

# 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT



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## GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### GOAL 1

Coordinate the planning and policy making of the City with that of the surrounding municipalities, county, regional, State, federal and special authority governments to ensure consistency in development and in the provision of services and to implement the goals, objectives and policies of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

**Objective 1.1** Coordinate with relevant state or regional agencies, local governments, or other entities with operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities in establishing levels of service standards and guidelines.

### Policies

#### 1.1.1

Use the intergovernmental review and comment provisions of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, as well as other existing mechanisms to coordinate Levels of Service (LOS) between Jacksonville and the adjacent local governments. These entities include:

1. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - drainage; potable water supply, regional water supply plan.
2. Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) - regional policies.
3. Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, the Town of Baldwin and Atlantic Beach - water; sewer; drainage; solid waste; parks.
4. Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – public school facilities.
5. North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) – long range transportation planning.
6. Adjacent counties and municipalities.
7. JEA – regional water supply, potable water supply, reuse water service delivery.
8. SJRWMD, Duval County Health Department, City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division (EQD), and City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department - self-supplied domestic uses and small public water supply systems.

#### 1.1.2

Each year the Planning and Development Department (PDD) shall consult with reviewing agencies on each of the Elements as to the status of the level of service standards.

#### 1.1.3

Periodically review the existing interlocal agreements for the provision of County services to Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, and the Town of Baldwin, and amend those agreements when it is mutually agreeable where such provision would be more efficient and economical than local provision.

**Objective 1.2** The City shall coordinate the 2030 Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the Duval County Public Schools, other units of local government, the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities and counties, the region and the State, by maintaining and improving working relationships with all entities involved in order to maintain full participation in the planning process by all such entities.

## **Policies**

### **1.2.1**

Continue to use existing coordination mechanisms to provide informal intergovernmental coordination and information sharing.

### **1.2.2**

Continue to monitor amendments to the plans of adjacent counties and municipalities, and the plans of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, and the St. Johns River Water Management District when they are amended to ensure consistency and participate in proceedings to reduce conflicts between these plans and the Comprehensive Plan.

### **1.2.3**

Continue to maintain a current list of adjacent governmental entities, quasi-governmental, regional, State, and federal agencies, and appropriate private organizations concerned with the comprehensive planning process.

### **1.2.4**

Establish comprehensive plan goals, objectives, and policies which are compatible with and further the Northeast Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the Community Planning Act, and which are coordinated with State agency plans.

### **1.2.5**

The City shall use the informal mediation process of the NEFRC to resolve comprehensive planning issues with governmental units in the same regional planning council jurisdiction.

### **1.2.6**

The City shall coordinate with the Duval County Public Schools through the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) to review and coordinate the activities covered under the Public Schools Facilities Interlocal Agreement.). This committee is jointly appointed by the City Council and the School Board for the express purpose of better communications and effective site facilities planning.

### **1.2.7**

The City shall continue to coordinate with the Duval County Public Schools to ensure that population projections and proposed educational facility site plans and off-site impacts are consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in the Public Schools Facilities Element (PSFE), and the Land Development Regulations.

**1.2.8**

The City shall recognize the Campus Master Plan (CMP) for the University of North Florida approved by the Board of Regents as the basis for development covered by the Campus Master Plan. Development of University of Florida properties within the boundaries of Duval County, not covered by the CMP shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

**1.2.9**

The City will continue to encourage the development of memorandums of agreement with adjacent municipalities and counties, the to facilitate effective communications by identifying areas or issues for advance discussion prior to making land use decisions that have potential for intergovernmental impact.

**1.2.10**

Maintain a procedure to be included in the memorandums of agreement to utilize the Northeast Florida Regional Council’s informal mediation process to resolve conflicts as a first course of action.

**1.2.11**

Continue to coordinate with adjacent local governments when potential sites within two miles of an adjacent jurisdictional boundary are selected for locating Locally Undesirable Land Uses (LULUs) which may cause adverse impact.

**1.2.12**

Continue to allow all impacted local governments within two miles of the proposed site of a LULU the opportunity to meet with City of Jacksonville officials in at least one informal meeting and, if requested, hold at least one public hearing concerning the potential site for the LULU.

**1.2.13**

Continue to include any local government within two miles of a LULU on the mailing list for notification of all meetings and hearings held by the City of Jacksonville and to notify the local government in the same manner as an adjacent landowner.

**1.2.14**

The Planning and Development Department shall request notice of development permits issued by Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, and the Town of Baldwin in order to monitor the impacts of development.

**1.2.15**

The City shall encourage and participate in and interagency project coordination program that compiles all funded capital improvement projects over a three-year period for JEA,

JTA, FDOT and the Public Works Department in order to enhance efficiency and to eliminate duplication in infrastructure project planning and implementation.

**Objective 1.3 Initiate cooperative inter-jurisdictional planning and management of major natural resources which fall under the jurisdiction of more than one entity.**

**Policies**

**1.3.1**

The City shall continue to participate in the Northeast Florida Regional Mitigation Land Bank and other similar programs with appropriate surrounding counties for the protection of areas of environmental concern, such as upland habitats.

**1.3.2**

The City shall, through the Northeast Florida Regional Council address issues dealing with natural resources which extend beyond the City's boundaries.

**1.3.3**

Through the Duval County Water Quality Coordinating Committee the City shall encourage the St. Johns River Water Management District to build upon and coordinate its Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and meet with the District staff for the specific purpose of identifying mutual goals and programs to achieve these goals.

**1.3.4**

The City shall coordinate with Nassau and St. Johns Counties in the management of marine resources by participating in existing cooperative programs established by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Northeast Florida Regional Council such as the SWIM Plan.

**1.3.5**

The City shall continue to coordinate the designation of new dredge spoil disposal sites through the Jacksonville Port Authority, Corps of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department.

