

Nassau County 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Regional Coordination Element (RC)

Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goal

Establish effective relationships among the various governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Northeast Florida region to preserve and enhance the quality of life and ensure the efficient use of available resources.

OBJECTIVE RC.01

The County shall implement new regional coordination mechanisms and/or continue existing agreements with all adjacent local, regional, state, and federal government agencies, the County School Board and public facility providers that share responsibility for land use development and urban development patterns.

Policy RC.01.01

The County shall maintain a copy of the Comprehensive Plan on the County's web site and distribute a copy to all adjacent local governments, or upon request.

Policy RC.01.02

The County shall implement a formal process for intergovernmental coordination with the county's municipalities via a memorandum or letter of agreement, which establishes specific coordination activities to occur between the County and each municipality on a regular basis.

Policy RC.01.03

The County shall, in conjunction with its municipalities, consider the establishment of joint municipal planning areas through interlocal agreements as provided under the authority of Sec. 163.3177 Florida Statutes. When considering boundaries for joint municipal planning areas, the County and the municipalities should consider previously established planning area boundaries, municipal and county infrastructure service areas, existing and planned jurisdiction lines, and local comprehensive plans.

Policy RC.01.04

The County shall continue its formal relationships with state and federal agencies that have development permitting responsibilities in Nassau County.

Policy RC.01.05

The County will coordinate long-range transportation planning with its municipalities, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and other transportation providers. This shall include review of routes and appropriate land uses for potential public transit corridors, and coordination with municipalities within The County and adjacent counties to develop strategies which promote mass transit services for outlying areas.

Policy RC.01.06

The County shall coordinate with the appropriate governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations to provide consistent and coordinated management of bays, estuaries and harbors that fall under the jurisdiction of more than one local government. Policies addressing specific coordination efforts shall be included in the Coastal Management Element.

Policy RC.01.07

The County shall continue to coordinate with appropriate agencies to prohibit or limit marinas and prohibit discharges under applicable law in Outstanding Florida Waters, Class II Waters, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and other sensitive areas designated for protection.

Policy RC.01.08

The County shall facilitate and encourage partnerships and strategies with municipalities, state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations to address affordable housing needs on a County-wide basis, building upon the established State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program implemented through the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan. Strategies shall focus on methods to promote distribution of affordable housing opportunities throughout the County and ensure availability of a mix of housing types, including lower cost housing, with accessibility to employment and services.

Policy RC.01.09

The County shall recognize campus master plans prepared pursuant to Sec. 1013.30, Florida Statutes.

Policy RC.01.10

The County shall recognize airport master plans for public-use airports prepared pursuant to Sec. 333.06 Florida Statutes and shall, in conjunction with its municipalities, consider the establishment of interlocal agreements to adopt, administer, and enforce airport protection zoning regulations for areas in adjacent jurisdictions upon which an obstruction may be constructed or altered which underlies any surface of the airport as provided in 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart C.

Policy RC.01.11

The County should seek to develop experimental projects to promote green development practices and low impact development standards to mitigate The County's development impact on regional resources.

Policy RC.01.12

The Joint Local Planning Agency for Amelia Island should continue its service to provide the coordination needed to ensure that the comprehensive plan for the City of Fernandina Beach is coordinated with the County's plans for the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island.

Policy RC.01.13

The County will participate in the development of updates to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Regional Water Supply Plan and other water supply development-related initiatives facilitated by the SJRWMD that affect the County.

Policy RC.01.14

The County shall monitor and participate, as necessary, in its water suppliers' water supply planning processes to ensure they appropriately account for and meet the water needs of the respective unincorporated area within their service area.

OBJECTIVE RC.02

Coordinate with relevant state or regional agencies, local governments, or other responsible entities to establish level of service (LOS) standards throughout the County.

Policy RC.02.01

The County shall coordinate with the following entities to establish level of service (LOS) standards for roadways the indicated facilities:

- A) The Florida Department of Transportation for State roads in the unincorporated area and inter-jurisdictional segments,
- B) The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization for County roads in urbanized or transitional areas,
- C) Municipalities in The County for County roads in the municipality, and inter-jurisdictional segments,
- D) Adjacent counties for inter-county roads.

Policy RC.02.02

The County shall coordinate with local governments and other entities that supply potable water and sanitary sewer services to the unincorporated area to implement level of service (LOS) standards and concurrency management systems, as provided for in the policies of the Public Facilities Element.

Policy RC.02.03

Public and private central sewage treatment systems and package systems shall maintain full compliance with applicable state regulations and permit conditions. Where noncompliance with applicable law continues, the County will seek enforcement in conjunction with state agencies to alleviate adverse environmental impacts.

Policy RC.02.04

The County shall enter into and maintain formal agreements with County municipalities and other service providers to establish sanitary sewer and potable water extension policies to provide these services where needed and economically feasible.

Policy RC.02.05

The County shall continue to coordinate with its municipalities and surrounding jurisdictions to provide for sufficient disposal capacity to meet adopted level of service standards and secure agreements for procurement of long term disposal capacity in a regional landfill.

Policy RC.02.06

The County shall coordinate with non-governmental organizations, the School Board, municipalities in the County, and state and federal agencies on the implementation of a County-wide system of parks, recreation facilities and open space as provided for in the Recreation and Open Space Element.

