

2.12 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Goal: Provide coordination of this Comprehensive Plan with the local governments located within Okaloosa County's area of concern and other entities providing services in the unincorporated areas of Okaloosa County. Note: The area of concern for Okaloosa County is the adjacent areas of Santa Rosa and Walton counties and the municipalities of:

- a. Town of Cinco Bayou;
- b. City of Crestview;
- c. City of Destin;
- d. City of Fort Walton Beach;
- e. City of Laurel Hill;
- f. City of Mary Esther;
- g. City of Niceville;
- h. Town of Shalimar; and
- i. City of Valparaiso.

***Objective 1** Review, on an annual basis, actions that have taken place to coordinate the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the Okaloosa County School Board, other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, and with the local governments identified above.*

Policy 1.1 By 2002, execute inter-local agreements between the County and the municipalities setting forth provisions for annexation. Any annexation issues which arise during the development of the inter-local agreements that cannot be resolved by the County and the municipality shall be addressed pursuant to Policies 2.1 and 2.2.

Policy 1.2 Continue the use of the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee consisting of staff personnel from the county, the nine municipalities, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field and the Okaloosa County School Board to coordinate comprehensive plans for the local governments, plans of the school board and the Air Force and to provide information regarding proposed development.

Policy 1.3 Continue to implement the inter-local agreements with the school board, municipalities and adjacent counties providing for coordination and evaluation of development proposals including proposals that affect Choctawhatchee Bay and its estuaries.

Policy 1.4 Continue to coordinate and operate the 911 emergency system for fire districts, police protection, ambulance service and other emergency services. Continue to participate in the new mutual aid for disasters agreement with Santa Rosa and Walton Counties.

Policy 1.5 The Concurrency Review Committee appointed pursuant to Capital Improvements Policy 3.7 shall include within its review efforts an analysis of the coordination between plans of affected governments and agencies as listed in Objective 1.

Policy 1.6 The County shall maintain its inter-local agreement with the Okaloosa County School Board to coordinate population projections and implement school location criteria. The inter-local agreement will address at a minimum:

- a. Collaboration on Department of Education enrollment projections and the population projections used in the Comprehensive Plan; and
- b. Coordination between school siting compatibility requirements pursuant to section 235.19 and 235.193, F.S., including integration of the educational plan survey (required to be submitted every five years pursuant to s. 235.15, F.S.), the general educational facilities report (required to be submitted annually by the school board pursuant to s. 235.194, F.S.) and applicable policies and procedures of the school board, with the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element and land development regulations of the County.

Policy 1.7 The County shall continue to participate in the Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Laurel Hill, Crestview, Niceville, Valparaiso, Cinco Bayou, Shalimar, Ft. Walton Beach, Mary Esther and Destin, the Okaloosa County School Board, Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Okaloosa Walton Community College, and the University of West Florida, to provide information for all development activities that affect thresholds of AADTs, tall structures, development that affects utility services, specified roadway construction activities, and projects requiring an EIS.

Objective 2 *Coordinate with appropriate state, regional and local agencies, which have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities in Okaloosa County, the impact of development proposed in this plan upon development or plans of the affected state, county, local agencies and to achieve, when necessary, mutually agreed upon levels of service.*

Policy 2.1 The Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee will function as the initial agency to mediate comprehensive planning conflicts.

Policy 2.2 The informal mediation process established by Rule of the West Florida Regional Planning Council will be used to mediate conflicts which cannot be resolved by the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Policy 2.3 The Concurrency Review Committee appointed pursuant to Capital Improvements Policy 3.7 shall include within its review efforts:

- a. An analysis of the effectiveness of the conflict resolution process described in Policies 2.1 and 2.2;
- b. The adequacy of level of service standards which have been established by this Ordinance on an annual basis (reference Chapter 4, LOS Summary);

- c. An analysis of the adequacy of procedures established to review proposed development within the County pursuant to the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plans and the plans of those governments within Okaloosa County's area of concern;
- d. An analysis and/or review of development proposed in this ordinance or amendments to this Ordinance indicating the relationship of any proposed development to the Comprehensive Plan of Okaloosa County or adjacent local governments. This review shall be based upon the consistency of the proposed development with the Comprehensive Plan (all development shall be consistent with this Ordinance).

Policy 2.4 The County shall continue to coordinate with the Northwest Florida Water Management District and all other affected local governments in the implementation of the Choctawhatchee River and Bay System SWIM Plan.

Objective 3 *Establish level of service standards for public facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities upon adoption of this Ordinance.*

Policy 3.1 Okaloosa County will, by letter of agreement, continue to establish level of service standards with other entities providing services as follows:

- a. Potable water;
- b. Sanitary sewer; and
- c. FDOT for state roads.