

## **Final Adoption**

# **CITY OF WESTON Comprehensive Plan**

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## **CHAPTER ONE**

## **FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Future Land Use Element is the designation of future land use patterns as reflected in the goals, objectives and policies contained in the Weston Comprehensive Plan. Future land use patterns are depicted on the Future Land Use Map (Map 1-6).

#### **EXISTING LAND USE CONDITIONS AND DATA**

The City of Weston consists of approximately 27 square miles. Weston incorporated as a municipality in September 1996. In April 1997, Weston annexed Bonaventure, an approximately 1,300 acre community to form what now exists as the City of Weston.

Weston is generally a low intensity residential community with vibrant, compact commercial areas and employment centers. Weston prides itself on its scenic vistas and aesthetic standards.

The existing land use patterns in the City of Weston were largely developed prior to incorporation. The Bonaventure community in Weston began development in the mid-1970s consisting of 6,388 units, as well as two golf courses and a resort hotel. Residential and non-residential development is largely complete in the Bonaventure community. A majority of the City of Weston was developed in the 1990s-2000s as a master-planned community subject to the regulations of a DRI (Development of Regional Impact).

These existing land use classifications are used in the Existing Land Use Map (Map 1-1).

The categories are as follows:

Single Family Residential Multifamily Residential

Commercial

Industrial/Office/Commercial

Parks/Recreation Religious

Waterway Agriculture Commercial Recreation

Conservation School Public

Vacant Commercial Vacant Industrial Vacant Residential

Utility

## LAND USE INTENSITY

## Existing Land Uses

A large portion of the City of Weston is made up of existing single family residential land uses (24%). Nearly 35% of the total land area consists of conservation lands making up the westernmost areas of the City. The City of Weston is mostly built-out and less than 1% of the developable land area is vacant.

Table 1A Existing Land Use

Existing Land Use	Acreage	% of Total Area
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	3973.03	24.35%
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	626.64	3.84%
COMMERCIAL	376.64	2.31%
COMMERICAL/RECREATION	498.24	3.05%
CONSERVATION	5607.88	34.37%
PARKS/RECREATION	252.06	1.54%
INDUSTRIAL/OFFICE/COMMERICAL	320.29	1.96%
PUBLIC	21.24	0.13%
RELIGIOUS	168.75	1.03%
RIGHT-OF-WAY	1978.68	12.13%
SCHOOL	177.84	1.09%
UTILITY	9.63	0.06%
VACANT COMMERCIAL	2.52	0.02%
VACANT INDUSTRIAL (IOC)	20.08	0.12%
VACANT RESIDENTIAL	68.21	0.42%
WATERWAY	2213.54	13.57%
TOTALS	16,315.47	100.00%

Source: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, 2016

## Adjacent Land Uses

The Florida Everglades lie to the north and west of the City. The Town of Davie and the City of Sunrise are located east of Weston. The Town of Southwest Ranches lies to the south of the City. Except for the Everglades, land adjacent to the City of Weston consists of a mix of undeveloped agriculture properties, small commercial developments, and low-density residential development. There are no unincorporated enclaves and no areas of critical state concern within Weston.

#### Historic Resources

With less than 1 percent of its homes built before 1970, Weston has no historically significant housing. The City of Weston maintains a database with sites from the Florida Department of State Master Site File to ensure there are no conflicts with significant historic or archaeological sites. *Future Land Uses* 

Table 1B shows a breakdown of Future Land Use designations in the City. A majority of the City of Weston is designated Dashed Line consisting of planned unit developments and large-scale developments constructed as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI).

Another 27% of the City of Weston is designated Agricultural on the Future Land Use Map. The Conservation land use designation represents approximately 8.6% on the Future Land Use Map and most of these lands are designated wetlands maintained by the City. Other parcels within this designation are the intended location for components of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). A small portion just south and west of South Post Road may anticipate residential development.

Table 1B Future Land Uses in the City of Weston

Future Land Use Designation	Acreage	% of Total Area
AGRICULTURAL	4523.88	27.37%
COMMERCIAL	173.38	1.05%
COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL	199.10	1.20%
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	120.71	0.73%
CONSERVATION	1419.99	8.59%
DASHED LINE – 1.83 UNITS/ACRE	7392.02	44.72%
DASHED LINE – 5 UNITS/ACRE	1102.87	6.67%
DASHED LINE – 11.8 UNITS/ACRE	33.88	0.20%
EMPLOYMENT CENTER	31.99	0.19%
INDUSTRIAL	<i>7</i> 5 <i>7</i> .54	4.58%
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE	35.82	0.22%
RESIDENTIAL – LOW (2)	329.13	1.99%
RESIDENTIAL – LOW (3)	222.93	1.35%
RESIDENTIAL – LOW (5)	37.40	0.22%
RESIDENTAIL – LOW (10)	36.47	0.22%
TRANSPORTATION	112.95	0.68%
TOTALS	16,530.06	100.00%

Source: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, 2016

#### LAND USE ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS

This section is an analysis of the availability of facilities and services as identified in the transportation circulation, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water and natural groundwater aquifer recharge elements.

## **Transportation**

All public roadways within Weston with the exception of S.R. 84 and U.S. 27 are maintained by

the City. The City of Weston applies transportation Level of Service (LOS) standards through its Concurrency Management System to roadways and public transit intersections. All roadways within Weston are currently meeting their adopted level of service. By 2035, all roadways are anticipated to operate at an acceptable level of service except for the segment of U.S. 27 north of Griffin Road. The City of Weston plans to employ other techniques to improve the level of service and reduce the congestion during the peak hours. The City of Weston supports Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies including transit improvements on this constrained corridor.

There are, several state roadways (I-595, I-75, US 27, and the Sawgrass Expressway) that are part of the State Highway System (SHS) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) that immediately abut the City of Weston limits.

Currently, there is one fixed-route transit service in the City. Bus route #23, a north-south route provides weekday peak hour service to the City of Weston and runs along Weston Road. Broward County funds and administers the Transportation Options Program (TOPS), which provides door-to-door service, upon request, for persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using the Broward County Transit (BCT) fixed-route bus system.

#### Potable Water, Wastewater, Drainage Analysis, and Natural Groundwater Recharge Analysis

The City of Sunrise provides potable water and wastewater transmission, treatment and disposal capacity necessary to meet the City's present and future needs. The Indian Trace Development District (a dependent District of the City), owns and operates the water distribution and wastewater collection and transmission system for most of the City. The Bonaventure Development District provide water and wastewater transmission for the Bonaventure community in the northeast section of the City.

Drainage is also divided between the two Districts. The Indian Trace Development District oversees drainage of Basin 1 and Basin 2. The Bonaventure Development District maintains stormwater systems the Bonaventure community in the northeast section of the City.

#### Potable Water

The City of Sunrise provides the water supply, treatment, storage and transmission capacity necessary to meet the City's present and future needs. The City of Weston is a retail customer and does not have a potable water capital improvements schedule. The City of Weston consists of the Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) and the Bonaventure Development District (BDD) which are both retail customers of the City of Sunrise. As required by Florida Statutes the City of Weston adopted its 20-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan in 2015, in conjunction with City of Sunrise. There are no known operational deficiencies in the water transmissions lines.

#### Wastewater

The City of Weston consists of the Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) and the Bonaventure Development District (BDD) which are serviced by the City of Sunrise's Sawgrass Wastewater

Treatment Plant. The ITDD wastewater collection and transmission system is owned and operated by the ITDD and the BDD system is owned and operated by the City of Sunrise. The existing wastewater facilities expand on an as-needed basis to service development activities. There are no known operational deficiencies in the sanitary sewage system. See the Sanitary Sewer Subsection of the Infrastructure Element for more information.

The Windmill Lakes Estates section of the City of Weston contains certain properties which are not sewered, where homes are on septic tank and drainfield systems. The residential single family areas of the City of Weston served by septic tanks do not appear to pose a threat to the public health.

## Drainage

The current surface water management system is operated by the City of Weston and permitted as the Indian Trace Development District and the Bonaventure Development District. The City of Weston is divided into three surface water management basins:

## Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) - Basin I

The surface water management within the Indian Trace Development District Basin I consists of four (4) separate drainage areas as follows:

- Increment III Mitigation Area
- ➤ Increment II Mitigation Area
- ➤ Increment III Sectors 1 and 2
- Remainder of Basin 1 Sectors 3 through 16

## Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) – Basin II

This basin is comprised of primarily vacant, grazing or agricultural lands but does contain the development community of the Isles at Weston. Some large parcels have their own water control structures and/or utilize a series of drainage ditches that flow to the C-11 Canal. The City of Weston reviews permit applications within this Basin in accordance with South Florida Water Management District Criteria. Two City mitigation areas were conveyed to the SFWMD in 2015 for the C-11 Impoundment Project.

## Bonaventure Development District (BDD)

The surface water management within the Bonaventure Development District (BDD), formerly known as West Lauderdale Water Control District, was annexed into the City of Weston in 1997.

Currently, no significant stormwater issues have been identified.

## Natural Groundwater Recharge

The ITDD and BDD Stormwater Management systems offer maximum recharge possibility by indirect infiltration of stormwater into the groundwater, via lakes and canals. Weston lies over the Biscayne Aquifer, a surficial aquifer. Groundwater is locally available for a variety of uses. The quality is good and would be suitable for drinking water supplies, if necessary.

Land use regulation, development practices, strong support for vegetation, mitigation and landscaping all provide for a high degree of valuable and effective surface stormwater infiltration and quality groundwater recharge.

## **Solid Waste Analysis**

The City of Weston contracts with Republic Services of Florida for all solid waste, bulk waste, and recycling collection; solid waste and bulk waste disposal; and the sale and/or disposal of recyclable materials.

Hazardous wastes are not collected by the hauler but remain the responsibility of the waste generator to dispose through authorized services and agencies outside of the City's collection system. Solid waste collection is effective under current practices.

Solid waste disposal sites have adequate capacity to service Weston residents in the short term and long term planning periods – per Broward County's Comprehensive Plan (see Infrastructure Element for more information).

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Population is a primary determinant of land use requirements, housing supply and demand and public facility needs and services. The City's population was 65,333 according to the 2010 U.S. Census. According to the projections developed by Broward County, the population is expected to decrease slightly to 64,922 residents in 2020. By 2035, Broward County projections indicate a continued slight decline in the residential population to 63,269 (-3.2% decline).

Table 1C Population Estimates

Year	Dwelling Units	Households	Population
2010	24,394	21,220	65,333
2015	24,529	21,761	65,669
2020	24,580	21,742	64,922
2025	24,594	21,666	64,106
2030	24,596	21,589	63,530
2035	24,649	21,584	63,269

Source: 2010 U.S. Census; and Broward County Planning and Development Management Division, 2016

## Analysis of Undeveloped Land and Land Needed to Accommodate Population

Currently, the 68.21 acres of vacant residential land is within the Dashed Line Land Use designations. However, potential residential development within these areas is not based on available vacant land but rather remaining approved dwelling units. The current remaining approved dwelling units for each of the Dashed Line areas is listed in Table 1D and the potential additional population that could be generated by residential development of these approved units.

## Table 1D Vacant Land Analysis

		Remaining	
Vacant Land with Future Land Use		Approved Number	Potential Additional
Designation	Acreage	of Dwelling Units	Population*
DASHED LINE 1.83 Units/Acre	N/A	1,527	4703
DASHED LINE 5 Units/Acre	N/A	0	0
DASHED LINE 11.8 Units/Acre	N/A	326	1,004
Totals	N/A	1,853	5,707

<sup>\*</sup>Based on an average household size of 3.08 (US Census)

Source: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, 2016

The City of Weston anticipates only modest development of available dwelling units within the Dashed Line Land Use designated areas during the next planning period's short term (125 units in Bonaventure currently under-construction and a LUPA recently filed for Bonaventure Hotel), subsequently the City's population is expected to remain relatively stable.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

The following natural resources are included in the Comprehensive Plan map series.

Hydrology (Map 1-2) FEMA Flood Zones (Map 1-3) Wetland Mitigation (Map 1-4) Historic Soils and Minerals (Map 1-5) Landcover (Map 1-8)

There are no potable waterwells or wellhead protections areas within the City of Weston.

## **Floodplains**

The National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified the following flood zones within the City of Weston:

Table 1E. Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zones	
Zone	Description
АН	Zone AH is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1-percent annual chance of shallow flooding with a constant water-surface elevation (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet.

Map 1-3 identifies the flood zones within the City of Weston and Map 1-1 illustrates the existing land uses found within the floodplain. The City's Indian Trace Development District has

operational responsibilities for drainage facilities in the public right-of-way and on City of Weston property, with the exception of the facilities within state roads which are maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation. Facilities within private property are privately maintained. Existing

regulations governing land use as it relates to the discharge of stormwater into and the use of natural drainage features are combined in the South Florida Water Management District permits issued to the Indian Trace Development District to alleviate the threat of flooding damage and to protect the natural resources in Weston. The Florida Building Code regulates construction as it relates to flood zones.

#### Soils

The native soil surface of Weston is extremely shallow in most areas. In many parts of the City, it is necessary to dig into the limestone bedrock just below the surface to plant trees and shrubs. There are no known areas of soil erosion identified within Weston. All of the lakes occurring within the City of Weston are man-made and have been created to provide fill for development throughout Weston; the substrate of the developed land areas is built up from this excavated fill material. The historic distribution of soils is shown in Map 1-5, which is based on the Soil Survey of Broward County conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Table 1F. *Soils within the City*, lists the soils identified in the soil survey for the City.

Table 1F. Soils Within the City	
Dania Muck	Matlasha Gravelly Fine Sand, Limestone Substratum
Lauderhill Muck	Udorthents
Plantation Muck	Udorthents, Shaped
Hallandale Fine Sand	Hallandale – Urban Land Complex
Margate Fine Sand	Urban Land

## Land Cover and Natural Habitat

Map 1-8 identifies the land coverage within the City. In general the City of Weston is comprised of four components; the developed community, the mitigation lands, the Water Conservation Area 3/A and the area intended for the development of the C-11 Impoundment.

The developed components of the City of Weston have been created through excavation and fill operations. Any existing conditions at the time of development have been replaced. As a planned community, the City of Weston has had the capacity to implement a substantive landscape code with all development. The City requires that at a minimum 50% of all required landscape material be native for the residential and the commercial components of the City. The extensive landscaped berm systems throughout the City of Weston surrounding each neighborhood that is maintained by the City, requires a minimum of 40% native vegetation. There are also two, 36-hole championship golf courses. There is extensive native landscape vegetation throughout the developed community, on average a 40% open space criteria is required.

There are 2,315 acres of mitigation land within the City of Weston that have been restored and maintained in their natural state. Of this total acreage, nearly 2,050 is sawgrass dominated or freshwater marsh habitat with scattered 'tree islands'; the remaining mitigation acreage is littoral lake edges. The Water Conservation Area located west of U.S. 27 is sawgrass dominated marsh habitat which the South Florida Water Management District maintains.

The land identified as the location for the development of the C-11 Impoundment is degraded from the historic sawgrass marsh conditions. The area was ditched and drained, has been utilized for pasture land, some areas used for crop land or plant nurseries, and several man-made borrow pits remain where resource extraction occurred in the past. There are degraded remnant wetlands in this area. Overall the area is heavily infested with the invasive exotic plant species, Melaleuca (Melaleuca quinquenervia), Brazilian Pepper (Schinus terebithifolius) and Australian Pines (Casuarina equisetifolia).

#### ANALYSIS OF NEED FOR REDEVELOPMENT

At this time the City of Weston contains no areas which require redevelopment. A majority of the residential and non-residential development has occurred in the past twenty five years and redevelopment would be unsuitable for such consideration. The City of Weston will continue to monitor neighborhoods and make determinations relative to needed redevelopment activities as they become necessary.

There exists a need to eliminate and prevent land uses and specific characteristics of development inconsistent with Weston's unique character and planned future uses. These inconsistencies are monitored in the permit and review process which are, to a great degree, further regulated by land use and zoning constraints. The City of Weston will continue to establish and maintain design and aesthetic standards for buildings, lighting, signage and landscape.

Development and redevelopment in flood prone areas must be based upon suitability determined from Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Hazard Boundary Maps or other accurate data to assure the preservation of flood protection to the subject property and the entire community dependent on the overall area.

## **GREENHOUSE REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

Climate change is largely attributed to the buildup of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations in the atmosphere. Global emissions of GHG from human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation, have increased by 70% between 1970 and 2004 according to The American Planning Association (APA). In the April 2008, *Policy Guide on Planning and Climate Change*, the APA provides guidance for local governments toward the reduction of GHG emissions and on energy efficient land use decisions. The APA document indicates that effect actions to address GHG emissions should include a mix of education, incentives, subsidies, and regulation. The APA has suggested the following strategies for local governments to facilitate a reduction in GHG emissions; these include mixed use development, infill and redevelopment to utilize existing utilities and service, providing employment opportunities near a range of housing opportunities, energy efficient buildings, convenient intermodal transportation systems, and the reduction of heat island effects through green spaces.

In addition to the broad strategies listed above, every decrease in energy consumption reduces the carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and associated development to continue to expand the electric system; every diversion from a landfill increases the efficiency of curbside pick-up and the amount of debris placed in the landfill and ultimately the production of methane; every reduction in water use decreases the amount of energy required to produce potable water and to treat wastewater. Encouraging recycling, facilitating the capacity to bicycle and walk, retaining and increasing landscaping, and conserving potable water supplies are also effective strategies to achieve GHG emission reductions.

The City of Weston has implemented a number of these strategies. There is a successful pedestrian and bikeways network throughout the City. The number of bikeways is relatively high compared to other areas within Broward County. There are sidewalks installed throughout the entire City. Bike lanes have been installed along arterial and several collector roadways. Over 140,400 linear feet of roadways have a 5 foot wide sidewalk installed along both sides of the road. Approximately 28,200 linear feet of roadway has a 6.5 foot wide sidewalk installed along one side of the road. Additionally, there are over 105,000 linear feet of designated bike lanes along the roadways. The City of Weston has created a centralized Town Center commercial district as well as several neighboring commercial centers. This facilitates a decrease in the number of trips and the drive times for residents conducting routine shopping trips or outings for dining or entertainment experiences.

