

***FUTURE LAND USE &
QUALITY COMMUNITIES ELEMENT***
of the
PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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Preface

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Pinellas County adopted its first Comprehensive Plan for managing growth in the County. In 1985, the Florida Legislature strengthened the growth management provisions of Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and Pinellas County began to develop its new Plan, with a greater emphasis on integrated planning and consistency with other State and regional planning efforts. In 1989, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners was one of the first governments to meet the new growth management requirements with the adoption of its new Comprehensive Plan. This Plan placed new emphasis on financial feasibility, and the assurance that public services and facilities would be available concurrent with the impacts of development. Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, also includes specific requirements for regularly evaluating the continued effectiveness of the Comprehensive Plan, and requires that local governments update their plans to address significant issues identified through this evaluation and appraisal process. The first major update to the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 1998. In 2008, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the next significant update to the Plan, following a multi-year evaluation process, which included extensive public and agency involvement to ensure that the Plan remained relevant, providing appropriate direction to decision-making and sound guidance for future planning.

Today, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has a mature Comprehensive Plan and growth management program, based on over 30 years of comprehensive planning experience. The emphasis and theme of the Plan is the need to plan appropriately today in order to achieve a sustainable future and a quality community where people will *Plan to Stay*.

The individual Elements and related components of the Plan provide an integrated long range planning program designed to address both existing and future needs. Where multi-jurisdictional responsibilities exist, the Elements may address the entire County; other Elements address just the unincorporated County. Following are the Elements and related components of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan:

Planning to Stay; Future Land Use and Quality Communities; Transportation; Natural Resource Conservation and Management; Coastal Management; Housing; Intergovernmental Coordination; Recreation, Open Space and Culture; Potable Water, Wastewater and Reuse; Solid Waste and Resource Recovery; Surface Water Management; Capital Improvements; Public School Facilities, Economic; the Concurrency Management System; and the Monitoring and Evaluation Procedures.

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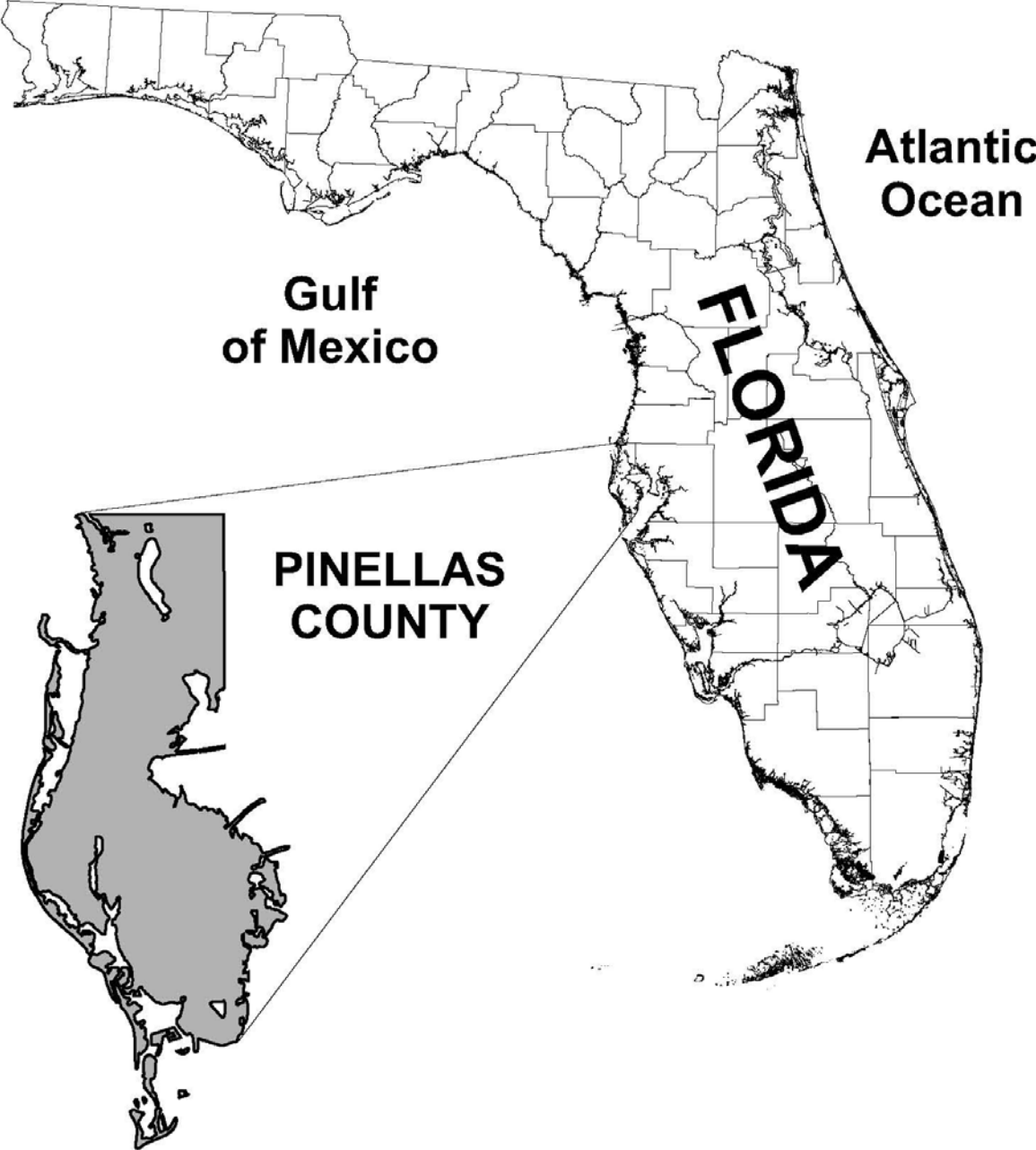


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