

CHAPTER 7

CITY OF NORTH PORT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Many formal and informal networks of information and coordination currently exist between the City of North Port and other governmental units and agencies. These units and agencies often participate in some phase of planning involving land use and/or provision of services necessitating coordination with Sarasota County.

The following section provides an inventory of these information and coordination networks between the City, Sarasota County and adjacent counties, local authorities and special districts, regional authorities and districts, State agencies and federal agencies.

The City of North Port coordinates with the counties adjacent to its borders – Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties – on various issues. The networks of coordination are useful and effective and include contractual arrangements, interlocal agreements and both formal and informal procedures.

One example of this cooperation is the City’s membership on the bi-county Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board, which coordinates issues relating to the unincorporated area of Englewood in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties.

Another example is the City’s practice of sending copies of any development proposals located within four miles of the City’s boundary to the appropriate adjacent county for review and comment. Other examples include the City’s non-voting participation with the three neighboring counties and Manatee County on the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. Through the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the City coordinates with Charlotte, Sarasota and Lee Counties.

Inventory

The City of North Port coordinates with Sarasota County, adjacent counties and the Cities of Sarasota, Venice and the Town of Longboat Key as circumstances require. A substantial portion of this coordination is achieved through periodic joint meetings of the elected governing bodies and the Sarasota County Council of Governments, Interlocal Agreements and Mutual Aid Agreements.

The State-mandated Interlocal Service-Delivery Report of December 23, 2003, required the identification of all interlocal agreements to which the municipalities and Sarasota County were party regarding the provision of education, sanitary sewer, public safety, solid waste, drainage, potable water, parks and recreation and transportation. Interlocal agreements were to be examined for duplication and deficits.

This cooperative county/municipal Report identified the City of North Port as a signatory to 44 interlocal agreements specifically addressing the subject topics. See [Table 7-2](#) for a list of these agreements.

[Table 7-1](#) lists the special districts that are located within the City’s jurisdictional boundaries.

Table 7-1: Special Districts in North Port

Name of Special District	Abbreviation	Type of District
Bobcat Trail Community Development District	BTCDD	Independent
City of North Port Solid Waste District	CNPSWD	Dependent
West Villages Improvement District	WVID	Independent/Dependent
Holiday Park Park & Recreation District	HPPRD	Independent
Lakeside Plantation Community Development District	LPCDD	Independent
North Port Fire Rescue District	NPFRD	Dependent
North Port Road & Drainage District	NPRDD	Dependent
Woodlands Community Development District	WCDD	Independent

The City also communicates and coordinates effectively with several other local authorities and special districts, including those listed below:

- School Board of Sarasota County
- Sarasota Soil and Water Conservation District
- Englewood Water District
- Sarasota County Fire Rescue District
- Sarasota County Mosquito Control District
- Sarasota County Public Hospital District
- Southwest Florida Water Control District

Sarasota County

Along with other Sarasota County municipalities, the City of North Port communicates both formally and informally with Sarasota County Government and many of its agencies on a regular basis.

The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners and the North Port City Commission hold joint meetings on a semi-regular basis as circumstances warrant. In addition, County and municipal elected officials and high-level administrators attend periodic formal meetings of the Sarasota County Council of Governments.

Sarasota County Government provides several services to the City of North Port, such as library services, mosquito control, State/County Health Department services and management of some North Port parks.

Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement

For a period of almost three months beginning January 24, 2007, a Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPA) existed between the City of North Port and Sarasota County.

Prior to the signing of the JPA, North Port and Sarasota County had met over a period of years to discuss the matter without coming to an agreement.

In August 2006, Sarasota County announced a referendum proposal that would amend the County's Charter to give the County control over all land use decisions, including land annexed into a city. The Charter amendment proposal led to negotiations between the City and the County designed to establish a JPA that would address both jurisdictions' concerns about land use decisions. Similar two-party negotiations were initiated between the City of Venice and the County.

A JPA was signed between Venice and Sarasota County on January 4, 2007, and between the City of North Port and the County on January 24.

After the Venice agreement was signed, Sarasota County Commissioners indicated that they intended to place the Charter Amendment referendum on the March 13, 2007 ballot. Following the County's decision, an opt-out clause was added to the North Port JPA giving the City the option to terminate the Agreement within 60 days of the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

After passage of the County Charter Amendment, the North Port City Commission exercised this option and directed City staff to draft a revised JPA for consideration when joint negotiations resume.

Sarasota County municipalities

The City of North Port communicates on an as-needed basis with the City of Venice, the City of Sarasota and the Town of Longboat Key. The Sarasota County Council of Governments provides a convenient forum for the exchange of ideas and the identification of common challenges.

The Venice City Council and the North Port City Commission hold joint meetings on an as-needed basis.

