

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF SEMINOLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, GOALS OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, THE HOUSING ELEMENT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT, THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION ELEMENT, THE RECREATION/OPEN SPACE ELEMENT, AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; RENUMBERING EXISTING PROVISIONS AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE AT PUBLIC HEARING OR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, subsection 163.3164, Florida Statutes (F.S.), establishes the Community Planning Act; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is required to adopt a comprehensive plan pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 163.3184, F.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole has prepared amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole Developmental Review Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency, after due public notice held a public hearing on January 23, 2017, to consider amending the comprehensive plan to address amendments to the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Transportation Element (TE), the Housing Element (HE), the Infrastructure Element (IE), the Coastal Management & Conservation Element (CMCE), the Recreation/Open Space Element (R/OSE), and the Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE); and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public hearing the Local Planning Agency recommended that amendments to the comprehensive plan be transmitted to the City Council for review and adoption; and,

WHEREAS, after due notice pursuant to Subsection 163.3184 (11) published on April 14, 2017, the City of Seminole City Council on April 25, 2017, adopted on first reading proposed amendments to the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the TE, the HE, the IE, the CMCE, the R/OSE and the ICE; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole has transmitted a copy of this Ordinance for review and comment to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and other agencies, in accordance with Chapter 163, F.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole has considered and addressed the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) "Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report"; and,

WHEREAS, after due notice published on October 13, 2017, the City of Seminole City Council acting as the Local Governing Body adopted on second and final reading the amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole affirmatively declares that said adopted amendments are consistent with the Countywide Plan and the Countywide Rules, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Seminole, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. This ordinance is adopted in compliance with, and pursuant to, the Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Part II, et. seq., Florida Statutes.

Section 2. The City of Seminole Comprehensive Plan, Transportation, Housing, Infrastructure, Coastal Management & Conservation, Recreation/Open Space, and Intergovernmental Coordination elements are hereby amended as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 3. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Seminole that each new or modified article and section within Comprehensive Plan hereof be numbered in proper order and sequence, and that any out of order or misnumbered Goal, Objective or Policy contained in this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance, the City of Seminole Comprehensive Plan, or the City of Seminole Land Development Code, but shall instead be automatically renumbered and ordered accordingly.

Section 4. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Seminole that each and every provision hereof be considered severable, and that the invalidity of any provision or provisions of this ordinance by a court or a determination that any provision or provisions are found not in compliance by the state land planning agency, said provision or provisions shall be administratively severed and such severance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance, the City of Seminole Comprehensive Plan, or the City of Seminole Land Development Code.

Section 5. The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be the date the state land planning agency posts a notice of intent determining that this amendment is in compliance. If timely challenged, or if the state land planning agency issues a notice of intent determining that this amendment is not in compliance, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it 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 which resolution shall be sent to the State Land Planning Agency.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING: April 25, 2017

PUBLISHED: April 14, 2017 & October 13, 2017

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON

SECOND AND FINAL READING: October 24, 2017


LESLIE WATERS, MAYOR

I, Patricia Beliveau, City Clerk of the City of Seminole, Florida, County of Pinellas, State of Florida, a municipal corporation do hereby certify the foregoing and hereto attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 03-2017 which is on file in the City Clerk's Office:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Seminole, Pinellas County, Florida, this 24 day of October, 2017.



Patricia Beliveau, City Clerk



TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

GOAL:

A SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND EFFICIENT MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO THE CITY THAT CREATES DIVERSE, CONNECTED AND WELL-DESIGNED WALKABLE DESTINATIONS.

Objective 1.1: Level-of-Service Standards

The City shall establish level-of-service standards for the roadways in its jurisdiction, and shall ensure, through its roadway construction and development review processes, the maintenance of those standards.

Policy 1.1.1: The operational level of service (LOS) “D” peak hour shall be the standard for all City roads, except local roads, and the LOS standards or mobility management system established by the County or FDOT arterial and collector roads within the City shall be established by said agencies.

Policy 1.1.2: Review all proposed development or redevelopment for consistency with this *Transportation Element* and impacts upon the adopted LOS standards. All development orders and permits shall be issued only when it is documented that such development is consistent with the level-of-service standards for the affected public facilities adopted by this comprehensive plan and pursuant to the concurrency management provisions of the Land Development Code.

Policy 1.1.3: Assess the impacts of new development or redevelopment on an equitable pro rata share of the costs to provide roadway improvements or improvements as may be required by the County or FDOT to serve the need generated by that development, and shall enforce countywide transportation mobility fee regulations.

Policy 1.1.4: Monitor existing and future levels of service on major roads and follow closely the scheduled improvements for those roadways with particular emphasis on:

- Park Boulevard from Seminole Boulevard to 113th Street North;
- Bay Pines Boulevard from the west end of Seminole Bridges to Seminole Boulevard;
- Park Boulevard from 113th Street North to 118th Street;
- Seminole Boulevard from Park Boulevard to Bay Pines Boulevard; and,
- 102nd Avenue (Bryan Dairy Road) from Seminole Boulevard to 125th Street.

Policy 1.1.5: The City shall, together with the MPO and other affected jurisdictions, initiate Transportation Systems and/or Demand Management studies, on an as needed basis, on roadways with existing and/or projected level-of-service deficiencies.

Objective 1.2: Land Use Planning

Transportation planning shall be coordinated with *the Future Land Use Plan*, and the Schedule of Capital Improvements, and roadway rights-of-way shall be identified, protected, reserved, or acquired as needed.

Policy 1.2.1: Enforce, through the building permit process, the minimum setback requirements along existing and future roadways.

Policy 1.2.2: City officials shall review *the Future Land Use Plan* when planning roadway construction and improvements to ensure that roadways are designed to serve the needs of the affected land uses.

Policy 1.2.3: Future rights-of-way shall be acquired, through negotiation or condemnation, to the extent that they are required for planned transportation system construction or expansion.

Policy 1.2.4: Continue to review the Future Land Use Plan to ensure land use patterns, density and intensity support and promote an efficient transportation system.

Objective 1.3: Parking and Connectivity

Encourage, through the Land Development Code , the design of parking lots and driveways to support pedestrian safety, connections, and comfort by reducing the number of curb cuts and providing interconnectivity between and through development sites along commercial corridors.

Policy 1.3.1: Establish and enforce parking requirements, including on-site traffic flow, through the land development regulations.

Policy 1.3.2: Consider allowing a parking requirement reduction for properties that share both cross access and a common entrance drive.

Policy 1.3.3: New or redeveloped commercial, office, and retail buildings and centers will be designed to be consistent with parking, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, curb cut and driveway standards defined in the Land Development Code.

Objective 1.4: Physical Design

The City's transportation system shall emphasize safety and aesthetics.

Policy 1.4.1: Fund the maintenance and landscaping of its local roadway system.

Policy 1.4.2: Enforce development signage requirements along roadways through provisions contained in the land development regulations.

Policy 1.4.3: Request and monitor accident reports provided by the State, County, and Sheriff's Office for roadways within the City to identify needed safety improvements and coordinate, as applicable, with the County or FDOT.

Policy 1.4.4: Through the permit process and in cooperation with the County and State, shall control driveway connections or access points to the roadway system.

Policy 1.4.5: Establish and enforce road design standards for public and private roadways through the land development regulations.

Objective 1.5: Multimodal Transportation System

The City shall encourage the utilization of a multimodal transportation system.

Policy 1.5.1: Support and coordinate public transportation services within the City with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).

Policy 1.5.2: Review all proposed development and redevelopment site plans for the accommodation of bicycle and pedestrian traffic needs.

