AGENDA ITEM 4B8

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: January 10, 2020

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendment to the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 19-01ESR

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 St. Lucie County was received on December 16, 2019 and contains two map amendments within the Future Land Use Element and one map amendment within the Coastal Element. This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and Council comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides flood insurance, improves floodplain management, and develops maps of flood hazard zones. One of the benefits of participating in the NFIP is the opportunity for the community’s homeowners, business owners, and renters to purchase federally backed insurance at a discounted rate. FEMA notified the County of Flood Insurance Study revisions that will become effective February 19, 2020. As a participating community within the NFIP, St. Lucie is required to adopt the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps and has also updated the map series in the Future Land Use Element to reflect associated changes.

The proposed amendment updates the Flood Insurance Rate Map with the February 19, 2020 effective date for St. Lucie County and incorporated areas. The County staff report indicates that
the Flood Zone Map and Existing Coastal Resources within the Coastal High Hazard Areas Map have also been amended utilizing data published by the Florida Geographic Data Library and are included as exhibits to this report.

**Regional Impacts**

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

**Extrajurisdictional Impacts**

Council requested comments from local governments and organizations expressing an interest in reviewing the proposed amendment on December 18, 2019. 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 St. Lucie County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Council Action – January 17, 2020**

Commissioner Smith from Martin County moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Johnson from the City of Fort Pierce seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Attachments**
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General Location Map
Exhibit 2
Existing Flood Zones Map: FLU-5

St. Lucie County
2018 Comprehensive Plan
Flood Zones Map
Effective Date: 2/16/2012

Legend
- County Boundary
- Flood Zone: A, X, AR, AE, VE

Print Date: 7/23/2019
Source: FEMA 2017
Exhibit 3
Proposed Flood Zones Map: FLU-5

Source: Florida Geographics Data Library
https://www.fgdi.org/
Effective: 2/16/2012
Updated: June 2018

Map: FLU-5

St. Lucie County
2018 Comprehensive Plan
Flood Zones

- County Boundary
- Municipalities
- Flood Zones
  - A
  - AE
  - AH
  - X500
  - VE
  - AO
  - X

Print Date: 11/5/2019

Legend:
- Miles

Scale: 1:21,125
Exhibit 5
Existing Natural Resources within Coastal High Hazard Areas Map: CST-4
Exhibit 6
Proposed Natural Resources within Coastal High Hazard Areas Map: CST-4

St. Lucie County
2018 Comprehensive Plan
Natural Resources within
Coastal High Hazard Areas

Source: Florida Geographic Data Library
https://www.flgdc.org
Effective: 2/16/2012
Updated: June 2018
Map: CST-4

Print Date: 11/6/2010