Charlotte County Government

The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and the North Port City Commission hold joint meetings on an as-needed basis. Additionally, the monthly meetings of the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority provide an effective forum for City of North Port elected officials and administrators to meet with their Charlotte County peers.

DeSoto County Government

As with Charlotte County, the regular meetings of the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority keep important lines of communication open between City officials and DeSoto County government leaders. The City shares a boundary with DeSoto County; as North Port grows, interaction between the two governments will increase.

The School Board of Sarasota County

The City and School Board have had a long working relationship providing and receiving information for new school locations to serve the School Board's growing student population. The 2002 Florida legislative session mandated more extensive school facilities planning coordination with local land use planning. To fulfill this legislative requirement, the School Board, Sarasota County and the municipalities officially adopted the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning for Sarasota County, Florida, in July 2003. This Agreement was

forwarded to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, which found it to be consistent with the State's requirements.

On May 31, 2007, the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning was amended to implement school concurrency. Details of this agreement and other coordination activities between North Port and the School Board of Sarasota County are discussed in the North Port Comprehensive Plan's Schools Facilities Element.

Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development

A long and mutually beneficial relationship has existed between the City and the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), which is supported jointly by the City and County of Sarasota.

North Port has on several occasions received significant disbursements from the county-wide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered by this agency. As of the 2008 submission of this Comprehensive Plan, the City was about to receive \$400,000 in CDBG funds for the Family Services Center project, scheduled for a construction start date sometime in the first quarter of that year. Other CDBG disbursements received by the City have included \$260,000 for a Head Start/Early Head Start facility and \$400,000 toward the construction of a low-income apartment building.

Because North Port residents constitute the largest single group of OHCD program beneficiaries, the agency is considering opening an office in North Port. As of 2006, 41.4% of all Down Payment Assistance Program participants in Sarasota County bought homes in North Port, and one-third of all non-profit housing partnerships went toward the construction of new homes in the City. North Port residents were 7.4% of all Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program beneficiaries in the County.

Soil and Water Conservation District

The City is a beneficiary of the services provided by the Sarasota Soil and Water Conservation District. The District comments on Developments of Regional Impact proposed within the City.

Community Development Districts

The City of North Port interacts with and provides some services to three Community Development Districts (CDDs): Bobcat Trail, Lakeside Plantation and The Woodlands. All three are zoned 'Planned Community Development (PCD).' All are subject to the requirements of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (Community Development Districts), which permits the establishment of CDDs as an alternative method to finance infrastructure and manage basic services.

Bobcat Trail Community Development District

Created by City Ordinance No. 97-9, the Bobcat Trail Community Development District (BTCDD) originally encompassed 369.34± acres. The District's boundaries were amended by City Ordinance 98-37 to include land west of Toledo Blade Boulevard, bringing total BTCDD acreage to 423.34± acres. The site is located on the east side of Toledo Blade Boulevard, approximately 2.5 miles south of Interstate Highway 75 Exit 179 and approximately 1.25 miles north of the intersection of Toledo Blade Boulevard and U.S. 41.

According to the developer's original Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs, the project was to contain approximately 441 single-family dwelling units, 110 villa units, an 18-hole golf course

and other recreational amenities.

Lakeside Plantation Community Development District

Created by City Ordinance No. 99-1, the Lakeside Plantation Development District (LPCDD) encompasses 306.072 acres east of and adjacent to Toledo Blade Boulevard and north of the Snover Waterway. LPCDD is slated to have 666 dwelling units at build-out.

The establishment of the LPCDD was granted subject to several conditions, including the following:

- The developers signed a Developers Agreement with the City of North Port Utilities Department to obtain central water and sanitary sewer service from the City.
- The LPCDD agreed to abide by all planning, environmental and land development laws, regulations and ordinances adopted by the City of North Port.

The Woodlands Community Development District

Created by City Ordinance No. 04-32, The Woodlands Community Development District (WCDD) originally encompassed 980.4 acres east of and adjacent to Toledo Blade Boulevard and north of Lakeside Plantation CDD. City Ordinance No. 07-15 contracted the District's boundaries to encompass 960.3± acres.

The developer has estimated The Woodlands will contain approximately 1,687 single-family residential units and 814 multi-family residential units, for a combined total of 2,501 residential units.

West Villages Improvement District

The West Villages Improvement District (WVID) consists of approximately 8,200 acres. At build-out, it is planned for up to 15,000 residential units and 300 to 1,000 acres of mixed-use, "Town Center" development.