Policy 1.5.3: Coordinate with the (Pinellas County MPO) regarding the provision of transportation disadvantaged services.

Policy 1.5.4: Continue to support the PSTA to increase the efficiency of the fixed-route system by encouraging mass transit use through the application of the Concurrency Management System, Site Plan Review Process and the implementation of MPO corridor strategy plans and Pinellas County Mobility Plan.

Objective 1.6: Long-Range Planning

Transportation planning shall be coordinated with the City comprehensive plan, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) *5-Year Transportation Improvements Program*, the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) *Long-Range Transportation Plan*, *Pinellas County Mobility Plan*, and the plans of neighboring jurisdictions.

Policy 1.6.1: Continue to review updated versions of the FDOT *5-Year Transportation Improvements Program* and the Pinellas County MPO *Long-Range Transportation Plan* subsequent to their publication, and shall modify this element to be consistent with these plans, if necessary.

Policy 1.6.2: Continue to review for compatibility with this element, the transportation plans and programs of neighboring municipalities and Pinellas County as they may be amended.

Policy 1.6.3: Encourage the utilization of a multimodal transportation system through long range planning in coordination with the MPO and Pinellas County Mobility Plan.

Policy 1.6.4: Continue to support the implementation of countywide systems (e.g. signalization and ITS) as a means of improving traffic flow and reducing vehicular air pollution emissions.

Policy 1.6.5: Continue to support and coordinate public transportation services within the City with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).

Policy 1.6.6: Continue to address air quality issues in transportation planning through the MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee and ensure that the Transportation Element and Concurrency Management System support the Florida State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Objective 1.7: Pedestrian and Bicycle Systems

Encourage pedestrian and bicycle pathways and systems throughout the City.

Policy 1.7.1: Continue to identify and implement sidewalk, crosswalk and bicycle construction projects where necessary to close existing gaps or enhance capacity or safety along local roads through the Capital Improvement Program and/or the annual budget.

Policy 1.7.2: Where appropriate and feasible, incorporate pedestrian and bicycle-friendly design standards into existing, new and reconstructed City controlled collector and local roads by providing an area where bicyclists and pedestrians may travel adjacent to the outside vehicle lane.

Policy 1.7.3: Continue to coordinate efforts with Pinellas County and the FDOT to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle friendly provisions in the design and construction or expansion and re-surfacing projects, where feasible.

Policy 1.7.4: Through the Land development Code, establish requirements for new development and redevelopment to provide for bicycle storage, and appropriately designed bicycle and pedestrian pathways/crossings connecting residential and commercial areas, and connecting to recreation areas, schools, shopping areas, and transit stops/terminal areas, as appropriate and where physically possible.

Policy 1.7.5: Continue to coordinate with the MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee, the MPO's School Transportation Safety Committee, and other agencies and organizations as appropriate to identify locations where bicycle, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements are needed to allow bicyclists and pedestrians to safely reach their destinations.

Policy 1.7.6: Continue to work with the MPO to develop level of service and performance indicators for the bicycle and pedestrian transportation network.

Policy 1.7.7: Establish criteria in the Capital Improvements Element to utilize in prioritizing sidewalk and bicycle improvements.

Objective 1.8: Support Mass Transit

Support the increase in efficiency and effectiveness of mass transit service, as well as opportunities for multi-passenger vehicle travel that accommodates the transportation needs of the service area population and the transportation disadvantaged while reducing single-occupant vehicle demand.

Policy 1.8.1: Continue to support mass transit through implementation of the FLUE mixed-use development and commercial corridor objectives.

Policy 1.8.2: Continue to work with the MPO and PSTA in support of transit initiatives designed to increase ridership, including encouraging increased density/intensity at major mass transit stations and bus stops identified in the Countywide Plan, and implementation of the Pinellas County Mobility Plan.

Policy 1.8.3: Continue to coordinate with the Pinellas County MPO regarding the provision of transportation disadvantaged services.

Policy 1.8.4: Where feasible, through the Land Development Code, require developments to provide transit stop (existing or new stops) amenities, including weather protection, ample paved walkways, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. These standards should be prioritized in areas where higher residential densities or higher intensity commercial, employment or mixed use centers are designated.

HOUSING ELEMENT

GOAL:

THE CITY SHALL ENSURE THAT DECENT, SAFE AND SANITARY HOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN SUITABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AT AFFORDABLE COSTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, FREE FROM ARBITRARY DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, HANDICAP, ETHNIC BACKGROUND, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, OR HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION.

Objective 1.1: Adequate Housing Mix

The City shall assist the private sector in providing a suitable mixture and number of housing types to meet the housing needs of all current and future residents.

Policy 1.1.1: Continue to assist the private sector in meeting the need for additional housing units by providing available information and technical assistance.

Policy 1.1.2: Continue to maintain ordinances, codes, regulations, and permitting procedures that facilitate the private sector's ability to meet housing needs.

Policy 1.1.3: Continue to maintain land development regulations governing conservation, rehabilitation, and demolition activities.

Policy 1.1.4: Continue to allow a variety of residential densities and housing types in order to enhance the opportunity for the private sector to provide housing in a wide range of types and costs.

Policy 1.1.5: Continue to uphold the cooperation agreement with Pinellas County for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Objective 1.2: Fair Housing

The City shall protect the right of all citizens to purchase or rent, decent, safe, and sanitary housing, free from arbitrary discrimination because of race, sex, handicap, ethnic background, age, marital status, or household composition.

Policy 1.2.1: Continue to enforce the Pinellas County Fair Housing Ordinance.

Policy 1.2.2: Notify enforcement agencies whenever housing discrimination is encountered.

Objective 1.3: Group Homes

Land development regulations shall allow the establishment of group homes in areas of residential character, to ensure that the needs of City residents requiring such housing are met pursuant to Chapter 419, Florida Statutes.

Policy 1.3.1: Continue to enforce non-discriminatory standards and criteria addressing the location of group homes and foster care facilities, consistent with Chapter 419, Florida Statutes.

Policy 1.3.2: Through the Land Development Code continue to allow group homes (community residential homes) in appropriate residential neighborhoods, pursuant to Chapter 419, Florida Statutes.

Objective 1.4: Housing Displacement

The City shall ensure that uniform and equitable treatment for persons and businesses displaced by state and local government programs will be provided, consistent with Section 421.55, Florida Statutes.

Policy 1.4.1: Continue to follow state and federal guidelines to ensure that any persons displaced by public action shall have access to reasonably located, standard housing at affordable costs prior to their displacement.

Objective 1.5: Housing Conservation

Preserve, upgrade and extend the life of existing rental and ownership housing stock and eliminate substandard housing in the City to provide for quality and affordable housing and enhance neighborhoods.

Policy 1.5.1: Encourage individual homeowners to increase private reinvestment in housing by providing information and technical assistance.

Policy 1.5.2: Promote housing that is affordable for the long term, the City will support appropriate sustainability initiatives, such as energy efficiency, that can be encouraged or required during the development review process.

Policy 1.5.3: Continue to enforce the City Codes to ensure minimum housing standards are maintained.

Policy 1.5.4: Continue to secure dilapidated and unsafe dwelling units through continued enforcement of the City Codes.

Policy 1.5.5: Continue to work towards eliminating any substandard housing conditions in the City and shall seek federal, state, and county funding, or other public funds for the rehabilitation or demolition of substandard housing.

Policy 1.5.6: Continue to support the County’s housing rehabilitation programs for owner and renter-occupied housing.

