

# *The City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan 2025*

*Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)*

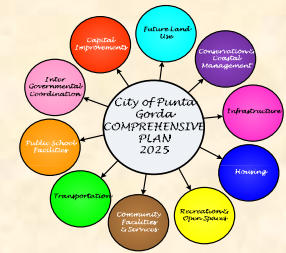
*Scoping Meeting*

*August 10, 2010*

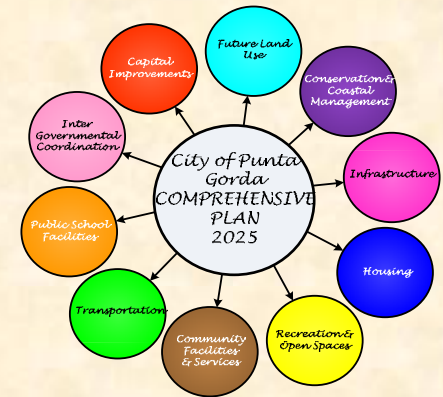
# Public Participation & EAR Process



# Projected Timeline



- Public Workshop – July 15, 2010 (**Completed**)
- Scoping Meeting – August 10, 2010 (**Today**)
- Letter of understanding to DCA – September 2010
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of EAR completed – December 2010/January 2011
- Planning Commission - February 2011
- City Council – March 2011
- Transmittal to DCA – March 2011
- Preliminary Comments from DCA – July 2011
- Final Draft of EAR/2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Reading – August 2011
- DCA Letter of Sufficiency/Non Sufficiency - October 2011
- Adoption Plan Amendment based on EAR – December 2011



# Identified Issues

## FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
<b>FLU policies supportive of Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area (TCEA)</b>	City Staff	Yes	Future Land Uses must encourage a pattern of development supportive of the non-auto transport
Density & Intensity	City Staff	Major Issue Component	Appropriate densities and intensities given existing and planned levels of Public Infrastructure
Pattern of Land Uses	City Staff, Legislative	Major Issue Component	locational efficiency of pattern of land uses discouraging urban sprawl as required by HB 697
<b>Analysis of the energy efficiency of land use patterns</b>	City Staff	Yes	Examine Future Land Use policies to address HB 697 greenhouse emission reductions
proximity of daily needs and workplaces to residential	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	proximity of uses may reduce number of auto trips and/or vehicle miles traveled
Study optimal commercial intensity/residential densities that are walkable, bicycle friendly, and transit supportive	City Staff	Major Issue Component	balance of residential units to retail/workplace potential
<b>Sustainable food production</b>	City Staff	Yes	Increases in local food production could help address concepts of HB 697
Support creation of community gardens	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	Ensure no roadblocks exist to community garden creation
Study existing and potential food production areas in all of South Charlotte County	City Staff	Major Issue Component	May identify the need for strategies to annexation non-urban areas for food production area preservation
Develop Future Land Use category suitable for local food production	City Staff	Major Issue Component	Development is required only if analysis supports the creation due to the proximity of appropriate lands adjacent to the existing City Limits
Develop a FLUM identifying Energy Conservation Areas to be included as part of the FLUM series	Legislative	Major Issue Component	Required as part of HB 697

## CONSERVATION & COSTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
About 10 years ago University of FL had a plan to control yard run-off. The plan was to build low sand berms that would catch unwanted item	Public Input from EAR Workshop, Legislataion HB 697	Major Issue Component	Component of Building Green Initiatives and Building a Sustainable Community Element and Mobility Plan.
Small bus or Jitneys to take people from downtown to major neighborhoods at different times of the day –especially in season	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	Component of Transportation Element and Mobility Plan.
Create beach area along gulf	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	Citizens request from Harborwalk West Plan Deigns (Part of the Ring Around the City Project). Component of the Transportation Element and future Mobility Plan.
Climate Adaptation Strategies to include: Seagrass Protection & Restoration, Native Plant Landscaping, Areas to retain Natural Shorelines, Constrain locations of high risk infrastructure, Fertilizer Uses, Promotion of green building alternatives through education, taxing incentives, green lending, Drought preparedness planning	City Staff, City Council	Yes	Development of strategies were a result of partnership between the National Estuary Program and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council to complete the Punta Gorda Climate Adaptation Plan. City Council approved the plan's proposed strategies to be reviewed and considered for strategies to be possibly included in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.
Review and add policies to include factors that affect energy conservation	Legislative	Yes	Required as part of HB 697
Address impacts of SLR and seek strategies to combat its effects on the City's shoreline. Review and consider other potential Climate adaptation policies	City Staff, City Council	Yes	City Council approved the City of Punta Gorda's Adaptation Plan and approved the proposed strategies to be reviewed and considered for strategies to be possibly included in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

