

Comprehensive Plan Elements Update Coastal Management

The Planning Corner



During the [August 26th City Council meeting](#), City staff provided an update to the Council on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan project. A brief overview was given of major items for revision in each of the following five elements:

- **Future Land Use** - Broadly sets development expectations
- **Coastal Management** - Water dependent uses & environmental resilience
- **Housing** – Population demographics & housing needs
- **Transportation** - Safer streets for everyone
- **Historic** - Preservation of built legacy

The [Coastal Management Element](#) recognizes the risks associated with the development of the City in its unique coastal location and the rewards associated with the beautiful setting along the southern shore of Charlotte Harbor.

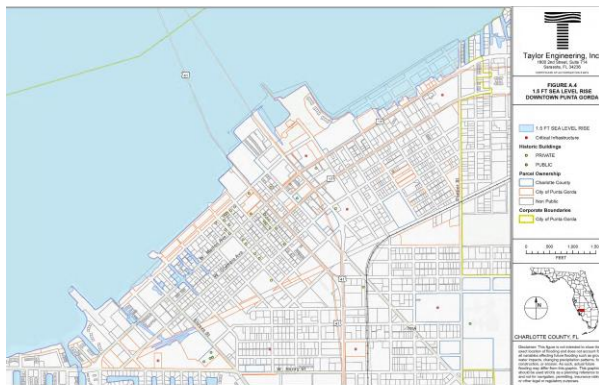


Figure 1: 1.5 foot Sea Level Rise Map of the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)

Updates to this Element that recognize and plan for the risk of our coastal location rely heavily on the guidance contained in the update to the City’s 2009 Climate Adaptation Plan. Produced in 2018, the [Climate Adaptation Plan update](#) more clearly identifies coastal flooding risks from tropical storm activity and sea-level rise anticipated over the next 50 to 100 years. In addition to risk identification, this plan outlines a menu to potential adaptation strategies, including the creation and enhancement of existing living shorelines – using nature to protect the City.

On the reward side, the Coastal Management Element update includes key ideas from Plan Punta Gorda 2019 Citywide Master Plan. Plan Punta Gorda’s recommendations were built on information from previous plans and studies, including the Boaters Alliance Harbor Master Plan, and studies from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Sea Grant (FSG) program. Recommendations include increasing boating access, events that celebrate the Harbor, and promotion of water-related activities.

Figure 2: Draft map of proposed waterfront and boating amenities