The WVID was created by and operates under Chapter 2004-456, Laws of Florida, and operates pursuant to the Act and applicable provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes. Zoned 'Village (V),' the WVID was created to construct and maintain public works and utilities, including water, sewer, drainage, irrigation, stormwater management, parks and recreational facilities, roadway and related facilities. The District has no police power and no eminent domain power, nor any zoning or land use power. It cannot levy a millage. The WVID can collect assessments from land owners and issue government bonds to construct infrastructure.

The WVID is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors, each member of which holds office for a four-year term. Two Supervisors are elected at the annual Landowners' Meeting, at which any landowner who owns an acre or fraction thereof is entitled to vote, on an owned-acreage basis, for each Supervisor position up for election.

Mosquito Control District

The Mosquito Control District is an independent district under the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners, which provides mosquito control and spraying services to North Port and the rest of the County. The District reviews and comments on issues associated with developments of regional impact and other large-scale planning projects or issues as needed.

Englewood Water District

The Englewood Water District (EWD), created by a special act of the State Legislature, is governed by the Englewood Water District Board and provides water to two of Sarasota County's franchised water supply systems. The District is a member of the Water Planning Alliance, as noted in the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority discussion below. The City's Utilities Department has the primary responsibility for ensuring effective coordination with the Englewood Water District. Contacts and coordination with the EWD have increased with the development of the West Villages.

Coordination with Regional Authorities and Districts

The City of North Port coordinates with various regional authorities and districts, including the Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization; the Southwest Florida Water Management District; the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority; the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program; the Myakka State Forest Coordinating Council; and the Myakka River Management Coordinating Council. Coordination between the City and these regional authorities and districts has been useful and should be continued. The following are brief descriptions of these regional authorities and districts.

Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

Composed of appointed officials from Sarasota and Manatee Counties and their respective municipalities, the Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) directs ongoing transportation studies for the Sarasota/Manatee urban area. The City's Planning and Zoning and Public Works Departments coordinate efforts regarding transportation planning issues with the MPO, and the Sarasota County Area Transit system (SCAT) works closely with the MPO regarding transit system planning. In addition, the City of North Port is represented on the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee. The MPO is a member of the City's Development Review Committee and reviews and comments on transportation planning issues affecting the City.

Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization

The City also coordinates with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization, although not as a voting member.

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)

Located in Fort Myers, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is composed of elected officials and appointed representatives from Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties. The City's Planning and Zoning Department staff works closely with the SWFRPC regarding the coordination of the City's Comprehensive Plan with regional and State plans, review of developments of regional impact, and other planning related issues. The Florida Regional Planning Council Act of 1980, as amended, mandates that regional planning councils prepare and adopt Strategic Regional Policy Plans. The SWFRPC adopted its Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan in May 1987, and updated that plan with a revised Strategic Regional Policy plan in 1995 and again on June 13, 2002. Section 163.3167 (11), Florida Statutes, as amended, requires local government comprehensive plans to be consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plans as well as the State Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 187, Florida

Statutes).

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) is an important partner in management of the City of North Port's water programs. SWFWMD's headquarters are located in Brooksville, and a service office is located in Sarasota. The District serves all or part of 16 counties from Levy to Charlotte, including Sarasota County. The District's governance is further divided into nine basin boards based upon watershed boundaries. Sarasota and Manatee County with a small part of Charlotte County comprise the Manasota Basin Board. SWFWMD's Areas of Responsibility (AORs) include flood protection, water quality, natural systems, water supply and water conservation. The City interacts with the district in all of these areas. SWFWMD has regulatory responsibilities for water supply (consumptive use permitting) and surface water management (stormwater discharges for water quality and flood protection). The City of North Port is required to coordinate the Potable Water Element of its Comprehensive Plan with the District's Regional Water Supply Plan. SWFWMD has funded several projects that benefit the City, including an ongoing study of the Big Slough Basin, the predominant sub-regional basin that most directly affects drainage in the City. The City's Utilities Department is primarily responsible for ensuring effective intergovernmental coordination with SWFWMD.

Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

Sarasota County, as well as Manatee, DeSoto and Charlotte Counties, formed the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority in order to ensure adequate water supply within the four-County region. The City of North Port purchases water from the Authority, and through an intergovernmental agreement the Authority in turn may purchase water from the City. The Authority also acts as the administrative agency for the Water Planning Alliance. The Alliance is a voluntary planning body made up of representatives from the Englewood Water District and all counties and cities located within the Authority's four-county region. The Alliance's goal is to cooperatively plan for the region's water supply needs. It functions as a coordinating body between jurisdictions.

Myakka River Management Coordinating Council

The Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act (Section 258.501, Florida Statutes) created a permanent Myakka River Management Coordinating Council to develop a management plan for the Myakka River and to provide interagency and intergovernmental coordination in the management of the river. The City of North Port will be adopting regulations to implement the Myakka River Protection Plan.

