AM (6 minutes ago)

to Littman

Call for comments from Maggy Hurchalla . . . let state agencies know that we care about Martin County's environment and our comp plan.

Support a finding of "in compliance" for MRT13-1ESR -- Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendments, including Amendment 13-5 revising Chapters 1, 2 and 4.

E-mail agencies:

ray.eubanks@deo.myflorida.com; complplans@freshfromflorida.com;
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gerry.oreilly@dot.state.fl.us; FWCCConservationPlanningServices@myfwc.com;
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See Maggy's suggestions below.

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Maggy
Folks,
We are citizens of Martin County and we appreciate that it is getting more and more difficult to protect our natural environment... We trust you will abide by the overwhelming endorsement by the 140,000 residents of Martin County to make sure that our little piece of Florida is preserved ....

We hope you will allow us to proceed with these protections which really should be our choice....

Thank you

Anthony J Parkinson
CELL 305 987 9107

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Sincerely,

James & Margaret Krow
Jensen Beach
Please Email the State Agency We Support Our Comp Plan Amendments 13-5 & 13-7

elzer@gate.net

to elzer

The state review agency now has our adopted Comp Plan Amendment #13-5 for review and has to find it "in compliance" or not by about Sept. 25. Laws have changed and we have little support for responsible planning from Tallahassee - yet some agencies hearing from Big Sugar and other lobbyists are speaking against our strong Comp Plan. Home Rule says we are entitled to strong protections so long as the residents choose them and the protections don't violate state law.

Please stand against special interest and email the state agencies showing our support for the Adopted Comp Plan Amendment 13-5 that restores overall goals and policies that protect our neighborhoods, preserve our environment, strengthen our economy and maintain our quality, fiscally conservative planning -- and CPA #13-7 that carries out some of the environmental protections. Four Commissioners, Staff and Maggy worked very hard on these amendments and there was considerable resident involvement.

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Sent by Donna Melzer, Chair for Martin County Conservation Alliance - a volunteer non-profit working since 1964 to educate residents and to protect the Comp Plan, the environment, the quality of life. www.savemartincounty.org
To be removed from this email list, please advise.
Mike Busha

From: bpaterson <bpaterson2@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 5:30 PM
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Plan.Review@dep.state.fl.us; gerry.creilly@dot.state.fl.us; tmanning@sfwmd.gov; Betty Paterson
Subject: Martin County Comp Plan

Comp Plan amendments #13-5 and #13-7 are right for Martin County. Please approve.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Paterson
To whom it may concern,
We once had a strong comp plan in Martin County, until, the former Board of Commissioners for Martin County sold us out to Special Interest such as Big Sugar and Developers. The voters, in the last election, elected two new Commissioners to replace the politicians who disregarded our wishes to protect our communities, our environment and our way of life. Shouldn’t we the people have the right to determine how we want to live and raise our families. The old Comp Plan once was strong and we want it returned it to it’s former stature. We are tired of being exploited by Big Money. We do not want to live in communities such as Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and St. Lucie counties. We want to protect our environment with a strong Comp. Plan and we wholeheartedly support; **MRT No.13-1 ESR**, and want it adopted and returned to its former strength.
We do not want politicians making up how they want us to live. We have the right to voice our opinion and have **OUR REPRESENTATIVES**, vote the way we want them to vote.
Adopt Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment #13-5 – MRT No.13-1 ESR.
Sincerely,
John & Theresa Stasky & Family
Stuart, Florida 34997
Dear Mike,

I strongly support Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendments 13-5 and 13-7. In addition to restoring the Plan's overall goals, these amendments strengthen our much needed environmental protections. They are the result of much public input and participation, and are fully consistent with state law.

I hope you will support the people of Martin County in their efforts to adopt a strong local Comprehensive Plan by finding these amendments fully in compliance with all State Statutes.

Sincerely,
Sally O'Connell
1570 NW Fork Rd.
Stuart FL 34994
Dear Mr. Busha:

The Board of Commissioners for Martin County have passed amendments to our comprehensive growth & development plan, and those are now being reviewed according to state law. These amendments are designed to provide safeguards to protect the natural resources and favorable environment as well as the fiscal well being of Martin County government and residents. These amendments have been thoroughly sounded out with input and comment invited and offered by Martin County residents, businesses, and businesses with development interest located outside of Martin County. The passing of these amendments by the Martin County Commission reflects the wishes of the majority of Martin County residents and taxpayers. These amendments provide fair protection for current homeowners, the local environment and natural resources, and opportunity for sound future growth in Martin County. I urge you and your office to support our passed amendments for a bright and planned future for our county. I also ask that you consider a similar strategy for the entire state of Florida. Protection of our wonderful natural resources; recognition of the need to balance availability of potable water with the demand of growth; a vision for what Florida citizens want our state to be like.

