

Chapter 8
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOAL 1:	To provide for coordinated and consistent planning for growth and development in Gulf County.
OBJECTIVE 1.1:	Gulf County will coordinate the preparation and implementation of its Comprehensive Plan with the Plans of adjacent local governments by participating in pertinent programs of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council which are designated for that purpose and by implementing Policies 1.1.1 through 1.1.4.
POLICY 1.1.1:	Gulf County will make available copies of its Comprehensive Plan to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and adjacent local governments for their review. Review copies will be available at the Library and County Commission Board Room during normal business hours.
POLICY 1.1.2:	When implementation of the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan will impact adjacent local governments, Gulf County will initiate informal communications with the affected local government to discuss coordination measures. Gulf County will then analyze what, if any, actions need to be taken by Gulf County regarding the specific intergovernmental coordination issues. Alternatives considered will include, but not be limited to, the formation of an intergovernmental ad hoc advisory committee, intergovernmental agreements, and informal intergovernmental negotiations. Intergovernmental coordination mechanisms deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners will be adopted by resolution.
POLICY 1.1.3:	When intergovernmental conflicts develop that cannot be reconciled at the local level within a reasonable period of time, Gulf County will call upon the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to assist through the use of the Council's adopted voluntary dispute resolution process as established pursuant to s. 186.509, F.S., for bringing to closure in a timely manner intergovernmental disputes. The County may also use other alternative local dispute resolution processes for this purpose.

<p>POLICY 1.1.4:</p>	<p>When annexation or incorporation issues arise, the municipality seeking annexation or incorporation will be responsible for initiating and implementing formal coordination activities. Gulf County will participate in these activities as deemed necessary by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE 1.2:</p>	<p>Gulf County will coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the Gulf County School Board, Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustee and other units of local government which provide services but do not have regulatory authority over the use of land, by implementing Policies 1.2.1 through 1.2.6.</p>
<p>POLICY 1.2.1:</p>	<p>Copies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan will be made available for review by all units of Gulf County local government during regular business hours at the Library and County Commission Board Room.</p>
<p>POLICY 1.2.2:</p>	<p>Gulf County will accept comments from any interested unit of Gulf County local government regarding coordination issues related to the Comprehensive Plan.</p>
<p>POLICY 1.2.3:</p>	<p>Comments received by units of local government in Gulf County regarding Plan coordination issues shall be reviewed by either the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan Committee or other committee appointed by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners. The Planning and Zoning Board or Ad Hoc Committee will be charged with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Review of comments received during the first three months following Comprehensive Plan adoption; (2) Identification of alternatives for the mitigation of identified issues including Comprehensive Plan amendments, informal agreements, and formal processes; (3) Presentation of alternatives and recommendations to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners within two months of committee formation.

POLICY 1.2.4:	In an effort to ensure continued intra-governmental planning consistency, the procedures outlined in Policies 1.2.1 through 1.2.3 will be repeated on an annual basis as part of the Comprehensive Plan Maintenance and Evaluation Procedures.
POLICY 1.2.5:	Gulf County will coordinate development planning with all school boards to keep school sitting compatible with land use categories that support institutional use.
POLICY 1.2.6:	Gulf County will coordinate with government agencies to promote an intergovernmental planning council to keep school sitting issues in compliance with their respective comprehensive plans.
OBJECTIVE 1.3:	Gulf County will address the impacts of any development proposed in the adopted Comprehensive Plan upon development in adjacent jurisdictions by implementing policies 1.3.1 through 1.3.2.
POLICY 1.3.1:	The Gulf County PDRB will identify and review any improvements identified in the Comprehensive Plan. A listing of any proposed improvements, will be compiled which identifies those development activities expected to impact adjacent local governments. Such list will be made available to impacted adjacent local governments for review.
POLICY 1.3.2:	Gulf County will continue to coordinate with adjacent local governments regarding the management of water bodies located in contiguous jurisdictions.
POLICY 1.3.3:	The Port of Port St. Joe shall be responsible for all future updates, appraisals and modifications to the Port Master Plan.
<u>POLICY 1.3.4</u>	The County will use the Interlocal Concurrency Council that was established to coordinate school concurrency issues to also coordinate other intergovernmental LOS concurrency issues that are generated by development activities <u>for water, sewer, transportation, solid waste and stormwater.</u>

<p><u>POLICY 1.3.5</u></p>	<p><u>To maintain the Gulf County Fresh Water Canal as a viable alternative water supply as identified in the Region V Water Supply Plan and a surface water resource for the City of Port St. Joe, Gulf County will enforce a 600 foot buffer (Ch.6:1.2.3) within the jurisdiction of unincorporated Gulf County. Existing parcels that can not support the 600’ buffer will be permitted with a reduced buffer.</u></p>
<p><u>POLICY 1.3.6</u></p>	<p><u>Gulf County will support the City of Wewahitchka water service expansion into unincorporated Gulf County by working with the City and NFWMD in establishing well head protection zones and identifying them on the FLUM.</u></p>
<p><u>OBJECTIVE 1.4</u></p>	<p>The County shall foster and encourage intergovernmental coordination for schools with the Gulf County School Board, City of Port St. Joe and the City of Wewahitchka through the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning.</p>
<p><u>POLICY 1.4.2</u></p>	<p>The County adopted the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning and shall reference it and any subsequent revision into the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations to foster school concurrency.</p>
<p><u>POLICY 1.4.3</u></p>	<p>The County shall incorporate by reference the School Board’s Five Year District Facilities Work Program and the subsequent annual revision for evaluating and meeting school Level of Service standards.</p>
<p><u>POLICY 1.4.4</u></p>	<p>The County will coordinate with the City of Wewahitchka, City of Port St. Joe and the School Board to promote an Interlocal Concurrency Council, keep school sitting and concurrency issues in compliance with their respective comprehensive plans School Facilities Element, and the School Board Five Year Capital Facilities Plan. The County shall provide to the School Board any amendments or development applications for concurrency review. The School Board shall have a minimum 30 days and a maximum 60 days for their concurrency review before approval, transmittal or adoption by the County or other Local Governments.</p>

<p><u>POLICY 1.4.5</u></p>	<p>The Interlocal Concurrency Council will monitor any growth of the school service areas for impacts to adjacent local governments or agencies with specific management responsibilities.</p>
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