Policy 1.5.7: Through the Land Development Code, permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as a form of affordable housing to further affordable housing objectives while balancing the need to respect the character of neighborhoods.

Objective 1.6: Affordable Housing

Provide incentives and encourage the provision of housing affordable to very low, low and moderate income households, so that sufficient housing units are made available for growth in these income categories.

Policy 1.6.1: Where feasible, pursue any state or federal funds earmarked for very-low, low, or moderate income housing.

Policy 1.6.2: Review very-low, low, and moderate income housing needs on a biannual basis and recommend programs needed to facilitate accomplishment of the housing goals, objectives, and policies.

Policy 1.6.3: Consider providing incentives for the development of very-low, low, and moderate income housing by utilizing “either” the development agreement process to grant specified relief from the land development code “or” by utilizing the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Plan Map amendment process to increase residential density that would be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan *Table of Future Land Use Map Categories*; and by offering the waiver of City site plan application and site development review fees, as may be specified in the land development regulations.

Policy 1.6.4: Continue to support Pinellas County programs that assist with repair and/or remodel qualifying renter and owner-occupied housing and thereby contribute to the preservation of units that are affordable to very low, low and moderate income renters.

Policy 1.6.5: Continue to review ordinances, codes, regulations and the permitting process for the purpose of eliminating or modifying conflicting and excessive requirements.

Policy 1.6.6: Support housing projects that provide a mix of housing to serve a range of income levels, integrating traditional market-value housing with affordable housing opportunities.

Policy 1.6.7: Continue to implement its expedited permitting process for Affordable Housing Developments as defined in the land development regulations.

Policy 1.6.8: Give priority to assisting affordable housing development that is in proximity to concentrations of employment and public transportation, is easily accessible to a range of services, and that is compatible with the surrounding development pattern.

Objective 1.7: Mobile Home and Manufactured Homes

Support the retention of viable mobile home/manufactured home communities, and support opportunities for modern manufactured home/modular homes, as forms of housing that can be more affordable to a broader range of people than traditional site-built homes and that add to the variety of available housing options.

Policy 1.7.1: Consistent with the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code support decisions and actions that are in support of mobile homes and manufactured housing and communities where they provide a viable option for low and moderate income households in the City. These mobile home/manufactured home communities help provide housing that is affordable to income groups that are part of the local economy.

Policy 1.7.2: The Land Development Code shall continue to contain provisions that support mobile homes and modern manufactured housing as permissible residential uses, providing said uses are compatible with surrounding land uses.

Policy 1.7.3: Encourage the replacement/upgrading of existing mobile homes with modern manufactured homes, so that homesites are less likely to be lost in the community in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane.

Policy 1.7.4: In accordance with State law, every three years, prepare an inventory list of all real property to which it holds fee simple title that may be appropriate for use as affordable housing.

Objective 1.8: Senior Housing

Provide for adequate sites in residential areas or areas of residential character for senior group homes and senior foster care facilities to meet identified or projected deficits.

Policy 1.8.1: Continue to allow for licensed senior group homes and senior foster care facilities in all residential districts, and shall encourage their location where there is adequate supporting infrastructure and medical and public facilities; provided that they are not located within a specified distance of a similar facility, or the Coastal High Hazard Area.

Policy 1.8.2: Continue to provide for development of senior community residential alternatives (i.e., group and foster homes), as provided for in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Policy 1.8.3: Continue to enforce current building codes to ensure that state and federal regulations pertaining to barrier-free housing for seniors are being implemented.

Policy 1.8.4: Continue to encourage barrier free, accessible housing for seniors with disabilities through programs that help qualifying seniors with home improvements such as ramps, railings, and special equipment to enhance the lives of seniors who are physically disabled.

Objective 1.9: Intergovernmental Coordination for Housing

Continue to develop regional relationships and approaches to addressing housing needs countywide.

Policy 1.9.1: Continue to participate in county and regional forums and opportunities for assistance and funding that contribute to meeting the housing needs of City residents.

1.10 Objective: Sustainable Construction, Housing

Encourage design & construction techniques and the use of building materials capable of significantly reducing the cost of construction, maintenance, and energy consumption of housing.

Policy 1.10.1: Encourage housing construction that uses the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles or the Florida Green Building Coalition's Green land development and building standards.

Policy 1.10.2: Continue to support LEED standards/certification in housing development and redevelopment projects and will determine a threshold and criteria for requiring LEED standards/certification in housing development and redevelopment projects, and consider implementing through the Land Development Code.

Policy 1.10.3: Continue to implement the requirements of the latest Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction that assures a conscious effort toward energy efficiency so that proper equipment, building orientation on site, adequate insulation, and appliance selection will be considered by developers.

Policy 1.10.4: Encourage and support the provision of smaller, energy efficient dwelling units that make homes more affordable by being less expensive to heat and cool.

Policy 1.10.5: The Land Development Code, shall contain provisions that encourage all new housing construction to meet Green Building Standards.

Policy 1.10.6: Encourage and support residential development that uses Low Impact Design (LID) techniques, Florida Friendly Landscaping & Fertilizing, and the Florida Water Star Program.

Objective 1.11: Post-Disaster Housing

The City shall support the County and FEMA to facilitate providing post-disaster housing.

Policy 1.11.1: The Land Development Code shall contain provisions that facilitate the construction of temporary post-disaster housing consistent with Pinellas County regulations for Emergency Housing.

INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT

GOAL 1:

THE CITY SHALL ENSURE THAT NEEDED SANITARY SEWER, SOLID WASTE, AND POTABLE WATER SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY A SAFE AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM, WHICH MAINTAINS ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND PROVIDES FOR ORDERLY GROWTH AND EXPANSION.

Objective 1.1: Level-of-Service Standards

The City of Seminole shall continue to implement procedures, in cooperation with its sewage, solid waste, and potable water system providers to ensure that development permits are issued only when adequate facility capacity is available to serve the development, and do not result in a reduction in the level-of-service standards adopted within this element.

Policy 1.1.1: The level-of-service standards shall be as follows:

Facility	Time Period	Level-of-Service Standard
Potable Water	Beginning of planning time frame through 2019	Pinellas County LOS and as amended 120 gpcd for 2009-2019
	2020-2025 To extend throughout the time frame of this comprehensive plan	Pinellas County LOS and as amended 115 gpcd for 2020-2025
Sanitary Sewer	To extend through 2025	To determine whether adequate wastewater treatment capacity is available for a development or redevelopment, the City will utilize the County's adopted level of service standard for the South Cross Bayou Wastewater Reclamation Facility.
Solid Waste	To extend through 2025	Pinellas County LOS and as amended (excludes recycled materials)

[Changes in level-of-service standards will be consistent with Pinellas County level-of-service as contained the Regional Water Supply Plan and the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.]

Policy 1.1.2: Through the land development regulations, ensure that the development, expansion, replacement, or modification of infrastructure facilities is compatible with adopted level-of-service standards and the City shall cooperate with Pinellas County as the service provider in this regard.

Policy 1.1.3: Continue to maintain formal allocation agreements for Pinellas County to provide water, sewer, and solid waste (disposal) services consistent with adopted level-of-service standards.

Policy 1.1.4: The Land Development Code shall establish provisions and criteria that development orders and permits shall be issued only if public facilities, such as roadways, recreation/open space, water, sewer, solid waste and drainage, necessary to meet level of service standards are available concurrent or phased with the impacts of the development or such impacts are mitigated.

Policy 1.1.5: The Land Development Code shall establish provisions and criteria for the issuance of development orders and permits for existing sites and/or development where level of service standard deficiencies exist.