Thank you,

Arthur W. Ondich
12383 S.E. Plandome Dr.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
Tel: 772-546-6293
Support our Comp Plan restoration. The citizens of Martin County know our area, our needs and our opinions about our quality of life. Do not allow greedy outsiders who only want profits to destroy all of our hard work.

Jackie Trancynger
1933 NE Acapulco Dr
Jensen Beach
232-0837
To All Whom this concerns,

I have lived in Martin County almost my entire life. I am proud of our strong commitment to the environment and to less crowded community. We have developed and put into place excellent guidelines for development. Those guidelines and the residents wishes are under attack from special interests. Our entire household is for maintaining our urban boundaries and keep Martin County a place with a the ahhhh appeal.

After all you may want to move here some day yourself.

I support following County-adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, and I urge you to approve & support it. You will find it is compliant with state requirements.

Approve & Vote to Support Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment - MRT No. 13-1 ESR.

Sincere Thanks,

Roxanne Howard
8321 SE Royal St.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
This is in response to an article in the TCPALM 9/17/2013 "Developers petition changes to comp plan" and the recent action of SFWMD Executive Director Blake C. Guillory following suit with a challenge to Martin County Comp Plan Amendment 13-5 (also submitted to TCPALM Lettrs to the editor):

The developers challenge Martin County Comp Plan changes because they have the following issues: (per TCPALM)

1. They don’t like the super majority vote.
2. They don’t believe they need to protect the estuaries
3. They don’t believe in supply and demand for development
4. They don’t believe in quality of life for Martin County

The way I read it is:

1. They will have to pay out more cash to election funds to buy commissioners.
3. As long as there is vacant land they can build whatever they want.
4. No one deserves quality of life when there is vacant land.

I ask, why do property owners/developers believe they don’t have to follow the comprehensive plan? Why do they believe that they know better than the voters of Martin County? Why do they expect a free play to do what they want?

They have owned agriculture property in Martin County, they know about the Comprehensive plan, it has been a subject of discussion since 1982, they bought AG land not residential.

Who would recommend investing in development projects in this economy, high foreclosures, estuaries that are polluted and killing the aquatic life, or a railroad going through the middle of the housing development?

As before; until the river is salt water green and full of life forget Martin County. The foreclosure rate and housing/business surplus is so high – why build more? Why continue to devalue Martin? Feeding humanity is a serious venture; convert the orchards to food crops to supply the 72%+ demand.

A fool and his money (they have a lot) - wasting cash on lawsuits. Find a better investment manager the Economy has changed.

The Comp Plan protects our quality of life.
Will big money overrule/overpower the voters again?

EOT...........

The issues that continue to plague the residents of Martin County and the government staff over the desires of several land planers, land owners, and developers with not being able to accept the Comprehensive Plan is really getting old. The voters have spoken with the latest submission of the Comp Plan Amendments.

Please accept them as the voice of Martin County and not the few that want to change the landscape and quality of life at the taxpayers expense.

Respectfully,

David and Cindy Bulk
Jensen Beach, Fl
I support the Comp Plan revisions and efforts by Martin County to protect and preserve our waters, our lands, our neighborhoods and our quality of life.

Marguerite and Douglas Hess
Jensen Beach, Fl.
I support the Comp Plan revisions and efforts by Martin County to protect and preserve our waters, our lands, our neighborhoods and our quality of life.
Please don't cave in to the developers. Do what's right and stand strong for the people of Martin County and the environment.

Brian Bienkowski
Silver King Freelancing, Inc.
Please be advised I want the Comp Plan to protect our water resources.

Oscar Llopiz
1295 SW Dyer Point Road
Palm City, FL 34990

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Martin County has had the guts to protect our precious resources with the return of our comp. plan to its original ideals. Please allow us to remain on oasis of good sense.

Ellen Ramil
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Stuart 34997
Mike Busha

From: John Stasky <jstasky@comcast.net>
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busha@tcrpc.org; nikki@martin.fl.us
Subject: Protect our river and estuary

I would like your full cooperation in protecting our river and quality of life by restoring our Comp Plan. We are not asking for sweeping change we are only trying to restore protection we once had. Three of the former County Commissioners have been replaced by Commissioners who are listening to the citizens and not catering to the corporations and wealthy developers. We should have a right to protection and I would like your help in restoring and protecting the rights of the citizens who have spoken at the polling place.

Thank you,
John Stasky
Stuart, Florida 34997
Mike Busha

From: sandkiser@aol.com
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mbusha@lcrpc.org; nikki@martin.fl.us
Subject: Water management

Please continue to include Water resources in the comp plan. It is pivotal to everything else.
Sandy Kiser
11166 SW Meadowlark circle
Stuart FL 34997