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INTRODUCTION

DEFINITIONS

GOAL 1 – IGC

The County shall ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of all governmental services and programs by fostering intergovernmental coordination between the county; its municipalities; Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO); adjacent governments; utilities and quasi-public agencies; and regional, state and federal governments.

OBJECTIVE 1.0 COORDINATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH ADJACENT LOCALITIES

Lake County shall coordinate its programs and Comprehensive Plan with the programs and plans of municipalities, agencies and adjacent counties to ensure effective and efficient delivery of public services.

1.1 Joint Planning Committees

The County shall form and utilize joint City/County planning committees, to ensure consistency between comprehensive plan programs and issues.

1.2 Multiparty Development Agreements

The County shall seek multiparty agreements (e.g., City/County/developer tri-party agreements) as a means to expedite facility improvements and reduce public costs.

1.3 Coordinated Concurrency Management Systems

The County shall coordinate with the Cities when applicable in the implementation of their concurrency management system for compatible adopted levels of service.

1.4 Policy Coordination

The County will form a local council to provide a policymaker forum to coordinate growth plans and programs and to resolve interlocal disputes.

1.5 Advance Notification of Land Use Requests and Changes in Land Use Regulations

The County shall continue to transmit advance notification of requests for land use, zoning and development approval and changes in land use regulations to municipalities that may be affected as required through interlocal agreements with the Cities and the School Board of Lake County.

1.6 Interlocal Agreements for Land Use

The County shall develop new, update or maintain existing interlocal agreements or Joint Planning Agreements with the Cities for future annexations which include procedures and criteria to implement, at a minimum, the following: compatibility between adjacent future land use designations, consistency between land development regulations, future annexation area, and/or utility service areas and land use compatibility in the designated Rural Area.

1.7 Incorporated Policies

The following policies from other elements are hereby incorporated into this Element by this reference thereto as if fully set forth herein verbatim:

Transportation Element

Potable Water Element

Sanitary Sewer Element

Solid Waste Element

Future Land Use Element

Conservation Element

Storm water Element

Public Safety Element

Housing Element

Recreation and Open Space Element

1.8 Coordinated Efforts to Protect Established Residential Areas

The County will work diligently with the municipalities for the protection of established residential uses, through formal and informal agreements. Emphasis will be placed on protecting homes from adverse impacts caused by incompatible land uses, cut through traffic, provide transitional uses where needed on border parcels and provide adequate separation of homes from land uses that are sensitive in nature.

OBJECTIVE 2.0 COORDINATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH THE LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Lake County shall coordinate its programs and Comprehensive Plan with the programs and plans of the Lake County School Board.

2.1 Use of School Data for Planning County Infrastructure

The County shall continue to include school enrollment data in transportation planning and capital programs. The County shall exchange data with the School Board for use in the respective capital planning programs.

2.2 Coordinate School Plans

The County shall coordinate with the Lake County School Board to discuss development plans for expansion of existing or new education facilities within the unincorporated County to ensure such activities are consistent with growth management and development plans established within the Lake County Comprehensive Plan. Also, coordinate and address any issues concerning impacts of such facilities on adopted levels of service established for roads, water, drainage, and solid waste services.

2.3 Avoid Duplication of Services

The County shall coordinate with the Lake County School Board and the municipalities to integrate recreation facilities on school property into the recreation system for Lake County to avoid duplication of services. In addition, school facilities shall continue to be available for public meetings and other public uses when demand warrants the use.

2.4 Improving School Board/County Staff Coordination

The County shall continue to coordinate with the School Board to facilitate participation in the County Comprehensive Plan review process and the school planning process.

2.5 School Board Representation on Various County Boards

The County shall continue providing a position for a School Board representative on its Development Review Staff meetings and the Local Planning Agency.

2.6 Policy Coordination Between School and County Boards

The County shall ensure effective coordination of the policies and programs of the School Board and Board of County Commissioners.

OBJECTIVE 3.0 COORDINATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

Lake County shall coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the plans and programs of regional, State and Federal agencies in order to more effectively and efficiently address cross jurisdictional issues.

