

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
COORDINATION**

GOAL 1

Build affiliations with the City's neighboring governments and public agencies to enrich, preserve, and enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Fort Myers.

OBJECTIVE 1

To have the operations and activities of the City generally compatible with those of neighboring governments and agencies.

Policy 1.1) The City shall continually monitor neighboring local governments' and quasi-public agencies' proposed plans, plan amendments, ordinances, resolutions, and developments for their possible impacts upon the City of Fort Myers.

Policy 1.2) The City will coordinate with any State, Regional, or County entity providing public facilities within the City to ensure compatibility with the City's levels of service standards.

Policy 1.3) The City of Fort Myers is a party to, and will abide by, the Interlocal Agreement between the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, the Lee County School Board, and the respective City Councils of the City of Bonita Springs, City of Cape Coral, City of Fort Myers and the City of Sanibel, regarding the siting of Lee County School District facilities within the respective jurisdictions.

Action 1.3.1) Policy 1.6, Actions 1.6.1, and 1.6.2, Policy 1.7 and Action 1.7.1 of the Future Land Use Element of this Comprehensive Plan, require that new school facilities be located within the Professional Office, General Commercial and Intensive Commercial Future Land Use Designations, as depicted on the City of Fort Myers Future Land Use Map, and also prohibit the location of new school facilities within the City's designated Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA).

Policy 1.4) The City shall encourage participation into its planning activities from other local governments and quasi-judicial agencies.

Actions 1.4.1) Establish, execute, and maintain interlocal agreements in areas of mutual concern which may include, but are not limited to:

- School Siting;
- Page Field Airport Hazard Area (tall structures);
- Annexation Issues;
- Infrastructure Service Areas;
- Garbage Service areas;
- Joint-Use Agreements; mutual police and fire aid;
- DRIs or Major Planned Developments (exceeding 150 units, 25 acres, or 100,000 square feet); and,
- Small Developments (100 units, 10 acres, or 100,000 square feet) or rezonings within ½ mile of the City limits.

Standard 1.4.1) Procedures shall be established in the agreements, including time frames for notification and review, and contact personnel.

Action 1.4.2) Encourage interagency staff contact on a regular basis.

Action 1.4.3) City staff members will actively participate in inter-agency technical advisory committees.

Policy 1.5) The City shall encourage, as appropriate, State agencies to delegate their permitting powers to the City in an effort to reduce duplication of permits, services, and facilities.

Action 1.5.1) Responsibility for delegated permitting powers shall only be assumed if:

- (a) Complete authority is assured;
- (b) It is beneficial for all parties concerned;
- (c) The City can provide adequate staffing and resources; and,
- (d) The City adopts compatible procedures and standards.

Policy 1.6) The City shall coordinate with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the Lee County MPO, and all Local, Regional, State and Federal agencies with significant roles in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.7) Prior to initiating a legal challenge of another local jurisdiction's policies or programs, the City shall first attempt to resolve the local issues of conflict through a all available avenues for mediation, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) Staff-to-staff meetings;
- (b) Joint meetings of the City Council, Lee County, and neighboring jurisdictions;
- (c) Joint workshops;
- (d) Informal or formal mediation, and/or;
- (e) State Administrative Hearings.

Action 1.7.1) The City shall resolve regional issues of conflict through the Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process.

Policy 1.8) The City hereby adopts the entire Ten-Year Water Supply Plan, as amended from time to time, into this Element.

OBJECTIVE 2

To encourage and improve coordination and intergovernmental relations between the City of Fort Myers and Lee County.

Policy 2.1) The City shall evaluate whether there exists the need to appoint a staff person and/or advisory committee for the purpose of monitoring Lee County issues and acting as a liaison person or committee. The staff liaison or liaison committee, if established, would have the following responsibilities:

Action 2.1.1) Agendas, ordinances, proposals, and other pertinent information, shall be forwarded in advance of meetings/adoption to the liaison person or committee.

Action 2.1.2) The designated person or committee shall attend and monitor relevant meetings, workshops, and/or public hearings.

Action 2.1.3) The designated person or committee shall act as coordinator/contact person or committee to help resolve issues of conflict between the City and the County.

Policy 2.2) City representation on Lee County committees shall continue.

