

PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENT GOALS

ELEMENT - FUTURE LAND USE AND QUALITY COMMUNITIES

GOAL ONE: THE PATTERN OF LAND USE IN PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE A VARIETY OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A DIVERSE POPULATION AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY, CONSERVE AND LIMIT DEMANDS ON NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS, BE IN THE OVERALL PUBLIC INTEREST, AND EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION.

GOAL TWO: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PINELLAS COUNTY BY CREATING DIVERSE AND WELL-DESIGNED WALKABLE DESTINATIONS THAT PROVIDE CHOICES IN HOUSING, SERVICES, WORKPLACES, AND TRAVEL MODES.

GOAL THREE: PINELLAS COUNTY'S PLAN SHALL PROMOTE A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

GOAL FOUR: PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL WORK TOWARD A LAND USE PATTERN THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE AVAILABLE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SERVE THAT DEVELOPMENT.

ELEMENT - NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MGMT.

GEOLOGY, GROUNDWATER PROTECTION AND AQUIFER RECHARGE

GOAL ONE: PROTECT AND MANAGE THE FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY OF THE COUNTY'S GEOLOGIC FEATURES AND ATTRIBUTES, AND ITS NATURAL GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE AREAS AND WELLFIELDS, IN A MANNER THAT PRESERVES AND ENHANCES NATURAL FUNCTIONS, AND PROTECTS GROUNDWATER QUALITY.

NATURAL SYSTEMS AND LIVING RESOURCES

GOAL TWO: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL CONSERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND APPROPRIATELY MANAGE ITS NATURAL SYSTEMS AND LIVING RESOURCES ENSURE THE HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POSSIBLE.

ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS

GOAL THREE: PINELLAS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS ARE THE HALLMARK OF THIS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT, AND THESE LANDS ARE TO BE PROTECTED AND MANAGED IN PERPETUITY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BIODIVERSITY AND BIOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGION, AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING RESPITE FROM URBAN LIFE AND BECAUSE THEY INSTILL FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH A SENSE OF APPRECIATION FOR FLORIDA'S NATURAL HERITAGE.

STRENGTHENED CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER

GOAL FOUR: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL REMAIN A LEADER IN THE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF ITS SURFACE WATERS AND THE DEPENDENT HABITATS AND

RESOURCES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THIS COUNTY'S CHARACTER, ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

GOAL FIVE: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL BE A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

GOAL SIX: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND MANAGE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF ITS FLOODPLAINS TO MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE WATER QUALITY, PLANT AND ANIMAL DIVERSITY, AND AQUATIC PRODUCTIVITY, TO PROTECT THE FLOOD STORAGE VALUE AND PURPOSE, AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERY-DAY PRACTICE

GOAL SEVEN: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL BE A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, A PROPONENT OF SMART AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND WILL HAVE A STRONG ECONOMY SUPPORTED BY SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES.

AIR QUALITY

GOAL EIGHT: PINELLAS COUNTY AMBIENT AIR QUALITY WILL MEET OR SURPASS ALL STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR REGULATED AIR POLLUTANTS TO ENSURE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS CITIZENS.

GOAL NINE: PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF NON-CRITERIA AIR POLLUTANTS SUCH AS HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES.

GOAL TEN: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS CONCERNING AIR QUALITY ISSUES THROUGH THE USE OF IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, AND THE USE OF COUNTY MEDIA FACILITIES.

ELEMENT - COASTAL MANAGEMENT

NATURAL DISASTER PLANNING

GOAL ONE: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL PROTECT HUMAN LIFE, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

BEACHES AND DUNES

GOAL TWO: PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL CONSERVE, MAINTAIN AND RESTORE COASTAL BEACH AND DUNE SYSTEMS TO BALANCE THE BENEFITS TO STORM PROTECTION, RECREATION, AND THE ECONOMY WITH THEIR FUNCTION AS A NATURAL RESOURCE.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL THREE: ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSED IN THE FUTURE LAND USE AND QUALITY COMMUNITIES ELEMENT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COASTAL PLANNING AREA.

COASTAL LAND USE

GOAL FOUR: LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND DECISIONS IN THE COASTAL PLANNING AREA SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FUTURE LAND USE AND QUALITY COMMUNITIES ELEMENT OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COMPATIBLE WITH PROTECTION OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES, REFLECTING THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY, CONTINUED ECONOMIC VITALITY AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE VULNERABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S COASTAL LOCATION.

ELEMENT - RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURE

THE PROVISION OF RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

GOAL ONE: TO ADMINISTER OUTSTANDING COUNTYWIDE RECREATIONAL, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE, THROUGH ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE, SUFFICIENT RESOURCE-BASED REGIONAL PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE, FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC VITALITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS

GOAL TWO: TO PROTECT, IN PERPETUITY, THE OPEN SPACE VALUE AND COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY'S REGIONAL PARKS, ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND OPEN SPACES, AND TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND ADHERE TO THE INDIVIDUAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND STRATEGIES FOR THESE IRREPLACEABLE PUBLIC ASSETS.

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER

GOAL THREE: TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CONNECTIONS TO PINELLAS COUNTY WATERS AND WATERWAYS THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE, PROMOTION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE EXPANSION OF RECREATIONAL ACCESS.

FACILITY-BASED RECREATION

GOAL FOUR: TO MAKE URBAN LEVELS OF FACILITY-BASED RECREATION MORE ACCESSIBLE TO UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS WHEN OPPORTUNITIES ARISE THROUGH FINANCIALLY-FEASIBLE STRATEGIES AND BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

GOAL FIVE: TO PROMOTE THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES WITHIN PINELLAS COUNTY, AND THEIR PRESERVATION, THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND BY RAISING AWARENESS OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS.

SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

GOAL SIX: TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE A SUSTAINABILITY ETHIC, ENSURING THAT ECOLOGICAL LIMITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE CONSIDERED IN ALL DECISIONS AND DESIGNS AFFECTING CULTURAL, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING, AND THAT ALL DECISIONS AND PROJECTS CONTRIBUTE INCREMENTALLY TO ACHIEVING AND SUSTAINING SOCIAL EQUITY, ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND A QUALITY COMMUNITY FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS.

ELEMENT - ECONOMIC

GOAL ONE: TO FACILITATE A STRONG AND ROBUST LOCAL ECONOMY THAT PROVIDES GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES, ATTRACTS NEW HIGH-WAGE PRIMARY EMPLOYERS AND PROMOTES A DIVERSE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE METHODS THAT, IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S VITALITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.