GOAL 2:

THE CITY SHALL SUPPORT PINELLAS COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SWFWMD) EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST POTABLE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND PROMOTE CONSERVATION WHILE PROTECTING THE SURROUNDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

[Tampa Bay Water has the authority and responsibility to provide water supply to its member governments as described in the data and analysis]

Objective 2.1: Potable Water

The City, SWFWMD and Pinellas County shall work together to encourage reduction in potable water demand.

Policy 2.1.1: Require that low water usage plumbing fixtures pursuant to the Florida Building Code, as amended, be installed in all new buildings or in conjunction with renovations.

Policy 2.1.2: Continue to enforce the water conservation provisions of the *Pinellas County Code* and coordinate with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to restrict the unnecessary consumption of potable water.

Policy 2.1.3: Through the Land Development Code require, pursuant to Florida Statutes, the installation of rain sensor devices for new irrigation systems which will override the timing cycle when adequate rainfall has occurred.

Policy 2.1.4: Continue to maintain a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan that is consistent with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Water Supply Plan by updating the Work plan within 18 months of an update to the District's Regional Supply Plan that affects the City.

GOAL 3:

THE CITY SHALL SUPPORT PINELLAS COUNTY EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER WHILE PROTECTING THE SURROUNDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

[Residents of Seminole contract directly with Pinellas County Utilities for sanitary sewer service.]

Objective 3.1: Sanitary Sewer

The City shall work with Pinellas County to reduce the demand for potable water through the reuse of wastewater.

Policy 3.1.1: Continue to coordinate with Pinellas County in its promotion of treated wastewater for irrigation and landscaping.

Policy 3.1.2: Examine the feasibility of reusing treated wastewater for irrigation and landscaping.

Policy 3.1.3: Continue to encourage the elimination of septic tanks within its municipal boundaries, and will not approve any new septic tanks.

GOAL 4:

THE CITY SHALL SUPPORT PINELLAS COUNTY EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WHILE PROTECTING THE SURROUNDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Objective 4.1: Solid Waste

The City shall work with its franchise solid waste provider and Pinellas County to maintain or reduce its per capita generation of non-recyclable solid waste.

Policy 4.1.1: Continue to implement a resource recovery program that encourages City residents and businesses to recycle glass, aluminum, newsprint, and other waste products as may be appropriate.

GOAL 5:

STORMWATER SHALL BE MANAGED TO PROVIDE FLOOD PROTECTION FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AND TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE WATER QUALITY OF RECEIVING WATERBODIES.

Objective 5.1: Master Drainage Plan and Drainage Level of Service

Stormwater deficiencies that are the responsibility of the City that have been identified through stormwater management planning shall be implemented through the Capital Improvements Element and/or the annual budgeting process.

Policy 5.1.1: The City drainage system shall maintain a level of service D, which is a 25-year frequency, 24-hour storm event.

Policy 5.1.2: Implement the drainage projects identified through stormwater management planning.

Policy 5.1.3: Continue to identify stormwater management system deficiencies and implement, through the annual budget and/or capital improvements program, projects for correcting such deficiencies.

Policy 5.1.4: Continue to contribute to the region-wide effort to ensure that Lake Seminole, Long Bayou, and Boca Ciega Bay maintain designations as Outstanding Florida Waters and Aquatic Preserves.

Policy 5.1.5: Ensure that stormwater run-off meets all applicable federal, state, regional, and local standards, including those of the National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System, and the applicable chapters of the Florida Administrative Code.

Policy 5.1.6: The City, in cooperation with the County and SWFWMD, shall implement an educational program which advises its citizens of the dangers associated with non-point source pollution. This program shall address, at a minimum, the following:

- Proper pesticide and fertilizer application practices;
- Uses of turf blocks for patios, sidewalks, driveways, etc., to limit impervious surface area;
- The importance of maintaining motor vehicles to prevent the accumulation of oils, grease, transmission fluid, etc., on driveways; and
- The importance of regularly collecting and properly composting yard debris to prevent the accumulation of detritus which can adversely affect surface water quality.

Policy 5.1.7: At the time of site plan review, apply stormwater management provisions within the Land Development Code, or approved development agreement if applicable, and utilize the following level-of-service standards for private projects and development to support the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

- As may be applicable, federal, state, and local regulations relating to flood control, stormwater treatment and wetland protection shall continue to be met in public and private project design.
- If applicable, the twenty-five year storm design standard, pursuant to SWFWMD requirements for stormwater quality treatment/storage quantity, shall confine the runoff

from a 25 year, 24 hour rainfall event within drainage channel banks, or within designated twenty-five year floodplains, in order to protect human life and minimize property damage.

- If applicable, the one-hundred year storm design standard, pursuant to SWFWMD requirements for stormwater quality treatment/storage quantity, shall protect homes and commercial buildings against flooding by a 100 year, 24 hour rainfall event.
- Preference shall be given to stormwater management options which restore floodplains.

Policy 5.1.8: The Land Development Code shall contain stormwater management design requirements for new development and redevelopment in addition to level of service standards which, at a minimum, protect natural drainage features found within the City as follows:

- Ensure that all parcels of land, other than an individual single family parcel, be able to show that the development or redevelopment of a site meets the City's stormwater regulations or results in improved stormwater treatment when compared to its previous state;
- Ensure that individual single-family construction will be reviewed to make sure that on-site construction and regrading do not create an adverse impact on neighboring properties or the City's or County's stormwater system;
- To the maximum extent legally possible, new residential development shall not be located in the Coastal High Hazard Area;
- Ensure the prevention of erosion, retardation of runoff, and protection of natural functions and values of the floodplain shall be considered while promoting public usage;
- Require development or redevelopment proposals to be consistent with performance standards regulating development within the designated floodplain; and
- Encourage the use of low-impact development techniques.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION ELEMENT

GOAL 1:

TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POSSIBLE, THE CITY OF SEMINOLE SHALL CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND APPROPRIATELY MANAGE ITS AQUATIC, WETLAND, AND TERRESTRIAL NATURAL RESOURCES.

Objective 1.1: Surface and Groundwater

The City shall continue to protect and enhance the quality and quantity of surface water infiltrating the groundwater and surrounding lakes, bayous and bays.

Policy 1.1.1: Continue to cooperate with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to conduct water conservation education programs.

Policy 1.1.2: Continue to treat stormwater drainage flows, to maintain water quality in Lake Seminole, Long Bayou, Cross Bayou and Boca Ciega Bay.

Policy 1.1.3: Protect water storage and water quality enhancement functions of wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas through land acquisition, enforcement of laws, and the application of land and water management practices which provide for compatible uses.

Policy 1.1.4: Minimize the amount of impervious surface areas through implementation of impervious surface ratio standards established by the Future Land Use Element and Land Development Code, and through enhanced landscaping and open space, and utilization of Low Impact Development and other stormwater management techniques through the Land Development Code and development review process in order to improve water quality through enhancing the quality of groundwater infiltration and minimizing runoff.

Policy 1.1.5: The City shall enforce the provisions as set forth in the Southwest Florida Water Management District *Water Shortage Plan*.

Policy 1.1.6: Through the Land Development Code, require new developments and redevelopments to use soil erosion control mechanisms and Low Impact Development techniques, where such mechanisms are necessary to control sedimentation, ensure the continual efficient operation of the drainage system and enhance water quality infiltration to protect streams, lakes and bays from substantial alteration of their natural functions.

Policy 1.1.7: In order to reduce non-point source pollutant loadings and improve the functioning of the City drainage system, dumping of debris of any kind (e.g., yard clippings and trimmings), into drainage ditches, canals, and stormwater control structures shall be prohibited.