Broward County monitors traffic signals on all arterial and collector roadways within the City of Weston. The City of Weston has installed interconnects between all signals which minimizes delays and idling on all arterial and collector roadways. The efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston is closely monitored to allow rapid response to any problems that may arise, thereby decreasing idling times and unnecessary emissions and decreasing energy consumption through efficiency. These pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston each facilitate energy conservation.

The City of Weston has significant open space and landscape requirements to diminish heat island effects. The City's landscape ordinance implements Florida Friendly principles and requires native vegetation. There is 2,315 acres of mitigation land within the City of Weston that have been restored to and is maintained as natural habitat. These natural areas not only also help to diminish heat island effects but contribute to carbon dioxide uptake and oxygen production. The City of Weston is working cooperatively with the South Florida Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers on the development and construction of the 1,000+ acre stormwater impoundment area located in the City of Weston that is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Map 1-1 *Existing Land Uses* depicts conservation areas, parks, and the linear parks within the City of Weston.

The City implements an annual landscape inspection program on all commercial and timeshare or multi-family rental properties to ensure the maintenance and retention of required landscape materials. The City's Code Enforcement along with each of the homeowners associations assures that required landscaping is retained and maintained on the single-family properties. The City of Weston completed a thorough inventory of all canopy and palm trees located on City of Weston owned and City of Weston maintained property, inclusive of the right of ways in 2009 and completed an update of that inventory in March of 2016. This inventory identifies locates, and provides information on the size and condition of each tree providing the City of Weston with the

tools to ensure there will be no decrease in the canopy coverage on publicly owned and maintained lands.

There are thirty (30) existing irrigation pump stations for City of Weston owned irrigated areas that range from 2 hp to 50 hp. Typically, pumps that are 25 hp or higher have jockey pumps to build up pressure through the transmission system and are operated to provide the quantity of water needed. For those locations having multiple main pumps, the City of Weston can shut down one of the pumps to control and reduce the distribution system pressure. The reduction in distribution pressure can help reduce water consumption.

All of the City's existing irrigation pumps are equipped with rain sensors, and with meters that are located on the influent pipeline into the pumps. The irrigation pumps are maintained continuously and calibrated by professional manufacturer representatives. Also, they are reviewed and replaced as needed in a monthly replacement program. One hundred percent (100%) of all raw water pumped out of the lakes and canals by the City's irrigation pumps is metered.

As a planned community with a defined footprint and density, the City of Weston will not contribute to the sprawl and continued expansion of utilities that has become a prominent development concern across the nation. The City of Weston is built-out, and as such, nearly all future projects will be redevelopment projects with existing infrastructure available. The City of Weston recently completed their Public Works, Community Center, Administrative Services, and the City Hall buildings have energy conserving glazing, high efficiency air handling systems, water conserving fixtures and programmable heat and cooling controls providing energy conserving measures.

The City of Weston continues to implement strategies for more energy efficient lighting within the City. Voltage regulators have been installed on City-owned street lighting that will reduce their energy cost by 20%-30% and will also reduce the City's carbon footprint by approximately 370 metric tons per year. Older style fluorescent lighting in all municipal buildings have been replaced with a more efficient version that will reduce energy costs by 20%-30% and reduce the City's carbon footprint by approximately 15 metric tons per year.

Map 1-10 Energy Conservation Areas and Features highlights Weston features that contribute to reduced energy use and greenhouse gas production: wetland mitigation areas, conservation areas, water impoundment area, open spaces and its extensive bicycle paths.

## FUTURE LAND USE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### **RESIDENTIAL USES**

## **Goal 1:1**

Provide residential areas with a variety of housing types and densities offering convenient and affordable housing opportunities to all segments of Weston's population while maintaining a desired quality of life and adequate public services and facilities.

## 1.1 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain a pattern of overall low density residential use with limited medium and high density residential uses in selected areas to preserve the low intensity character of the residential neighborhood. Proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map shall occur in accordance with the densities provided therein.

#### 1.1.1 Policy:

Maintain and enforce effective development and maintenance regulations.

## 1.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain the high aesthetic community design standards through the enforcement of regulations which guide development.

#### 1.2.1 Policy:

Maintain and enforce effective development and maintenance regulations.

## 1.3 Objective:

City of Weston shall create, preserve and maintain scenic vistas in keeping with the classic tradition as embodied in the original City of Weston plan.

#### 1.3.1 Policy:

Maintain and enforce effective development and maintenance regulations.

## 1.5 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain subdivision and land development regulations which promote well-planned, orderly and attractive developments which are consistent with the Capital Improvements Elements and the goals, objectives and policies of the Weston Land Use Plan.

#### 1.5.1 Policy:

Subdivision regulations shall incorporate a review process for assessing the adequacy of public services and facilities. New residential development shall be established only within those areas where adequate public services and facilities exist or are scheduled to be available in accordance with the Capital Improvements Element.

## 1.5.2 Policy:

Subdivision regulations shall provide for both the timely completion and regular maintenance of all required Capital Improvements and amenities.

## 1.6 Objective:

City of Weston shall develop and implement land use controls through the zoning code and land development regulations which promote residential neighborhoods that are attractive, well-maintained and contribute to the health, safety and welfare of their residents.

### 1.6.1 Policy:

Evaluate and revise the Weston Zoning Code and Land Use Regulations, as necessary, to reflect the unique characteristics of Weston and to provide the appropriate instruments to enforce and effectively carry out the requirements of this plan.

### 1.7 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain programs to provide a complete range of affordable housing opportunities necessary to accommodate all segments of Weston's population.

## 1.7.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall establish programs to provide, encourage, or enable, low and moderate income housing to meet the needs the City's existing and future population in accordance with the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

## 1.7.2 Policy:

A pool of "Affordable Housing Units" (AFU's) shall be established for Weston which is equal to 10% of the total available flexibility and reserve units within the City.

#### 1.7.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall evaluate the effect of land development regulations and permitting on the affordability of housing and shall take appropriate actions to support the affordability of housing.

## 1.7.4 Policy:

Zoning Code and Land Development regulations shall include provisions to encourage or enable a variety of housing opportunities in varying price ranges.

#### **COMMERCIAL USES**

#### Goal 1:2

Provide a complete range of convenient and accessible commercial facilities to serve Weston's population.

#### 2.1 Objective:

City of Weston shall provide a sufficient level of commercial development to accommodate the population and economy of Weston.

## 2.1.1 Policy:

Residential neighborhoods shall be protected from intrusion by incompatible uses that would disrupt or degrade the health, safety, tranquility, aesthetics and welfare of the neighborhoods by noise, light, glare, odor, vibration, dust, hazardous materials or traffic.

## 2.1.2 Policy:

Uses designated in the plan causing significant noise, light, glare, odor, vibration, dust, hazardous condition, or industrial traffic shall provide buffering when located adjacent to or across the street from incompatible uses such as residential uses.

## 2.1.3 Policy:

The Weston Zoning Code shall maintain differing intensities of commercial development incompatible with adjacent and surrounding land uses.

## 2.1.4 Policy:

The Weston Zoning Code shall maintain zoning categories that distinguish between neighborhood, community and regional commercial developments.

#### 2.1.5 Policy:

To allow both the public and private sectors to respond to changing conditions and permit the appropriate location of neighborhood commercial uses within or adjacent to established residential neighborhoods, the Weston Comprehensive Plan shall permit up to 5% of the area designated residential within a flexibility zone to be used for neighborhood commercial uses subject to the restrictions identified within the Residential Permitted Uses subsection. No such contiguous area may exceed ten (10) acres in size. For the purpose of this provision, contiguous is defined as: attached; located within 500 feet; or separated only by streets and highways, canals and rivers, or easements. This five percent (5%) residential-to-commercial flexibility rule may be applied through (re)zoning.

## 2.1.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain a sign code which regulates the size and design of all signage.

## 2.2. Objective:

The City of Weston shall maintain land development regulations that address controlled access to adjacent traffic circulation facilities, the provision of adequate on-site traffic circulation and off-street parking relative to existing and planned commercial development.

## 2.2.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall develop land use regulations which protect the local roadway network, the regional roadway network and the Broward County Trafficways Plan.

## 2.2.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain land use regulations, which ensure safe and convenient on-site traffic circulation and adequate off-street parking.

## **INDUSTRIAL USES**

#### Goal 1:3

Achieve a more diversified local economy by promoting tourism and industrial growth and providing optimum protection of the City's natural environment and maintaining a desired quality of life.

## 3.1 Objective:

City of Weston shall provide a sufficient level of industrial development to accommodate the population and economy of Weston.

#### 3.1.1 Policy:

Future industrial land uses shall be located with access to major transportation facilities.

#### 3.1.2 Policy:

Land designated for Industrial development by the Weston Future Land Use Map shall not be utilized for non-industrial purposes except where such uses are consistent with the permitted uses of this category.

## 3.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain an Employment Center land use category in the Future Land Use Element, as depicted on Map 1-6, Future Land Use Map.

## 3.2.1 Policy:

Employment Center land use shall provide for a variety of commerce and job creating industries.

#### 3.3 Objective:

The City of Weston shall maintain land use controls and performance standards necessary to regulate any potentially adverse impacts of industry through the adoption of a zoning code and land development regulations.

#### 3.3.1 Policy:

Weston Zoning Code and Land Development regulations shall provide regulations which address adverse impacts of industry, including noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, heat, solid waste, hazardous wastes, fire and explosion.

#### RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACES

#### Goal 1:4

Provide recreation and open spaces which meet resident needs and are compatible with the character of the City of Weston.

## 4.1 Objective:

Establish local community park standards necessary to provide Weston's present and future population with a diversified and balanced parks and recreation system as provided in the Recreation and Open Space element.

## 4.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall provide for a minimum of six (6) acres of community level parks for every 1,000 existing and projected permanent residents.

## 4.1.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall adopt and implement the procedures necessary to meet the standards of Policy 4.1.1.

## 4.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall address methods of protecting existing and designated parks, recreation and open space lands in the Weston Zoning Code and Land Development Regulations.

## 4.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain a system of public and private open space areas compatible with the character of Weston.

#### 4.2.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall pursue programs that will ensure the provision of and access to open space areas.

#### **CONSERVATION USES**

#### Goal 1:5

Ensure the protection of and prevent damage to ecological systems that are an integral component of South Florida's and Weston's natural environment.

## 5.1 Objective:

Identify, conserve and protect all water conservation and recharge areas, consistent with the requirements of the State Comprehensive Plan.

## 5.1.1 Policy:

Promote restoration of the Everglades system including its hydrological and ecological functions as well as any degraded or substantially disrupted surface waters.

## 5.1.2 Policy:

No new solid-fill transportation facilities or similar structures shall be permitted within Weston's identified water conservation areas without provisions for maintaining the fresh water sheet flow.

#### 5.1.3 Policy:

Protect and conserve those areas known to be reproduction, nesting and feeding areas for animals listed as endangered or threatened species or species of special concern.

## 5.1.4 Policy:

Protect the minimum seasonal flows and levels of surface watercourses as established by the South Florida Water Management District.

#### 5.1.5 Policy:

Protect and conserve those areas known to contain plant species listed in the Regulated Plant Index for protection by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

## 5.1.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall, as part of the Land Use Plan Amendment and Capital Planning Processes, analyze impact on the South Florida Water Management District regional water resource projects, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, the Water Preserve Area Project, and the C-11 West Basin Water Quality Improvement Strategy) of all future development.

#### 5.1.7 Policy:

Weston shall distribute land uses in a manner that avoids or minimizes, to the greatest degree practicable, the effect and impact on wetlands and lands identified by the South Florida Water Management District's East Coast Buffer. Those future land uses identified below as being incompatible with the protection and conservation of wetlands and wetland functions shall be directed away from wetlands, or when incompatible future land uses are allowed to occur, shall be mitigated or enhanced, or both, to compensate for loss of wetland functions.

## 5.1.8 Policy:

Weston shall support the adopted South Florida Water Management District's East Coast Buffer by discouraging to the maximum extent feasible high density and intensity incompatible land uses within the identified buffer areas and on adjacent lands. Such incompatible land uses may include, but are not limited to, heavy commercial and industrial uses, sewage treatment facilities, solid waste disposal and transfer stations, cemeteries, transportation facilities and gas and service stations.

## 5.2 Objective:

Designate Conservation areas on the Future Land Use Map which includes natural reservations and reserve water supply areas.

## 5.2.1 Policy:

Promote the acquisition, retention and management of unique natural areas in order to preserve their environmental, recreational and other public benefits.

#### PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PHASED GROWTH

#### Goal 1:7

Provide public facilities and open space which meets the needs and are compatible with the character of the City of Weston.

## 7.1 Objective:

Coordinate future land uses with availability of regional and community facilities and services sufficient to meet the current and future needs of Weston's population and economy without endangering its environmental resources.

## 7.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall implement development review procedures which assure that facilities and services meet established county-wide and municipal level of service standards and are available consistent with concurrency requirements and Section 163.3180 Florida Statutes.

## 7.1.2 Policy:

Development permits granted by Weston shall be consistent with the Land Use Regulations and Zoning Code of Weston.

#### 7.1.3 Policy:

Local governments which authorize development permits shall implement procedures which identify the cumulative impacts of proposed development on public services and facilities.

## 7.1.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall require all new commercial and industrial development to be serviced by centralized wastewater systems.

## 7.1.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall require existing development on septic tanks and private wells to hook up to centralized sewer and water facilities as they become available.

## 7.1.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall encourage source separation and the recycling of solid waste, in accordance with the Solid Waste Act of 1988, as amended.

## 7.1.7 Policy:

Minimum floor elevation standards for building sites promulgated and administered by the Federal Emergency Management Administration shall be applied city-wide for new construction.

## 7.1.8 Policy:

Minimum road crown elevation standards, as implemented by the South Florida Water Management District, shall be applied throughout the City.

### 7.1.9 Policy:

City of Weston in coordination with the Broward County School Board encourages the location of schools proximate to urban residential areas to the extent possible and to collocate public facilities, such as parks, libraries and community centers with schools to the extent possible.

## 7.1.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall review the school location criteria as adopted by the Broward County School Board and include the criteria appropriate for the City of Weston as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan upon its availability and subject to the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

#### 7.1.11 Policy:

The City of Weston shall coordinate changes to the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map with the availability of potable water services.

## 7.1.12 Policy:

The Future Land Use Element shall include data and analysis demonstrating coordination with current and future water supply demands.

## 7.1.13 Policy:

The City of Weston shall ensure coordination between land use and future water supply planning within 18 months of the adoption of the Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan, as required by Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

## 7.1.14 Policy:

The City of Weston adopts the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan infrastructure sub-element by reference, and will continue to update and implement the projects and policies therein as deemed appropriate or as required in accordance with Florida Statutes.

#### 7.1.15 Policy:

The City of Weston shall coordinate land uses with available and projected fiscal resources and The City of Weston shall coordinate land uses with available and projected fiscal resources and shall coordinate with utility service providers on a financially feasible schedule of capital improvements for water supply and facility projects.

## 7.1.16 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with the Broward County Division of Planning and Development Management to evaluate population projections.

## 7.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall require platting in conformance with City regulations and those of the Broward County Charter.

## 7.2.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall adopt land development regulations that require platting at least in those circumstances where Broward County Regulations require platting.

## 7.3 Objective:

Discourage urban sprawl and encourage a separation of urban and rural land uses by directing new development into areas where necessary regional and community facilities and services exist.

## 7.3.1 Policy:

Promote infill development through the provision of potable water and sanitary sewer service to those developed portions of Weston which are currently inadequately served.

#### 7.3.2 Policy:

When extending new services to undeveloped portions of Weston, priority shall be given to those areas where other facilities and services are available or are anticipated to be provided concurrent with the extension of such new services.

#### 7.3.3 Policy:

Except for schools, regional and community facilities shall be located close to major traffic corridors and mass transit routes adequate to carry the volume of traffic generated by such facilities.

#### 7.3.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall encourage the reuse of reclaimed water as an integral part of their wastewater management program, where economically, environmentally, and technically feasible.

## 7.4 Objective:

A concurrency management system has been established (appendix 5) which will effectively monitor and manage new growth, in conformance with Florida's Community Planning Act, including Section 163.3180 Florida Statutes.

#### 7.4.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain concurrency management systems to effectively manage new growth and to ascertain whether necessary facilities identified within their local Capital Improvement Elements are being constructed in accordance with the schedules in their local plans and to measure the development capacity of such facilities in a given area at a given time.

#### 7.4.2 Policy:

Those facilities which are subject to the local concurrency requirements include: traffic circulation, recreational, drainage and flood protection, potable water, solid waste and sanitary sewer facilities.

#### 7.4.3 Policy:

Proposed Future Land Use Map amendments shall be supported with data and analysis demonstrating that adequate water supplies and associated public facilities will be available to meet the projected growth demands.

## 7.5 Objective:

Ensure through the future land use planning process that public elementary and secondary education facilities will be available to meet the current and future needs of Weston's school population.

## 7.5.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider the individual and cumulative impacts of land use plan amendments on existing and planned public elementary and secondary education facilities.

## 7.5.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the School Board of Broward County to achieve an expedited development review procedure for public elementary and secondary education facilities.

## 7.5.3 Policy:

City of Weston and the School Board of Broward County shall establish joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making on population projections and public school siting to accomplish coordination between the adopted local comprehensive plans and the long range plans of the School Board.

## 7.5.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall determine the consistency of land use plan amendments with the Public School Facilities Element. The consistency finding shall address whether sufficient capacity is available, or anticipated within the short or long range planning horizon of their Element, to accommodate the projected student impact of proposed amendments. As provided for within the Amended Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning (ILA), the School Board of Broward County shall advise the County and local governments regarding the projected student impact of amendments and the availability of capacity at impacted schools.

## 7.5.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall not accept a building permit application, nor issue a building permit, for new or additional residential units, unless the applicant presents evidence from Broward County that the impact of the proposed development on public educational sites and facilities has been mitigated by payment of school impact fees, based on the fee schedule and accompanying provisions of the Broward County Land Development Code.

Alternative methods of mitigation for school impacts may only be approved via a recorded agreement among the property owner(s), Broward County, and/or the City, Broward County, and the School Board of Broward County.

#### 7.5.6 Policy:

City, Broward County, and the School Board of Broward County shall coordinate through the processes and procedures identified in the ILA to ensure collaborative planning and decision making on population projections and public school siting and to accomplish coordination between the adopted local comprehensive plans and the School Board's District Educational Facilities Plan.

