

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: March 15, 2010

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review
Adopted Amendments to the City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan
DCA Reference No. 10-1

Background

On February 22, 2010, the City of Port St. Lucie adopted two amendments to the Future Land Use Map of the City Comprehensive Plan. The amendments assigned Open Space Conservation and Open Space Recreation designations to properties that were mitigation sites for the Reserve and St. Lucie West Developments of Regional Impact.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) reviewed the proposed amendments at a regular meeting held on February 19, 2010. The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) issued a letter dated January 29, 2010, which serves as the Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) Report.

Evaluation

A. TCRPC Report

The TCRPC report recommended that the City preserve additional native upland habitat to mitigate for the land in the Del Rio parcel that was cleared and leased for a paint ball park. At the February 19, 2010 TCRPC meeting, Mayor Christensen of the City of Port St. Lucie indicated that the City has purchased a similar amount of property on the eastern side of the City that would be assigned an Open Space Conservation designation.

B. DCA ORC Report

The DCA letter of January 29, 2010 had a comment expressing concerns similar to those expressed by the TCRPC. The City was asked to provide assurances that the additional land would be purchased to offset the loss of the 18.99 acre portion of the Del Rio parcel.

C. City Response

1. To TCRPC Comments/Recommendations for Modification

The City has provided documentation that the property was purchased and the City intends to process an amendment to designate the property as Open Space Conservation during the next amendment cycle.

2. To the DCA ORC Report

See above.

Conclusion

For information only.