Objective 1.2: Floodplains

The City will reduce natural hazard impacts through compliance with FEMA regulations, review potential for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), target repetitive flood loss and vulnerable properties for mitigation and ensure that Land Development Code requirements controlling development within the 100-year floodplain shall be strictly enforced.

Policy 1.2.1: Utilize the Land Development Code and site plan review criteria to protect the natural functions of the 100-year floodplain so that flood-carrying and flood-storage capacities are maintained and consider flood potential and hurricane hazards, including evacuation levels and sheltering, in a comprehensive manner.

Policy 1.2.2: Continue to participate in state and federal floodplain management programs, in order to preserve hydrologically significant wetlands and other natural floodplain features to mitigate storm surge and high tide impacts.

Policy 1.2.3: Continue to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program and evaluate benefits of future participation in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS), which is the NFIP's voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements resulting in reduced flood insurance premium rates for communities that participate in the CRS.

Policy 1.2.4: Variances to required flood elevations shall not be approved unless documented to be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

Policy 1.2.5: Enforce applicable recommendations of Post-Disaster Hazard Mitigation plans, required under Section 406 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974.

Policy 1.2.6: Minimize the disturbance of natural shorelines which provide stabilization and protect landward areas from storm impacts.

Policy 1.2.7: Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan shall consider the effects on hazard mitigation and current and credible sea-level rise data.

Policy 1.2.8: Establish and maintain an on-going inventory of repetitive loss properties, and target hazard mitigation programs to these properties, and consider the acquisition of such properties for use a public open space through the use of grants or tax deed sales.

Policy 1.2.9: Consider amendments to the comprehensive plan and Land Development Code based upon any adopted new or revised amendments to the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy.

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Policy 1.2.10: Continue to reduce flood risk resulting from or associated with high-tide events, storm surge, flash floods, stormwater runoff and impacts related to sea-level rise, through use of development and redevelopment principles, strategies and engineering solutions contained in the Florida Building Code and Land Development Code, including but not limited to, low-impact development, cluster development, setback and buffer zones, post-disaster redevelopment requirements and other similar techniques.

Policy 1.2.11: Through the Land Development Code and/or Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Buildings Building Regulations, be consistent with or as deemed appropriate, be more stringent than the flood-resistant construction requirements in the Florida Building Code and federal flood plain management regulations, such as but not limited to, establishing free-board elevation, air conditioning elevation, flood-proofing and flood vent requirements.

Policy 1.2.12: Continue, as deemed appropriate, to attend meetings of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy Work Group and the meetings and workshops of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to ensure that the mitigation strategies are implemented and updated as necessary.

Policy 1.2.13: The City will identify infrastructure and critical facilities at risk for high-tide events, storm surge, and sea-level rise. Redevelopment plans for such improvements will take alternative locations outside of the Coastal High Hazard Area into consideration. Where relocation of infrastructure and critical facilities is deemed unfeasible, structurally defensive measures to mitigate the impact of rising seas in order to decrease vulnerability should be pursued. Structurally defensive measures could include shoreline armoring.

Policy 1.2.14: Strategies for preparing for sea-level rise, such as increasing road surface elevation standards, subsurface stabilization, stormwater management and drainage, and adjustment of bridge heights to allow for navigation, should be collectively assessed and implemented where appropriate.

Policy 1.2.15: The City may collaborate with State and Pinellas County as appropriate to develop strategies for responding to sea-level rise, including consideration of the effects of sea-level rise on potable water sources, saltwater intrusion, septic systems, wastewater treatment facilities and the water table.

Policy 1.2.16: Continue to enforce the Future Land Use Element policies of not approving residential density increases within the Coastal High Hazard Areas.

Objective 1.3: Wetlands

The City shall conserve or improve wetlands, aquatic resources, and wildlife population and habitat to maintain their environmental and recreational value.

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Policy 1.3.1: Wetland areas designated Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map* shall be protected, unless mitigation measures are approved by the City, from physical and hydrological alterations, and other adverse effects of development.

Policy 1.3.2: Environmentally sensitive areas, such as coastal marshes, freshwater swamps, and mangrove areas which have not been designated as Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map* shall be protected from development that would significantly alter their function and character. The Land Development Code shall establish post-development mitigation requirements for impacts to these communities.

Policy 1.3.3: Dredge and fill activities shall be permitted only when determined to be an overriding public benefit, after review and approval by appropriate government agencies and other interested parties, and shall be conducted in a manner least harmful to the surrounding environment.

Policy 1.3.4: The Land Development Code shall contain provisions that protect the limited amount of marine wetlands remaining in the community, and any lands designated as Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map* and in this Element. This policy does not require the City to adopt standards for wetland preservation and/or mitigation that are more stringent than applicable state or other regulatory agency standards.

Policy 1.3.5: The Land Development Code shall contain provisions that protect the limited amount of marine wetlands remaining in the community, and any lands designated as Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map* and in this Element.

Policy 1.3.6: The Land Development Code shall contain provisions that encourage shorelines lacking wetland vegetation, seawalls, or bulkheads to be planted with native vegetation, in order to minimize potential flood damage, stabilize the shoreline, trap sediments and other non-point source pollutants, and provide additional habitat for fish and wildlife.

Objective 1.4: Conservation of Natural Resources

Continue to implement Land Development Code provisions that promote the conservation of natural ecosystems and species of conservation concern (inclusive of native vegetative communities, terrestrial, marine, estuarine and aquatic ecosystems, and native wildlife species) and enhances the mature native tree canopy.

Policy 1.4.1: Continue to enforce existing ordinances that protect and conserve native ecosystems and wildlife habitat, including habitat for species of conservation concern, from destruction by development activities, and enforce buffer zones around environmentally sensitive areas, so as to assure that incompatible development is directed away from such areas.

Policy 1.4.2: Continue to require that the intensity and location of development be correlated to support important ecosystems and native wildlife species existing on each site.

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Policy 1.4.3: Continue to manage City-owned environmental lands and resource-based parks to provide avenues for the dispersal of isolated populations of wildlife throughout the City.

Policy 1.4.4: Regulate the protection of and enhancement to native tree canopy and establish reforestation and mitigation standards through the Land Development Code.

Policy 1.4.5: Continue to recognize that the regulation and enhancement of the native tree canopy is integral to the City's sustainability ethic and contributes incrementally to improving local air quality.

Policy 1.4.6: Land development regulations shall contain provisions that encourage the removal and prohibit the planting of exotic species including, but not limited to, punk tree (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*), Australian pine (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) and Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*).

Objective 1.5: Species with Special Status

The City shall cooperate with appropriate agencies to protect species with special status from adverse impacts due to loss of natural habitats.

Policy 1.5.1: Assist in the application of and compliance with all state and federal regulations pertaining to species of special status (e.g., endangered, rare, threatened, and species of special concern) as required under the Florida *Endangered and Threatened Species Act* or the federal *Endangered Species Act*.

Policy 1.5.2: Identified areas that contain viable populations of, or suitable habitats for, species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the state and federal government shall be designated as Preservation on *Future Land Use Plan Map*. Future development in these areas shall be limited to land uses compatible with the listed species, pursuant to land development regulation requirements.

Objective 1.6: Hazardous Waste

The City shall participate with Pinellas County to ensure hazardous wastes are handled, collected, transported, stored, disposed of, and recycled in a manner adequate to protect human health, safety, and the environment.

Policy 1.6.1: Through its representative agency (Seminole Fire-Rescue), continue to work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and Pinellas County in maintaining an emergency response plan to handle accidents involving hazardous waste.