OBJECTIVE RC.03

The County shall ensure that the impacts of proposed development in this Plan is addressed and reviewed for compliance with plans of adjacent local governments, and regional and state plans.

Policy RC.03.01

The County, through the Planning Director, shall review the adopted County Plan and subsequent amendments to ensure that proposed development is consistent with plans of adjacent local governments, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the State Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Director shall regularly report to the County Commission and the Local Planning Agency on the status of adjacent local and regional governments' plans .

Policy RC.03.02

The County shall abide by the mandatory dispute resolution process, established by rule by the the Northeast Florida Regional Council in accordance with Sec. 186.509, F.S., to reconcile differences on planning and growth management issues between units of local government.

Policy RC.03.03

The County shall coordinate with each municipality's annexation activities in accordance with the requirements of Ch. 171, F.S..

Policy RC.03.04

Nassau County will consider entering into inter-local service boundary agreements as an alternative to identify effective service areas and responsibilities in lieu of County review of individual notice of annexation filed pursuant to Sec. 171.042, Florida Statutes.

Policy RC.03.05

The County shall coordinate with FDOT to address right-of-way and access issues on state roadways.

OBJECTIVE RC.04

Nassau County shall cooperate with the School District and the municipalities of Fernandina Beach, Callahan and Hilliard to share information and address multi-jurisdictional public school issues in order to assure the coordination of planning and decision-making.

Policy RC.04.01

The County will implement the Inter-local Agreement for Public School Facility Planning between the County, the municipalities and the School District as required by Section 1013.33, Florida Statutes, including procedures for:

- A) Joint meetings;
- B) Student enrollment and population projections;
- C) Coordinating and sharing of information;
- D) School site analysis;
- E) Supporting infrastructure;
- F) Comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, and development approvals;
- G) Education Plant Survey and Five-Year District Facilities Work program;
- H) Co-location and shared use;
- I) Implementation of school concurrency, including levels of service standards, concurrency service areas, and proportionate-share mitigation;
- J) Oversight process; and,
- K) Resolution of disputes.

Policy RC.04.02

The County shall maintain a voting representative of the School District, appointed by the School Board, as a member of the Local Planning Agency.

Policy RC.04.03

The County shall coordinate with the School District and the municipalities regarding annual review of school enrollment projections and the annual update and review of the Public School Facilities Element and the Schedule of Capital Improvements.

Policy RC.04.04

The County shall support School District efforts to ensure satisfactory capacity for current and future school enrollment by providing annual data on growth trends.

Policy RC.04.05

In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within the County, the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board shall coordinate educational and facilities planning with residential growth trends in the County, and discuss issues of mutual concern.

Policy RC.04.06

The School District shall be notified of all residential development review requests and development proposals, pursuant to the amended Inter-local Agreement for Public School Facility Planning. The School District will be given the opportunity to respond with written comments and to appear before the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of County Commissioners to discuss any comments.

Policy RC.04.07

The County shall coordinate with the School District on the planning and siting of new public schools to ensure that school facilities are provided with the necessary services and infrastructure and are compatible and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy RC.04.08

In coordination with the School District and the municipalities, the County shall establish a process for implementation of school concurrency as specified in the Public Schools Facilities Element.

OBJECTIVE RC.05

The County shall support and encourage appropriate and effective participation and partnership with non-governmental organizations in meeting the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy RC.05.01

The County should encourage partnerships with local non-governmental organizations involved in economic development to assist targeted enterprises and developments in negotiating the local, regional and national regulatory infrastructure to improve the competitive position of the County in attracting and retaining the best economic activity.

Policy RC.05.02

The County shall coordinate with economic development organizations to create a coordinated economic development program, including the adoption an economic development element consistent with the provisions of Chapter 163, F.S.

Policy RC.05.03

The county shall maintain partnerships with organizations such as Florida Communities Trust, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), The Nature Conservancy, and other organizations to provide the necessary funds to implement a long-range, financially feasible plan for the identification and acquisition of environmental resources.

Policy RC.05.04

The County shall support and encourage the creation of appropriate public-private partnerships as a model for structuring, funding and operating certain public facilities.

OBJECTIVE RC.06

The County shall support and encourage the creation of a regional vision for Northeast Florida.

Policy RC.06.01

The County shall actively support and encourage County residents to participate in efforts undertaken by the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the Northeast Florida Regional Community Institute to develop a regional vision for northeast Florida.

Policy RC.06.02

The County shall cooperate with the Northeast Florida Regional Council, adjacent local governments and other public and/or private agencies to find the most appropriate and feasible strategies for implementing the guiding principles of the regional vision.

Policy RC.06.03

The County shall share information with and provide continued cooperation with the Northeast Florida Regional Community Institute in order to monitor and update the list of regional indicators and benchmarks used to track the long-term implementation of the guiding principles of the regional vision.

Policy RC.06.04

The County will assist the implementation of the Long Range Transportation Plan, Envision 2035, through participation on the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), cooperative funding agreements for identified transportation needs and coordination of land use planning and right-of-way corridor protection.

Policy RC.06.05

The County will support implementation of Vision 2032 by encouraging lead partners, working with non-profit organizations and providing technical support.