Coordination with State Agencies

The City of North Port coordinates with many departments and agencies of Florida State Government, including the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Business and Professional Regulation, Community Affairs, Environmental Protection, Health and Rehabilitative Services, Transportation, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Manatee Community College and the University of South Florida. Coordination with these State departments and agencies has been effective and should be continued. The following is a list of selected State departments and agencies typical of the coordination efforts that currently exist between them and the City.

- State Agency: Bureau of Historic Resources and Archaeological Research
Subject: Listing of historic sites on the Florida Master Site File; nomination of eligible historic sites to the National Register of Historic Places
City Departments with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
- State Agency: Department of Environmental Protection.
Subject: Environmental Protection; Permitting; Dredge and Fill activities
City Departments with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
- State Agency: Department of Transportation
Subject: Transportation Planning
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering, Public Works
- State Agency: Community Affairs
Subject: Comprehensive Planning-related issues; review of Developments of Regional Impact
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
- State Agency: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Subject: Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering/Environmental Services
- State Agency: Health and Rehabilitative Services
Subject: Environmental Engineering
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
General Services/Social Services
- State Agency: Agriculture and Consumer Services
Subject: Management and Protection of Forest Resources
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
- State Agency: Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
Subject: Licensing/Permitting Activities
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Building/Property Standards; Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
- State Agency: University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research
Subject: Population Projections; Demographic, Housing and Economic Data
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
Planning, Zoning, & Engineering

- State Agency: University of South Florida
Subject: Research Activities, jobs development and coursework
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
City Manager/Economic Development
- State Agency: Manatee Community College
Subject: Employee education, economic development activities
City Department with primary responsibility for coordination:
City Manager/Economic Development

Manatee Community College (MCC)

Manatee Community College (MCC) is a two-year community college with a main campus in Bradenton and a branch campus in south Sarasota County in the vicinity of the Thomas Ranch.

The College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science and Associate in Science degrees, as well as Certificate program offerings. Noncredit education is offered under MCC's Corporate & Community Development programs.

More than 50 percent of college-bound high school students in Manatee and Sarasota counties attend MCC each year, with current enrollment exceeding 8,000 students. MCC is among the top 100 producers of associate's degrees in the country.

Students attend classes at the full-service campuses in Bradenton and south Sarasota County, the Center for Innovation and Technology at Lakewood Ranch, many business and public sector sites throughout the community, and from their homes via distance learning opportunities.

The City frequently interacts with MCC's Institute for Workforce Development Services, which assists local businesses, government and industry by providing training and economic development services.

University of South Florida (USF) at MCC Venice/North Port campus

The University of South Florida began offering courses at Manatee Community College in 2004. In May 2006, USF's south Sarasota County program became a permanent campus and now receives continuing state funding for its operations at MCC Venice/North Port. USF Sarasota-Manatee at MCC offers coursework toward bachelor's degrees in the following programs: Criminology, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Psychology, General Business and Elementary Education.

Coordination with Federal Agencies

The City of North Port coordinates with agencies of the federal government regarding such issues as the environment; fish and wildlife protection; flood insurance; census and housing data; and funding for transportation and transit planning. The federal agencies that the City of North Port coordinates with include: the Environmental Protection Agency; the Army Corps of Engineers; the Natural Resources Conservation Service; the Federal Emergency Management Administration; the Flood Insurance Administration; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the Departments of the Interior, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development and Transportation.

Coordination with Utility Companies

Governed by the North Port City Commission, the North Port Utilities Department provides potable water and central sewer service to its customers, most of whom are residents of the City. The primary source of potable water for the City is the Peace River. Water withdrawn from the Peace River is treated at a water plant administered by the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority and distributed to the City of North Port and the Counties of Sarasota, Charlotte, Manatee and DeSoto. The City's secondary source of potable water is the Myakkahatchee Creek. Under a Consumptive Use Permit issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, North Port Utilities withdraws and treats water from the Creek at a City-owned plant and distributes it to customers. North Port Utilities Department provides central sewer service for many areas of the City. Private wells and septic systems serve other primarily residential areas of the City. For further information, see the Potable Water and Sewer Elements of this Comprehensive Plan.

Many City Departments regularly interact with Florida Power and Light (FPL), which provides electric power to the City, Verizon, which provides telephone service, and providers of cable television service.

II. Analysis

The policies and recommendations in the previous elements of this Comprehensive Plan that require sustained and enhanced intergovernmental coordination are briefly discussed below.

The 1997 Intergovernmental Coordination Element and the 2005 'EAR'

The City of North Port's 2005 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) stated that there is substantial value in all of the ongoing intergovernmental coordination efforts enumerated in the goals, objectives and policies of the 1997 version of this Element.

