



# *The City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan 2025*

## ***Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)***

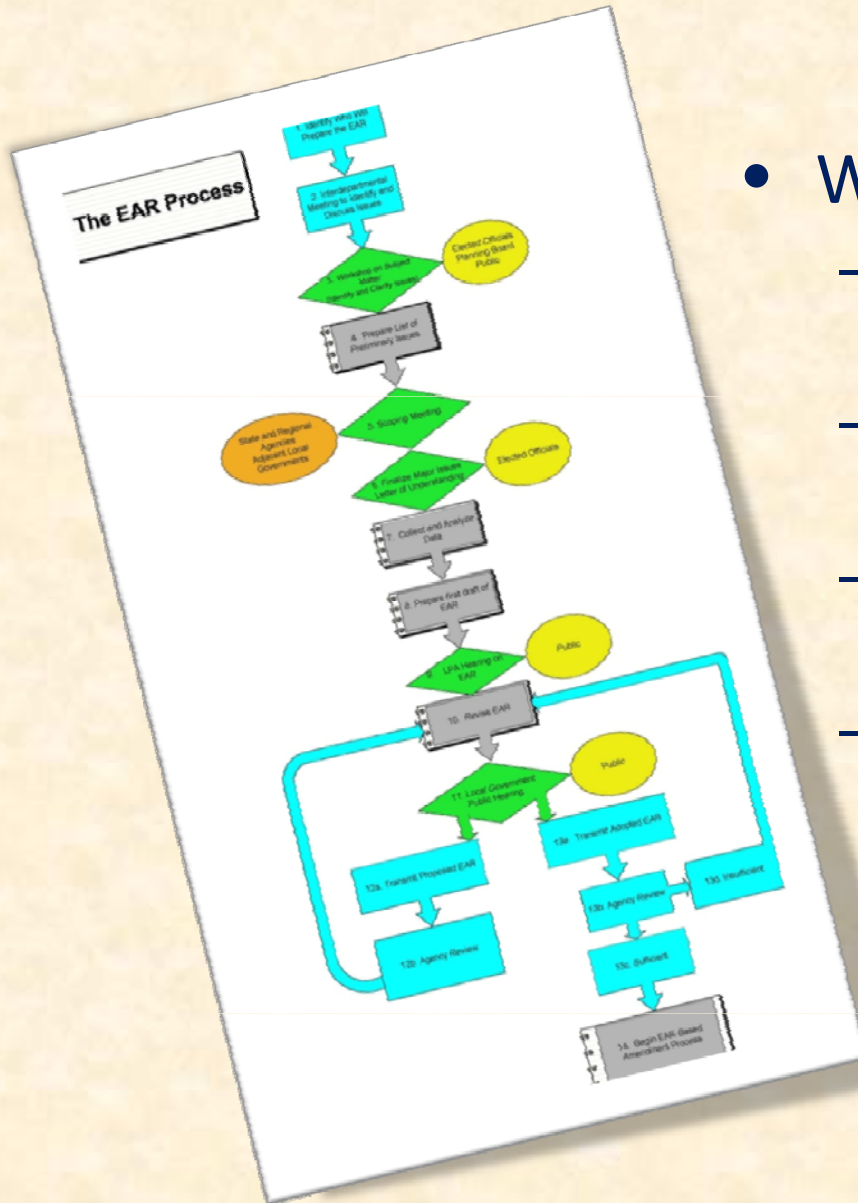
# It's That Time Again!



- Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes,
  - *"each local government shall adopt an evaluation and appraisal report (EAR) once every **seven** years assessing the progress in implementing the local government's comprehensive plan."*

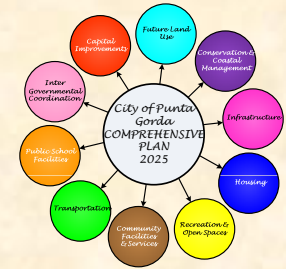


# Overview



- What is an EAR?
  - principle process for updating local comprehensive plans
  - reflect changes in local conditions
  - state policy on planning and growth management
  - evaluates how community has addressed major community land use planning issues through implementation of its comprehensive plan.