#### 7.5.7 Policy:

City, Broward County, and the School Board of Broward County shall explore and evaluate opportunities for collocation and shared use of school facilities and civic and recreation activities during their capital improvement planning processes and other processes as provided for in the ILA.

## 7.5.8 Policy:

City, Broward County, and the School Board of Broward County will coordinate through the procedures established in the ILA and the Broward County and local land use planning process to ensure that proposed public school facility sites are consistent and compatible with the land use categories and policies of their comprehensive plans and enable a close integration between existing and planned schools and surrounding land uses.

## 7.5.9 Policy:

City shall incorporate provisions into their local land use plans and land development regulations which provide for safe pedestrian and/or bicycle access to public schools.

#### 7.5.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall support the efforts of the School Board of achieve diversity within Broward County district schools by implementing regulations that promote a diversity of housing types and redevelopment opportunities.

## 7.6 Objective:

Develop and implement post-disaster redevelopment and hazard mitigation land use controls and development regulations including strong preventive measures, to protect the health, safety and welfare of Weston's current and future residents.

#### 7.6.1 Policy:

City, in coordination with Broward County, shall adopt a county-wide postdisaster redevelopment plan which establishes an orderly process for reviewing private and public redevelopment proposals to restore the economic and social viability of the community in a timely fashion.

## 7.6.2 Policy:

Post-disaster redevelopment and hazard mitigation plans should inventory hazard prone properties and implement building codes and development regulations, such as setback provisions, structural connections, and other site controls, to reduce future property damages and losses.

## Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources

#### Goal 1:8

Protect Weston's natural, historic and cultural resources and promote cultural resources through well-planned patterns of growth and development.

## 8.1 Objective:

City of Weston shall monitor and protect any future Natural Resource Areas (which are considered to be environmentally sensitive lands) designated as Local Areas of Particular Concern on the Future Land Use Map.

#### 8.1.1 Policy:

Discourage activities in the vicinity of Local Areas of Particular Concern which would have a detrimental impact upon such areas.

## 8.2 Objective:

Protect the quality and quantity of Weston's potable water supply as depicted on the Natural Resource Map Series of the Future Weston Land Use Plan Map (Series).

#### 8.2.1 Policy:

Amendments to the Future Land Use Plan Map proposing land use categories which permit Industrial uses shall be discouraged, to the greatest extent feasible, within wellfield protection zones of influence.

#### 8.2.2 Policy:

New septic tank systems shall only be permitted when the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services determines they are consistent with Broward County's Water and Septic Tank Ordinance and with the requirements of the Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code.

#### 8.2.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall require all future development and redevelopment to connect to sanitary sewer lines.

#### 8.3 Objective:

Develop and implement land use controls and programs to preserve and enhance surface waters for their important natural functions and aesthetics and recreational values.

## 8.3.1 Policy:

City's Zoning Code and Land Development Regulations shall provide for the protection and creation of surface waters in conformance with State and South Florida Water Management District policies.

## 8.3.2 Policy:

New development adjacent to or in the vicinity of surface waters shall be designed so as to minimize the direct discharge of stormwater runoff into such bodies of water.

#### 8.3.3 Policy:

Lakes shall be required to be constructed with vegetated shallow water habitat as required by the Broward County Department of Natural Resource Protection which will promote both natural lake functions and the health, safety, welfare and recreation of Broward County's residents.

#### 8.4 Objective:

Identify and protect the wetlands, hydric soils and vegetative communities within Weston in order to maintain and enhance wetland resources as well as functional values such as, but not limited to, wildlife habitat, groundwater recharge and discharge, flood storage, sediment/toxicant retention and nutrient removal/transformation.

## 8.4.1 Policy:

No development order may be issued, except as listed below, within wetlands (as defined herein) until an Environmental Resource License has been issued by the Broward County Environmental Protection Department. However, the City of Weston may issue rezoning, site plan, plat approval or development orders issued pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, in areas containing wetlands upon issuance of a conceptual review report by the Broward County Environmental Protection Department.

## 8.4.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate their development review and permitting programs with the wetland permitting and mitigation programs of the appropriate local, state and federal jurisdictional agencies.

#### 8.4.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider the impacts of land use plan amendments on wetland resources and minimize those impacts to the maximum extent practicable.

#### 8.4.4 Policy:

Mitigation required pursuant to development activities within "Eastern Broward County" shall be used to restore, enhance or replace wetlands located within "Eastern Broward County"; mitigation may be allowed in other areas of the County only if it is determined by all appropriate permitting agencies that suitable sites for such purposes are not available in "Eastern Broward County". For the purposes of this policy, "Eastern Broward County" is defined as the area east of the Everglades Buffer Strip and the Reserve Water Supply area.

## 8.5 Objective:

Ensure that mining operations are compatible with existing surrounding land uses and consistent with the Weston Land Use Plan's policies regarding protection of natural resources including environmentally sensitive lands and water resource quality and quantity.

## 8.5.1 Policy:

Comprehensive plans and/or land development regulations shall address the reclamation of completed mining excavations and their compatibility with existing surrounding land uses and water resource quality and quantity.

## 8.6 Objective:

Protect identified floodplains and areas subject to seasonal or periodic flooding.

## 8.6.1. Policy:

City of Weston development codes shall contain floodplain protection provisions consistent with the criteria and mapping of the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

#### 8.6.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall require redevelopment within identified floodplains to address existing flooding problems.

## 8.6.3 Policy:

Through provisions in the City of Weston regulations, public roads and parking lots shall be designed consistent with the criteria of the South Florida Water Management District.

### 8.7 Objective:

Protect historic resources within the City of Weston from deterioration or loss.

#### 8.7.1 Policy:

City of Weston Land Use Plan shall map and maintain a current list of historically, architecturally and archaeologically significant properties and address the protection of these historic resources.

#### 8.7.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall implement programs which preserve and/or rehabilitate historic resources through techniques described in the historic preservation ordinances within the City's Code of Ordinances and building code provisions.

## 8.7.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate their historic resource protection activities with applicable state and federal laws.

## 8.7.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider the impacts of land use plan amendments on historic resources and existing land uses of tracts or areas formerly made up of or currently in tropical hardwood hammocks will be carefully checked for significant historical resources during the impacts of the future land use plan amendment process.

## 8.8 Objective:

Eliminate flooding problems while preserving groundwater quality through planned growth, the provision of drainage and stormwater management systems and the adoption of appropriate development codes and regulations.

## 8.8.1 Policy:

New development shall provide water storage capacity equal to that which existed under predevelopment conditions consistent with the water management regulations and plans of the South Florida Water Management District, Broward County Department of Natural Resource Protection and independent drainage districts.

## 8.8.2 Policy:

New non-residential development shall provide pre-treatment for stormwater runoff through grassy swales, wetlands filtration, ex-filtration trenches or other means consistent with the Best Management Practices of the South Florida Water Management District.

### 8.9 Objective:

Coordinate future land uses with topography and soil conditions to protect Weston's water supply and minimize flooding problems.

## 8.9.1 Policy:

Regulate development on flood prone soils, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service, consistent with the criteria and mapping of the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the policies included under Objectives 8.6 and 8.8.

#### 8.10 Objective:

Promote and enhance opportunities for Weston's residents and visitors to participate in the arts through accessibility to cultural facilities and activities.

## 8.10.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with public and private entities, including the Broward County Cultural Affairs Division, to ensure a role for art and culture within the City.

## 8.11 Objective:

Improve the quality of air in Weston by establishing land development regulations which promote Broward County's compliance with the Southeast Florida State Implementation Plan.

## 8.11.1 Policy:

Promote mass transit and discourage automobile travel by encouraging local governments to locate mixed land uses along major roadway corridors with mass transit facilities.

#### 8.12 Objective:

Increase Weston's attractiveness to tourists through the establishment of a land use pattern and development regulations aimed at enhancing the area's natural and man-made environments.

## 8.12.1 Policy:

To ensure the adequate provision of public services and facilities, the City of Weston shall take into consideration Broward County's tourist population and the seasonal demands placed upon the County's infrastructure.

## MIXED LAND USES

#### Goal 1:9

Promote the efficient use of public facilities and services through planned communities with Mixed Land Uses.

## 9.1 Objective:

Encourage the use of innovative land development regulations and techniques, for both residential and non-residential development in order to promote planned communities and activity centers designed for efficient use of public services and facilities.

## 9.1.1 Policy:

Encourage the use of mixed land use development regulations in those areas where compatible mixed land use patters currently exist or are planned.

#### 9.1.2 Policy:

In order to create aesthetically pleasing living, shopping, working and recreational environments, Weston will maintain land development regulations to maximize opportunities for the application of innovative site planning concepts.

## **LEVELS OF SERVICE**

## Goal 1:10

Provide levels of service for public facilities and services sufficient to meet the existing and future needs of Weston's population.

## 10.1 Objective:

Ensure that public facilities and services meet those level of service standards established within the Weston Comprehensive Plan and local comprehensive planning efforts.

## 10.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall establish a level of service standard for each public facility located within the boundary for which such local government has authority to issue development orders or development permits.

## 10.1.2 Policy:

Prior to plat approval, Weston shall ensure that the public facilities and services necessary to meet the level of service standards established within the Weston Comprehensive Plan and affected municipal comprehensive plans will be available consistent with concurrency requirements. Chapter

163.3202(g) Florida Statutes. Chapter 163.3180 Florida Statutes and the concurrency management policies included within Goal 7 of the Weston Comprehensive Plan.

## 10.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to review and revise, where necessary, its land development codes and regulations to ensure that all new development in Weston meets the level of service standards established within the Weston Comprehensive Plan.

### 10.1.4 Policy:

Consistent with public health and safety, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, adequate water supplies, and potable water facilities shall be in place and available to serve new development no later than the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Prior to approval of a building permit, the City of Weston shall consult with the water supplier to determine whether adequate water supplies to serve the new development will be available no later than the anticipated date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

## LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

#### Goal 1:11

Coordinate transportation and land use planning activities to ensure adequate facilities and services are available to meet the existing and future needs of Weston's population and economy.

## 11.1 Objective:

Coordinate transportation and land use planning activities of Weston to ensure that the regional roadway network levels of service standards established within the Weston Comprehensive Plan are met.

## 11.1.1 Policy:

For those portions of the regional roadway network within Weston, the City of Weston shall adopt levels of service and concurrency management systems consistent with the Broward County Transportation Element.

## 11.1.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall utilize the highway capacity methodology endorsed by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization and approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to determine the capacities and levels of service on the regional roadway network.

## 11.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider the individual and cumulative impacts of any land use plan amendment on the existing and planned transportation facilities within the County.

## 11.1.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall not accept a building permit application, nor issue a building permit, unless the applicant presents evidence from Broward County either that the impact of the proposed development on the regional transportation network has been mitigated by payment of road impact fees

or transit impact fees, based on the appropriate provisions of the Broward County Land Development Code, or that no such payment is due.

## 11.2 Objective:

Ensure adequate rights-of-way are available to meet Weston's future transportation needs.

## 11.2.1 Policy:

At the time of plat recordation rights-of-way shall be conveyed to the public by deed or easement sufficient to address the impact of development on transportation needs and to meet the requirements of the Broward County Trafficways Plan.

## 11.2.2 Policy:

In order to protect the transportation corridors identified on the Broward County Trafficways Plan, the City of Weston shall require that development is set back from identified rights-of-way when issuing development orders while providing an administrative relief process to ensure such set back does not deny all beneficial use of the property proposed for development.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

#### Goal 1:12

Maximize intergovernmental coordination and cooperation among state, regional and local governments.

## *12.1 Objective:*

Continue to implement those requirements and procedures which ensure consistency among the Weston Land Use Plan and the land use plans and land development regulations of Broward County.

#### 12.1.1 Policy:

City's land use plan shall contain policies which further consistency and compatibility with the plan of Broward County.

## 12.1.2 Policy:

City's land use plans and plan amendments shall successfully complete the Chapter 163, Florida Statutes local comprehensive plan review process prior to their certification or recertification by the Broward County Planning Council.

## 12.1.3 Policy:

City's utilization of the Broward County Land Use Plan "Flexibility Rules", shall be subject to a determination by the Broward County Commission that such allocation is compatible with adjacent land uses, and that impacts on public school facilities have been adequately considered. Allocations of "flexibility" for "affordable housing" or "special residential facilities" or

"urban infill, urban redevelopment and downtown revitalization areas", as defined within the Broward County Land Use Plan shall be exempt from this Policy.

## 12.2 Objective:

Coordinate planning activities with the South Florida Water Management District and water service providers.

## 12.2.1 Policy:

Ensure the City of Weston's plans, requirements and related actions contained in the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan are consistent with the Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan and the City of Sunrise Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

## 12.2.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall participate in on-going collaborative efforts with other local governments and agencies for long-term alternative water supply sources. The City of Weston shall participate in, at a minimum, annual meetings with water providers and the South Florida Water Management District to discuss population projections, land use changes and implementation of conservation reuse programs and alternative water supplies.

## REDEVELOPMENT AND INCOMPATIBLE USES

## Goal 1:13

Eliminate areas of blight and incompatible land uses.

#### 13.1 Objective:

Develop and implement land use programs to encourage redevelopment activities within identified blighted and deteriorating areas.

## 13.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall provide for redevelopment activities in the creation of land development regulations and zoning code.

## 13.2 Objective:

Develop and implement land use programs to encourage the elimination or reduction of existing incompatible land uses and prevent future incompatible land uses.

## 13.2.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to assure the compatibility of existing and future land uses.

#### 13.2.2 Policy:

The City of Weston's Land Use Plan shall ensure that commercial, industrial and other non-residential land use plan designations are located in a manner

which facilitates their serving, but does not adversely impact existing and designated residential areas.

## 13.2.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall minimize the impacts of existing incompatible land uses through requirements within the land development code and regulations, such as buffering and setbacks.

## 13.2.4 Policy

The compatibility of existing and future land uses shall be a primary consideration in the review and approval of amendments to the Weston Comprehensive Plan.

#### 13.3 Objective:

Establish land development regulations that employ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to reduce the incidence of crime and protect the safety and welfare of all Broward County residents.

## 13.3.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to review new development in accordance with a CPTED standard.

## **GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

#### Goal 1:14

Reduce energy use and greenhouse gas production.

## Objective 14.1:

The City of Weston shall consider changes to the future land use plan based upon energyefficient land use pattern and discouragement of sprawl accounting for existing and future energy electric power generation and transmission systems.

#### 14.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall ensure the City's comprehensive plan and land development code does not prevent the construction of electric substations within the City.

## 14.1.2 Policy:

The land development code shall allow for use of alternate, renewable sources of energy including the use of solar panels.

## 14.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall provide for redevelopment activities in the land development regulations and zoning code and enhance the infrastructure of aging neighborhoods as needed.

## 14.1.4 Policy:

City of Weston in coordination with the Broward County School Board encourages the location of schools proximate to urban residential areas to

the extent possible and to collocate public facilities, such as parks, libraries and community centers with schools to the extent possible.

## 14.1.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall provide a sufficient level of industrial development to accommodate the population and economy of the City of Weston.

## 14.1.6 Policy:

Zoning Code and Land Development regulations shall include provisions to encourage or enable a variety of housing opportunities in varying price ranges.

## 14.1.7 Policy:

Employment Center land use shall provide for a variety of commerce and job creating industries.

## 14.1.8 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to allow home based businesses to the extent that impacts are compatible with a residential community.

## 14.1.9 Policy:

City of Weston shall support mixed development within the Commercial future land use designation to encourage reduced vehicle usage.

## 14.1.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to maintain its extensive network of bicycle lanes and enhanced pedestrian facilities with specific consideration of connectivity to schools.

## 14.1.11Policy:

City of Weston shall ensure new development and redevelopment provides for pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile connectivity to adjacent development and the City's transportation system.

#### 14.2.12 Policy:

City of Weston shall ensure redevelopment is transit-ready along major transportation corridors.

#### Objective 14.2:

The City of Weston shall implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

## 14.2.1 Policy:

In accordance with Section 255.2575, F.S., the City of Weston will construct all future municipal buildings to meet the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating system as approved by the Florida Department of Management Services.

#### 14.2.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall educate Weston residents on home energy reduction strategies.

## 14.2.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall educate Weston residents on the cost and environmental effects of automobile idling.

## 14.2.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to reduce the heat island effect by maintaining its green infrastructure through maintenance of its tree canopy, parks, open spaces, wetland mitigation areas, landscaped medians and scenic vistas.

## 14.2.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to require open space and pervious surface areas in development and redevelopment.

## **FUTURE LAND USE MAP**

The Weston Future Land Use Map depicts the future land uses found to be in the public interest and to be the basis for regulations, programs, actions and rules of the City of Weston and other affected agencies. The following Future Land Use Classifications and associated definitions are used for the Future Land Use Map Series.

## A - Agriculture:

Agriculture areas are designated on the Weston Future Land Use Map to promote agriculture and agricultural related uses. Residential development may occur within specific limits.

#### Uses Permitted:

- 1. Agriculture and related uses may be broadly defined by the local government to include the following: cultivation of crops, groves, thoroughbred and pleasure horse ranches, private game preserves, fish breeding areas, tree and plant nurseries, cattle ranches and other similar activities.
- 2. Residential uses at a maximum of one (1) dwelling unit per two (2) net acres or greater or one (1) dwelling per two and one-half (2.5) gross acres or greater. Land submerged by water during the majority of the year shall not count as part of the two (2) net acres, unless the submerged land is a pond entirely confined within the parcel.

Clustering of dwelling units may be permitted if the following conditions are met:

- a. The parcel is developed under a unified development plan;
- b. The areas from which density is transferred are relinquished of all future development rights and;
- c. The arrangement of clustered dwelling units is in conformance with all Weston development standards.
- 3. Community Facilities and Utilities such as, but not limited to, schools, day care centers, religious institutions, clinics, governmental administration, police and fire facilities, libraries and civic centers not to exceed twenty (20) acres in size. Parcels zones or

otherwise approved for Community Facility uses consistent with existing Weston regulations and permits as of December 14, 1999, (the adoption date of the County's text amendment), and thereafter with extended, amended, renewed regulations and permits, may be developed for such uses pursuant to such regulations and permits. Community Facilities parcels shall be separated by a minimum of 1,000 feet and shall be designated on the Broward County Trafficways Plan.

- 4. Recreation and open space uses
- 5. Special Residential Facility Category (1) and (2), subject to the requirements of this land use category for the location of one (1) dwelling unit.