"Status: The City continues to work cooperatively with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and has attended various workshops and committee meetings since the 1997 adoption of the current Comprehensive Plan. The City monitors the activity of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program but, for various reasons, has not attended many of the meetings of this committee."

Although none of the "major issues" identified in the EAR were specific to intergovernmental coordination, several of the issues could require intergovernmental coordination, including coordination of mass transit services, water resource-related issues (identification, distribution and protection), economic development and the provision of social service facilities and aid in North Port.

Table 11.1 Interlocal Agreements to which North Port is a Party			
Functional Category	Name of Agreement	Expiration Date	Comments
Other	Dismissal of Disputes with Sarasota County regarding Taylor Ranch (2002)	N/A	Parties agree to dismiss lawsuits regarding Taylor Ranch
Economic Development	Agreement regarding Joint County Economic Development Program (2206)	Until one party terminates	Established lead governmental organization to contract with Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County for implementation of Sarasota County Economic Development Strategic Plan
Education	Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (2003)	Until one party terminates	School facilities located consistent with Section 1013.33 (10) Florida Statutes
Education	Educational System Impact Fees Agreement with Sarasota County School Board (2004)	Until one party terminates	City collects educational system impact fees
Public Safety	Fire/EMS Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and the City of North Port for Emergency Vehicle and Equipment Repair Services (2004)	Until one party terminates	Fire/EMS Services Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and North Port for Repair of Emergency Equipment
Public Safety	Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and City of North Port regarding Fire/EMS Mutual Aid and Services Coordination (2006)	9/30/2008	Mutual aid agreement
Public Safety	Four-County and Municipal Uniform Interlocal for Fire Protection, EMS and Specialized Services (1998)	Until one party terminates	Provision of emergency services to specific parcels
Public Safety Transportation	Glenallen School Interim Roadway (2003)	Not specified	City constructed interim roadway to expedite pickup of students by parents; School Board paid for improvements
Public Safety	Holiday Park Traffic Enforcement Agreement	Automatically renews ever 5 years	City enforces Florida Uniform Traffic Control Laws within Holiday Park

Public Safety	County/City Interlocal Agreement for a Consolidated Communications Center (1996)	8/31/2016	Consolidated County and City Fire/EMS dispatch
Public Safety	Sarasota Juvenile Assessment Center Interagency Agreement	Proposed?	Proposed sharing of responsibilities for providing services through the Sarasota Juvenile Assessment Center
Public Safety	Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (2000)	Until notice given	Sharing and coordination of resources in the event of a disaster
Public Safety	Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (1991)	Until all parties withdraw	Mutual aid agreement between Cities of Sarasota, North Port, Punta Gorda and Venice, Town of Long Boat Key, Counties of Sarasota and Charlotte, Sarasota Airport Authority and Univ. of S. Florida
Public Safety	Interagency Agreement between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and the North Port Police Department (1998)	Until one party terminates	Gives North Port Police Department use of firing range
Solid Waste	Interlocal Agreement for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal (1996)	Until one party terminates	Sharing of Sarasota County landfill
Parks/Rec	Parks & Recreation Service Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County (2006)	Until one party terminates	Establishes responsibilities of both parties for managing of North Port parks
Transportation	Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Port and Sarasota County Regarding Englewood Interstate Connector (2002)	Until one party terminates	Parties agree to an access management plan and procedures for development review, as well as Comp. Plan amendment coordination
Transportation	Hillsborough & Chancellor Boulevards Interlocal Agreement with Charlotte County (2002)	Until one party terminates	Provides for shared maintenance of Hillsborough and Chancellor Boulevards
Other	Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board Agreement (1995)	Until one party terminates	Establishes Englewood area planning Advisory board

Other	Amendment to the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board Interlocal Agreement (2000)	8/28/2010	Establishes composition of advisory board
Libraries	Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Port and Sarasota County Regarding Libraries (2002)	Until one party terminates	Establishes criteria for consideration of a second library in North Port
Libraries	Library Impact Fee Interlocal Agreement (1993)	Until one party terminates	Establishes calculation and disbursement of library impact fees
Archeological Resources	Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Port and Sarasota County Regarding Archeological Resources (2002)	Until one party terminates	Provides for data sharing on archaeological and historic sites in newly annexed portions of North Port
Surtax	Surtax (One Percent Local Option Sales Tax) Agreement (1989)	Until one party terminates	Outlines funding distribution among municipalities and Sarasota Counties
Retirement	State Retirement System (2004)	Irrevocable	Agreement addresses City's responsibility for municipal workers in the State Retirement System
Other	Agreement with Sarasota County Settling Escheated Lots Case (2004)		Settled lawsuit begun by City for possession of escheated lots within the City
Stormwater	Joint Control of Pollutants Interlocal Agreement per National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (1993)	Perpetual, unless parties agree to terminate	Joint agreement establishing responsibilities of Sarasota County and municipalities for fulfilling terms of NPDES
Stormwater	Joint Control of Pollutants Interlocal Agreement between City of North Port, North Port Water Control District, FDOT and Sarasota County (1993)	Perpetual, unless parties agree to terminate	Each party solely responsible for fulfilling terms of NPDES
Beautification	Keep America Beautiful Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County (1992)	None	Coordination of litter control activities

