

## *Element Overview*

The *Future Land Use Element* allows the land development authority to locate the specific facilities needed to maintain the adopted level of services standards at the time development impacts occur. It defines the logical pattern of development for the City including the protection of important historical, environmental, and neighborhood resources and seeks to provide the framework for a compact and contiguous pattern of development. It is through the *Future Land Use Element* and the Future Land Use Map that the City's growth management strategy is fully implemented. It is essential that the uses prescribed by the Future Land Use Map be consistent with sound urban development policies which promote compatibility between development activities. The *Future Land Use Element* provides the foundation for all other Elements of the Comprehensive Plan to create a cohesive and precise vision of the future of the community.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Creation of more energy efficient land use patterns
- Sustainable local food production
- Review of FLU policies to ensure consistency with the development of a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area (TCEA)

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Yes to community vegetable garden and support of small farms
- Market Place should be given top priority to complete downtown
- A green city must have all types of services within walking/biking. After Charlie, we (the downtown) lost two food stores, yet we gained two hotels

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The purpose of the *Conservation and Coastal Management Element* is to plan, promote and manage the conservation and protection of the City's natural resources. It is important for the City to plan for development activities in areas that would mitigate or otherwise lessen the disturbance of upland or coastal resources. This element addresses measures to protect human life and limit public expenditures in areas that are subject to destruction by natural disaster.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

Divide the element into two separate elements:

- "Conservation Element"
  - Reduce automobile vehicle miles travelled by promoting compact urban development and by completing the Ring Around the City to facilitate alternative non-polluting modes
    - Promote Florida Friendly (native) landscaping in an effort to reduce the additional water and the need for additional fertilizers
- "Coastal Management Element"
  - Promote a "Boater's Destination" by enhancing public access
  - Support water dependent and water related uses within the waterfront area
  - Address the impacts of sea level rise & seek strategies to combat its effects on the City's shoreline Review and consider other potential climate adaptation policies

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Small bus or Jitneys to take people from downtown to major neighborhoods at different times of the day – especially in season
- Create beach area along gulf
- About 10 years ago University of FL had a plan to control yard run-off. The plan was to build low sand burns that would catch unwanted items

## *Element Overview*

The purpose of the *Infrastructure Element* is to identify the facilities necessary to provide for public facilities and services correlated to future land use projections. The element is divided into three sections: potable water & sanitary sewer, solid waste, and stormwater management. There are no aquifer recharge areas within City limits; therefore, this component is not a part of the City's Infrastructure Element.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Updates will be made to Portable Water & Sanitary Sewer section to reflect recent changes in the level of service/facility

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Water & Sewer infrastructure – aging in BSI & PGI... Breaks etc.

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As stated by chapter 9J-5 of the Florida Administrative Code:

*The purpose of this element is to provide guidance to local governments to develop appropriate plans and policies to meet identified or projected deficits in the supply of housing for moderate-income, low income, and very low income households, group homes, foster care facilities, and households with special housing needs, including rural and farm worker housing. These plans and policies shall address government activities as well as provide direction and assistance to the efforts of the private sector.*

The Housing Element of the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan will act as the guide to local decision makers in their efforts to enact policy that will affect the housing needs of the City's residents. The Element examines existing household characteristics and existing housing quality to determine current (short-term) needs while population projections and housing trends will be considered when determining future (long-term) needs.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Updates will be made to reflect the 2010 Census data

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Elderly Housing
- The Historical Master Plan File should have already been done

## *Element Overview*

The *Recreation and Open Space Element* provides a process for determining the recreation and open space needs of the community based on analysis of existing recreational facilities servicing the community and establishing goals, policies and objectives to meet future community demands. This analysis covers a wide range of factors, including: number of facilities, type of facility, size of park land, location of parks and facilities, character of the park landscape, function of the park, quality of the park and quality of the facilities.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Review policies for inclusion of sustainable local food production
- Update policies based on Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Purchase of Property – City Market Place, Housing Authority Property