OBJECTIVE 3

To annex unincorporated areas that would rationalize boundaries and improve delivery of public services.

Policy 3.1) The City of Fort Myers' proposed Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area is hereby depicted on Map Q of this Element. The Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area is designated as all areas targeted for annexation.

Action 3.1.1) The City shall negotiate and maintain with Lee County an acceptable municipal services interlocal agreement or agreements regarding water, sewer, surface water management and sanitation, specifying where each entity shall provide each service, both before and after annexation; and providing for the ownership of lines, plant capacity, and facilities servicing the area. Should negotiations regarding the municipal services interlocal agreement or agreements fail, the City shall create a Utility Extension Zone in accord with Chapter 180, Florida Statutes.

Action 3.1.2) Unincorporated Urban Reserve Areas as depicted on Map Q, are shown for planning and advisory purposes only and will be affected only after the area is annexed into the City. After annexation, the County's Comprehensive Plan and land development regulations shall remain in full force and effect until the City's Comprehensive plan and land development regulations are amended to include annexed areas within municipal jurisdiction.

Action 3.1.3) The City shall negotiate an interlocal agreement with the County by December 2008, revising the City's Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area boundary. The

proposed area depicted on Map Q may change based on the outcome of the interlocal agreement.

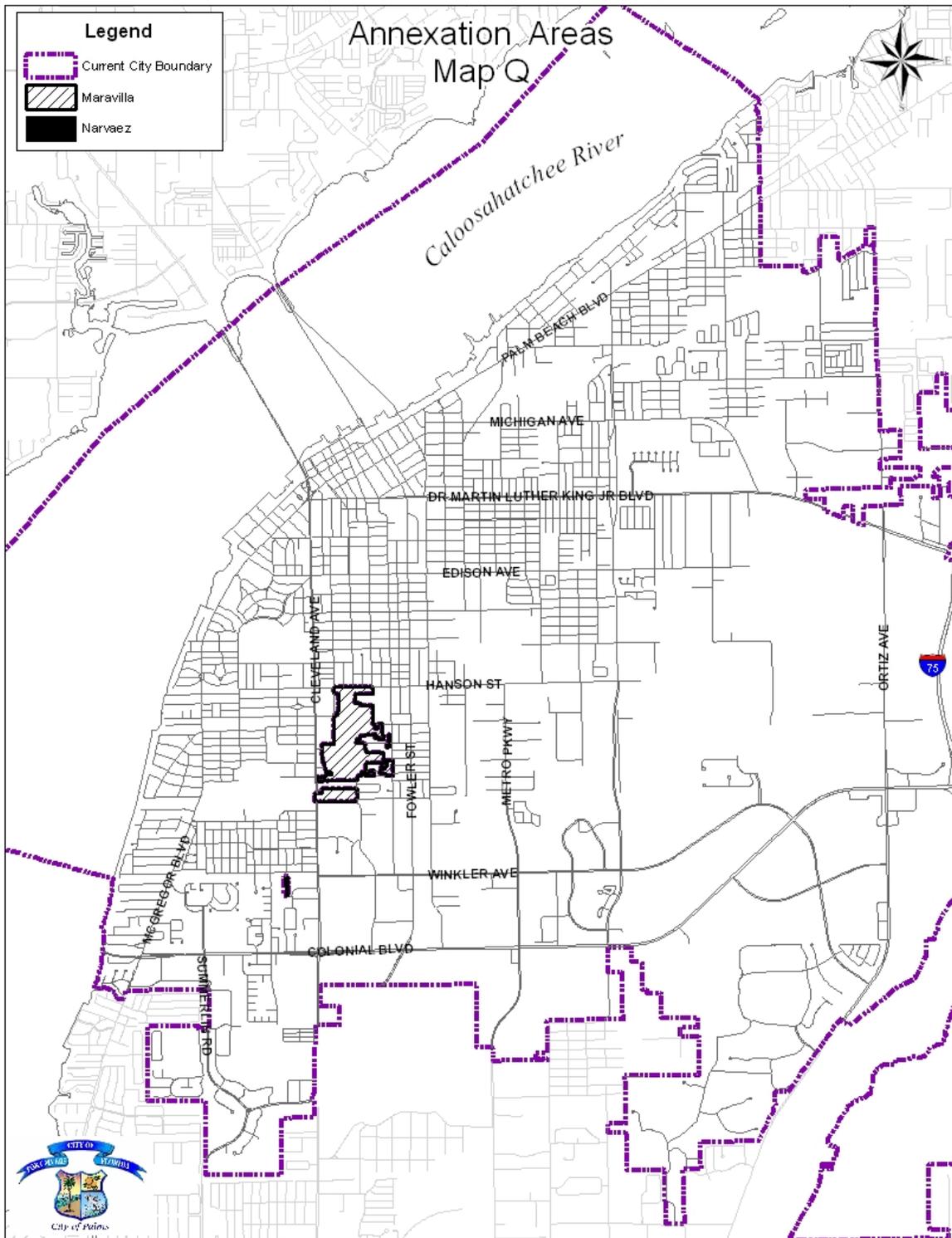
Policy 3.2) The City of Fort Myers will continue to pursue annexation of areas within the Unincorporated Urban Reserve Areas, County enclaves and area surrounding the City, as well as other targeted areas outside the Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area, in a manner that is mutually beneficial to the City and Lee County.