Beautification	Street Tree Program Agreement with Sarasota County (1990)	None	County funding for street tree projects; member of City Beautification Council sits on Sarasota County Street Tree Advisory Council
Beautification	FDOT Transportation Enhancement project (ISTEA) agreement (2001)	Not	US 41 landscaping
Transportation	Interlocal Agreement creating the Metropolitan Planning Organization (1994)	Until one party terminates	Agreement addressing ISTEA funding with the Metropolitan Planning Organization
Other	Myakkahatchee Creek Interlocal Agreement with DEP (1997)	No expiration date	Joint approval of City and DEP required for disbursement of funds from the Myakkahatchee Creek Special Trust Fund
Other	North Port Performing Arts Center Interlocal Agreement (1998)	Not less than 30 years from execution	Construction agreement for Performing Arts Center and Music Suite
Transportation	One Cent Local Option Gas Tax Interlocal Agreement (1989)	None	Distribution of local option gas tax revenues based on City's proportionate share of County's population
Dual Taxation Transportation	Stipulated Settlement Agreement for entry of Order Settling Dual Taxation Dispute between the City of North Port and Sarasota County (1990)	Until one party terminates	County budgets to pay for its determined maintenance share of rural and community roads
Purchasing	Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (1993)	Until majority of parties modify or terminate	City added to multi-jurisdiction Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
Transportation	Road Impact Fee Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Port and Sarasota County (2002)	Until one party terminates	Establishes coordination of impact fee use
Other	Sarasota County Public Hospital Board Interlocal Agreement (2007)	None	Connection Sarasota Memorial Hospital property to City water and sewer

Parks/Rec	Soccer Fields at Glenallen School Interlocal Agreement (2004)	Expires 30 years after construction complete/may be extended	Allows City to construct three soccer fields on Glenallen Elementary School property
Utilities	Peace River Manasota/Regional Water Supply Authority and City of North Port Water Supply Agreement (1991)	2026	Delivery of water allocation from the Authority to North Port
Utilities	Charlotte County/North Port Interlocal Utility Agreement (1991)	Until one party terminates	North Port provides water to certain areas of Charlotte County
Utilities	Letter of Intent: Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (December 2000)		Established conditions for delivery of water from City to Authority
Utilities	Public Utilities Regulation Interlocal Agreement with Charlotte County and DeSoto County (1989)	Until one party terminates	North Port regulates water and sewer systems within its borders

Intergovernmental coordination improvements

The preceding elements of the City of North Port's Comprehensive Plan identify existing intergovernmental coordination agreements, forums and agencies. The Plan also makes many recommendations for enhancing coordination, as identified below.

Future Land Use Element

Policy 2.1.5: Seeks FDOT funding to assist with implementation of the U.S. 41 Corridor Master Plan.

Policy 2.1.9: Encourages cooperation with Sarasota County government to find funding for the redevelopment of the U.S. 41 corridor.

Policy 2.6.2: Seeks coordination with appropriate governments and agencies in the development of a master plan for widening arterials and collectors in Activity Center 6 (Yorkshire/I-75).

Policy 2.6.3: Because the establishment of Activity Center 6 will have regional significance, seeks coordination with other jurisdictions and government agencies, including State, Federal and regional.

Policy 2.7.10: Seek coordination with Sarasota County to improve pedestrian access and aesthetic features in Activity Center 7 (Warm Mineral Springs).

Policy 4.14: Advocates coordination with local, state and federal organizations to improve neighborhoods.

Policy 5.6.1: Addresses the need for coordination with adjacent counties, FDOT, SWFWMD, DEP and other appropriate agencies in the development of a plan for the development of the northeast quadrant of the City.

Policy 9.21: Advocates use of criteria set by the Florida Green Building Coalition or the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design group to ensure that public buildings are sustainable.

Policy 10.9: Recognizes the need to continue to support social services by working with other public and nonprofit social service and health agencies.

Transportation Element

Policy 4.5: In order to create another hurricane evacuation route, this policy supports federal, state, or regionally funded initiatives to extend Toledo Blade/Choctaw Boulevard northward to intersect with State Road 72.

Policy 4.6: In order to further enhance hurricane evacuation route, this policy supports federal, state, or regionally funded initiatives to create a link between an extended Toledo Blade/Choctaw Boulevard or other North Port roadways and State Road 17 in Charlotte County.