#### C - Commercial:

The areas designated for commercial use on the Weston Future Land Use Map provide land area for business, retail, service and other commercial enterprises which support the Weston population.

#### Uses Permitted:

- 1. Retail uses
- 2. Office and business uses
- 3. Hotels, motels and similar lodging
- 4. Wholesale, storage, light fabricating warehouses
- 5. Community facilities
  - a. Special Residential Facility Category (2) development as defined in the Special Residential Facilities Permitted uses subsection of the Weston Comprehensive Plan; subject to the allocation of two (2) reserve or flexibility units in accordance with the Special Residential Facility provisions and policies for the application of these units as contained in the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan";
  - b. Special Residential Facility Category (3) development as defined in the Special Residential Facilities Permitted Uses subsection of the Weston Comprehensive Plan; subject to the allocation of reserve units or flexibility units in accordance with the Special Residential Facility provisions and policies for the application of these units, as contained in the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan", each flexibility or reserve unit shall permit two (2) sleeping rooms regardless of the number of kitchens or baths.
- 7. Non-Residential agricultural uses
- 8. Utilities.
- 9. Recreation and open space uses
- 10. Non-residential agricultural uses
- 11. Residential uses are permitted subject to the application of flexibility or reserve units as follows:
  - a. The residential floor area of mixed commercial/residential structures does not exceed 50% of the total floor area of the building;
  - b. The first floor of mixed commercial/residential structures is totally confined to commercial uses;

- c. For parcels 5 acres or less in size freestanding multi-family residential uses are permitted.
- d. For mixed commercial/residential developments greater than 5 acres in size freestanding multi-family residential uses are permitted provided that the gross residential acreage does not exceed 5 acres or 40% of the total gross acreage of commercially designated parcel, whichever is greater and that the entire mixed commercial residential development be governed by specific zoning regulations that establish criteria to ensure proper integration and compatibility of land uses within and surrounding the development.

#### **CR - Commercial Recreation:**

Commercial recreation areas are designated on the Weston Future Land Use Map to accommodate public and private commercial recreation facilities which offer recreational opportunities to the residents and tourists of Weston.

#### Permitted Uses:

- 1. Outdoor and indoor recreation facilities
- 2. Hotel, motels and similar lodging ancillary to the primary commercial recreation use.
- 3. Accessory facilities, including outdoor and indoor recreation facilities that are determined to be an integral part of and supportive to the primary recreation facility (excluding residential uses).

## **CF - Community Facility:**

Community facilities are designated on the Weston Future Land Use Map to provide a full range of regional and community uses such as educational, medical, governmental, religious, civic and cultural.

#### Permitted Uses:

- 1. Schools, churches, hospitals, governmental administration, police and fire stations, libraries, civic centers, day care centers, clinics, nursing homes.
  - (a) Special Residential Facility Categories (2) subject to the allocation of two (2) reserve or flexibility units in accordance with the Special Residential Facilities provisions;
  - (b) Special Residential Facility Category (3) subject to the allocation of reserve units or flexibility units in accordance with the Special Residential Facilities provisions; each flexibility or reserve unit shall permit two (2) sleeping rooms regardless of the number of kitchens.

## **CON - Conservation:**

Conservation areas are designated on the Weston Future Land Use Map to protect major reserve water supply areas and natural reservations. Permitted uses include limited development areas restricted to passive support activities.

#### E - Education:

Primary and secondary schools both public and private. In practice both public and private schools exist or are planned for Weston in areas designated by other land uses found in this section.

#### **EC - Employment Center:**

Employment Center areas are designated on the Weston Future Land Use Map to encourage, development compatible with residential and other less intensive land uses.

## 1. Principal uses:

- a) light manufacturing
- b) office uses
- c) research and assembly
- d) hotels, motels and similar lodging
- e) restaurant and personal services
- f) community facilities
- g) non-residential agricultural uses
- h) mixed use developments on parcels greater than 5 acres in size, provided that flexibility or reserve units are applied and the entire mixed use development be governed by specific zoning regulations that establish criteria to ensure proper integration and compatibility of land uses within and surrounding the development (free standing multi-family uses are permitted provided that the gross acreage of the employment center designated parcel, whichever is greater.
- 2. Accessory uses (limited to less than 50% of the site):
  - a) transportation and utilities
  - b) storage
  - c) retail within buildings devoted to principal uses
  - d) recreation and open space
- 3. Community facilities
- 4. Commercial and retail business uses may also be permitted if certified by the Broward County Planning Council in the Weston Future Land Use Plan, subject to the review of any approval requirements of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan and as long as the total area of these uses does not consume more than 20 percent of the Employment Center land designated on the Weston Future Land Use Plan within a flexibility zone and as long as the location of these uses does not preclude or adversely affect the future use of surrounding areas for employment center use.

#### I - Industrial:

Areas designated Industrial provide the opportunity for the retention and expansion of Weston's economic base activities. Although other uses are permitted in areas designated industrial, at least 80 percent of such land area must be devoted to industrial use, such as manufacturing, warehouse distribution, research and development, or other substantial employment based activities.

### Permitted Uses:

- 1. Light and heavy industrial uses
- 2. Office uses
- 3. Educational, scientific and industrial research facilities, research laboratories.
- 4. Community facilities
- 5. Ancillary commercial uses within buildings devoted to primary industrial uses
- 6. Utilities

- 7. Distribution
- 8. Transportation facilities
- 9. Recreation and open space
- 10. Non-residential agricultural uses
- 11. Wholesaling uses
- 12. The following uses may also be permitted as long as the total area of these uses does not consume more than 20 percent of the Industrial land designated on the Weston Future Land Use Plan Map within a flexibility zone and as long as the location of these uses does not preclude or adversely affect the future use of surrounding areas for industrial uses;
  - a. Commercial and retail businesses
  - b. Hotel, motel

## R&O – Recreation and Open Space

The primary intent of the recreation and open space category is to accommodate such uses in order to serve the recreation needs of the residents of Weston. In general, land uses within this category are low intensity in character with a minimum of impervious surface coverage and retain as much natural vegetation and landscape as possible.

Uses permitted in areas designated recreation and open space include:

- 1. Passive recreational uses, including, but not limited to, nature centers and trails, scenic areas, wildlife sanctuaries and feeding stations, aquatic preserves and picnic areas.
- 2. Golf courses which are intended to remain as permanent open space.
- 3. Camping ground and facilities.
- 4. Active recreational uses, including, but not limited to, tennis courts, playground, swimming pools, athletic fields and courts, bikeway.
- 5. Outdoor cultural, educational and civic facilities, including, but not limited to, habitats, bandshells and outdoor classrooms.
- 6. Civic and cultural buildings may be permitted as an ancillary use.
- 7. Concessions only when accessory to the above uses.

#### R - Residential

The areas designated for Residential Use are intended primarily for dwellings but other land uses related to a residential environment including shopping centers, parks and schools may also be appropriate therein.

IRR - Residential Irregular (density varies):

Permits both single and multi-family development with varying degrees of density.

L-2 Residential Low 2 (2 units per acre):

Permits primarily single family detached development with a density not to exceed 2 units per gross acre.

L-3 Residential Low 3 (3 units per acre):

Permits primarily single-family detached development with a density not to exceed 3 units per gross acre.

L-5 Residential Low 5 (5 units per acre):

Permits primarily single-family detached development with a density not to exceed 5 units per gross acre.

LM Residential Low Medium 10 (10 units per acre):

Permits both single and multi-family development with a density not to exceed 10 units per gross acre.

#### Uses Permitted:

- 1. Dwelling units, subject to the density limits for a parcel as designated on the Weston Future Land Use Plan map.
- 2. Home occupation and other uses accessory to the dwelling unit.
- 3. Parks, golf courses and other outdoor recreational facilities.
- 4. Community facilities
- 5. Hotels, motels and similar lodging. The maximum number of hotel, motel or similar lodging units permitted on any parcel designated for residential use is double the maximum number of dwelling units permitted by the land use plan designation.
- 6. Public utilities
- 7. Agriculture
- 8. Special Residential Categories. Special Residential Facilities subject to: meeting one of the Category definitions as contained in the Special Residential Facilities Permitted Use subsection; meeting density provisions by Category type stated below; and the limitations as expressed by the certified land use plan map; and if applicable; the provisions regarding the use and allocation of reserve units, flexibility units or bonus sleeping rooms as contained in the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan".

## **Density Provisions:**

- a. Special Residential Facility Category (1) development shall count as one (1) dwelling unit each.
- b. Special Residential Facility Category (2) development shall count as two (2) dwelling units each.
- c. Special Residential Facility Category (3) development shall count as one (1) dwelling unit per every two (2) sleeping rooms regardless of the number of kitchens or baths.
- 9. Offices and/or retail sales of merchandise or services subject to the review and approval requirements of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan and the following limitations and provisions.
  - a. No more than a total of five percent (5%) of the area designated for residential use on the Weston Future Land Use Plan within a flexibility zone may be used for neighborhood offices and/or retail sales of merchandise or services.

b. No added contiguous area used for neighborhood, offices and/or retail sales of merchandise or services may exceed ten (10) acres. For the purpose of this provision, contiguous if defined as: attached; located within 500 feet; or separated only by streets and highways, canals and rivers or easements.

## **Density Calculation**

All references to density within the Weston Future Land Use Plan means gross density. Gross density means the number of dwelling units existing or proposed within an area, divided by the gross acreage of the area. Gross acreage means the total number of acres in an area, including acreage used or proposed for streets, lakes, waterways, and other proposed land uses permitted in residential areas by the Weston Future Land Use Plan.

Calculations of acreage covered by different land use categories on the Weston Future Land Use Plan will necessarily be approximate, due to the scale of the map. Where edges of land use categories are close to property lines, streets, transmission lines or other existing lines, edges should be constructed to follow those lines. A lake or canal should be construed as having been assigned the same land use category as that assigned to adjacent unsubmerged land. Canals included in the primary drainage system, as identified in the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, shall not be construed as having credit towards residential density.

## Arrangement of Dwelling Units

Any arrangement of dwelling units on a parcel of land designated for residential use is compatible with the Weston Future Land Use Plan as long as the maximum number of dwelling units permitted within the parcel is not exceeded. For example, the Weston Future Land Use Plan does not regulate whether a developer uses 100 acres of land designated for Low (5) Residential density to build 500 single family homes or whether the same 100 acres are used to build a 500 unit high-rise structure, with the balance of the land maintained as permanent open space. The distribution of units will be determined by local zoning and land development regulations.

#### Dashed-Line Areas

Selected Developments of Regional Impact, planned unit developments and large-scale developments are identified on the Weston Future Land Use Plan by dashed lines circumscribing their edges. For each of these areas, the maximum overall density in dwelling units per acre is the number which appears in the circle inside the dashed line. That number can be multiplied by the number of acres inside the dashed line, including areas not designated for residential use, to ascertain the maximum number of dwelling units allowable within the dashed line. The dwelling units that are permitted within areas circumscribed by a dashed line may only be applied within the boundaries of the circumscribed area and may not be transferred. Additional dashed-line areas may be designated on the Weston Future Land Use Plan through amendments to the plan consistent with the provisions of this section.

Flexibility Units

"Flexibility units" mean the difference between the number of dwelling units permitted within a flexibility zone by the Weston Future Land Use Plan and the number of dwelling units permitted within the flexibility zone by the Future Broward County Land Use Plan Map.

Since Weston Future Land Use Plan may be more restrictive than the Future Broward County Land Use Plan Map (Series), available flexibility units may be utilized by Weston to rearrange residential densities consistent with the Broward County Comprehensive Plan.

Rearrangement of residential densities utilizing flexibility units will be administered within "flexibility zones". The boundaries of and rules governing "flexibility zones" and rearrangement of residential densities therein, will be established, subject to the provisions of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan within the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan".

The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in a flexibility zone by the Weston Land Use Plan Map shall not exceed the number of dwelling units permitted in the flexibility zone by the Future Broward County Land Use Plan Map (Series)

#### Reserve Units

"Reserve units" mean additional permitted dwelling units equal to two percent (2%) of the total number of dwelling units permitted within a flexibility zone by the Broward County Comprehensive Plan.

Allocation of reserve units will be administered within "flexibility zones" and not require amendment of the certified local land use plan. The boundaries of land rules governing "flexibility zones" and allocation of reserve units therein will be established, subject to the provisions of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan within the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan".

The number of reserve units in a flexibility zone will be fixed at the adoption of the Future Broward County Land Use Plan Map (Series). The number of reserve units assigned to a parcel designated for residential use on the local land use plan map may not exceed 100% of the maximum number of dwelling units indicated for the parcel by the local land use plan map. However, the Weston land use plan, the zoning, and the applicable land development regulations shall not permit any density higher than fifty (50) dwelling units per gross acre.

## INTENSITY STANDARDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The intensity of development within non-residential land use categories cited in this section shall be measured and regulated pursuant to the floor area ratios stated herein. The maximum floor area ratio shall be 0.40 at one (1) story and shall be increased by 0.11 for each additional story.

#### T – Transportation

Existing expressways are designated transportation on the Weston Future Land Use Plan.

#### SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

The Weston Future Land Use Plan defines categories of Special Residential Facilities, in accordance with Broward County Ordinance 85-92, for the purpose of determining permitted locations and density standards.

Special Residential Facilities development such as group homes and foster care facilities are defined by category type below and are subject when applicable, to the Special Residential Facilities provisions and allocation of reserve, flexibility, or bonus sleeping rooms as contained in the "Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan. In order to facilitate implementation of this section, Weston may permit a maximum of one hundred (100) "bonus" sleeping rooms, consistent with Broward County Ordinance 85-92, that are permanently dedicated to Special Residential use without allocating density.

Special residential facilities are not specifically designated on the Weston Future Land Use Plan as a separate land use category. Special residential facilities are permitted within limitations as stated in the Permitted Uses section of this plan in the following land use categories:

- 1. Residential
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Agricultural
- 4. Community Facilities

SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, CATEGORY (1) – means a housing facility which is licensed by the State of Florida for no more than eight (8) individuals who require treatment, care, rehabilitation or education. The facility is usually referred to as a group home. This includes individuals who are elderly, dependent children, physically disabled, developmentally disabled or individuals not overtly of harm to themselves or others. The facility provides a family living environment including supervision and care necessity to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the individuals. It may or may not provide education or training. There may be more than one kitchen within the housing facility. There may be more than one Special Residential Facility Category (1) development on a parcel.

SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, CATEGORY (2) - means a housing facility which is licensed by the State of Florida for nine (9) to sixteen (16) non-elderly individuals who require treatment, care, rehabilitation or education. This includes individuals who are dependent children, physically disabled, developmentally disabled or individuals not overtly of harm to themselves or others. The facility provides a family living environment including supervision and care necessary to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the individuals. It may or may not provide education or training. There may be more than one kitchen within the housing facility. There may be more than one Special Residential Facility Category (2) development on a parcel.

## SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, CATEGORY (3) - means

(a) Any housing facility licensed by the State of Florida for more than sixteen (16) non-elderly individuals who require treatment, care, rehabilitation or education. This includes

- individuals who are dependent children, physically disabled, developmentally disabled or individuals not overtly of harm to themselves or others; or
- (b) Any housing facility licensed by the State of Florida for more than eight (8) unrelated elderly individuals; or
- (c) Governmentally subsidized housing facilities entirely devoted to care of the elderly, dependent children, the physically handicapped, developmentally disabled or individuals not overtly of harm to themselves or others; or
- (d) Any not-for-profit housing facility for unrelated elderly individuals; or
- (e) Any housing facility which provides a life-care environment. A life-care environment shall include, but is not limited to, creation of a life estate in the facility itself and provision of off-site or on-site medical care.

#### IMPLEMENTATION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

## 1) Development Review Requirements

After the effective date of the Weston Land Use Plan, the City of Weston may grant an application for a development permit when the City of Weston has determined that the following requirements are met:

- (a) Traffic circulation, recreational, drainage and flood protection, potable water, solid waste and sanitary sewer public facilities and services will be available to meet established level of service standards, consistent with Chapter 163.3202(g) Florida Statutes and the concurrency management policies included in Appendix A5 of the Weston Comprehensive Plan.
- (b) Local streets and roads will provide safe, adequate access.
- (c) Fire protection service will be adequate to protect people and property in the proposed development.
- (d) Police protection service will be adequate to protect people and property in the proposed development.
- (e) School sites and school buildings will be adequate to serve the proposed development.

## 2) Platting Requirements

- (a) The City of Weston may not grant an application for a building permit for the construction of a principal building on a parcel of land unless a plat including the parcel or parcels of land has been approved by the City of Weston and the Broward County Commission and recorded in the official records of Broward County subsequent to June 4, 1953. This section will not apply to an application for a building permit which meets any of the following criteria:
  - (i) construction of one single family dwelling unit or duplex unit on a lot or parcel which lot or parcel was of record as such in the official records of Broward County as of March 1, 1989;

- (ii) construction on any multi-family or non-residential lot or parcel which is less than five acres in size and specifically delineated on a plat recorded on or before June 4, 1953.
- (iii) The building permit may be issued for a parcel of land for which plat approval has been given by the City of Weston and the Board of County Commissioners although the plat has not yet been recorded, provided such authorization is granted in an agreement among the developer, Weston and Broward County. Such agreements shall at a minimum require compliance with the applicable provisions of plat approval and shall prohibit the issuance of a certificate of occupancy until the plat is recorded. Weston and Broward County shall be required to make a finding that facilities and services will be available at the adopted level of service standards concurrent with the issuance of the building permit.

## 3) The City of Weston Land Development Regulations and Procedures

- (a) The Weston Comprehensive Plan shall be implemented by adoption and enforcement of appropriate regulations on the development of lands and waters within its jurisdiction.
- (b) No public or private development may be permitted except in compliance with the Weston Comprehensive Plan.

## 4) Monitoring and Enforcement Procedures for the Weston Comprehensive Plan

- (a) The City of Weston shall prepare and transmit to the Broward County Planning Council the information listed below within time periods as specified.
  - (i) A quarterly summary of all permits issued for demolition of buildings.
  - (ii) A yearly summary regarding allocation of acreage proposed for commercial or residential uses within lands designated residential, commercial, industrial and employment center utilizing the "flexibility" provisions of the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan.