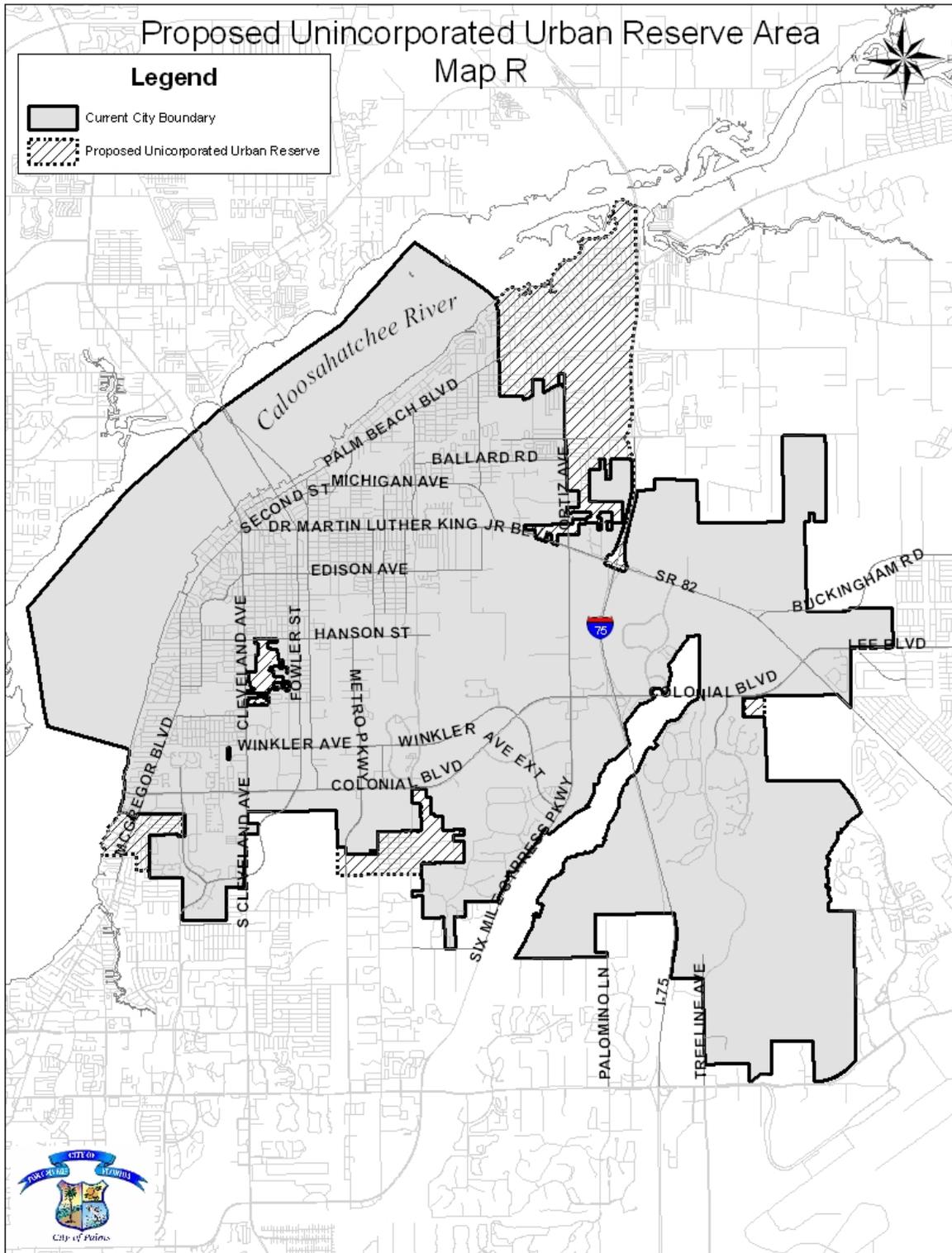
Policy 3.3) Voluntary annexations in compliance with State Law are encouraged within the Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area, proposed shown on Map Q, and the "Annexation Areas" shown on Map R. The City shall actively encourage the voluntary annexation of areas identified on Map R. The City shall periodically revise its Unincorporated Urban Reserve Boundary and potential annexation areas. Annexations outside the Unincorporated Urban Reserve Area will be annually accepted for rigorous review; however these annexations should be voluntary.