**CONSERVATION & COSTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT *Continued***

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Divide the Conservation & Coastal Management Element into 2 elementsa.) Conservation Element: focusing on natural & cultural resources 2.) Conservation Management Element: focusing on Waterfront Development, Economic Viability, CRA, and Climate Adaptation	City Staff	Yes, a local major issue	Staff believes the division of this Element will allow for better implementation of GOP's.
Promote a "Boater's Destination" by enhancing public access	City Staff	No	Economic viability of the Downtown and waterfront communities

***Infrastructure Element***

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Aging	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	Policies should be supportive of delivering services to the public.
Review existing policies for consistency with the legislation and Level of service	City Staff	Yes	Policies should be supportive of delivering services to the public.
Flooding mitigation needs to be completed - W. Olympia @ Durrance still floods in heavy rains putting auto traffic at risk.	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	This comment was provided under CIE but is better suited for the Infrastructure Element, however from a capital project funding standpoint, this project would require assistance from state and federal agencies.

## *Housing Element*

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Updates will be made to reflect the 2010 Census data	City Staff	Yes	Given that the Census is decennial, large scale updates to the element are anticipated.
Review and add policies for future housing to be based on energy efficiency design and construction	Legislative	Yes	Required as part of HB 697
New housing to include use of energy resources	Legislative	Yes	Required as part of HB 697
Elderly Housing	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Yes	Given the economic forecast and the anticipated continued aging of the City's population, particular attention will need to be directed toward elderly housing
The historical master plan file should have already been done	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	The City's Florida Master Site File listings are due to be updated in 2013.

## *Recreation & Open Space Element*

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Concern: Corner of Harvey and Olympia –speeding to make light of 41South –Inability to cross Olympia in a safe manner –suggest crosswalk	Public Input from EAR Workshop	Major Issue Component	Assists in the development of a walkable community. Tied to the Transportation Element as part of the new Mobility Plan.
Connectability in all of downtown-not sure how but now all of downtown is Marion Ave –It seems one area always improving it and no place else	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Legislation HB 697	Major Issue Component	Assists in the development of a walkable community. Tied to the Transportation Element as part of the new Mobility Plan.
Interlocal with school to use park facilities	Public	Major Issue Component	Exists currently under an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement 990410A0) which allows for the County and the School to use the public facilities. Priority given to respective owners use w/out charge for rental fees and other terms.
Community Garden & Vegetable Gardens	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette.	Yes	Tied to the Future Land Use Element and reduction of Green House Gas reduction and implementation of the recently adopted Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
Would be great to have larger regional library, perhaps museum area	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette.	No	Public comment at the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette as well as a public comment at the City's EAR Public Workshop.
City Market Place must have Top Priority	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	Residents want City to purchase land and use property as the focal point for the City of Punta Gorda
Love Linear Parks –more shade and more benches for stops	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette	No	Result of the City's EAR Public Workshop & implementation of goals and objectives in the adopted Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
Bocci Courts should be asphalt or concrete to reduce cost of maintenance	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette.	No	A result of public input from the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Workshops
More shade and benches in pedestrian friendly areas	Public Input from EAR Workshop & Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette	No	Result of the City's EAR Public Workshop & implementation of goals and objectives in the adopted Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

### *Community Facilities Element*

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
How do we protect our hospital cardiac care, as well as our other critical facilities?	Public Input from EAR Workshop, City Staff	Yes	This issue needs to be reviewed on a case by case scenario due to the fact that almost all of the City lies within a Tropical Storm or Category 1 zone.
Review existing policies for consistency with the legislation and Level of service	City Staff	No	Policies should be supportive of delivering services to the public.