# Evaluation

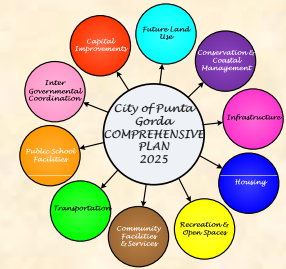


- Defined as:
  - *“Systematic assessment of the outcomes of a program or policy compared to a set of explicit or implicit standards, as a means of contributing to the improvement of the program or policy.”*





# The GOAL of EAR



- Report suggests how Comprehensive Plan should be revised to:
  - address community objectives
  - reflect changing conditions and trends
  - account for changes in state requirements



# Why Revise a Comprehensive Plan?



- **React** to changing conditions
- **Incorporate** changes in local vision
- **Include** new data
- **Respond** to changes in State Growth Management Law
- **Change** what is not working in the community

# Tasks & Projected Timeline



- Public Workshop – July 15, 2010
- Scoping Meeting – August 10, 2010
- 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

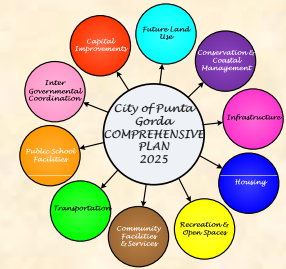
# Community's Role



- One intent of the EAR process is:
  - “...to identify major issues regarding the community’s achievement of its goals.”  
s.163.3191(1)(a), F.S
- An issue is an impediment that prevents a community from getting to where it wants to be in the future
  - a problem that needs to be resolved before a community’s vision can be achieved
- Defining an issue too broadly or too generally:
  - makes EAR evaluation difficult
- Defining an issue too narrowly:
  - results in very specific conclusions that do not have broad applicability (in other words, it is not a major issue)



# What is a Major Issue?



- NO:
  - “transportation”
- YES:
  - No safe pedestrian crossing on US41

# Framing a Major Issue Statement



- Facts:
  - US 41 and US 17 one way pairs restrict pedestrian mobility and safety Downtown
- Vision:
  - Pedestrian Friendly Downtown as regional destination
- The Problem:
  - Pedestrian mobility is vital to the ongoing redevelopment and long term economic sustainability of Downtown as a walkable regional destination for shopping, dining and culture.



# Staff's Major Issues

- Creation 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)







- 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

- Review policies for inclusion of sustainable local food production
- Update policies based on Parks and Recreation Master Plan





- Divide this element into two:
  - Conservation Element: care of natural and cultural resource
  - Coastal Management Element: ongoing development of the waterfront and the long term economic sustainability of Downtown
- Address Climate Adaptation

- Declining Tax Revenues
  - Analysis of existing tax revenue sources, in particular ad-valorem and gas tax trends.





# Next Steps



## *Express Yourself*



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP EVALUATION AND APPRIASIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Please take notice that a Public Workshop with the City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Staff for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the draft “Major Issues” that have been identified for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the City of Punta Gorda. City staff will also be requesting public input to identify other potential “Major Issues” to be included in the EAR. All interested parties are invited to attend one of the following public sessions:

When: Thursday, July 15, 2010  
Where: City Council Chambers,  
326 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda

When: 9:00 am — 10:00 am  
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm  
6:00 pm — 7:00 pm

For additional information please contact the City’s Chief Planner, Joan LeBeau, AICP, at 941-575-3372 or email [urbandesign@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us](mailto:urbandesign@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us)

- Public Workshop July 15, 2010:
  - Where: City Council Chambers
  - When: Three Sessions - 9:00am, 2:00pm & 6:00pm
  - Topics:
    - Reflect current vision
    - Address current community planning issues
    - Utilize the most current data available
    - Reflect current trends, conditions & circumstances