Policy 4.8: Advocates coordination with appropriate governments and agencies in order to develop a multi-modal transportation Master Plan for the City, including regional facilities.

Policy 7.7: Supports participation in the Sarasota County Street Tree Program and other local, state, federal, or regional programs to accomplish the City's roadway/aesthetic enhancement goals.

Policy 7.9: Promotes partnerships with FDOT, the Sarasota-Manatee MPO, the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, and other agencies to encourage projects that beautify I-75.

Policy 8.5: Advocates for the City's continued participation in the regional Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway program.

Policy 8.6: Supports coordination with Sarasota County, Charlotte County, Desoto County and other local, state, regional or federal agencies on developing and linking trail and greenway systems.

Policy 8.7: Supports regional initiative to provide passenger and freight rail facilities to Southwest Florida.

Policy 9.1: In coordination with public and other potential mass transit providers, advocates the creation or enhancement of transit links to Charlotte County, Venice and South Sarasota County.

Policy 10.3: In order to ensure adequate capacity for regional hurricane evacuation, seeks coordination with Sarasota County and Charlotte County regarding the timing and funding of improvements to Sumter Boulevard, Winchester Boulevard, Hillsborough Boulevard, and River Road.

Policy 11.1: Supports cooperation with public transit providers to create or enhance routes that link the City to Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport and Charlotte County Airport.

Sanitary Sewer Element

Policy 2.8: Addresses the need to analyze new regional sludge removal technologies.

Policy 6.3: Supports coordination with regional utilities to assess common needs and opportunities.

Policy 7.2: When the City is considering utility initiatives, advises seeking input from and coordinating with regional agencies, nearby utility providers such as Sarasota County, Charlotte County, Desoto County, the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, Southwest Florida Water Management District, or any other regional entity.

Policy 7.3: Encourages regional sharing of ideas and technology to increase service delivery efficiency.

Potable Water Element

Objective 6: Calls for coordination with the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority to expand supply, treatment and distribution facilities.

Policy 6.3: Promotes greater participation in the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.

Policy 6.4: Advocates regionalization of water supply systems through coordination with regional utilities, including the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.

Policy 6.5: Promotes participation in the efforts of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program to increase protection of the Myakkahatchee Creek, and to preserve and improve the Peace River as a potable water supply.

Policy 6.6: Recognizes the need to coordinate with the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, and the Water Alliance to identify and evaluate other potable water supplies.

Objective 8: Encourages greater efficiency in the provision of utility services through seeking input from various local, state, regional and federal authorities.

Policy 8.2: Recommends that whenever the City is considering utility initiatives, nearby utility providers such as Sarasota County, Charlotte County, Desoto County, Venice, Punta Gorda and the Englewood Water District, should be among the experts with whom the City should consult.

Policy 8.3: Recognizes the need for regional sharing of ideas and technology in order to improve service delivery.

Policy 8.4: Directs the City to follow the principles of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Regional Water Supply Plan when considering potential amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 11.1: Commits the City to cooperation with the Southwest Florida Management District in order to resolve potential problems associated with artesian wells and leaking capped wells.

Policy 11.5: Addresses the continuation of partnerships with the EPA and FDEP in order to implement aquifer protection measures for the City's sole source water supply.

Policy 12.1: Commits the City to follow SWFWMD rules when implementing measures to maintain the water table at current levels in new surface water management systems.

Solid Waste Element

Policy 4.4: Suggests that the City might consider the benefits of establishing an interlocal agreement with Sarasota County for the purpose of developing a joint solid waste management program.

Stormwater Management Element – No completely new policies that also address intergovernmental coordination have been added. However, several existing policies now reference additional governmental agencies and jurisdictions, while others are substantially revised and strengthened.

As an example of the latter, Policy 1.3 formerly suggested that the City consider incorporating SWFWMD’s pollutant load goals for the Charlotte Harbor Watershed into the City’s own stormwater management regulations. The revised policy now establishes the City’s NPDES permit and future renewals of the permit as the standard for meeting pollutant load reduction requirements.

Housing Element

Policy 1.5: Promotes coordination with applicable agencies and organizations to collaboratively monitor housing trends and market demands.

Policy 5.4: Addresses coordination with Sarasota County to bring economic development and employment opportunities to North Port.

Policy 5.6: Seeks coordination with Sarasota County in order to implement state and federal public housing programs and to bring grants and other housing-related initiatives to the City.

Policy 5.7: Promotes coordination with Sarasota County to provide housing related services that meet the community’s diverse needs

Policy 7.2: Seeks collaboration with government agencies as part of initiatives to identify and implement “live-near-work” housing strategies that enable the City’s workforce to walk or bike to work.