Policy 1.6.2: Continue to support the Pinellas County Pollution Prevention Program (P2), in order to regulate small generators of hazardous wastes and to protect natural resources and public health.

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Policy 1.6.3: Continue to use the most effective methods available, including mailings and other media, to encourage residents and local businesses to deposit household chemical waste at the Pinellas County household chemical collection center.

Policy 1.6.4: Direct generators and users of hazardous material to Pinellas County staff for technical assistance regarding proper disposal methods.

Objective 1.7: Air Quality

The City shall comply with all state and federal standards for air quality.

Policy 1.7.1: In order to reduce the negative effects of automobile emissions pollution, the City shall:

- Encourage vegetative buffer strips between roadways and residential development;
- Promote alternative transportation modes such as carpooling, walking, and biking; and
- Ensure continued operation of roadways at acceptable levels of service.

Objective 1.8: Shoreline Development

The City of Seminole shall protect its shoreline and the estuarine environment from the impacts of development, giving priority to low-density residential and water-dependent uses.

Policy 1.8.1: Limit shoreline development that will adversely impact fish habitats.

Policy 1.8.2: Land and water uses within the City shall be compatible with the protection of coastal resources, giving priority to water-dependent uses.

Policy 1.8.3: Where feasible, shoreline land uses shall be designated as Recreation/Open Space, residential, or Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map*.

Objective 1.9: County, State, and Federal Regulations

The City shall comply with all state, federal, and county regulations designed to protect coastal resources, and to maintain or increase public access to shores.

Policy 1.9.1: Continue to comply with all state, federal, and county regulations governing hurricane evacuation, provision of public access to shores, provision of infrastructure, management of stormwater drainage, protection of wetland vegetation, and protection of species with special status.

Policy 1.9.2: Continue to coordinate with neighboring municipalities and Pinellas County to protect estuaries which are within the jurisdiction of more than one local government, ensure

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adequate sites for water-dependent uses, prevent estuarine pollution, control surface water runoff, protect living marine resources, reduce exposure to natural hazards, and ensure public access to shores.

Policy 1.9.3: Continue to comply with federal, county, and state regulations governing the protection and management of Lake Seminole and Long Bayou.

Objective 1.10: Limiting Urban Sprawl.

Continue to implement future land use policies that restrict the proliferation of urban sprawl in order to reduce impacts to natural resources

Policy 1.10.1: Continue to pursue acquisition of open space and environmentally sensitive areas, where financially feasible.

Policy 1.10.2: Continue to designate environmentally sensitive areas as Preservation on the Future Land Use Plan.

GOAL 2:

THE CITY SHALL PROVIDE A SET OF GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF ITS RESIDENTS FROM THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

Objective 2.1: Hurricane Evacuation

The City shall maintain or reduce hurricane evacuation times.

Policy 2.1.1: Continue to coordinate with state, regional, and county agencies to ensure that major evacuation routes are adequately maintained, and when necessary improved, to facilitate an efficient and safe evacuation.

Policy 2.1.2: The City, in cooperation with the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management and the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross, shall participate in annual hurricane preparedness seminars.

Policy 2.1.3: City emergency response personnel and volunteers shall coordinate with county and state emergency response agencies in emergency planning, including communications, traffic control, and warning operations, to effect a safe and efficient evacuation.

Policy 2.1.4: In order to assure a safe evacuation of the population, the City's adopted level of service standard for out-of-county hurricane evacuation clearance time for a category 5 storm event as measured on the Saffir-Simpson scale shall be established by the County.

Objective 2.2: Emergency Planning

The City shall reduce the risk of exposure of human life and public and private property to natural disasters through implementation of the City emergency operations plan, and through hazard mitigation measures.

Policy 2.2.1: Continue coordination with the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management, shall maintain a comprehensive emergency operations plan which shall address the four phases of comprehensive emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Policy 2.2.2: Retain an emergency management coordinator who shall oversee updating of the emergency operations plan; act as a liaison between state, regional, county, and City emergency response and planning agencies; and ensure coordination between emergency management and development management activities.

Policy 2.2.3: Continue to enforce all appropriate federal, state, and local coastal construction codes, including the *Coastal Zone Protection Act*, and shall strictly enforce their implementation through the building inspection process.

Policy 2.2.4: Special care facilities shall not be located in the Coastal High Hazard Area, and are discouraged in other hurricane evacuation zones unless adequate provisions for safe and efficient evacuation and shelter are ensured.

Policy 2.2.5: Retain facilities that can be used as an emergency operations center, in order to continue essential services and communications under disaster conditions.

Policy 2.2.6: Continue to coordinate with Pinellas County authorities to require mobile home residents, wherever located, to move to a safe location when any evacuation order is issued under the regional evacuation plan.

Objective 2.3: Public Expenditures in Coastal High Hazard Area

The City shall limit public expenditures that support development in the Coastal High Hazard Area, other than maintaining established levels of service for the existing or planned population, and enhancement of natural resources.

Policy 2.3.1: The City shall evaluate the feasibility of a public land acquisition and management program for Recreation/Open Space and Preservation areas within the Coastal High Hazard Area by December 31, 2019.

Policy 2.3.2: Designate the Coastal High Hazard Area as the area below the elevation of the category 1 storm surge line as established by a Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) computerized storm surge model, as reflected in the most recent Regional Evacuation Study, Storm Tide Atlas.

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Policy 2.3.3: Continue to not support or finance new local transportation corridors within the Coastal High Hazard Area, although existing corridors may be maintained or improved as necessary to meet level of service and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of existing users.

Policy 2.3.4: Continue to not support sewer and water line extensions or expansions within the Coastal High Hazard Area that will encourage future growth or higher densities in those vulnerable areas, except as required to meet level of service standards.

Objective 2.4: Population Density in Coastal High Hazard Area

The City shall continue to direct population concentrations away from the designated Coastal High Hazard Area.

Policy 2.4.1: Continue to implement growth management directives which limit densities within the Coastal High Hazard Area, consistent with *Future Land Use Plan*.

Policy 2.4.2: Utilize the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council *Hurricane Evacuation Study* for guidance pertaining to residential future land use densities in coastal high hazard areas.

GOAL 3:

THE CITY SHALL EXPEDITE POST-DISASTER RECOVERY, AND REDUCE THE FUTURE RISK TO HUMAN LIFE AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM NATURAL HAZARDS, THROUGH RECOVERY AND REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

Objective 3.1: Recovery Task Force

The City shall maintain a recovery task force to hear preliminary damage assessments, direct short-term repair and cleanup activities, and guide long-term recovery and redevelopment activities following a disaster.

Policy 3.1.1: The recovery task force shall consist of City staff and other members as appointed by the City Council or City Manager.

Policy 3.1.2: The recovery task force shall fulfill the following responsibilities, as well as others deemed necessary:

- Hear preliminary damage reports;
- Take necessary steps to seek financial assistance from the appropriate state and federal agencies;
- Authorize immediate clean-up and repairs necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;
- Identify areas within the community where minor, moderate, and major damage has occurred;

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- Recommend to the City Council temporary building moratoria for building activities not essential to protect health, safety, and welfare;
- Recommend to the City Council appropriate hazard mitigation policies which should be implemented in response to the disaster; and
- Prepare a report evaluating post-disaster redevelopment response and make recommendations for necessary changes to this comprehensive plan.

Objective 3.2: Post-Disaster Recovery/Hazard Mitigation

The City shall maintain a system of post-disaster recovery procedures, including debris clearance, property damage assessment, and restoration of basic services, and shall promote hazard mitigation.