### *Transportation Element*

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
<b>Review existing policies for consistency with the establishment of a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community</b>	City Staff	Yes	Policies should be supportive of a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area and the future development of a logical Mobility Plan
Identify strategies to increase pedestrian safety	Citizen Concern	Major Issue Component	Traffic calming, no right on red, alternatives to one-way pairs and other strategies may be applicable
Coordinate future updates of City Alternative Transportation Plan 2030 with County bicycle-pedestrian plans	City Staff	Major Issue Component	Creation of a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area encompassing the extents of the Punta Gorda "market area" will likely entail significant portions of unincorporated Charlotte County
<b>Analysis of logical extents of a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area</b>	City Staff	Yes	Address SB 360 and should be supportive of the concepts outlined in HB 697 greenhouse emission reductions
Analysis of existing and committed multi-modal transportation network	City Staff	Major Issue Component	Develop baseline for Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area
Study existing development pattern and coordinate with Future Land Use	City Staff	Major Issue Component	proximity, availability, connectivity/access, and balance of residential units to retail/workplace
Coordinate with Charlotte County in the definition of the Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area geography	County Staff	Major Issue Component	Coordination and possible integration of Transportation, Infrastructure and Future Land Use plans in effected areas may ultimately be recommended

### *Transportation Element Continued*

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
<b>Outline a strategy for the development of a Mobility Plan</b>	City Staff	Yes	Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area requirement
Account for all viable transportation modes	City Staff	Major Issue Component	Auto, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, neighborhood electric vehicle, air, rail, and transit
Include provisions for future fixed route or circulator transit	Citizen Concern	Major Issue Component	creation/existence of transit supportive land uses and bicycle/pedestrian networks should guide system planning, timing, and development

### *Public School Facility Element*

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Review existing policies for consistency with the legislation and Level of service	City Staff	No	Policies should be supportive of delivering services to the public.
Update Element to include ILA changes adopted in May 2010	ILA/Legislation	No	As required by the ILA between the City, County and School Board, any changes to the ILA must be updated in the Comprehensive Plan.

### *Intergovernmental Element*

ISSUE/CONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Review existing policies for consistency with the legislation and Level of service	City Staff	No	Policies should be supportive of delivering services to the public.

### *Capital Improvement Element*

ISSUE/CCONCERN	SOURCE	MAJOR ISSUE	COMMENT
Declining tax revenues	City Staff	Yes	With the national economy in it's current state and local property values declining, future capital project funding is in question.
Budget cut backs	City Staff	Yes	With the attendant decline in tax revenues, budget cutbacks are inevitable. Funding capital projects to maintain current LOS standards becomes more difficult.
Future plans - identify deficiencies, recognize funding sources, develop financial feasibility strategies.	City Staff	Yes	The City will need to monitor current LOS standards for the ability to fund and adjust accordingly.
Identify a "Wish List" without regards to cost	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	The commenter was alluding to the fact that in the development of the City's CIP, the initial design should include a wish list and pared down from there based on existing revenues.
Possibly use a "What to Cut" list for citizens to respond to like the County did.	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	Citizen request for greater input into the development of the CIP.
Flooding mitigation needs to be completed - W. Olympia @ Durrance still floods in heavy rains putting auto traffic at risk.	Public Input from EAR Workshop	No	This comment is better suited for the Infrastructure Element, however from a capital project funding standpoint, this project would require assistance from state and federal agencies.