Policy 8.2: Commits the City to assessing buildings and structures for possible placement on a State or National list of historic buildings or structures.

Policy 9.2: Recognizes the need to follow the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s definitions and guidelines to establish affordability criteria for lower income groups.

Policy 10.2: Promotes partnerships with Sarasota County and other local governments to address special needs such as low-income housing and senior housing assistance.

Conservation and Coastal Zone Management Element

Conservation policies:

Policy 1.6: Directs the City to continue to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to identify occupied scrub jay areas in North Port, as well as to work with property owners affected by scrub jay issues through coordination with the USFWS.

Policy 1.7: Seeks coordination with the USFWS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or Sarasota County to develop, if necessary, a Scrub Jay Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that meets the City's needs.

Policy 1.9: Advises coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the USFWS to develop a program for protection of tortoises and their habitat.

Policy 1.10: Commits the City to coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the USFWS, the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) and other local, state, and federal agencies to maintain and enhance manatee populations throughout the region.

Policy 2.3: Addresses coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other stakeholders to conduct an inventory analysis of areas containing critical wildlife and upland habitat.

Policy 2.4: Seeks coordination with and funding from local, state, and federal funding sources to protect, restore and manage environmental systems critical to identified listed species.

Policy 4.5: Recommends continued coordination with the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the enforcement of state regulations regarding mitigation of wetland degradation and/or destruction.

Policy 4.6: Recognizes the importance of prior issuance of all necessary SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permits before land clearing or other development permits can be issued by the City.

Policy 4.8: Directs the City to coordinate with other governmental entities to protect water resources.

Policy 4.11: Commits the City to changing its water conservation restrictions whenever called upon to do so by the SWFWMD.

Policy 7.3: Directs the City to maintain staff representation to the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program.

Policy 7.5: Recognizes the importance of abiding by the 2007 “State-Local Agreement” between the City, FDEP, and FDCA regarding adherence to the Myakka Wild and Scenic River Rule, Chapter 62D-15, F.A.C., and the Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act, Section 258.501, F.S.

Policy 7.6: Directs the City to amend its Land Development Codes to include the Myakka River Protection Zone Ordinance, which embodies the principles of the “State-Local Agreement” between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) and the City of North Port.

Policy 10.4: Recognizes the importance of establishing partnerships with other government agencies to assist the City in seeking the acquisition and preservation of historic or archaeologically sensitive sites.

Policy 12.4: Commits the City to establishing or maintaining partnerships with local, state and federal regulatory agencies in order to provide conservation-related information and outreach programs for the public.

Policy 12.5: Recommends working with local, state and federal agencies to provide educational materials on “green development” to the general public and the development industry.

Coastal Management policies:

Policy 1.4: Through initiatives by, or agreements with, local, state and federal agencies, seeks coordination to limit the potential negative effects of development or redevelopment on wetlands, water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, living marine resources, shorelines, and historic resources within the coastal area.

Policy 1.5: Among other measures, seeks support from local, state and federal agencies having initiatives and grant programs aimed at the restoration or enhancement of disturbed or degraded natural resources, including shorelines, estuaries, wetlands and drainage systems.

Policy 1.7: Commits the City to abiding by the terms of the State-Local Agreement For Administering the Myakka Wild and Scenic River Protection Zone between FDEP and FDCA, and to coordinating with these agencies when proposed City policies relating to administration of the Protection Zone and/or affecting the River Area are being considered for enactment or amendment.

Policy 2.3: Directs the City to coordinate with the Sarasota-Manatee MPO, the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, FDOT and other applicable local, state and federal agencies to seek funding for additional capacity to be added to the Sumter Boulevard, Toledo Blade Boulevard, and River Road Hurricane Evacuation Routes.

Policy 3.6: Calls for coordination between the City, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and other appropriate agencies in order to update pertinent sections of

the City Emergency Management Plan, the Sarasota County Emergency Management Plan, and the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

Policy 4.2: Seeks continued coordination with other local, state, and federal governments in order to educate the public regarding emergency preparedness.

Parks and Recreation Element

Policy 4.4: Seeks coordination with Sarasota County and/or other appropriate agencies to develop a jointly managed regional park of approximately 100 acres with access to Interstate Highway 75 in the northeast quadrant of the City.

Policy 9.3: Seeks to coordinate with the Sarasota County School Board to develop and utilize a formalized joint planning process for the acquisition and development of parks and open spaces.

Public School Facilities Element

As mandated by the State of Florida, a Public School Facilities Element is part of this update of the City of North Port's Comprehensive Plan. Intergovernmental coordination is required in order to implement all of this Element's policies. In coordination with the School Board, Sarasota County and the other municipalities in the County, the City has committed to implement the "Amended Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning for the County of Sarasota, Florida."