Policy 3.2.1: Following a major disaster, the City Council may adopt a temporary post-disaster building moratorium to allow sufficient time for immediate damage assessment, the identification of redevelopment opportunities, and hazard mitigation policy implementation.

Policy 3.2.2: Implement the post-disaster procedures outlined in the emergency operations plan, in order to expedite permitting for minor repairs and temporary post-disaster housing consistent with the objectives of this comprehensive plan.

Policy 3.2.3: Where financially feasible and determined appropriate, the City may consider the following strategies for property which has received recurring major storm damage:

- Designation of the land as Preservation on *Future Land Use Plan Map*;
- Reduction of permissible density of development in the area;
- Reconstruction according to more stringent building and construction standards; and
- Public acquisition of damaged areas.

Policy 3.2.4: Address key reconstruction and redevelopment strategies which will be used to promote hazard mitigation, and which shall include the following objectives:

- Enhancement of local recreational and open space opportunities;
- Enhancement and restoration of local natural ecosystems;
- Reduction of traffic congestion, noise, and other transportation-related problems; and
- Enhancement of the long-term economic vitality of the local commercial base.

Policy 3.2.5: Appropriate recommendations of interagency hazard mitigation reports, such as the *Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategies* initiative, shall be utilized in post-disaster recovery efforts.

RECREATION/OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

GOAL:

THE CITY SHALL ENSURE THE PROVISION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A COORDINATED, EFFICIENT, AND ACCESSIBLE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES, AND PROMOTE PRIVATE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH SHALL MEET THE NEEDS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS, VISITORS, AND TOURISTS.

Objective 1.1: Level-of-Service Standards

The City of Seminole shall, in cooperation with other governmental agencies, provide and maintain a system of open space, parks, and recreation facilities, including access to shores, meeting the needs of the current and future populations.

Policy 1.1.1: The standards shown in Tables 1 and 2 below are the level-of-service (LOS) standards for park and recreational facilities for the City of Seminole and said LOS standards may be met by existing and/or future County or public school facilities.

**Table 1
Level-of-Service Standards For Parks and Open Space**

Park Facility	Service Area / Population Served	Facilities
Neighborhood	0.25 - 0.5 mile 1/ per 5,000	Play apparatus areas, recreation buildings, sports fields, multi-purpose fields, senior citizen areas, landscaping, open space, free play areas. Recommended minimum size: 2 acres.
Community	0.5 - 3 miles 1/per 5,000	All facilities found in the neighborhood park plus facilities to service the entire family. Pools, softball/baseball fields, tennis courts, play areas, picnic areas, passive and active recreation areas, and recreation buildings. Recommended minimum size: 2-5 acres.
Recreation/Open Space	3 acres per 1,000	All active and passive recreation areas

**Table 2
Level-of-Service Standards for Specific Activities**

Activity	Per Person Level-of-Service Standard
Baseball/Softball	1 field per 5,000
Basketball	1 court per 5,000
Fishing (from land)	1 site per 5,000
Football/Soccer	1 field per 6,000
General Play	1 play area per 10,000
Physical Exercise (jogging)	1 parcourse per 15,000
Swimming (pool)	1 pool per 25,000
Tennis	1 court per 2,000
Volleyball	1 court per 6,000

Source: Outdoor Recreation in Florida 2008 serves as the principal source.

Policy 1.1.2: Through the Capital Improvements Element and/or annual budgeting, and in cooperation with the County and School Board, identify projects to meet any LOS deficiencies.

Policy 1.1.3: Park and recreation lands shall be planned for multiple uses and located in areas most suitable to satisfy the needs of the permanent and seasonal population.

Policy 1.1.4: Land set aside by new development for recreational purposes shall be determined suitable for that purpose during the site planning process and should not be land which is remaining after development.

Policy 1.1.5: The designation and acquisition of recreation and park sites shall be in accordance with long-range comprehensive plans for City development and redevelopment.

Objective 1.2: Public and Private Partnerships

The City shall continue to coordinate public and private recreation resources.

Policy 1.2.1: Continue, along with local businesses and development authorities, to encourage coordination with local art, cultural, and historical organizations in local planning and redevelopment efforts.

Objective 1.3: Open Space

Lands designated as Recreation/Open Space or Preservation on the *Future Land Use Plan Map* shall be protected from incompatible land uses.

Policy 1.3.1: Enforce land development regulations that provide the following:

- Specific definitions and standards for open space, landscaping, and signage.
- Encourage the provision of recreation and open space areas.
- Encourage the use of open space to buffer incompatible recreational activities or land uses.
- Protect all areas identified as natural resources.

Policy 1.3.2: Open space in parks shall be maintained to protect and preserve native habitats and provide passive recreation opportunities.

Objective 1.4: Special Needs Populations

The City shall be responsive to the recreational needs of the permanent and seasonal population.

Policy 1.4.1: Access to park and recreation facilities and services shall be provided for all age groups and the disabled.

Policy 1.4.2: Parking facilities, including those for bicyclists and disabled drivers, shall be provided at parks and other recreation facilities.

Objective 1.5: Funding Sources

The City shall provide open space, parks, and recreation facilities in an economically efficient manner.

Policy 1.5.1: Continue to pursue innovative techniques for park and recreation facilities funding.

Policy 1.5.2: The Land Development Code shall stipulate that new residential developments or redevelopments provide for the future recreational and open space needs generated by that development, through impact fees and/or site plan review.

Policy 1.5.3: Preserve, maintain, and enhance existing parks and recreation facilities, including access to the same, through the use of adequate operating budgets, user fees, and proper management techniques.

Policy 1.5.4: Methods such as tax incentives and density transfers shall be used for the desired acquisition of lands with recreation potential.

Policy 1.5.5: Continue to maintain its joint-use agreement with the Pinellas County School Board for the use of countywide public school recreational facilities.

Objective 1.6: Future Recreational Opportunities

The City shall continue to maintain and, as available, expand the community’s adopted level-of-service standards for open space and recreational opportunities.

Policy 1.6.1: Continue to assess the feasibility of obtaining and developing future passive and active recreational facilities.

Policy 1.6.2: Continue to work with Pinellas County and other appropriate governmental agencies to ensure and maintain public access to Lake Seminole and Long Bayou.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOAL 1:

IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF INTERLOCAL COORDINATION TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS RESULTING FROM THE PLANS AND REGULATIONS.

Objective 1.1: Pinellas Planning Council

The City of Seminole shall participate in the deliberations of the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) consistent with the provisions of the Pinellas County Charter and special laws enabling the countywide planning process.

Policy 1.1.1: Through its designated representative on the Pinellas Planning Council, shall participate in the countywide planning process and take part in opportunities to identify, discuss, and act upon matters considered by the PPC.

Policy 1.1.2: Continue to coordinate its comprehensive plan and land development regulations with the Countywide Plan and Rules in order to maintain consistency between the local and countywide plans and regulations, and further, shall participate in deliberations addressing annexation and related service delivery, growth management, and such other matters as may be brought before the PPC in its role as the Countywide Land Planning Agency.

Policy 1.1.3: Coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council, or designated ad hoc committee, and adjacent local governments in the development, review, and recommendation of countywide guidelines addressing land use location criteria and location of problematic land uses.

Policy 1.1.4: The City Manager shall appoint a staff member to represent the City on the Planners Advisory Committee of the PPC.

Objective 1.2: Level-of-Service Standards

The City shall establish a means by which level-of-service standards are coordinated and consistent with neighboring jurisdictions.

Policy 1.2.1: Through the County, Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), work with the Florida Department of Transportation and the MPO as necessary to attain and assure acceptable continued operational levels of service for the City streets.

