TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: May 20, 2016 Council Meeting
Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the Village of North Palm Beach Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 16-1ESR

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 Village of North Palm Beach contains text changes to the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Stormwater Management, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element and Conservation Element of the comprehensive plan related to an update to the 10-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 the 2015-2025 North Palm Beach 10-Year WSFWP update. The updated WSFWP is adopted by reference in Policy 5.6 of the Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Stormwater Management, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element. The updated text indicates that any changes affecting the village’s work plan shall be included in an update to the Capital Improvements Element of the comprehensive plan to ensure consistency with the work plan. The proposed amendment also revises Policy 8.1 of the Conservation Element to indicate the village will coordinate with Seacoast Utilities Authority (SUA) to implement potable water conservation programs established as part of its Consumptive Use Permit. 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 September 12, 2013.

The purpose of the village’s 10-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 village relies on SUA to provide all of its water needs. 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 service area is approximately 65 square miles and includes the municipalities of Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, portions of Juno Beach, and certain unincorporated areas of northern Palm Beach County. The current (2015) finished potable water demand for the village represents about 13.4 percent of the total demand within the SUA service area. Based on population projections, the village’s finished potable water demand is expected to decrease to 12.6 percent of the total demand within the SUA service area by 2025. The SUA consumptive use permit issued by the SFWMD in September 2012 will ensure adequate water supply throughout the service area. The WSFWP indicates the village is committed to continuing to coordinate with SUA to promote water conservation and the use of reclaimed water.

Regional Impacts

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

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

The proposed amendment was provided to the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee Clearinghouse Coordinator on September 16, 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 Village of North Palm Beach and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  Text Changes in Strikethrough and Underline Format
Exhibit 1
General Location Map
ATTACHMENT A – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

1. Revise Policy 5.6 of the Sanitary Sewer Solid Waste Stormwater Management Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element to read as follows (deletions are indicated by strikethrough and additions are indicated by underline).

Policy 5.6: At the time of each required Evaluation and Appraisal Report, the Village shall incorporate necessary Ten-Year Water Supply Work Plan directives enacted by its water supplier and the regional water supply plan. The Village of North Palm Beach hereby adopts the 2015 – 2025 Ten Year Water Supply Plan Update (Work Plan) dated July 2015 for a planning period of ten years. The Work Plan addresses issues that pertain to water supply facilities and requirements needed to serve current and future development within the Village’s water service area. The Village shall review and update the Work Plan at least each five years after the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approves an updated regional water supply plan. Any changes affecting the Village’s Work Plan shall be included in an update to Capital Improvements Element of the North Palm Beach Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency with the Work Plan.

2. Revise Policy 8.1 of the Conservation Element Introduction of the Sanitary Sewer Solid Waste Stormwater Management Potable Water & Natural Groundwater Recharge Element to read as follows (deletions are indicated by strikethrough).

Policy 8.1: Coordinate with Seacoast Utility Authority to implement potable water conservation programs established as part of its Ten-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and Consumptive Use Permit.