



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND THE
CITY OF FORT MYERS
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS IN COMPLIANCE
DOCKET NO. 03-1-NOI-3603-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fort Myers adopted by Ordinance No. 3119 on May 19, 2003, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted City of Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the City of Fort Myers City Hall, Planning Department, 2nd Floor, 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendments to the City of Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan are In Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1550. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Subsection 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

-s-Charles Gauthier, AICP

Chief, Bureau of Local Planning

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Community Planning

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Re: Amendments to the Lee Plan
Adoption Submission Package (DCA No. 02-2) for the 2001/2002 Regular Comprehensive
Plan Amendment Cycle

Diana M. Parker
County Hearing
Examiner

Dear Mr. Eubank:

In accordance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3184 and of 9J-11.011, this submission package constitutes the adopted 2001/2002 Regular Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle to the Lee Plan (DCA No. 01-1), known locally as CPA 2001-09, CPA 2001-10, CPA 2001-11, CPA 2001-12, CPA 2001-15, CPA 2001-18, CPA 2001-22, CPA 2001-23, CPA 2001-24, CPA 2001-27, CPA 2001-28, CPA 2001-31, CPA 2001-32, CPA 2001-33, and CPA 2001-35. The adoption hearing for these plan amendments was held at 9:30 am on January 9, 2003.


Included with this package, per 9J-11.011(5), are three copies of the adopted amendments, supporting data and analysis, and the following seven adopting ordinances: Ordinance No. 03-01, Ordinance No. 03-02, Ordinance No. 03-03, Ordinance No. 03-04, Ordinance No. 03-05, Ordinance No. 03-06, and Ordinance No. 03-07. Also included, per F.S. 163.3184(7) and (15), is the required sign in form allowing a courtesy informational statement to interested citizens. By copy of this letter and its attachments I certify that this amendment has been sent to the Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of State, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, and the South Florida Water Management District.

The initial staff reports for the proposed amendments were sent to the DCA with a transmittal cover letter dated September 19, 2002. All amendments previously reviewed by the Department in this current cycle of amendments were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Changes have occurred in CPA 2001-12, CPA 2001-10, CPA 2001-27, and CPA 2001-28. CPA 2001-12 has been revised since the time of transmittal. The connection between Three Oaks Parkway and Oriole Road has been revised and has been coordinated with the adjacent property owners. One revision to CPA 2001-10 was made in response to comments raised by the Department in the ORC Report. The Board of County Commissioners adopted the amendment with the deletion of Policy 21.9,

regarding the protection of mangroves on Captiva Island. The Board has directed staff to look further into applying such a policy county wide. In amendment CPA 2001-27 a new Objective and Policy have been added to the Community Facilities and Services Element of the Lee Plan regarding the incorporation of green infrastructure into the surface water management systems of proposed developments as well as providing definitions for green infrastructure and flow-way in the Glossary. Since transmittal, staff has met with the public and state agencies on issues raised at the Transmittal hearing. Staff has revised the transmitted language as a result of those meetings. The revisions to the subject amendment were sent to the DCA for review on November 8, 2002 prior to the issuance of the ORC Report and were adopted by the Board. CPA 2001-28 has added a new table reflecting the new 2003/2007 fiscal year to the CIP. The Board of County Commissioners adopted CPA 2001-12, CPA 2001-10, CPA 2001-27, and CPA 2001-28 with the noted changes.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Division of Planning



Paul O'Connor, AICP
Director

All documents and reports attendant to this adoption are also being sent, by copy of this cover, to:

David Burr
Interim Director
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Mike Rippe, District Director
FDOT District One

Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District

Plan Review Section
Department of Environmental Protection

Florida Department of State

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry

Charlie Green
Clerk of Circuit Court
Lee County, Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

I Charlie Green, Clerk of Circuit Court, Lee County, Florida, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Lee County, Florida, do hereby Certify that the above and foregoing, is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 03-04, adopted by the Board of Lee County Commissioners, at their meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2003.

Given under my hand and seal, at Fort Myers, Florida, this 15th day of January, 2003.