Policy 1.2.2: Continue to forward requests for access to county or state-maintained roadways to the Pinellas County or the Florida Department of Transportation, as appropriate, for comments concerning access criteria, permitting, and level-of-service impacts.

Policy 1.2.3: Continue to coordinate with Pinellas County to ensure that County, each adjacent jurisdiction's and Florida Department of Transportation LOS are considered in the City's planning and development permitting process for public service facilities, such as roadways, stormwater, wastewater treatment and potable water.

Policy 1.2.4: The Land Development Code shall contain provisions and criteria that development orders and permits shall be issued only if public facilities provided by the County necessary to meet their level of service standards are available concurrent or phased with the impacts of the development or if such impacts are mitigated.

Policy 1.2.5: Coordinate with service providers in the City to develop recommendations that address ways to improve coordination of the City's concurrency management methodologies and systems, and levels of service.

Objective 1.3: Comprehensive Planning Coordination with Other Entities

The City shall continue to improve communication, cooperation, and coordination in its comprehensive planning efforts with the County, local governments, districts and other regulatory agencies.

Policy 1.3.1: Utilize the countywide planning process as an additional means of notifying adjacent jurisdictions and Pinellas County School Board of future land use plan map and as applicable, other comprehensive plan amendments.

Policy 1.3.2: Coordinate with and review the plans and independent special district facility reports of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Pinellas County, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and Tampa Bay Water (TBW) and identify and resolve conflicts with the comprehensive plan, including concurrency related items.

Policy 1.3.3: Continue to coordinate with the Pinellas Planning Council, Pinellas County School Board, Pinellas County, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Water, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and other state and federal agencies on projects that fall within their jurisdictions or are multi-jurisdictional in nature.

Policy 1.3.4: Continue to coordinate with Pinellas County for the provision of countywide facilities, including but not limited to, solid waste disposal, wastewater treatment, stormwater and the Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center.

Policy 1.3.5: Continue to coordinate with the Southwest Florida Water Management District *Regional Water Supply Plan* through the Pinellas County Utilities from which it receives all retail water supplies, and on-going updates of the City's Water Supply Plan.

Policy 1.3.6: Continue to coordinate with the Pinellas County and the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the planning, provision and improvement of major transportation and mass

transit facilities, including but not limited to, pedestrian, bicycle, truck route and mass transit planning.

Policy 1.3.7: Continue to forward notice of proposed future land use plan amendments with potential hurricane shelter and evacuation route impacts to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Pinellas County Emergency Management Department for review and comment to determine impacts to shelter space and evacuation routes.

Policy 1.3.8: Coordinate with the Pinellas County Planning Department in its effort to develop countywide population projections that include expected growth for the community.

Policy 1.3.9: Provide review and comment, if necessary, on the plans of the Pinellas County Community Development Department regarding the provision of very-low, low, and moderate income housing and support the various Pinellas County housing assistance programs available to the City.

Policy 1.3.10: Continue to share information concerning significant native vegetative communities, terrestrial, marine, estuarine and aquatic habitats, wildlife species, and upland habitat occurring in the City with adjacent local governments, appropriate agencies, or other interested groups.

Policy 1.3.11: As appropriate, forward the City's emergency response plan to handle hazardous waste spills to Pinellas County, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to solicit comments pertaining to their respective plans.

Policy 1.3.12: Amend, if applicable, the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code based upon the adopted *Pinellas County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy*,

Policy 1.3.13: Continue to participate in the continuing meetings of the Hazard Mitigation Committee to ensure that the strategies are implemented and updated.

Objective 1.4: Public Schools Coordination

The City of Seminole shall continue to coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with plans of the School Board of Pinellas County through participation in joint planning processes and procedures.

Policy 1.4.1: Continue to implement the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement in coordination with the School District and the other local governments that are signatories to the Agreement (the partner local governments).

Policy 1.4.2: In fulfillment the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement, the City of Seminole shall continue its participation on the Pinellas Schools Collaborative, to evaluate implementation of the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement and school concurrency, and propose amendments if deemed necessary.

Objective 1.5: Land Development Code and Development Coordination

The City shall continue to improve communication, cooperation and coordination in its implementation of the Land Development Code, and review and issuance of development permits with the County, local governments, districts and other regulatory agencies.

Policy 1.5.1: Continue to review the Land Development Code and future amendments for consistency with countywide rules, and as appropriate, make necessary amendments to resolve any conflicts.

Policy 1.5.2: Recognizing the impacts of development extend beyond the corporate limits, the City shall, through land development regulations and site plan review process, ensure that development orders or permits, where applicable and feasible are consistent with the objectives, policies and LOS standards of the County, Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Pinellas Planning Council, Tampa Bay Water, and other local, state and federal agencies.

Policy 1.5.3: Through the Land Development Code, condition development orders and permits to require that all other applicable County, regional regulatory agency, state or federal permits be obtained before development commences.

Policy 1.5.4: Through the Land Development Code, ensure that landscaping requirements are in accordance with recommendations of the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Department and the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management concerning the use of native and drought-resistant plantings.

Policy 1.5.5: Continue to address environmental issues associated with the maintenance of navigational channels with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pinellas County with conflicts resolved through the Coastal Resource Interagency Management Committee dispute resolution process.

Policy 1.5.6: Continue to administer Land Development Code standards for shoreline protection and dock placement in coordination with the Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority.

Objective 1.6: Voluntary Dispute Resolution Processes

Bring intergovernmental disputes to closure in a timely manner through the use of voluntary dispute resolution processes.

Policy 1.6.1: Pursue the resolution of conflicts that may arise from local comprehensive plan goals, objectives, and policies using the appropriate dispute resolution process identified in this ICE or other suitable process.

Policy 1.6.2: If deemed appropriate, utilize the existing countywide planning process, as appropriate, to resolve local government comprehensive plan disputes, as well as other planning-related intergovernmental disputes.

Policy 1.6.3: Utilize the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in its role as a mediator and conciliator as outlined in the Florida Administrative Code, to reconcile differences on planning and growth management issues as outlined in the rule.

Policy 1.6.4: In instances where the resolution of issues requiring intergovernmental concurrence has not been achieved, the City may initiate informal mediation by filing with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council a written request for mediation assistance, pursuant to the Florida Administrative Code, and Florida Statutes.

Objective 1.7: Annexation

Identify, implement, and coordinate joint planning areas for annexation and service provision.

Policy 1.7.1: Continue to coordinate with the PPC, and other jurisdictions as appropriate, to establish a more comprehensive and better integrated annexation process that will include consideration of the following:

- Advance notice - A procedure that provides for advance notice of all annexations to the respective parties of interest.
- Accurate legal description - A means to review and validate the legal descriptions for annexations.
- State law compliance - Definitions and examples by which to determine compliance with the state law for contiguity, compactness, enclaves, and procedures for annexation agreements.
- Ability to serve - Pre-determined or administrative means to establish a municipality's ability to serve the area.
- Service contracts - Enabling provisions for the County and each municipality to enter into mutually acceptable agreements to provide selected services where it is beneficial to the citizenry and cost-effective to do so in lieu of annexation.
- Predictability - The delineation of areas eligible to be annexed by each jurisdiction.
- Coordination with state plan amendment review process - To establish eligibility for waiver of the requirement for plan amendment pursuant to Section 163.3171(3), Florida Statutes, at the time of annexation.

Policy 1.7.2: Continue to provide a copy of its published or posted notice of annexation, via certified mail, to the Board of County Commissioners as required by Section 171.044(6), Florida Statutes.