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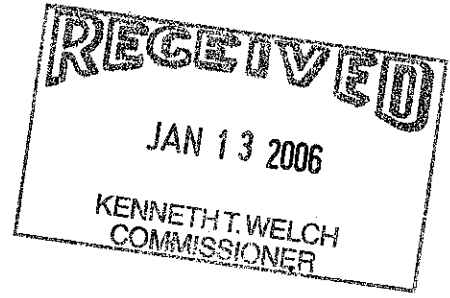


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January 9, 2006



Mr. Kenneth T. Welch, Chairman  
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

RE: Pinellas County Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report  
Resolution No. 05-248

Dear Chairman Welch:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department has completed its preliminary and final review of the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the County, adopted on November 1, 2005, and has determined that the EAR is sufficient, as defined in Subsection 163.3191(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.). The County may proceed with the adoption of plan amendments in addition to EAR-based amendments.

Although the Report has been determined to be sufficient, the Department would like to draw the County's attention to recent changes in growth management legislation through Senate Bill 360. While the changes that were made concerning the State's road, school, and water concurrency requirements were made after the scope of work for the County's EAR was determined, these changes need to be incorporated in the EAR-based comprehensive plan amendments. In addition, the County needs to incorporate the changes that were made regarding the preservation of waterfronts in Chapter 2005-157 (House Bill 955).

Please note that a formal sufficiency determination does not constitute a compliance review of the proposed amendments identified in the Report. Amendments referenced in the Report will be reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. and Rule 9J-5, F.A.C., when submitted as proposed amendments.

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Department staff is available to provide any needed assistance to the County as it prepares EAR-based amendments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, or Erin L. Dorn, Planner, at (850)922-1798.

Sincerely,



Brenda Winningham  
Regional Planning Administrator

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