CHARLIE GREEN,
Clerk of Circuit Court
Lee County, Florida

By *Michèle B Cooper*
Deputy Clerk



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LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 03-04
(Consent Ordinance)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "LEE PLAN" ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 89-02, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA DURING THE COUNTY'S 2001/2002 REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CYCLE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED TEXT AND MAPS; PURPOSE AND SHORT TITLE; LEGAL EFFECT; GEOGRAPHICAL APPLICABILITY; SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Lee Plan") Policy 2.4.1 and Chapter XIII, provides for adoption of amendments to the Plan in compliance with State statutes and in accordance with administrative procedures adopted by the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 163.3181, Florida Statutes, and Lee County Administrative Code AC-13-6 provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the plan amendment public hearing process; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee County Local Planning Agency ("LPA") held public hearings pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and the Lee County Administrative Code on March 25, April 22, July 22, and August 26, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Florida Statutes and the Lee County Administrative Code held a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendments on September 4 and 5, 2002. At those hearings the Board approved a motion to send, and did later send, the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") for review and comment; and,

WHEREAS, at the transmittal hearings on September 4 and 5, 2002, the Board

announced its intention to hold a public hearing after the receipt of DCA's written comments commonly referred to as the "ORC Report." DCA issued their ORC report on November 22, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Board moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Lee Plan set forth herein during its statutorily prescribed public hearing for the plan amendments on January 9, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION ONE: PURPOSE, INTENT AND SHORT TITLE

The Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and with Lee County Administrative Code AC-13-6, conducted a series of public hearings to consider proposed amendments to the Lee Plan. The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the certain amendments to the Lee Plan discussed at those meetings and approved by a majority of the Board. The short title and proper reference for the Lee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as amended, will continued to be the "Lee Plan." **This ordinance may be referred to as the "2001/2002 Regular Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle Consent Ordinance."**

SECTION TWO: ADOPTION OF LEE COUNTY'S 2000/2001 REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CYCLE (Consent Agenda Items)

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners amends the existing Lee Plan, adopted by Ordinance Number 89-02, as amended, by adopting amendments, as revised by the Board of County Commissioners on January 9, 2003, known as: CPA2001-11, CPA2001-15, CPA2001-22, CPA2001-23, CPA2001-24, CPA2001-31, CPA2001-32, CPA2001-33, and CPA2001-35. The aforementioned amendments amend the text of the

Lee Plan including the Future Land Use Map series, the Transportation Map series, and the tables of the Lee Plan. A brief summary of the content of those amendments is set forth below:

CPA 2001-11

Amend the Future Land Use Element, Policy 1.2.2, the Airport Commerce descriptor policy, to broaden the allowable uses and to establish relationships and criteria for those uses.

CPA 2001-15

Amend the Future Land Use Map series, Map 1, by updating the Conservation Lands land use categories.

CPA 2001-22

Amend the Future Land Use Map Series, Map 12, the Water Dependent Overlay (WDO) Zones, by evaluating and updating the status of the overlay areas and the Goals, Objectives, and Policies that pertain to the WDO.

CPA 2001-23

Evaluate and amend the Future Land Use Map series, Map 20, the Agricultural Overlay and Goal 9, Agricultural Land Uses, and its subsequent objectives and policies.

CPA 2001-24

Update Table 2(b), Recommended Operational Improvements on Constrained Roads.

CPA 2001-31

Amend Policy 80.1.7 of the Conservation and Coastal Management Element by updating the policy to reflect a new percentage for replacement values and revising the target date when development regulations will require implementation of this policy.

CPA 2001-32

Amend the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and the Community Facilities Element to bring the elements into compliance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3177

CPA 2001-33

Amend the Build Back Policy of the Procedures and Administration Element by replacing references to the term "cost" with the term "value."

CPA 2001-35

Review all elements of the Lee Plan, and replace, where applicable, references to the Lee County Regional Water Supply Authority with Lee County Utilities or the Division of Natural Resources in conjunction with the County taking over the responsibilities of the Water Supply Authority.

The corresponding Staff Reports and Analysis, along with all attachments for these amendments are adopted as "Support Documentation" for the Lee Plan.