## **CHAPTER TWO**

## HOUSING ELEMENT

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Housing Element is to provide guidance for development of appropriate plans and policies to meet identified or projected deficits in the supply of housing for moderate income, low income and very-low income households, group homes, foster care facilities and households with special housing needs. These plans and policies address government activities, as well as provide direction and assistance to the efforts of the private sector. The City of Weston neither prohibits nor creates barriers against affordable housing. In fact, the City of Weston has made efforts to maintain an affordable housing stock in the older Bonaventure neighborhood through the completion of roadway, drainage, and landscape improvement projects. These improvements have contributed to extending the lifespan of the neighborhood, providing for continuance of a quality area. The age and size of the homes in the Bonaventure area provide a large amount of affordable housing in the City of Weston and through Weston's continuing improvement efforts, this area can maintain its affordable status.

#### HOUSING INVENTORY

Information from the U.S. Census Bureau and other sources has been used to provide the following comparative characteristics between Weston and Broward County. While these figures continue to change since the data was completed, noting the similarities and differences between the City of Weston and the County as a whole in recent years provides a context for better understanding current housing market conditions in the City of Weston.

**Housing Type:** Residential use is a major development characteristic of Weston. The 25,474 total housing units reported for the City of Weston in 2014 comprised 3.1 percent of the County's total housing stock of 812,817 reported units. The Future Land Use Element identified 4,600 acres that has an existing land use of residential. This represents 28.2 percent of the City's total land area of approximately 16,315 acres.

In 1990, there were approximately the same number of single family dwelling units as multi-family dwelling units. The 2000 Census revealed a sharp increase in the number of single-family homes, and it is now the predominant housing type in the City of Weston. The latest American Community Survey Report (2014) from the U.S. Census indicates that single-family homes making up 76.1 percent (19,384 units) of the City's housing stock. Multiple family housing now represents 23.9 percent (6,084 units) of the City's housing. Total units and the percentage of housing inventory by type of unit are shown in Table 2A.

Table 2A
Dwelling Units by Structure Type, 2014

Dwelling Units	Weston Weston		Broward County	Broward County
Dwelling Units	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
SINGLE FAMILY:	19,384	<i>7</i> 6.1%	402,477	49.5%
1, detached	16,073		335,939	
1, attached	3,311		66,538	
MULTI-FAMILY:	6,084	23.9%	388,794	47.8%
2	174		21,713	
3 or 4	552		36,055	
5 to 9	1,085		47,292	
10 to 19	1,163		59,248	
20 or more	3,110		224,486	
MOBILE HOMES	6	0.02%	21,005	2.6%
OTHER	0	0%	541	0.07%
TOTAL	25,474	100%	812,817	100%

Source: U.S. Census, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Summary File Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Housing Tenure: Housing tenure refers to the occupancy of a unit, either owner-occupied or renter-occupied. The Affordable Housing Needs Assessment (AHNA), prepared by the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, reported 76.3 percent of all occupied units in Weston were owner-occupied in 2014. (Statewide, Florida's homeownership rate is 67.7 percent.) The remaining 23.7 percent were renter-occupied units. Housing tenure characteristics are detailed in Table 2B.

Table 2B Dwelling Units by Tenure, 2014

Tenure	Weston	Weston	Broward County	Broward County	
Tellule	# of Units	Percent	# of Units	Percent	
Owner Occupied	16,575	76.3%	479,466	67.2%	
Renter Occupied	5,147	23.7%	234,199	32.8%	
Total Occupied Units	21,722	100%	713,665	100%	

Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Housing Vacancy: Table 2C shows the housing vacancy characteristics for the City of Weston and Broward County as reported in the 2010 Census. At the time of the Census, 3,174 housing units in the City of Weston were vacant. This represents a vacancy rate of 13 percent for the City of Weston, which is comparable to the overall Broward County rate of 15.3 percent. Not counting units which had been rented or sold and were awaiting occupancy and units held for occasional use, Weston's vacancy rate was 4 percent. There were 280 vacant housing units for sale and 366 vacant units for rent.

Table 2C Housing Vacancy, 2010

Status	Weston	Weston	Broward County	Broward County
Status	# of Units	Percent	# of Units	Percent
For rent	366	11.5%	27,753	22.3%
For sale	280	8.8%	15,68 <i>7</i>	12.6%
Other	432	13.6%	22,084	17.8%
For migrant workers	0	0%	0	0%
Seasonal,				
recreational,				
occasional use	1,998	62.9%	55,092	44.3%
Rented or sold, not				
occupied	98	3.1%	3,725	3 %
TOTAL	3,174	100%	124,341	100%

Source: 2010 Census of Population and Housing. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

**Housing Age:** The reported age of housing structures in the City of Weston is an indicator of the new residential character of the City of Weston. Over 92 percent of the housing stock in Weston was built after 1980. 5,827 housing structures have been permitted since January 2000, according to data supplied by the U.S. Census Bureau. Table 2D lists the age of housing structures reported in the 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Table 2D Age of Housing Structures

Year Built	Weston Weston		Broward County	Broward County
real built	# of Units	# of Units Share by Decade		Share by Decade
2000 or After	5,827	22.9%	97,509	12.0%
1990-1999	13,368	52.5 %	131,254	16.1%
1980-1989	4,420	17.4%	148,501	18.3%
1970-1979	1,557	6.1%	218,723	26.9%
1960-1969	162	0.6%	126,491	15.6%
1950-1959	125	0.5% (before	73,988	11.1% (before
1940-1949	15	0.5 % (before 1960s)	9,927	1960s)
1939 or earlier	0	1 3008)	6,424	1 3008)
TOTAL	25,474	100%	812,81 <i>7</i>	100%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Summary File. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Monthly Housing Rent: Table 2E compares the monthly gross rents for specified renter-occupied housing units in the City of Weston with the Broward County totals for the years 2009 - 2013. The median rent paid by Weston households in this timeframe was \$1,853 per month, compared to a countywide median rent of \$1,171, and a statewide median rent of \$990. It bears repeating this data is several years old, and rents have continued to increase.

Table 2E
Monthly Gross Rent, Renter-Occupied Housing Units, 2009-2013

Contract Rent	Weston	Weston	Broward County	Broward County	
Contract Kent	# of Units	Percent	# of Units	Percent	
Less than \$200	0	0%	1,057	0.5%	
\$200-299	0	0%	2,472	1.1%	
\$300-499	0	0%	4,297	1.9%	
\$500-749	184	3.3%	15,623	6.9%	
\$750-999	36	0.6%	49,216	21.7%	
\$1000-1499	993	17.6%	89,458	39.5%	
\$1500 or more	3,951	69.8%	54,621	24.1%	
No cash rent	493	8.7%	9,640	4.3%	
TOTAL	5,65 <i>7</i>	100%	226,384	100%	
Median rent per month	\$1,8	353	\$1,1 <i>7</i> 1		

Source: Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse based on U.S. Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5- Year Summary File. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

**Housing Value:** Based on figures delineated from the Broward County Property Appraiser, the average just value (fair market value) for a single family home in the City of Weston in 2014 was \$415,487, which is \$166,602 more than the countywide average (\$248,885). Statewide, the average value of a single family home in Florida in 2014 was \$184,781. Condominiums also had a higher value in the City of Weston. In 2014, the average value of condominiums in Weston was \$172,019, compared with the Broward County average condominium value of \$126,752. Table 2F shows the value of owner-occupied housing units in the City of Weston as reported by the U.S. Census in the 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Summary File.

Table 2F Median Home Value, 2009-2013

Value	Weston	Weston
value	# of Units	Percent
Less than \$50,000	239	1.6%
\$50,000-99,999	412	2.7%
\$100,000-149,999	719	4.7%
\$150,000-199,999	888	5.8%
\$200,000-299,999	3,006	19.5%
\$300,000-499,999	5 <i>,7</i> 16	37.2%
\$500,000-999,999	3,899	25.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	503	3.3%
TOTAL	15,382	100%

Source: Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse based on U.S. Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Summary File. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Median Sales Price: The average sales price for a single family home in the City of Weston was \$489,895 in 2014. The median sales price that year was \$425,000, compared to a countywide and statewide median sales price of \$245,000 and \$185,000 respectively. Table 2G charts the median sales price for single family homes and condominiums in Weston and Broward County from 2010 through 2014. It is important to note that home prices declined during the 2008-2010 recession, but have been rising since 2010.

Table 2G Median Home Sales Prices, 2010-2014

Voor	Sin	gle Family	Condominium		
Year	Weston	Weston Broward County		Broward County	
2014	\$425,000	\$245,000	\$16 <i>7,7</i> 50	\$105,800	
2013	\$393,450	\$237,000	\$141,000	\$90,000	
2012	\$340,000	\$189,900	\$125 <i>,</i> 000	\$ <i>7</i> 5,000	
2011	\$328,500	\$168,500	\$99 <i>,7</i> 50	\$65,000	
2010	\$350,000	\$180,000	\$106,500	\$ <i>7</i> 2,500	

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser tax roles, compiled by Shimberg Center – Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

Monthly Mortgage Costs of Owner-Occupied Units: Table 2H shows the monthly mortgage costs of owner-occupied housing units in the City of Weston in the 2009-2013 timeframe.

Table 2H

## Monthly Mortgage Costs of Owner-Occupied Housing Units, 2009-2013

Mortgage Monthly Costs	Weston	Weston	Broward County	Broward County
Mortgage Morting Costs	# of Units	Percent	# of Units	Percent
Mortgaged Units	12,252	100%	301,722	100%
Less than \$300	0	0.0%	318	0.1%
\$300-499	0	0%	2,236	0.7%
\$500-699	0	0%	8,094	2.7%
<i>\$700-999</i>	150	1.2%	26,676	8.8%
\$1,000-1,499	1,313	10.7%	66,386	22.0%
\$1,500-1,999	1,365	11.1%	67,358	22.3%
More than \$2000	9,424	76.9%	130,654	43.3%

Source: Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse based on U.S. Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5- Year Summary File. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS

**Cost Burden:** Cost-burdened households pay more than 30 percent of income for rent or mortgage costs. In 2014, according to the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, 9,308 Weston households (42.8 percent) paid more than 30 percent of income for housing. By comparison, 49.3 percent of households Countywide were cost-burdened. 4,766 households in Weston (21.9 percent) pay more than 50 percent of income for housing. The following table further delineates the cost burden by owner (A) and renter (B).

Table 21
Amount of Income Paid for Housing
Household by Cost Burden, 2014

A. Owner-Occupied Households, 2014								
	NO COST	BURDEN	COST BURDEN					
	0% - 3	30%	30% - 50% 50% or more			Total Owners		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Weston	9,814	59.2%	3,211	19.4%	3,550	21.4%	16,575	100%
Broward								
County	264,921	55.3%	106,650	22.2%	107,895	22.5%	479,466	100%

B. Renter-Occupied Households, 2014									
	0% - 3	30%	30% - 50%		50% or more		Total Renters		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Weston	2,600	50.5%	1,331	25.9%	1,216	23.6%	5,14 <i>7</i>	100%	
Broward									
County	96,695	41.3%	61 <i>,</i> 706	26.3%	<i>75,7</i> 98	32.4%	234,199	100%	

Source: Shimberg Center – Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, 2016

**Household Income:** In Table 2J, household income is measured as a percentage of the median income for the County or area, adjusted for size. In Weston and the surrounding metro area, the HUD-estimated median income for a family of four is \$63,300 in 2015. The following figures for

Weston have been provided by the University of Florida's Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing. Of the 21,722 households in Weston in 2014, 4,170 (19.2percent) were both cost-burdened and in the low to moderate income bracket.

Table 2J Households by Income, and Cost Burden, 2014

Households, 2014									
	Household Income as a Percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)								
	0 – 30% AMI	0 – 30% AMI   30.01 – 50% AMI   50.01 - 80% AMI   80.01% + AMI							
	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate					
No Cost Burden	207	211	538	11,458					
At 30% or More									
Cost Burden	11	308	498	3,725					
At 50% or More									
Cost Burden	1,035	1,407	911	1, <b>4</b> 13					

Source: Shimberg Center - Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, 2016

**Elderly Households:** According to the Shimberg Center, 3,479 households in the City of Weston (16.0 percent) were headed by a person age 65 or older in 2014. In comparison, 29.4 percent of households statewide were headed by elderly persons. In Weston, 3,006 of elderly households (86.4 percent) own their homes, and 1,454 elderly households (42 percent) pay more than 30 percent of income for rent or mortgage costs.

The completion of two adult communities — the Palms and the proposed Palace at Weston — will assist in meeting the needs of this segment of the population. This development is essential in providing housing options for the overall population in Weston and will accommodate future housing needs.

## **HOUSING CONDITIONS**

Substandard Housing: Individual housing units may be considered substandard if the unit lacks of complete plumbing for exclusive use of the residents, lack of complete kitchen facilities, lack of central heating, and overcrowding (which is defined as more than one person per room living in a unit). The 2009-2013 American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau) provides data regarding these interior conditions of the housing stock. Table 2K contains a summary of the measures of substandard housing conditions for Weston and Broward County between 2009-2013. 423 housing units (2.0 percent of all units) in Weston were statistically overcrowded, compared to a countywide percentage of 3.4 percent. The City of Weston had slightly fewer substandard conditions per capita than Broward County in all facilities categories.

Table 2K Condition of Housing Stock Summary, 2009-2013

Substandard Condition	Weston	Weston	Broward	Broward
Substandard Condition			County	County

	# of Units	Percent	# of Units	Percent
Overcrowded (more than one				
person per room)	423	2.0%	22,441	3.4%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities				
	122	0.5%	10,631	1.3%
Lacking central heating				
	470	2.2%	16,700	2.5%
Lacking complete plumbing				
facilities	88	0.4%	6,562	0.8%

Source: Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse based on U.S. Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5- Year Summary File

The Bonaventure community is the oldest subdivision in the City of Weston. The neighborhood consists of condominiums, townhomes, and homes which are generally older and more affordable than those throughout the rest of Weston. The City of Weston enforces a number of programs to ensure the housing stock within this community remains healthy. This includes an annual landscape program, code enforcement, and fire inspections on multi-family units.

**Subsidized Housing:** Chapter 163.3177 (f) of the Florida Statutes requires local housing elements to provide an inventory of housing for very-low, low, and moderate income households.

The City of Weston has responded to the demand for affordable housing by providing a community known as Fairlake at Weston, which offers affordable rents for very-low, low, and moderate income households. This complex consists of 368 units and is successful in meeting the needs of this portion of the population. The property has a deed restriction requiring it remain affordable to lower income residents. Funding for this development was achieved through a bond issued by the Broward County Housing Finance Authority and requires that no unit be rented to a family whose income is above 150 percent of the County median gross income.

The City of Weston has another community, the Falls at Bonaventure, located at 201 Racquet Club Road, which offers 300 units to low and moderate income families through a 9 percent Housing Tax Credit. This program, made available through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, provides a dollar-for-dollar tax credit over ten years against federal tax liability in exchange for the new construction or acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of affordable rental housing units by nonprofit and for-profit organizations. This is a competitive allocation of tax credits. Tenants must have household incomes no greater than 60 percent of area median income. Rent restrictions are also in place.

Additionally, to ensure future affordable housing needs are met, the City of Weston requires that 10 percent of its total available flex and reserve units are established as "Affordable Housing Units." These have been deducted from the total number of flex and reserve units and fixed into a pool for affordable housing, as deemed by the Policy 1.7.2 of the Future Land Use Element.

Group Homes: City of Weston records indicate there are currently three Community Residential Homes licensed within the boundaries of the City of Weston. "Community residential home" means a dwelling unit licensed to serve residents who are clients of the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Children and Family Services. The addresses are 16639 Redwood Way; 1077 Waterside Circle; and 851 Nandina Drive. Each facility has a maximum of six beds.

**Dormitories and Campus Housing:** There is no dormitory or campus housing in Weston.

**Mobile Homes:** Although 6 mobile homes in Weston were identified in the 2010-2014 American Community Survey prepared by the U.S. Census, the City of Weston has no mobile home parks. The City of Weston allows construction site trailers on a temporary basis.

**Historically Significant Housing:** With approximately 1 percent of its homes built before 1970, Weston has no historically significant housing. The following table delineates the age of single family homes as supplied by the U.S. Census in the American Community Survey 2010-2014.

Table 2L Year Structure Built, 2014

Year	Dwelling Units
2000 or after	5,827
1990s	13,368
1980s	4,420
1970s	1,557
1960s	162
1950s	125
1940s	15

Source: U.S. Census - 2010-2014 American Community Survey

**Farmworker Housing:** There are no rural or farmworker households within the City of Weston.

#### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Population and Household Projections:** Florida Statutes, Chapter 163.3177 (f) requires that an affordable housing assessment be performed.

While much of the information provided thus far in this Element is based on data provided by the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, the City of Weston does not agree with the Center's population projections which estimates Weston will have 80,177 residents in 2035. The following population and housing needs projections are based on data provided by the Broward County. Since the City of Weston is virtually built-out and the land uses are not expected to change significantly, Weston believes these County figures more accurately project the City's future housing needs. Using Broward County prepared data, Weston is expected to have 63,269 residents in 2035, representing a 3.2 percent decrease in 25 years, or an average decrease of 0.13 percent per year. Table M summarizes the projected housing needs through 2035.

Table 2M Projections: Population, Households, and Dwelling Units, Weston, 2010-2035

Year	Dwelling Units	Households	Population
2010	24,499	21,296	65,559
2015	24,529	21,761	65,669
2020	24,580	21,742	64,922
2025	24,594	21,666	64,106
2030	24,596	21,589	63,530

2035	24,649	21,584	63,269

Source: Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Since the City's population is expected to decline slightly over the planning period, the existing housing supply should be adequate to handle the housing needs of the community. Continued renovation and redevelopment of existing housing units is expected to continue. The private sector will continue to serve as the primary delivery vehicle for housing development in the short and long term planning timeframes.

Although the City of Weston is expected to have an adequate supply of existing and newly constructed residential units to meet future demand, some of the households will be faced with a cost burden. The following tables provides a more detailed needs assessment—by income—based on the methodology, data, and analysis developed by the University of Florida's Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing along with population projections supplied by Broward County.

**Affordable Housing Demand:** Table 2N presents the very-low, low, and moderate income housing needs estimates and projections through 2035.

