Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the regional planning council review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. The regional planning council review and comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. Council 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 the Town of Lake Park contains text changes to the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge; Conservation; Intergovernmental Coordination; and Capital Improvements elements of the comprehensive plan related to an update to the 20-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP). This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and Council comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment provides text changes to the comprehensive plan based on an update to the 20-Year WSFWP. The updated WSFWP is adopted by reference in Policy 3.1 of the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element. Most of the text changes are updated references to dates and references to the WSFWP update, which covers the time frame from 2014-2034. The city’s plan also includes a new objective and three policies in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element that support climate change and sea level rise initiatives. The work plan was updated to be consistent with the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, which was updated by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on October 10, 2013.
The purpose of the town’s 20-year WSFWP update is to identify and plan for the water supply sources and facilities needed to serve existing and new development within the local government’s jurisdiction. The WSFWP indicates that the town relies on Seacoast Utility Authority (SUA) to provide all of its water needs. The SUA service area is approximately 65 square miles and includes certain unincorporated areas of northern Palm Beach County, and the municipalities of Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, and portions of Juno Beach. The SUA owns, operates, and maintains four surficial aquifer wellfields; one Floridan aquifer wellfield; one water treatment plant; and multiple interconnected distribution systems. The SUA treats an average of 18.09 million gallons of water a day and approximately 7.51 million gallons of wastewater a day. The SUA consumptive use permit issued by the SFWMD in September 2012 will ensure adequate water supply throughout the service area. The WSFWP indicates that the town is continuing to promote and coordinate water conservation and reuse efforts with SUA, Palm Beach County, and the SFWMD.

Regional Impacts

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities have been identified.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

The proposed amendment was circulated by the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee Clearinghouse Coordinator on March 22, 2015. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Conclusion

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the Town of Lake Park and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  Text Changes in Underline and Strikethrough Format
Exhibit 1
General Location Map
6.0 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Add the following new or amended Objective and policies as follows:

Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element

Objective 3.: The Town shall comply with its must adopt by reference the Town of Lake Park 2015 20-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update (Work Plan Update) adopted March 18, 2009 XXXX XX, 2015, as required by section 163.3177(6)(c), F.S. within 18 months after the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District approved its 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update on February 15, 2007 October 10, 2013. The Work Plan Update will continue to be updated, at a minimum, every 5 years. The Town’s Work Plan Update is designed to: assess current and projected potable water demands; evaluate the sources and capacities of available water supplies; and, identify those water supply projects, using all available technologies, necessary to meet the Town’s water demands for a 20-year period.


Monitoring Measure: The Work Plan Update shall remain consistent with the Palm Beach County 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update, which is compatible with the Palm Beach County Water Use Permit renewals and with the projects listed in the South Florida Water Management District’s 2015 Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan Update. The Work Plan will continue to be updated, at a minimum, every 5 years and within 16 months after the South Florida Water Management District’s approval of an updated Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.
Town of Lake Park
Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update
XXXX XX, 2015

Conservation Element

Policy 6.6.: Implementation of the 20-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update shall ensure that adequate water supplies and public facilities are available to serve the water supply demands of any population growth that the Town may experience.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

Objective X. Support climate change and sea level rise initiatives.

Policy X.1 Support the SUA, Palm Beach County and SFWMD in any efforts to evaluate the consequences of sea level rise, changing rainfall and storm patterns, temperature effects, and cumulative impacts to existing structures and existing legal uses.

Policy X.2 Participate in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to support regional planning efforts and initiatives to adapt to rising sea level in the LEC Planning Area.

Policy X.3 Work collaboratively with the county, SUA and SFWMD to identify the utility wellfields and other users at potential risk of saltwater intrusion within the LEC Planning Area.

Monitoring Measure: The Town shall enact legislation supporting the efforts of the SUA, Palm Beach County and SFWMD to evaluate climate change and its impacts.

Capital Improvement Element

Policy 5.5: The Town shall incorporate capital improvements affecting Town levels of service by referencing the Capital Improvements Schedules of Palm Beach County, state agencies, regional water supply authorities and other units of government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land into its 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements. The Town Capital Improvement Element Schedule shall be maintained and updated annually and shall demonstrate that level of service standards will be maintained during the next five-year (2008/2009 through 2012/2013 2014/2015 through 2018/2019) planning period.