SECTION THREE: LEGAL EFFECT OF THE "LEE PLAN"

No public or private development will be permitted except in conformity with the Lee Plan. All land development regulations and land development orders must be consistent with the Lee Plan as amended.

SECTION FOUR: GEOGRAPHIC APPLICABILITY

The Lee Plan is applicable throughout the unincorporated area of Lee County, Florida, except in those unincorporated areas included in joint or interlocal agreements with other local governments that specifically provide otherwise.

SECTION FIVE: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and it is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, to confer the whole or any part of the

powers herein provided. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of that court will not affect or impair the remaining provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners that this ordinance would have been adopted had the unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

SECTION SIX: INCLUSION IN CODE, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENERS' ERROR

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance will become and be made a part of the Lee County Code. Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish this intention; and regardless of whether inclusion in the code is accomplished, sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered. The correction of typographical errors that do not affect the intent, may be authorized by the County Manager, or his or her designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

SECTION SEVEN: EFFECTIVE DATE

The plan amendments adopted herein are not effective until a final order is issued by the DCA or Administrative Commission finding the amendment in compliance with Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, whichever occurs earlier. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before the amendment has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the Administration Commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status. A copy of such resolution will be sent to the DCA, Bureau of Local Planning, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was offered by Commissioner Albion, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Janes, and, when put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Robert P. Janes	Aye
Douglas St. Cerny	Aye
Ray Judah	Aye
Andrew Coy	Aye
John Albion	Aye

DONE AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2003.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

LEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: Michelle S. Cooper
Deputy Clerk

BY: Ray Judah
Chairman

DATE: 1/9/03

Approved as to form by:

Donna Marie Collins
Donna Marie Collins
County Attorney's Office



**CPA 2001-32
BoCC SPONSORED
AMENDMENT
TO THE**

LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE LEE PLAN

BoCC Adoption Document

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January 9, 2003

**LEE COUNTY
DIVISION OF PLANNING
STAFF REPORT FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
CPA 2001-32**

✓	This Document Contains the Following Reviews:
✓	Staff Review
✓	Local Planning Agency Review and Recommendation
✓	Board of County Commissioners Hearing for Transmittal
✓	Staff Response to the DCA Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report
✓	Board of County Commissioners Hearing for Adoption

STAFF REPORT PREPARATION DATE: August 16, 2002

PART I - BACKGROUND AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT:

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REPRESENTED BY LEE COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING

2. REQUEST:

Amend the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and the Community Facilities Element to bring the element into compliance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3177.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY

1. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the proposed amendment. The specific language modifications that staff recommends is provided below:

POLICY 46.2.3: The County will collaborate with the District Board of Education when planning and making decisions regarding population projections.

POLICY 109.1.8: The principles and guidelines to be used in the planning, siting and location of new school have been established under Goal 46: Education.

2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:

- The Lee Plan already contains numerous policies that provide guidelines for coordinating the comprehensive plan with the plans of the school board.
- Lee County has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the District of Education which outlines the coordination of planning, population projections and school location criteria.
- Lee County already coordinates with the School Board concerning population projections and methods through participation in Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO process is continuous.
- Lee County has always made it a goal to collocate facilities with the School district.

C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This amendment was initiated by the Board of County Commissioners on September 25, 2001. The proposed amendment will amend the Lee Plan by bringing the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, through references to the Education sub-element, in compliance with F.S. Chapter 163.3177.

PART II - STAFF ANALYSIS

A. STAFF DISCUSSION

F.S. Chapter 163.3177(6)(h)1. states:

An intergovernmental coordination element showing relationships and stating principles and guidelines to be used in the accomplishment of coordination of the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of school boards and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, with the state comprehensive plan and with the applicable regional water supply plan approved pursuant to s.373.0361, as the case may require and as such adopted plans or plans in preparation may exist. This element of the local comprehensive plan shall demonstrate consideration of the particular effects of the local plan, when adopted, upon the development of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, or upon the state comprehensive plan, as the case may require.