**1.3.6**

The City shall coordinate the timing of capital improvement projects, and ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is financially feasible throughout the planning period addressed by the capital improvements schedule, as provided for in Objective 1.1 and implementing policies of the Capital Improvements Element.

**1.3.7**

The City shall continue to encourage and work with other agencies to explore methods to provide shared infrastructure and shared recreation facilities to promote the distribution of affordable housing opportunities on a countywide basis.

### **1.3.8**

The Office of Economic Development (OED) and the Jacksonville Airport Authority shall serve as the local points of contact for federal and state agencies and continue to coordinate the redevelopment of Cecil Field at Cecil Commerce Center demonstrating a more sustainable pattern of long-term commercial, retail, institutional, and aviation development that will stimulate economic growth and job creation for the region.

### **1.3.9**

The City of Jacksonville shall continue to participate in the development of updates to the St. Johns River Water Management District's (SJRWMD) Regional Water Supply Plan, as well as other applicable water supply development-related initiatives facilitated by SJRWMD and/or the local water utility.

**Objective 1.4 Encourage and enhance interagency coordination efforts at the federal, state, and local levels and continue to work cooperatively to achieve the comprehensive restoration for the St. Johns River.**

## **Policies**

### **1.4.1**

City shall cooperate with the St. Johns River Water Management District in the implementation of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program.

### **1.4.2**

The City shall continue to participate in the multi-agency River Accord partnerships and to promote restoration of the Lower St. Johns River Basin.

### **1.4.3**

The City shall preserve, protect, promote, and restore the St. Johns River as an American Heritage River in recognition of its ecological, historic, economic, recreational and cultural significance.

## **GOAL 2**

**The City shall foster and encourage intergovernmental coordination for schools among the City, DCPS, and other municipalities, and other adjacent local governments, and regional, state and federal governmental agencies.**

**Objective 2.1 The City of shall maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public education facilities to facilitate coordination of DCPS plans with the plans of the City. On an ongoing basis, the City, in cooperation with the DCPS and the other municipalities, shall review existing mechanisms, each city's comprehensive plan, the Interlocal Agreement, and the other City and DCPS programs and their effects on the plans developed for providing public schools. Assistance for this effort shall be requested from the regional and state agencies by the City as needed.**

## **Policies**

### **2.1.1**

In cooperation with DCPS and the other municipalities, the City will implement the Interlocal Agreement, as required by Section 1013.33, Florida Statutes, which includes procedures for:

- a) Interlocal Agreement Implementation and Review Committee
- b) Coordination and Consistency
- c) Public School Facility Siting and Development Coordination
- d) Coordinate Land Use and School Capacity
- e) Implementation of School Concurrency

### **2.1.2**

On an annual basis, the City will receive and review the DCPS Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan, and the DCPS education facilities report that contain information detailing existing facilities and their locations and projected needs, and the DCPS capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding sources representing the school district unmet needs.

### **2.1.3**

In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within Duval County, the legislative bodies of the City and the DCPS will meet every year in a joint workshop or meeting sessions. The joint workshop sessions will be opportunities for the City and the DCPS to set direction, discuss issues and reach understandings concerning issues of mutual concern regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning, including population and student growth, in-county migration, development trends, school needs, off-site improvements, school concurrency, and joint use opportunities. The DCPS staff will be responsible for making meeting arrangements, developing an agenda with input from the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department and from all city managers, and providing notification.

### **2.1.4**

The ILA Team as established in the Interlocal Agreement, Section 1.1, will meet on an as needed basis, to discuss issues and formulate recommendations regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning. The ILA Team meetings will take place in accordance with the timeframes and procedures established in the Interlocal Agreement.

### **2.1.5**

The ILA Team shall meet annually to coordinate and update the City's comprehensive plan and school facility plans on consistent projections. These projections shall include population projections developed in coordination with the Planning and Development Department, and student enrollment projections (district-wide and by concurrency service areas) developed by the DCPS with the agreement of the Florida DOE. The DCPS' student enrollment projections shall consider all impacts of development trends as per the Interlocal Agreement. To accomplish this policy the City and DCPS agree to provide information and follow the procedures set forth in Section 2.5 of the Interlocal Agreement.

### **2.1.6**

The City shall coordinate with DCPS and the other municipalities to establish a process of coordination and collaboration between the City and DCPS so that timing is proper and the site location is compatible with the surrounding area, concurrent with necessary service and infrastructure, and consistent with the comprehensive plan.

### **2.1.7**

Within 30 days of approval of a significant renovation, school closure, or change in school attendance zones, the DCPS shall notify the appropriate City in which the school is located and the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department.

### **2.1.8**

On a regular basis, the Cities will provide the DCPS with data, including information regarding the type, number, and location of residential units which have received zoning approval, site plan approval, a building permit, or a Certificate of Occupancy and a draft Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with the final version of the CIP to be submitted by each local government to the DCPS after official adoption. Information regarding the conversion or redevelopment of housing or other structures into residential units that are likely to generate new students shall be provided.

## **GOAL 3**

**Ensure successful implementation of the City's strategic vision and integrated mission through coordination among departments and independent agencies.**

**Objective 3.1 To direct the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan toward fulfilling the City's strategic vision and integrated mission.**

### **Policy 3.1.1**

The City should, under the leadership of the Mayor, develop a strategic vision and integrated mission to focus day to day activities of the City in a cohesive and coordinated manner that achieves the vision and mission.

### **3.1.2**

City departments and independent agencies should, during planning timeframe updates to the Comprehensive Plan, review the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the associated implementing programs and regulations for consistency with and support for the successful achievement of the City's strategic vision and integrated mission. Updates should ensure coordination of strategic planning efforts among city departments and independent agencies.