Table 2N
Projected Housing Affordability by Income, Weston, 2010-2035

	Household Income as a Percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)						
	0-50% AMI	50.01-80% AMI	80.01-120% AMI	120.01 + % AMI			
Year	Very-Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate			
2010	3,024	1,895	2,875	13,502			
2015	3,199	1,958	2,916	13,688			
2020	3,305	1,979	2,913	13,545			
2025	3,466	2,037	2,925	13,238			
2030	3,627	2,073	2,936	12,953			
2035	3,734	2,094	2,935	12,821			

Source: Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division; Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse. Prepared by: Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

The data above suggests that low and very low income households will increase slightly from 23 percent in 2010 to 27 percent in 2035. Overall, these projections point out the stability of income and population in the City of Weston.

#### CONCLUSION

No deficit of affordable housing exists nor is redevelopment projected to occur in the City's short (5-year) or long (10-year) term planning periods. The City of Weston has met its housing needs with the existing development and will continue to meet its housing needs as the City of Weston reaches build-out through the private market. However, the demand for affordable housing will need to be accommodated largely with the existing housing stock.

The City of Weston's continued efforts to maintain the infrastructure, including drainage, landscape, transportation and roads, along with code enforcement to sustain the integrity of the

neighborhood, will prolong the life of older neighborhoods like Bonaventure. These areas function as affordable housing for Weston, which the City of Weston has taken strides to sustain.

Affordable housing needs are also accommodated through the two existing subsidized communities, as well the addition of two independent-living adult communities that offer seniors with housing alternatives.

Each of these housing opportunities, coupled with the following policies, provides residents with housing choice and assurance of a quality, highly maintained area, all of which demonstrates the advances Weston is taking to address the housing needs of the different demographics and income levels of its residents.

## HOUSING ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 2

To assure the availability of a safe, sound and attractive residential environment for all residents of the City of Weston.

#### 2.1 Objective:

The City of Weston shall provide for adequate and affordable housing for existing and future residents, households with special housing needs, and very low, low, and moderate income households consistent with the needs identified in Table 2N though the short term (5 year) and long term (10 year) planning timeframes.

## 2.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall support the involvement of private and non-profit sectors, as well as county, regional, state and federal agencies in housing production and rehabilitation through expedited plan review.

#### 2.1.2 Policy:

The utilization of federal, state and local housing subsidy programs is recognized as a means to provide housing opportunities for very-low income and low income persons and families.

## 2.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to develop development regulations and procedures that facilitate production by reviewing current administrative procedures and regulations.

#### 2.1.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to encourage the development of multifamily housing affordable to very low, low and moderate income housing groups within the areas designated for higher density residential development as depicted on the Future Land Use Map in order to promote the provision of an adequate supply of housing to meet with the City's identified needs.

#### 2.1.5 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to evaluate the current land development requirements to identify methods to streamline the development process and reduce the costs associated with the development of affordable housing.

## 2.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall eliminate substandard housing conditions and blighting influences and improve structural and aesthetic housing conditions as defined by the City of Weston Code of Ordinances and the Florida Building Code.

## 2.2.1 Policy:

New housing construction and remodeling or rehabilitation of existing residences shall be in conformance with local building requirements. The City of Weston will strictly enforce its zoning regulations, building codes and ordinances to assure conformance.

#### 2.2.2 Policy:

Maintain accurate records of existing housing conditions and housing stock.

## 2.2.3 Policy

Aesthetic compatibility and visual harmony shall be considered as bona fide criteria in reviewing requests for building permits.

#### 2.2.4 Policy:

Revise and amend the regulatory and permitting processes and revise and amend the appropriate sections of the Comprehensive Plan, zoning regulations, building codes and city ordinances as warranted by changes in housing conditions.

#### 2.2.5 Policy:

Require demolition or rehabilitation of unsound housing which poses a threat to the safety and welfare of the community, as provided for by the Florida Building Code.

## 2.2.6 Policy:

New development shall be compatible with adjacent established residential areas.

#### 2.3 Objective:

City of Weston shall provide adequate sites and distribution of housing for very-low income, low income and moderate income households.

#### 2.3.1 Policy:

City of Weston may utilize job training, job creation and economic solutions to address a portion of its affordable housing concerns by continuing to attract non-residential development.

#### 2.3.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall designate sufficient sites at sufficient densities to accommodate the need for affordable housing in the future through land use and zoning regulations.

#### 2.3.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to work with the South Florida Regional Planning Council to help achieve the goals and policies in the Affordable Housing Element of the current Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP) as they relate to ensuring the availability of adequate affordable housing for all income ranges in Weston.

#### 2.3.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider bonus densities for affordable housing in selected areas of the City of Weston; provided such bonus densities are coupled with strict design standards.

#### 2.4 Objective:

City of Weston shall provide adequate sites in residential areas or areas of residential character for group homes and foster care facilities licensed or funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

## 2.4.1 Policy:

Support the involvement of the City of Weston with private and non-profit agencies to improve coordination among participants involved in housing production through expedited plan review.

## 2.4.2 Policy:

Support the provision of adequate sites for housing very-low, low and moderate income families and Florida Department of Children and Families licensed or funded group and foster homes on a regional housing market basis (as mandated by Chapter 419, F.S.), to foster non-discrimination in housing and to encourage effective, healthful, residential alternatives to inappropriate institutionalization.

#### 2.4.3 Policy:

Florida Department of Children and Families licensed or funded group and foster homes shall be permitted uses under residential land use classification.

#### 2.4.4 Policy:

The location of community residential facilities dispersed among the regional housing market to serve persons with special housing needs, disabilities or handicaps shall be supported by Weston.

#### 2.5 Objective:

City of Weston shall identify, conserve or rehabilitate any historically significant housing.

#### 2.5.1 Policy:

Promote the conservation and rehabilitation of existing housing as a means of maintaining or improving residential conditions and reducing the waste of valuable resources.

#### 2.5.2 Policy:

Preserve identified historically significant housing through City of Weston action or support for private action.

#### 2.5.3 Policy:

Establish principles and standards to guide techniques and strategies for conservation, rehabilitation and demolition programs.

## 2.6 Objective:

City of Weston shall provide equitable treatment for all residents of Weston displaced through public programs or activities.

## 2.6.1 Policy:

The provision of reasonably located standard housing for persons experiencing displacement due to public actions shall be supported.

## 2.7 Objective:

City of Weston shall formulate housing implementation programs.

#### 2.7.1 Policy:

Residential building permit and demolition data shall be maintained by the Building Department.

## 2.7.2 Policy:

Mixed use development and location of a mix of housing opportunities proximate to employment centers shall be encouraged in the Town Center through appropriate land use and zoning regulations.

## 2.7.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall enforce provisions for waiving dedications of land and payments of money in lieu thereof if the City Commission finds that the proposed project will provide affordable housing for very low income, low income, and/or moderate incomes persons.

#### 2.7.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall participate in regional initiatives through the South Florida Regional Planning Council and Broward County aimed at providing affordable housing and cooperate with intergovernmental mechanisms for this purpose.

## 2.8 Objective:

City of Weston shall support energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources in existing housing and in the design and construction of new housing.

#### 2.8.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall encourage support for residential construction that meets the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or other nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating system as recognized by the Florida Department of Management Services.

#### 2.8.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall educate City residents on home energy reduction strategies.

## 2.8.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall not prohibit the appropriate placement of photovoltaic panels. The City of Weston shall develop and adopt review criteria to establish the standards for the appropriate placement of photovoltaic panels.

## 2.8.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall provide educational materials on the strategic placement of landscape materials to reduce energy consumption.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this element is to provide for necessary public facilities and services correlated to the future land use projections. The City of Weston is comprised of two dependent districts, the Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) and the Bonaventure Development District (BDD). In the ITDD, the district, owns and maintains the potable water distribution, sanitary sewer (wastewater) collection system and drainage (stormwater) infrastructure. In the BDD, the district owns and maintains stormwater infrastructure only. The City does not own or operate water or sanitary sewer treatment facilities. Treatment for water and wastewater is provided by the City of Sunrise. This element addresses the general utilities which are provided by or managed by the City of Weston. These include:

- SANITARY SEWER
- SOLID WASTE
- DRAINAGE
- POTABLE WATER
- NATURAL GROUND WATER AQUIFER RECHARGE

The element is organized to provide analysis information about each area of service individually. The element conclusion contains the goal, objectives and policies for all the utilities services.

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DATA**

## Sanitary Sewer Analysis

The ITDD wastewater collection and transmission system is owned and operated by the City of Weston and all wastewater flow is sent to the Sawgrass Wastewater Treatment Plant, a facility owned and operated by the City of Sunrise. The BDD system is however, completely owned and operated by the City of Sunrise. The existing wastewater facilities expand on an as-needed basis to service development activities.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement (entered into on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1993) between the ITDD and the City of Sunrise, the City of Sunrise certified that it has the ability to provide the wastewater transmission, treatment and disposal capacity necessary to meet the ITDD's present and future needs. The Windmill Lakes Estates section of the City of Weston contains certain properties which are currently on a septic tank and drainfield systems. The City of Weston had made sewage improvements in the past reducing the number of residents on septic tank systems. The residential single family areas of the City of Weston served by septic tanks do not appear to pose a threat to the public health. No instances of ground water contamination have been reported to date. The extents of sanitary gravity sewers and lift stations, sewer sizes, depths, manhole and service lateral locations are maintained by the City's Engineering Department.

There are no known operational deficiencies in the sanitary sewage system. Proposed land use changes, redevelopments and increases in density will require additional analysis of operational characteristics to identify any other necessary improvements.

The City of Sunrise Utilities maintains three wastewater treatment plants and the City of Weston is served by the Sawgrass WWTP. The capacity presently permitted by the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department (BCEPGMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the City of Sunrise Sawgrass WWTP is approximately 20.0 mgd. The following tables show wastewater flow projections through 2030 for the entire Sunrise Utilities Service Area/Wastewater Treatment Plants and Weston's portion of that demand. Based on the projected flows, the Sawgrass WWTP will not reach the permitted capacity by the year 2030.

Table 3A-1 Wastewater Flow Projections

Sawgra	Sawgrass WWTP/Springtree WWTP/Southwest WWTP					
Year	Population	Annual Average				
		Daily Flow (AADF)				
		(mgd)				
2010	228,100	28.97				
2015	245,300	31.02				
2020	256,400	32.56				
2025	261,500	33.21				
2030	265,000	33.65				

Source: City of Sunrise Utilities Water & Wastewater Master Plan, 2008

Table 3A-2 City of Weston Wastewater Flow Projections

	Wastewater Flow Projections					
Year	Population	Annual Average				
		Daily Flow (AADF)				
		(mgd)				
2010	64,200	11.13				
2015	66,100	11.42				
2020	67,400	11.64				
2025	68,000	11.81				
2030	68,500	11.92				

Source: City of Sunrise Utilities Water & Wastewater Master Plan, 2008

## **Solid Waste Analysis**

City of Weston currently has a contract with Republic Services of Florida, which has an initial term end date of March 31, 2019, for the following services: solid waste, bulk waste and recycling collection; solid waste and bulk waste disposal; and sale and/or disposal of recyclable materials Hazardous wastes are not collected by the hauler but remain the responsibility of the waste generator to dispose through authorized services and agencies outside of the City's collection system. Solid waste collection is effective under current practices.

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1988 requires each county to initiate a recycling program with a goal of achieving a 30 percent recycling rate by the end of 1994. Broward County achieved and exceeded the goal by 1995. After several years of decline, recycling rates have been increasing again due to increased outreach efforts. The City participates in special waste management programs with Broward County such as the Household Hazardous Waste Program and the Residential Drop-off Program in which residents are allowed to properly dispose of the following:

- Oil
- Latex paints and thinners
- Used motor oil, auto fluids and gasoline solvents
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Pool chemicals and drain cleaners
- Tires
- Mercury, rechargeable & automotive batteries
- Electronics such as computers and televisions

# TABLE 3A-3 Status and Design Capacity Broward County Sanitary Landfills

Facility	Facility Status	Design Capacity (tons)	Current Demand (tons/year)	Available Capacity (tons)
Central Disposal Sanitary Landfill	Active	75,000,000	1,500,000	25,265,00

Broward Interim/ Contingency Landfill (BIC)				
Cells 1,2, & 3 (52 acres)	Active	4,800,000	80,000	2,200,000
Future Cells	Not Developed	23,000,000	0	23,000,000
BIC Totals		27,800,000	80,000	25,200,000

Source: Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2010

In accordance with the Broward County Land Development Code, Section 5-198(g) there must be an adequacy of solid waste disposal sites before the issuance of any development permit within municipalities. An inventory of the solid waste management facilities licensed by the BCEPGMD, includes solid waste disposal areas, volume reduction plants, transfer stations, materials recovery facilities, resource recovery or disposal, and recycling, processing, or storage of solid waste. Note that Broward County is not the permit holder for all facilities within Broward County. Tables 3A-3 and 3A-4 lists the current capacities of Broward County's existing landfills and incineration facilities. See the Broward County Comprehensive Plan for further information.

# TABLE 3A-4 Status and Design Capacity Broward County Incineration Facilities

Facility	Facility Status	Design Capacity*	Current RRS Demand	Available RRS Capacity**
North Broward County Resource Recovery Facility	Active	2,250 tons/day	1,500 tons/day	750 tons/day
South Broward County Resource Recovery Facility	Active	2,250 tons/day	1,500 tons/day	750 tons/day
Total		4,500 tons/day	3,000 tons/day	1,500 tons/day

Source: Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2010

The Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2010, indicates that the CDSL would likely run out of its current licensed capacity between 2021 and 2023. Several scenarios for municipal solid waste projections were considered in the Comprehensive Plan. The current and forecasted population figure was from the 2009 Broward County Population Forecast Model. The model estimated a countywide population of 1,772,060 for 2010; a population of 1,876,261 for 2015; and a population of 2,214,420 for 2030. According to the Broward County Waste and Recycling Services, total municipal solid waste generated in Broward County in 2007 was 3,330,679 tons. The countywide population estimate for 2007 of 1,765,707 yields a figure for 1.89 tons of MSW per capita per year. Based on this benchmark per capita waste generation, several assumptions and scenario were considered which included the following:

- 1. The waste generation rate will decrease by 5% by 2030
- 2. The waste generation rate will decrease by 10% by 2030
- 3. The waste generation rate will remain constant through 2030

Based on different scenarios, the Central Disposal Sanitary Landfill (CDSL), as currently licensed and zoned, will reach capacity between 2021 and 2023. Among the actions which could mitigate that situation are the following:

- 1. Expansion of CDSL: Waste Management Inc. of Florida (WMIF) identified hypothetical scenarios for future lateral expansions that could potentially increase the landfill footprint by 247 acres and increase the landfill life span by 29.9 years, assuming an average annual incoming waste rate of 2,300,000 tons. Based on that scenario, the landfill life span could potentially increase to year 2052. Additionally, WMIF has identified the hypothetical scenario for a vertical expansion to a top elevation of 290 feet NGVD. This scenario could potentially increase the landfill operating life span by an additional 8.3 years, assuming an average annual incoming waste at the rate of 2,300,000 tons/year and this would mean that the landfill life could extend to year 2060.
- 2. Increased use of BIC: The potential use of BIC as a permanent landfill site is contrary to the current policy of the County Commission and the Resource Recovery Board. As its name implies, this facility is reserved for interim and contingency use. It was planned as the last Class I landfill site in Broward County. As such, it was designed to last as long as possible by only accepting waste that cannot be processed at waste-to-energy plants, and to act as a backup facility for municipal solid waste in the event that the waste-to-energy plants are

<sup>\*</sup> A "processing capacity" can be estimated as approximately 15% higher than design capacity.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Approximately 3,000 tons/day is presently being processed for RRS/ILA contract communities. Wheelabrator has an allowance to contract for additional waste up to the remaining processing capacity, but must process all RSS waste first.

- unable to accept this material in an emergency situation, or if disposal is required while additional capacity is being developed.
- 3. Use of other Disposal Sites in Central Florida: Landfill sites exist in Central Florida, and beyond, with ample capacity to handle the excess forecasted demand from Broward County during the planning period. However, the transport of solid waste over long distances carries a direct cost, and indirect cost, which may make this option undesirable. Regarding a new landfill site within Broward County, it is difficult to imagine a location that would be socially and environmentally acceptable. Since the completion of the 2000 Land Preservation and Safe Parks County Bond Program, finding a vacant suitable site of sufficient size for this purpose would be very difficult.
- 4. Reduction of Use of Landfill: Aside from the goal in Florida Statute to achieve 75% recycling, there are many other efforts underway by local and state governments to reduce waste, particularly waste going to landfills. Policies which prohibit and discourage the use of landfill capacity for processable solid waste or waste from outside Broward County, will significantly extend the useful life of the landfill facility.

## **Drainage Analysis**

Drainage within the City of Weston (ITDD and BDD) is provided by a stormwater management system that collects and coveys storm runoff to several points for water treatment and discharge. City of Weston provides for the following drainage services:

#### Road Protection

Residential streets with not greater than fifty (50) feet wide rights-of-way shall have crown elevations not lower than the elevation for the respective area depicted on the Broward County ten year "Flood Criteria Map". Rights-of-way greater than fifty (50) feet shall have an ultimate edge of pavement no lower than the elevation for the respective area depicted on the Broward County ten (10) year-3 day "Flood Criteria Map".

## Buildings

To have the lowest floor elevation no lower than the elevation for the respective area depicted on the Broward County "100 Year Flood Elevation Map" or Federal Emergency Management Agency Base Flood Elevation, whichever is higher.

#### Off Site Discharge

Not to exceed the inflow limit of the SFWMD primary receiving canal or the City's conveyance system, whichever is less.

## Storm Sewers

Design frequency minimum to be three-year rainfall intensity of the State Department of Transportation Zone 10 rainfall curves.

## Flood Plain Routing

Calculated flood elevations based on the ten-year and one hundred-year return frequency rainfall of three-day duration shall not exceed the corresponding elevation of the Broward County "100 Year Flood Elevation Map."

#### Antecedent Water

The higher elevation of either the control level elevation or the elevation depicted on the Broward County "Average Wet Season Water Levels."

## On-Site Storage

Minimum capacity above antecedent water level and below the flood plain routing elevations to be the design rainfall volume minus off-site discharge occurring during design rainfall.

## Best Management

Prior to discharge to surface or groundwater, BMP's of the South Florida Water Management District shall be used to reduce pollutant loading from storm water run-off.

The current surface water management system is operated by the City of Weston and permitted as the Indian Trace Development District and the Bonaventure Development District. The attached Map 3-3 delineates each district, basin, and sub basins.

## Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) - Basin I

The surface water management within the Indian Trace Drainage District Basin I consists of four (4) separate drainage areas as follows:

- Increment III Mitigation Area
- ➤ Increment II Mitigation Area
- Increment III Sectors 1 and 2
- Remainder of Basin 1 Sectors 3 through 16

## Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) - Basin II

This basin is comprised of primarily vacant, grazing or agricultural lands with little development. Some large parcels have their own water control structures and/or utilize a series of drainage ditches that flow to the C-11 Canal. The City of Weston reviews permit applications within this Basin in accordance with South Florida Water Management District Criteria. Two City of Weston mitigation areas were conveyed to the SFWMD in 2015 for the C-11Impoundment Project.

#### Bonaventure Development District (BDD)

The surface water management within the Bonaventure Development District (BDD), formerly known as West Lauderdale Water Control District, was annexed into the City of Weston in 1997.

#### BASIN I - Indian Trace Drainage District (ITDD)

The existing major surface water management facilities consist of more than 1,600 acres of lake within Sectors 3 through 16, and there is approximately 1,900 acres of wetland mitigation land within Weston that the City maintains. This is comprised of enhanced freshwater marsh lands and created littoral lake shelves. Additionally, there is approximately another 415 acres of freshwater marsh wetland mitigation that is maintained through private ownership or by Broward County or the SFWMD. Of this total acreage, nearly 2,050 is sawgrass dominated or freshwater marsh habitat with scattered 'tree islands'; the remaining mitigation acreage is littoral lake edges. All of the lakes are interconnected by a series of culverts with drainage ditches that flow south to the C-11 Canal, four (4) water control structures and two (2) pump stations.

The City's Indian Trace Development District has operational responsibilities for drainage facilities in the public right-of-way and on City of Weston property, with the exception of the facilities within state roads which are maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation. Facilities within private property are privately maintained. Existing regulations governing land use as it relates to the discharge of stormwater into and the use of natural drainage features are dictated by the South Florida Water Management District permits issued to ITDD.

In 2007 an evaluation of the ITDD Stormwater Management System was performed by Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. The data presented in the reports was prepared to reflect the proposed design changes for the District stormwater management system, which includes a reduction in seepage from Increment III (Sectors 1 and 2) into the Increment I and II (Sectors 3 through 16), and allow for improved balance of water levels in the District's lakes. Calculations reflect the most current land uses within the District and updated storage curves. Calculations supersede the Water Management Plan Update for the ITDD dated June 1995. The District's control structures are identified in the SFWMD ERP Permit No. 06-00709-S, dated September 19, 1995.

Based on the 2007 evaluation and proposed design changes, the new stormwater management plan was approved by SFWMD on January 8, 2008 (SFWMD Application # 070815-3) and included the following changes:

- The control elevation within the Sectors 3 through 16 was changed from elevation 4.0 ft-NGVD to the elevation 4.5 ft-NGVD.
- The provided water quality volume was changed from one inch to one and half inch of runoff from the District area.
- The Pump Stations operational procedures was changed to maintain the proposed control elevation of 4.5 ft-NGVD in Sectors 3 through 16, and to provide the additional water quality volume in the District water management system.
- The placement of two new culverts and retrofitting of three existing culverts was conceptually approved.

Since the 2008 permit approval the Pump Operational Schedule was reset as follows:

Pump Station 1: Pump 1 - on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 5.00

Pump 2 – on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 4.50

Pump Station 2: Pump 1 – on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 4.50

Pump 2 – on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 5.00 Pump 3 – on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 5.00

Pump 4 – on elevation 5.00 – off elevation 5.00

In 2013, a reevaluation of the existing culvert system was performed and a modification to the system was approved by the SFWMD on June 11, 2013. The construction of a new 72 inch diameter culvert (141A) was completed in 2015.

The overall ITDD surface water management system consists of five (5) separate drainage basins. Each basin is controlled by the existing permitted control structures described below:

1. Increment III Mitigation Area

The Increment III Mitigation area is bordered by US 27 to the west, State Road 84/I-75 to the north, Ditch No.5 to the east, and the Bergeron property to the south. This area is a historic Everglades marsh which is drained by Weston Ditch No. 5 and isolated from historic Everglades' sheet flow by US 27 and SR 84/I-75. Ditch No. 5 discharges into South Florida Water Management District C-11 West Canal.

The mitigation area consists of the hydrologic and vegetative restorations and was constructed to allow maintenance of historic hydroperiods. The water level of the area is regulated by the four existing control structures:

- Two control structures which discharge into the Increment III development area (Sectors 1 and 2) surface water management system.
- ➤ Water Control Structure which discharges into the Increment II mitigation areas.
- ➤ Water Control Structure which discharges into the Increment III FDEP Mitigation area east of Ditch No. 5.

In addition, the Increment III Mitigation area and the Increment III Development area (Sectors 1 and 2) are separated by a muck barrier 40 feet deep, to reduce seepage from the mitigation area (controlled at 7.7 feet-NGVD, wet season) and the Sectors 1 and 2 area (controlled at 5.0 feet-NGVD).

The original pre-construction analysis of the muck barrier was reported in, "Seepage Analysis for Weston Increment III Mitigation Area", prepared by TCE and dated March 1995. This report indicates that the assumed muck barrier hydraulic conductivity of 0.1 feet/day is less than the measured muck barrier material hydraulic conductivity of 0.2 to 2.69 feet/day. Also, both the originally assumed and measured hydraulic conductivities of the muck barrier material are less than the conductivities of the blocked aquifer layer underlying the mitigation area.

The Increment III Mitigation area surface water management system also includes the existing Pump Station No. 3, which provides a mechanism to recover seepage losses from the Increment III Mitigation area into the Sectors 1 and 2 lakes. In addition, the pump will provide recharge water from the Sectors 1 and 2 lake system into the Increment III Mitigation area if seepage from the west is not sufficient to meet the wet season target elevations. The operation schedule for Pump Station No. 3 is not scheduled to be modified.

#### 2. Increment III FDEP Mitigation Area

This area consists of hydrologic and vegetative restoration areas, and is located east of Ditch No. 5. The water level of the area is regulated by the following two existing water control structures:

Water Control Structure 3

This structure is a portion of the existing berm (2-200 ft) set at elevation 6.5ft-NGVD to provide an overflow between the III FDEP Mitigation area and the Increment II Mitigation area. The remaining berm top elevation is 10.0 ft-NGVD.

Water Control Structure 5

This structure overflows into the Increment I and II (Sectors 3 through 16) surface water management system.

## 3. Increment II Mitigation Area

This area consists of hydrologic and vegetative restoration areas; it is located east of Ditch No. 5, and south of the Increment III FDEP Mitigation area. The water level of the area is regulated by two existing water control structures:

Water Control Structure 2

This structure controls flow between Ditch No.5 and the Increment II Mitigation area, and is located south of the Water Control Structure C.

Water Control Structure 4

This control structure overflows into the Increment I and II (Sectors 3 through 16) surface water management system.

#### 4. Increment III – Sectors 1 and 2

The surface water management system serving the Increment III development area (Sectors 1 and 2) consists of 223 acres of lakes and 125 acres of wetland areas, which provide both water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation. As per the SFWMD Permit No. 06-00709-S, the water management system within Sectors 1 and 2 provides on-site detention of the water quality volume of one inch. The control elevation at 5.0 feet-NGVD and the required bleeding rate of half inch of detention volume in 24 hours are regulated through three existing control structures. The Increment III (Sectors 1 and 2) control structures discharge into the Increment I and II (Sectors 3 through 16) areas as follows:

Water Control Structure D

This structure discharges into the Sector 7 surface water management system.

Water Control Structure E and F

These structures discharge into the Sector 3 surface water management system.

#### 5. Increments I and II – Sectors 3 through 16

The surface water management system serving the Increment I and II development area (Sectors 3 through 16) includes 1,639 acres of lakes and 243 acres of wetland areas, which provide the required water quality treatment and stormwater attenuation. As per the SFWMD Permit No. 06-00709-S, the water management system within Sectors 3 through 16 provides on-site detention of the water quality volume of one inch. The water management system within this basin is controlled at elevation 4.5 feet-NGVD through the operation of the existing Pump Stations No. 1 and No. 2.

## Bonaventure Development District (BDD)

The Bonaventure Development District (BDD), formerly known as West Lauderdale Water Control District, was established in the early 1970's and annexed into the City of Weston in 1997. BDD encompasses 1,237 acres, to include residential, a major hotel/conference facility and commercial properties. Construction of the principal Drainage Facilities began in 1970 and was completed in 1974. The BDD stormwater management system consists of more than 160 acres of interconnected water management system discharging into the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) North New River Canal (NNRC). The water quality and discharge rates are permitted to be controlled by two stormwater pump stations on the northern boundary of the community

The basic concept of the stormwater management plan developed in 2008 is to provide gravity storm drainage flow northward to the two pump stations. Both pump stations discharge into the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) North New River Canal (L-35). As per SFWMD ERP Permit No. 06-0067-S, the District stormwater management system is based on the control elevation of 4.50 feet NGVD, and provides water quality volume of one and one half (1 ½) inches. The permitted total allowable discharge rate is 110,000 GPM (245 cubic feet per second). The Pump Stations provide equal capacities of 55,000 GPM each.

A Culvert Hydraulics Report was developed and is a supplement to the Bonaventure Development District Facilities Report, and presents the hydraulic evaluation of the existing culverts and the proposed improvements to the District stormwater management system. The placement of three new culverts and retrofitting of ten existing culverts were proposed and was conceptually approved by SFWMD in June, 2007.

In 2013, the culvert hydraulics report was reevaluated and only a number of selected culverts were proposed to be upsized for Bonaventure Development District. Modification to existing conveyance systems along Lakeview Drive, Blatt Boulevard, Bonaventure Blvd, Redwood Way, SW 5<sup>th</sup> Way, Ranch Road, Harbor Court were also proposed. The construction of Culvert 49 and the conveyance systems modification at various locations were completed in 2015.

The former golf course bounded by Racquet Club Road on the west and north, Bonaventure Boulevard to the east, and Golf View Drive to the south is currently being developed as 125 single family residential homes, and a Fire Station and a passive park. The lakes and culverts within the project area of Bonaventure Development Districts are proposed to be modified and replaced to serve the proposed development as well as the Bonaventure master system. The Engineer of Record for the proposed residential development has reevaluated the overall Bonaventure Development District master system and indicated no significant impacts to previously permitted storm stages within the Bonaventure Development District.

#### **Potable Water Analysis**

The ITDD provides potable water to residential and commercial consumers according to a Settlement Agreement between the ITDD and the City of Sunrise. The City of Sunrise certified that it has the ability to provide the water supply, treatment, storage and transmission capacity necessary to meet the City of Weston's present and future need. In the BDD, potable water is provided by the City of Sunrise.

The potable water transmission and distribution system for the City of Sunrise Utilities service area is comprised of over 750 miles of water lines ranging from 2 inches to 48 inches in diameter. A transmission network of 30 inch and 24 inch mains runs from the Springtree high service pumps in the north, south to the Sawgrass Water Treatment Plant Facility. The transmission network then branches east and west along I-75 and I-595. No lines larger than 24 inches extend south of the Weston (Indian Trace) storage re-pump facility. The area south of Weston (Indian Trace) is served by 16 inch mains and smaller.

The SFWMD regulates the volume of water that can be withdrawn from surface and groundwater through the use of a Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) pursuant to Part II of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes. The current CUP issued to the City of Sunrise by the SFWMD expires on May 15, 2028. Permit No 06-00120-W includes the Springtree, Sawgrass (Arena), Southwest, and Flamingo

Park wellfields. The water source for the current CUP includes both the Biscayne Aquifer and the Floridan Aquifer System. The maximum allocation by source and the maximum monthly withdrawal for each wellfield as permitted by the CUP is identified below.

TABLE 3B-1 City of Sunrise Water Use Permit Allocation

	City C	)I ()I	umse	Permit 06	5-00120-V	V	
,	Allocat	ion b	y Sourc	es and Dura	ations (Millio	on Gallor	ns):
		2	013			2028	
		Averag	ge Daily N	laximum	Ave	rage Daily	Maximum
	Annual	equiva		lonthly		valent I	Monthly
Biscayne	11,457		1.39	1,078.2	10,618	29.09	999.3
Floridan _ Totals	1,737		4.76 6.15	1.241.7	4,007	10.98	377.1
701010	10.104			1,641.1	14,625	40.07	1,376.4
	Biso	cayne	Aquifer W	ellfield Limitation	ons (MG):		
			2013			2028	
			Average D			Average D	aily Maximum
Wellfield		nual	Equivale		Annual	Equivale	nt Monthly
Springtree		,905.5	10.70	367.6	3,905.5		367.
Sawgrass		,190.0	6.00	206.1	2,190.0		206.
Flamingo Southwest	4	,967.7 394.2	13.61	467.5 37.1	4,128.2		388.5
	ne 11	457.4	31.39	1.078.3	394.2 10.617.9		999.3
Total Biscay							
Total biscay					Base Condition (	Biscayne) =	10,618 MGY
Total Biscay	Flori	dan A	quifer We	Ilfield Limitation		Biscayne) =	10,618 MGY
Total biscay	Flori	idan A	quifer We			Biscayne) = 2028	10,618 MGY
Wellfield	Anr	nual		ally Maximum at Monthly	ns (MG):	2028 Average Da Equivaler	aily Maximum
Wellfield Sawgrass R0	Anr O	nual 824.9	2013 Average Di Equivaler 2.26	llfield Limitation aily Maximum It Monthly 77.6	ns (MG): Annual 1,602.4	2028 Average Da Equivaler 4.39	aily Maximum nt Monthly 150.8
Wellfield Sawgrass RG Springtree R Park City RC	Anr O	nual	2013 Average De Equivaler	ally Maximum at Monthly	ns (MG):	2028 Average Da Equivaler 4.39 2.50	aily Maximum

Source: South Florida Water Management District e-Permitting system

The current City of Sunrise Regional Water System consists of water supplied by the Springtree, Sawgrass and Southwest Water Treatment Plant (WTP)'s and their associated wellfields, to a regional service area in the southwest portion of developed Broward County. The City of Sunrise's Regional Water Service Area provides water service to approximately 215,000 people. The City's Utility service area is bounded by Plantation and Lauderhill utility service areas to the east and south, the Tamarac service area to the north and the Davie, Cooper City and Pembroke Pines service areas to the south. The western boundary of the service area adjoins the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Water Conservation Areas 2B and 3A. The City of Sunrise regional utility currently is the sole service provider within the Cities of Weston and Sunrise. It also serves approximately 40% of the area encompassed by the Town of Southwest Ranches, roughly 60% percent of the area of Town of Davie and six individual homes located within unincorporated Broward County.

Potable Water Interconnections

The City of Sunrise maintains emergency interconnections with the City of Lauderdhill, the City of Plantation, Town of Davie, City of Cooper City and the City of Pembroke Pines.

# **Projected Water Use**

The system-wide potable water production recorded in the beginning of year 2004 was an average of 26.9 mgd and was on average, approximately 21.8 mgd in 2013 which represents a decrease of over 20% in the past ten years. System wide historic raw and treated water data are presented in the table below.

TABLE 3B-2
System Wide Historic Raw Water and Treated Water Records

	Treated Water				Raw Water				
Year	Total (mgy)	Average Month (mgm)	Max. Month (mgm)	Max.Mo./ Avg. Mo. Ratio	Total (mgy)	Raw/ Treated Ratio	Average Month (mgm)	Max. Month (mgm)	Max/Avg Month Ratio
2004	9,933	828	933	1.13	11,141	1.12	928	1,038	1.12
2005	9,801	817	902	1.10	11,073	1.13	923	1,014	1.10
2006	10,058	838	955	1.14	11,301	1.12	942	1,060	1.13
2007	9,412	784	909	1.16	10,647	1.13	887	1,027	1.16
2008	9,099	<i>7</i> 58	892	1.18	10,702	1.18	892	1,011	1.13
2009	9,697	808	913	1.13	11,072	1.14	923	1,017	1.10
2010	8,756	730	797	1.09	10,422	1.19	869	941	1.08
2011	8,683	724	827	1.14	9,802	1.13	817	953	1.17
2012	8,076	673	744	1.11	9,276	1.15	773	850	1.10
2013	7,954	663	761	1.15	8 <i>,</i> 765	1.10	730	877	1.20

Based on historical seasonal treated water demands from year 2004 to 2013, the maximum month is normally 1.09 to 1.18 times the average month. Generally, the maximum month occurs between March and May and the minimum month occurs in September. Historic facility wide peak factors for treated to raw, maximum day raw water to average day raw water and maximum month raw water to average month raw water for the past 10 years is shown in the table below. The table shows that the system wide treatment efficiency is approximately 84% to 91%.

TABLE 3B-3
Historic Peak Factors

	Springtree WTP			Southwest WTP		Sawgrass WTP			System Totals			
	Treated/ Raw	Max/ Avg Day	Max/Avg Month Peaking	Treated/ Raw	Max/ Avg Day	Max/Avg Month Peaking	Treated / Raw	Max/ Avg Day	Max/Avg Month Peaking	Treated/ Raw	Max/ Avg Day	Max/Avg Month Peaking
Date	Ratio	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Ratio	Factor
2004	0.93	1.17	1.06	1.00	1.22	1.18	0.80	1.51	1.27	0.89	1.23	1.12
2005	0.93	1.13	1.08	0.99	2.05	1.67	0.80	1.37	1.17	0.89	1.21	1.10
2006	0.95	1.24	1.13	0.98	1.70	1.14	0.80	1.48	1.18	0.89	1.32	1.13
2007	0.93	1.14	1.09	1.07	1.61	1.30	0.80	1.57	1.32	0.88	1.24	1.16
2008	0.89	1.42	1.34	1.03	2.06	1.24	0.80	1.63	1.40	0.85	1.34	1.13
2009	0.97	1.24	1.14	0.93	1.80	1.07	0.80	1.47	1.24	0.88	1.28	1.10
2010	0.81	1.32	1.24	1.06	1.38	1.17	0.84	1.39	1.10	0.84	1.22	1.08
2011	0.92	1.39	1.09	1.03	1.23	1.08	0.85	1.48	1.24	0.89	1.29	1.17
2012	0.89	1.06	1.06	1.00	1.28	1.14	0.85	1.37	1.20	0.87	1.18	1.10
2013	0.96	1.17	1.05	0.97	1.14	1.06	0.86	1.68	1.36	0.91	1.36	1.20

The projected total water demand for the City of Weston through the year 2030 is depicted in the table below.