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Would be great to have larger regional library, perhaps museum area
- Community Garden
- Bocce Court should be asphalt or concrete to reduce cost of maintenance
- Concern: Corner of Harvey and Olympia – speeding to make light of 41 South – Inability to cross Olympia in a safe manner – suggest crosswalk
- More shade and benches in pedestrian friendly areas
- 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
- Interlocal with school to use park facilities
- City Market Place must have Top Priority
- Community vegetable garden
- Love Linear Parks – more shade and more benches for stops

## *Element Overview*

The purpose of the *Community Facilities and Services Element* is to identify the locations and arrangements of civic and community centers, public schools, hospitals, libraries, police and fire stations and other public facilities. This element identifies not only the City facilities but also other facilities and services available to the community. The element provides the effective coordination efforts of the agencies, such as the school boards or hospital authorities, having public development and service responsibilities, capabilities, and potential but not having land development regulatory authority.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Staff has identified no major issues at this time; but, will update as necessary

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- How do we improve or protect our hospital cardiac care center?

## *Element Overview*

The purpose of the *Transportation Element* is to develop a multimodal system built around an expanded and developed street network which will provide pedestrian/bicycle facilities and accommodate future transit options. The plan is intended to assist in developing streets that are integral components of community design. Streets shall be detailed to compliment neighborhoods and commercial centers serving all users, freight, auto, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Review policies to ensure consistency with the development of a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area (TCEA)
- Development of a Mobility Plan
- Ensure pedestrian and bicycle friendliness of all Transportation policies

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Future bus service should be included
- Transit route from City to County
- Busses or Jitneys should be able to transport bikes, wheelchairs, baby carriage, etc. easy to get into
- For downtown area - no turns on red for pedestrian safety
- City should coordinate TCEA polices with the County
- With the bike loaner program, we need to have traffic calming measures in place to protect safety while touring the historic parts of our community - provide crosswalks
- Remove one-way patterns for better business access
- Rent-a-bike system like Velib in Paris would be great

## *Element Overview*

Public schools are a cornerstone to the well-being and future of a community. Generally, new residential development occurring within the community is the primary contributor to student population growth and has the most significant impact on the public school system. Because of this relationship between residential development and the provision of public schools, coordination between local governments and the school district is critical to ensure that future student growth needs are addressed and can be accommodated within the public school system.

The purpose of the data, inventory and analysis is to present and explain the information used to plan for public schools and establish school concurrency in Charlotte County. This data and related analysis will be used to plan school facilities, anticipate growth, and identify revenue requirements and sources. It verifies that a financially feasible school concurrency program, which will achieve and maintain an adopted level of service for schools in Charlotte County, can be established.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Element updates will include the changes in the “Interlocal Agreement” adopted in May 2010

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- There were no citizen issues/comments



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The purpose of this element is to examine existing intergovernmental coordination processes and to consider how these might be improved in light of anticipated future planning needs. The analysis contained herein is drawn largely from the 1997 Comprehensive Plan with consideration of the recent Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) that was developed for the *Intergovernmental Coordination Element* (ICE). This element addresses the rules by identifying the units of government and other agencies that have or should have mechanisms of coordination to implement the elements of the plan. It will then provide an analysis of the adequacy of the coordination mechanisms and identify the problem areas requiring improvement. The element concludes with the goals, objectives and policies necessary to communicate with other entities in successfully maintaining, improving and advancing intergovernmental coordination.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Staff has identified no major issues at this time; but, will update as necessary

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- There were no citizen issues/comments

## *Element Overview*

The purpose of the *Capital Improvements Element* is to evaluate the need for public facilities as identified in the other elements of this Plan. In addition, the *Capital Improvements Element* (CIE) presents an analysis of the fiscal capability of the City to fund needed public facilities, recommends financial policies to guide the funding of those identified improvements, and schedules the funding and construction of improvements in a manner necessary to ensure that capital improvements are provided when required.

### *Staff Major Issues/Concerns:*

- Declining Tax Revenue
- Budget Cut Backs
- Future Plans – Identify Deficiencies, Recognize Funding Sources, Develop Financial Feasibility Strategies

### *Citizen Major Issues/Concerns*

- Identify a “Wish List” without regards to cost
- Flooding mitigation needs to be completed – W. Olympia @ Durrance still floods in heavy rains putting auto traffic at risk
- Possibly use a “what to cut” list for citizens to respond to like the County did