3.1 Compliance of State Development with Local Regulations

The County shall continue to review all State and other government development activities for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and land development regulations. Such development will be considered subject to local regulation unless found to be statutorily exempt, in which case the County shall rely on other coordination mechanisms, including, but not limited to, informal negotiation, to ensure the compatibility of the development with County land development regulations.

1.1 Plan Coordination

Lake County shall coordinate its comprehensive planning activities with the plans and programs of regional, State and Federal agencies by, at minimum, continuing to coordinate with the following agencies: East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; St. Johns River Water Management District; Southwest Florida Water Management District; LSMPO; the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation, and Community Affairs; the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Highway Patrol; and the Federal Agencies of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Environmental

Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. The County shall also seek legislative action by the Florida Legislature when the needs of the County so require. The County shall continue to work on issues with the Florida Association of Counties and shall consider working with the Florida League of Cities.

3.3 Coordination During Major Regional Transportation Construction Projects

The County will coordinate with the LSMPO, Florida Department of Transportation, and other jurisdictions and agencies to prepare in advance for the maintenance of traffic during construction of major regional transportation projects.

3.4 Participation in the Preservation and Protection of Lake County's Natural and Cultural Resources

The County shall recognize and participate in programs to ensure the beautification, preservation, and protection of designated Federal, State, and Local Scenic Highways; officially designated environmentally sensitive areas; and areas formally recognized for their historic and cultural significance.

OBJECTIVE 4.0 IMPACT OF THE LAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS

To ensure that the impacts resulting from the implementation of the Lake County Comprehensive Plan upon development in municipalities, adjacent counties, regions and the State are addressed through the effective use of the following intergovernmental coordination mechanisms.

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OBJECTIVE 5.0 COORDINATION OF LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

The County shall coordinate with responsible local, regional, LSMPO and State authorities, School Board and private utility companies, as appropriate, in the establishment of level of service standards for public facilities. Upon adoption of the County and adjacent governments' comprehensive plans, the County shall initiate further coordination efforts, if necessary, to ensure consistency with adopted level of service standards.

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OBJECTIVE 6.0 EXCHANGE OF SUPPORT AND DATA

The County shall increase the effectiveness and efficiency of public programs and to minimize costs by providing, seeking and sharing information.

1.1 Internet Services

Lake County will continue to provide information on its internet Webpage. This information includes the agendas and minutes of the meetings of the Board of County Commissioner and many of its supporting citizen and staff committees, information on the County Departments, important county documents and progress statements on major work efforts, such as road construction projects.

1.2 Sharing of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Data

The County will continue to provide access to its GIS system via the internet webpage.

1.3 Review of County Plans

The County shall coordinate the transmission of copies of the County's proposed Plan updates, land development regulations, other design standards and Capital Improvements Programs for City, the School Board and adjacent county review and comment prior to Board action.

1.4 Operation of Lake Government Television

The County will continue to operate the Lake Government Television (LGTV) cable television station and provide a forum for the governments in Lake County to broadcast local government and educational programming, news, announcements and job listings.

1.5 Sharing of Resources

The County will continue to provide land use data and socio-economic data to the Cities, the School Board and other levels of government and agencies.

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OBJECTIVE 7.0 CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The County shall endeavor to prevent and resolve conflicts and inconsistencies with other governments and agencies, through the use formal and informal mediation and conflict resolution techniques.

1.1 Regional Planning Council Conflict Resolution

In cases where the County is unable to resolve intergovernmental conflicts through informal means or existing coordination mechanisms, the County shall, The Interlocal Agreement provides a three step process for mediation to use when informal negotiations have failed. If needed, the County shall adhere to the provisions of Chapter 164, Florida Statutes (the "Florida Governmental Cooperation Act:). The East Central Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) mediation process shall be considered, in particular, when the issue involved is of regional significance and the ECFRPC would have particular and significant expertise which would be of a unique value in terms of resolving the issue in dispute; and, when the dispute involves the location of a community residential home under Section 419.001(5), Florida Statutes, or its successor provision.

OBJECTIVE 8.0 JOINT PLANNING AREA AGREEMENTS

Lake County shall establish Joint Planning Area Agreements and utilize the informal mediation process of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

1.1 Future Land Use Coordination

Lake County will coordinate with each municipality to ensure Future Land Use compatibility within their respective joint planning area boundaries.