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Ms. Joan F. Lebeau
Chief Planner
City of Punta Gorda
326 West Marion Avenue
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

RE: City of Punta Gorda Evaluation and Appraisal Report Letter of Understanding

Dear Ms. Lebeau:

The Department received your letter dated September 2, 2010, on September 7, 2010, which outlines the major issues that the City of Punta Gorda will focus on for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Department concurs with the list of issues identified in your letter for City of Punta Gorda's EAR. The EAR should contain a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the effectiveness of the City's Comprehensive Plan in achieving the objectives related to the major issues and should identify any actions or corrective measures needed as a result of the evaluation.

The Department reminds the City that it will need to address the applicable requirements of Sections 163.3191(2)(a)-(p), F.S., and the EAR will need to address the Statutory Changes between 2004 and 2010, to be found sufficient. In particular, the EAR should discuss the 2008 Statutory Changes requiring updates to the Future Land Use, Traffic Circulation, Conservation and Housing Elements to address energy efficient land use patterns, greenhouse gas reduction strategies and discouragement of urban sprawl. Tables summarizing the changes can be found on the Department's website at: <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/DCP/EAR/>.

We look forward to continuing to provide technical assistance to the City during the EAR process. If you have any questions regarding this matter or if we may be of further assistance as you proceed with the EAR, please contact Joseph Murphy, Community Planner, at (850) 921-4767.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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cc: Mr. Ken Heatherington, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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