Action 3.3.1) Establish moderate application fees and expeditious quarterly review schedules for annexations within the areas depicted on Map R.

Standard 3.3.1.1) Voluntary annexation petitions that are beneficial, feasible, and cost-equitable should be considered for approval by City Council.

Action 3.3.2) The City should develop and implement specific publicity and marketing programs to encourage voluntary annexation within the areas identified on Map R.





OBJECTIVE 4

To encourage and improve coordination and intergovernment relations between the City of Fort Myers and the Lee County School Board, consistent with the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Myers, Lee County Commission, other County municipalities and the Lee County School Board, dated August 20, 2002.

Policy 4.1) The City will coordinate with the Lee County School Board as required within the Interlocal Agreement, when siting new educational facilities.

Action 4.1.1) The Lee County School Board shall provide written notice to the City of Fort Myers at least 60 days prior to, as required by the Interlocal Agreement, acquiring or leasing property for a new educational facility, or initiation the renovation, expansion or closure of an existing school. Upon receipt of said written notice, the City shall provide within 45 days, as required by the Interlocal Agreement, a preliminary determination if the proposed new school site or the proposed renovation, expansion or closure of an existing school is consistent with the comprehensive plan.

Action 4.1.2) The Lee County School Board shall provide written notice to the City of Fort Myers at least 90 days prior to constructing a new educational facility. Upon receipt of said written notice, the City shall provide a final determination of whether the proposed new school site or the proposed renovation, expansion or closure of an existing school is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 4.2) The City of Fort Myers shall coordinate with the Lee County School Board and Lee County as required in the Interlocal Agreement between the City, Lee County, and Lee County School Board dated August 20, 2002 for those areas within the City of Fort Myers in regards to siting land uses that might be deemed unwanted or undesirable, including schools or any other public facilities. These facilities shall be subject to all policies adopted in the City of Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan including the Concurrency Management System Element.

Action 4.2.1) As required by the interlocal agreement that was executed with the Lee County School Board on August 20, 2002, the City shall participate in a joint process to review the following:

- School sitings;
- School renovations, expansions, and closures;
- Population projections;
- Location and extension of public facilities supporting infrastructure subject to the Concurrency Management System Element;
- Co-location and shared use of facilities;
- Resolution of disputes; and
- Unwanted land uses.

Policy 4.3) The City of Fort Myers shall coordinate with the Lee County School District, Lee County and other units of local government, as required, to achieve and maintain the adopted level of service standards. The relationships and guidelines for the coordination shall be consistent with the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency between the City and Lee County School District.

Policy 4.4) The City of Fort Myers shall encourage coordination with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Edison College), the Lee County School Board, and the area's privately funded colleges and universities, regarding both campus master plans, as prepared pursuant to the requirements of section 240.155 Florida Statutes, and any private campuses that seek to be located within the City limits.

OBJECTIVE 5

As the City expands southward, ensure coordination with the airport authority by entering into an interlocal agreement with Lee County Port Authority.

Policy 5.1) The City will pursue an interlocal agreement with Lee County Port Authority to ensure the protection of its residents and visitors from the impacts of aviation.