### *Other Issues*

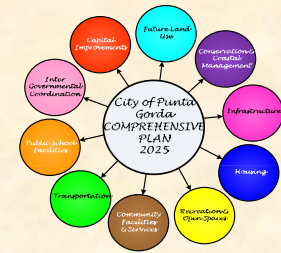
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Inclusion of Legislative Updates	City Staff	Yes	Review of all elements to ensure legislative changes are included in all policies.
Analysis & Updates based on the 2010 Census Data	City Staff	?	Depending on when the data is available, individual elements may need to receive text amendments (ie Housing Element)
Creation of Historical Element	City Staff	No	Came up as a result of the City's last EAR Workshops and was discussed as part of the recent EAR Public Workshop
Correct Scrivener Error	City Staff	No	Considered "Housekeeping"

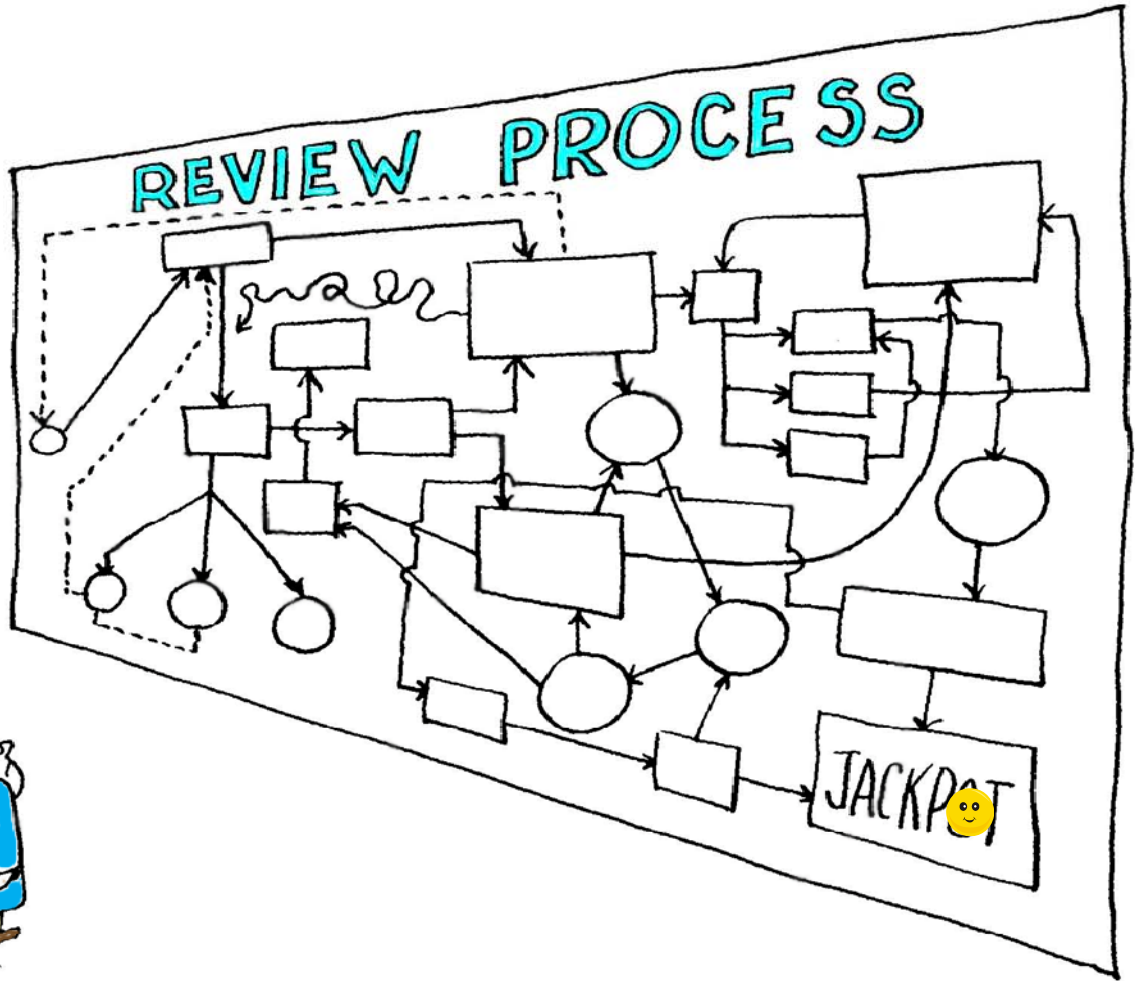
# Following the Progress

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- Government

- Comprehensive Plan





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