F.S. Chapter 163.3177(6)(h)2. states:

The intergovernmental coordination element shall further state principles and guidelines to be used in the accomplishment of coordination of the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of school boards and other units of local government providing facilities and services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land. In addition, the intergovernmental coordination element shall describe joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making on population projections and public school siting, the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency, and siting facilities with countywide significance, including locally unwanted land uses whose nature and identity are established in an

agreement. Within 1 year of adopting their intergovernmental coordination elements, each county, all the municipalities within that county, the district school board, and any unit of local government service providers in that county shall establish by interlocal or other formal agreement executed by all affected entities, the joint processes described in this subparagraph consistent with their adopted intergovernmental coordination elements.

The Community Facilities and Services Element of the Lee Plan, Education sub-element, already addresses such coordination and guidelines. The sub-element states:

h. Education

GOAL 46: EDUCATION. *To assist the Lee County School Board and other providers of education (where appropriate) with the planning, development and siting of new schools. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30)*

OBJECTIVE 46.1: SCHOOL LOCATION PLANNING. *Cooperate with the Lee County District Board of Education and representatives of private and parochial school associations to ensure that school locations are consistent with county growth policies and the needs of the future population. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30)*

POLICY 46.1.1: *The county will work in collaboration with the Lee County District Board of Education, representatives of private and parochial (sic) school associations, and other interested institutions, for the location and development of educational systems consistent with Chapter 235, F.S., and the policies of this plan. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.1.2: *All educational institutions will comply with the policies of this plan and the Land Development Code where not pre-empted by state statutes or administrative rules. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.1.3: *By 1995, Lee County staff will develop, in conjunction with economic consultants and the Board of Education, an impact fee program for capital costs for schools and present it to the Board of County Commissioners for formal consideration. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.1.4: *The county, in concert with the Lee County District School Board, will assist developers considering school site contributions by providing information relating to land availability, use and other pertinent parcel data. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.1.5: *Lee County will coordinate with the State Board of Regents on the development of the Florida Gulf Coast University through the Campus Master Plan process, and the required Development Agreement, and through other means of intergovernmental coordination. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.1.6: *To the maximum extent possible, Lee County will seek to collocate public facilities, such as parks, libraries, and community centers, with public schools. (Added by Ordinance No. 99-15)*

OBJECTIVE 46.2: COOPERATION. *The county will develop programs of collaboration between economic development agencies, the Lee County District Board of Education, the Edison Community College District, the administration of Florida Gulf Coast University, and USF at Fort Myers to ensure participation and achievement of shared economic goals. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)*

POLICY 46.2.1: *Lee County will continue programs to allocate responsibility and costs for supporting the use of schools as emergency shelters. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

POLICY 46.2.2: *The county will provide technical information to the District Board of Education to assist in identifying suitable sites for new schools. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

OBJECTIVE 46.3: LAND USE COMPATIBILITY. *The county will seek to have the siting of all new schools follow these policies aimed at land use and transportation compatibility: (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

POLICY 46.3.1: *Protect the integrity of schools so that educational functions are not disrupted by the intrusion of incompatible land uses.*

POLICY 46.3.2: *Cooperate with the School Board in the planning and selection of future school sites and the development of mutually acceptable guidelines for the selection of such sites.*

POLICY 46.3.3: *Encourage the acquisition of school sites large enough to accommodate projected increases in enrollment.*

POLICY 46.3.4: *Consider the shared use of park and school sites when a surplus of school land is available (see also Goal 62). (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30)*

POLICY 46.3.5: *Land uses and development will not be permitted to the extent that it could necessitate the relocation of schools due to pressures from incompatible uses. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

POLICY 46.3.6: *Encourage the location of neighborhood elementary schools within walking distance of the residential areas they serve.*

POLICY 46.3.7: *Require that new residential developments provide for adequate pedestrian and bicycle access for school children.*

POLICY 46.3.8: *School sites will be selected in advance of the developments they are intended to serve and will be based upon planned densities and development patterns. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

POLICY 46.3.9: *Elementary schools whenever possible must have access to local or collector streets; secondary schools must have access to a collector or arterial street. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

POLICY 46.3.10: *Prohibit school sites that are or will be exposed to physical constraints, hazards, or nuisances which are detrimental to the health and safety of students and to the general operation of the school.*

POLICY 46.3.11: *Prohibit the location of schools in the areas designated on the Future Land Use Map as Airport Noise Zone 3 or within other high noise impact areas.*

POLICY 46.3.12: *The county will cooperate with the School Board to encourage consideration in the design and construction of new schools that they may be expected to serve as hurricane evacuation and emergency shelters. (Amended by Ordinance No. 00-22)*

Lee County and the Lee County District School Board have consistently over time cooperated on such things as collocation of facilities. The number of inter-local agreements between the County and the District are too numerous to list. Some examples are:

- 4 Soccer Fields at Bayshore Elementary School
- 3 Soccer Fields at Spring Creek Elementary School
- 3 Soccer Fields at Lehigh Middle School
- Pool at Cape Coral High School

- Pool at North Fort Myers High School
- Pool at Riverdale High School
- Pool located at Cypress Lake Middle and High Schools
- North Fort Myers Community Park and J. Collin English Elementary School

Lee County also already coordinates with the School Board concerning population projections and methods through participation in Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO process is continuous. In addition, following newly adopted legislation, Lee County and the District of Education have entered into an Interlocal Agreement. This agreement outlines the coordination of planning, population projections and school location criteria.

In reviewing the Goals and Objectives of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE), planning staff believes Goal 109 and Objective 109.1 are the appropriate locations for any new language to address the state requirements. Staff also recommends that a new policy, under Goal 46: Education, be adopted to address the coordination of population projection planning.

B. CONCLUSIONS

In order to comply with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3177 the Lee Plan should be amended to include a new policy in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, under Goal 109, that refers to Goal 46: Education as the source for coordinating the comprehensive plan with the plans of the school board. Staff also recommends that a new policy, under Goal 46: Education, be adopted to address the coordination of population projection planning

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit to the Florida Department of Community Affairs the proposed amendment. The specific language modifications that staff recommends is provided in Part I.B.1. of this report.

**PART III - LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 26, 2002

A. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW

Staff presented the amendment before the LPA on August 26, 2002. The LPA provided no discussion concerning the proposed amendment.

B. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** The LPA recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit this amendment.
2. **BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The LPA accepted the findings of fact as advanced by the staff.

C. VOTE:

NOEL ANDRESS	AYE
MATT BIXLER	AYE
SUSAN BROOKMAN	AYE
RONALD INGE	AYE
GORDON REIGELMAN	ABSENT
ROBERT SHELDON	AYE
GREG STUART	AYE

**PART IV - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: September 5, 2002

A. BOARD REVIEW: Staff provided a brief presentation on the proposed amendment. One Board member questioned the effectiveness of existing policies under Objective 46.3, Land Use Compatibility, regarding the selection of school sites in advance of development and the encouragement of neighborhood elementary schools. Staff responded that the Planning Division and the School Board have been and will continue to be coordinating information with each other based on the latest data resources. Another member of the Board noted their appointment of a school board member to the County's Smart Growth Committee for the purpose of investigating the balance between school siting and growth.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

1. **BOARD ACTION:** The Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the proposed plan amendment.
2. **BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Board accepted the findings of fact advanced by staff and the LPA.

C. VOTE:

JOHN ALBION	<u>AYE</u>
ANDREW COY	<u>ABSENT</u>
BOB JANES	<u>AYE</u>
RAY JUDAH	<u>AYE</u>
DOUG ST. CERNY	<u>AYE</u>

**PART V - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OBJECTIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMMENTS (ORC) REPORT**

DATE OF ORC REPORT: November 22, 2002

A. DCA OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

The DCA had no objections, recommendations, or comments concerning this amendment.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the amendment as transmitted.

**PART VI - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 9, 2003

A. **BOARD REVIEW:** The Board provided no discussion on this amendment. This item was approved on the consent agenda.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

A. **BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted to adopt the amendment.

B. **BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Board accepted the findings of fact as advanced by staff.

C. VOTE:

JOHN ALBION	<u> </u> AYE
ANDREW COY	<u> </u> AYE
BOB JANES	<u> </u> AYE
RAY JUDAH	<u> </u> AYE
DOUG ST. CERNY	<u> </u> AYE