TABLE 3B-4
Water Demand Projections

City of Weston								
Date	Population	Per Capita	Water Projected (MGD)					
2014	65,800	116	7.6					
2015	65,900	116	7.6					
2020	65,100	116	7.5					
2025	64,300	116	7.4					
2030	63,700	116	7.3					

Source: Broward County Planning, 2014

The City of Sunrise is planning various distribution and water treatment system improvements that will ultimately enhance the level of treated water service throughout the City's regional water utility service area. Pursuant to the Water Use Rule, the City of Weston also plans to increase the Alternative Water Supply (AWS) efforts to meet the needs of their regional system by implementing a combination of Reuse, ASR and Floridan wells.

Alternative Water Supply (AWS) will be implemented to meet the additional demands above the currently permitted Biscayne Aquifer use and Reuse via Biscayne Recharge. The current Base Condition Allocation (BCA) is 29.09 MGD from Biscayne Aquifer which is equal to 10,618 MGY, this translates to a treated water of 9,480 MGY from Biscayne source using the historic 1.12 raw to treated water ratio.

#### **FACILITY DESCRIPTIONS**

The City of Sunrise currently operates four wellfields consisting of the Springtree, Sawgrass Arena, Flamingo Park, and Southwest wellfields. The Melaleuca and Park City wellfields have been decommissioned. The Sawgrass Arena and Springtree wellfields each supply about 48% of the entire system demand, while the remaining 4% is provided by the Southwest Facility.

# Flamingo Park Wellfield

The Flamingo Park wellfield is located between NW 136th Avenue and Flamingo Road North of NW 8th Street. The wellfield consists of four existing wells with a total raw water capacity of 15 mgd. These wells add flow to the Sawgrass WTP.

# Sawgrass Arena Wellfield

The Sawgrass wellfield is located adjacent to the BB&T Center, west of NW 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue and east of the Sawgrass Expressway (State Road 869). This wellfield was constructed in 1998 and is comprised of six Biscayne wells with a total pump capacity of 18 mgd. This wellfield supplies raw water to the Sawgrass WTP. Two additional Floridan wells were constructed in 2013 in the Sawgrass Corporate Park. These wells are located west of International Parkway and east of Sawgrass Expressway (State Road 869). One well is located in the median of NW 8th Street while the other is located north of NW 8th Street and south of Sunrise Boulevard. These wells are not operational but have been tested. The City of Sunrise holds these wells in reserve for future treatment with RO if needed.

#### Southwest Wellfield

The Southwest wellfield is located south of Stirling Road, west of Interstate I-75 on the South West Water Treatment Plant site. The wellfield consists of three Biscayne Aquifer wells with a total raw water capacity of 2.33 mgd.

# Springtree Wellfield

The Springtree wellfield is located South of NW 44th Street, east of Pine Island Road and west of University Drive. The wellfield consists of a total of 25 Biscayne production wells with 18 wells in operation and 7 wells that have been abandoned. This Biscayne Aquifer wellfield has a total installed pump capacity of 24 mgd. The Springtree wellfield also consists of one Floridan/ASR well with a total raw water capacity of 2.0 mgd. This well supplies raw water to the Springtree Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

In terms of Water Treatment Plants (WTP), the Springtree, Sawgrass, and the Southwest Utilities Water Treatment Plants are currently active, while the Park City WTP is decommissioned. These three water treatment plants have a combined total of 50mgd permitted design treatment capacity.

# Sawgrass WTP

The Sawgrass WTP, located at NW 8th Street within the Sawgrass Corporate Park, was constructed in 2000 and expanded in 2003. The plant uses nanofiltration as the primary treatment process with post treatment degasification and disinfection. The plant has been rerated to a permitted treatment capacity of 24 mgd equaling its hydraulic capacity. The concentrate produced from the membrane softening process is pumped to a concentrate disposal well located on site.

#### Southwest WTP

The Southwest WTP was built in 1988 and is located near the intersection of Interstate 75 and Stirling Road. The water treatment facility is a conventional lime-softening treatment plant with a treatment capacity of approximately 2 mgd. The residual handling systems for this facility consist of one wash water recovery basin (Sav-All Tank) and two sludge lagoons.

# Springtree WTP

The Springtree WTP is located on a 20.6-acre site located south of NW 44th Street and east of Springtree Drive. The water treatment facility is a conventional lime softening treatment facility followed by disinfection and has undergone several expansions since its purchase. This facility is composed of two plants, A and B, with a total design and permitted treatment capacity of 24 mgd. Lime sludge residuals generated from the softening process are separated from the main process flow and dewatered for ease of handling and disposal. Water extracted in the dewatering process is reprocessed for use. There is one Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well located at the Springtreee WTP facility. The well is designed to store treated Biscayne Aquifer water in the shallow zone of the Floridan Aquifer during periods when excess water is available from the natural system. Stored water is then recovered during times of high water demand. With an average Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) concentration of 2,821 mg/L, the ASR recovery flow rate is approximately 2.0 mgd.

#### Potable Water Level of Service Standard

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement executed by and between the ITDD and the City of Sunrise, Sunrise Utilities has certified that it has the ability to provide the water supply, treatment, storage and transmission capacity necessary to meet the City's present and future needs.

#### Quantity levels of service

Residential 127.0 gallons per capita per day
Commercial 0.1 gallons per sq. ft. per day
Industrial 0.2 gallons per sq. ft. per day

# Pressure levels of service

Average 50 psi Maximum operation 70 psi Minimum operation 40 psi Fire: 20 psi

# Quality levels of service

In accordance with Chapter 62-550 FAC

# Indian Trace Development District (ITDD)

The Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) is a dependent District within the City of Weston. The ITDD owns and operates water distribution infrastructure in the ITDD service area, and provides potable water and wastewater services to lands within the ITDD boundaries. The existing water and wastewater facilities have been extended on an as-needed basis to service ITDD development activities. On an annual basis, the ITDD must provide the City of Weston with a written schedule of anticipated quantities of water and wastewater required in the District in the form of a Five-Year Plan.

The maximum month daily average consumption of the current facilities by the ITDD is as follows:

Water: 7.7 mgd maximum flow

The anticipated average daily demand usage levels of the current facilities are as follows:

Water 6.3 mgd maximum flow

# Natural Groundwater Recharge Analysis & Conditions

The ITDD and BDD stormwater management systems that offer maximum recharge possibility by indirect infiltration of stormwater into the groundwater via lakes and canals. Local hydrogeologic conditions are as follows:

- ➤ The City of Weston lies over the Biscayne Aquifer, a surficial aquifer.
- ➤ Groundwater is locally available for a variety of uses. Quality is good and would be suitable for drinking water supplies, if necessary.
- A minimal percent of the City of Weston is provided with french drains for stormwater disposal which offer direct infiltration of runoff into the groundwater.
- Land use regulation, development practices, strong support for vegetation, mitigation and landscaping all provide for a high degree of valuable and effective surface stormwater infiltration and quality groundwater recharge.

Existing regulations governing aquifer recharge are:

- ➤ 62-25 FAC. as enforced by the FDEP
- > 40 E-40 FAC. Enforced by SFWMD

# INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 3

Ensure the provision of high quality, healthful, effective, reliable, efficient, environmentally sound and necessary services for coordinated sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water and natural ground water aquifer recharge to City of Weston residents and visitors.

#### **SANITARY SEWER**

#### Goal 3.1

Provide residents of the City of Weston and customers with cost effective, equitable and adequate sanitary sewer facilities which meet applicable federal, state and local design standards and effluent water quality standards.

#### 3.1 *Objective:*

The City of Weston shall coordinate with the City of Sunrise to identify existing deficiencies in the sanitary sewer system in accordance with regulatory requirements and correct any identified deficiencies to maintain the adopted LOS through the five and ten year time frames.

#### 3.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall maintain funding commitments for the systems improvements in order to address any sanitary sewer and water system deficiencies.

#### 3.1.2 Policy:

In the absence of legal constraints on the use of revenues, projects and programs shall be funded in order to correct system deficiencies and maintain an adequate level of service standard

#### 3.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the City of Sunrise to assure that sanitary sewer facilities are available to meet the existing needs of its customers.

## 3.2 Objective:

Sanitary Sewer facilities shall be provided for an adopted Level of Service (LOS) standard of 120 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) to meet the City's short-term future needs through 2021 and long-term future needs through 2035.

#### 3.2.1 Policy:

The level of service (LOS) standard for sanitary sewer facilities shall be 120 gallons per capita per day. The LOS standard for City of Sunrise wastewater treatment plants shall be measured by average daily flow.

#### 3.2.2 Policy:

For all properties that are required to be platted and for those properties within the City of Weston that are not required to be platted, at the time of site plan approval, the wastewater design flow standards listed in Table 10 of the Sanitary Sewer Element of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2010, and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency shall be utilized.

#### 3.2.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall incorporate the requirements of the Broward County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health to continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to require applicants for development permits to utilize existing sanitary sewer facilities if lines are "available" as defined by Chapter 10D-6, "Standards for Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems", Florida Administrative Code (FAC), pursuant to Section 381.0065, "Onsite sewage disposal systems; installation; conditions," Florida Statutes.

#### 3.2.4 Policy:

Design for additional capacity shall be in accordance with Section 62-600.405, FAC.

#### 3.2.5 Policy:

An assessment of the impacts of the construction and operation of wastewater treatment plants and support on adjacent natural resources shall be prepared during site review when considering the siting of new wastewater treatment plants and the expansion of, or increase in capacity of, City of Sunrise wastewater treatment plants.

#### 3.2.6 Policy:

In the event of a dispute involving the siting of, the expansion of, or the increase in capacity of wastewater treatment plants, the affected parties, if all affected parties agree, may opt to use the dispute mediation process of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC).

#### 3.2.7 Policy:

Private septic tanks and Class V disposal wells discharging into the surficial aquifer for effluent will be phased out and replaced by centralized wastewater systems.

#### 3.2.8 Policy:

City shall coordinate with the City of Sunrise to maximize the use of existing sanitary sewer facilities and reduce redundant facilities.

#### 3.2.9 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue the implementation of an integrated geographic information system (GIS) in order to make available standardized land use and sanitary sewer facilities information for local and regional planning.

# 3.2.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall acquire land for community facilities in accordance with the Capital Improvements Element.

#### 3.3 Objective:

Sanitary sewer facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained and operated in a manner that conserves and protects potable water resources by optimizing the use of reclaimed wastewater where feasible, thus offsetting demands on the Biscayne Aquifer.

#### 3.3.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall utilize reclaimed water, when available, from the City of Sunrise as an integral part of its wastewater management program, where economically, environmentally and technically feasible.

#### 3.3.2 Policy:

Cooperate with the utilization of wastewater reuse from the City of Sunrise Wastewater Treatment Plants, where feasible.

#### 3.3.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue public education efforts on the reuse of reclaimed water, encouraging the reuse of water of an appropriate quality level for the purpose intended.

## 3.4 *Objective:*

Sanitary sewer facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained and operated in a manner that protects the functions and quality of ground and surface waters, natural groundwater recharge and natural drainage features.

#### 3.4.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with the City of Sunrise to follow the Broward County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health requirements to reduce potential groundwater pollution sources by continuing to implement Chapter 34, "Water and Sewers," Article II, "Water and Sewer Connection Ordinance," Broward County Code of Ordinances.

# 3.4.2 Policy:

City shall implement the requirements of the Broward County Public Health Unit and the Florida Department of Health to continue to protect the groundwater supply from potential sources of contamination pursuant to Chapter 34, "Water and Sewers," Article II½, "Water and Septic Tank Ordinance," Broward County Code of Ordinances.

#### 3.4.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to follow Broward County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health requirements to prohibit direct wastewater effluent discharges to surface and ground waters within Zone 2 of wellfield zones of influence as designated on the Wellfield Protection Maps.

#### 3.4.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall utilize Broward County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health requirements to continue to protect ground and surface waters from pollution through licensing of collection and transmission systems.

#### 3.4.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall require the proper maintenance of septic tanks by the owner to prevent pollution of groundwater, per requirements of the Broward County Health Department.

#### 3.4.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall require that properties on private sewer systems obtain permits whenever modifications are made which could affect the quantity, quality or peak to average loading ratio of their sewage.

# 3.4.7 Policy:

The conditions of gravity sanitary sewers, pump stations and force main systems shall continue to be investigated. The following parameters should be reported on:

- Age, remaining service life
- Infiltration and inflow
- Capacities, compared to loading demands
- Operating pressures
- Physical conditions, need for repairs, replacement
- Reliability in emergency situations
- The annual reports would be detailed and complete sufficient to support critical analysis of the systems condition and future needs.

## 3.4.8 Policy:

City of Weston shall monitor the general operation of its Sanitary Sewer services to assure that no less than the minimum acceptable Level of Service standards are being provided. Such a monitoring program shall provide recommendations for needed capital improvements commitments in the Capital Improvements Budget and the concurrency management program.

# 3.4.9 Policy:

Water conservation practices utilized in support of the policies in the Conservation Element shall be employed including maintenance and operation to minimize groundwater and surface water infiltration, inform the public as to effective use of water-restricted sanitary sewer plumbing fixtures and participation in Broward County programs to improve water conservation.

## 3.4.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall require all future development and redevelopment to connect to sanitary sewer lines.

#### **SOLID WASTE**

#### Goal 3.2

Provide a cost-effective and equitable solid waste disposal system which emphasizes resource recovery and meets all federal, state and local environmental quality standards.

# 3.5 Objective:

Solid waste management facilities shall be maintained and operated safely through the next ten (10) year planning period.

## 3.5.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement an integrated geographic information system (GIS) in order to make available standardized land use and solid waste management facilities information for local and regional planning, by making this information available to any requesting agencies.

#### 3.6 *Objective:*

Solid waste management facilities shall be provided at an adopted Level of Service (LOS) standard as shown in Tables 3C and 7A to meet the City's short-term future needs through 2021 and long-term future needs through 2035.

# 3.6.1 Policy:

The level of service (LOS) standard for solid waste management facilities shall be as shown in Tables 3C and 7A of this comprehensive plan.

# 3.6.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall implement the waste generation rates identified in Table 3C which were listed in the Solid Waste Element of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency.

# TABLE 3C SOLID WASTE GENERATION RATES

Land Use Unincorporated Area & Contract Cities

**Residential** 8.9 lbs. per unit per day

**Industrial & Commercial** 

Factory/Warehouse 2 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day
Office Building 1 lb. per 100 sq. ft. per day
Retail/Service 4 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day
Supermarket 9 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day
Hotel/Motel 3 lbs. per room per day

School

Grade School

10 lbs. per room & ¼ lbs. per pupil per day
High School

8 lbs. per room & ¼ lbs. per pupil per day

Institution

Hospital 8 lbs. per bed per day Nursing Home 3 lbs. per person per day

These generation rates shall be used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat and for those properties within the Unincorporated Area that are not required to plat, at the time of site plan approval. Also, these standards shall be utilized to determine concurrency.

## 3.6.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to utilize the development review process of the Land Development Code to require applicants for development permits to demonstrate adequacy of solid waste disposal sites or facilities prior to occupancy.

#### 3.6.4 Policy:

The impact of solid waste management facilities and support services on adjacent natural resources shall be considered during the siting of new solid waste management facilities and the expansion of, or increase in capacity of, solid waste management facilities.

#### 3.7 Objective:

City of Weston shall conserve its reserve in the existing solid waste disposal facilities by continuing to recycle at least 30 percent of the solid waste stream.

# 3.7.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to maintain or expand its recycling education program as a means of reducing the waste stream.

#### 3.7.2 Policy:

City of Weston government shall reduce the amount of paper through greater reliance upon the electronic media.

# 3.8 Objective:

Protect the functions of the City of Weston's groundwater aquifer recharge areas and other natural resources from improper disposal of solid waste.

#### 3.8.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to maintain Broward County Environmental Protection Department regulations, Chapter 27, "Pollution Control," Article VI, "Solid Waste," Broward County Code of Ordinances, as it relates to the licensing and compliance of solid waste facilities.

# 3.8.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall be prepared to modify its solid waste collection practices in a manner consistent with any new solid waste recycling, hazardous waste practices requirements of the primary agencies responsible for solid waste disposal and recycling.

# 3.8.3 Policy:

City of Weston solid waste contractor shall maintain nominal collection and disposal services at existing levels of service, via the franchise agreement.

#### 3.8.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall cooperate in the hazardous waste collection and disposal programs of Broward County by enforcing within the City's jurisdiction, such hazardous waste collection practices required by the county and other agencies with jurisdiction. Such cooperation shall consist of an annual hazardous waste notification by mail insert in utility billings, local newsletter or electronic media serving the City of Weston

# 3.8.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall monitor the general operation of its solid waste collection services to assure the minimum acceptable Level of Service is being maintained. Such a monitoring program shall provide recommendations for needed capital improvements commitments in the concurrency management program and the Capital Improvements Budget.

#### **DRAINAGE**

#### Goal 3.3

To optimize the utilization of water resources through provision of stormwater management for the City of Weston which reduces damage and inconvenience from flooding, promotes recharge to the Biscayne Aquifer, minimizes degradation of water quality in surface and ground waters and protects the functions of wetlands in urban areas.

#### 3.9 Objective:

City of Weston shall implement drainage improvements identified in the SFWMD permit 06-00709-S.

#### 3.9.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to include capital improvements needs in the City of Weston Capital Plan, and comply with Chapters 62-40 and 62-25, F.A.C.

#### 3.10 Objective:

Stormwater management facilities shall be provided to handle 10 year 3 day storm events for roadway greater than 50 foot right of way and 100 year 3 day events for buildings in order to meet the City of Weston's short-term future needs through 2021 and long-term future needs through 2035.

# 3.10.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement land development regulations which implement the minimum design criteria for stormwater management identified in Table 3D as the level of service standard to assess adequacy of service and concurrency during the development review process where jurisdictionally appropriate.

# TABLE 3D STORMWATER MANAGEMENT LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

Road Protection	Residential streets not greater than fifty feet wide

rights-of-way to have crown elevations no lower than the elevation for the respective area depicted on the ten year

"Flood Criteria Map."

Rights-of-way greater than fifty feet wide to have an ultimate edge of pavement to lower than the elevation for the respective area depicted on the ten year "Flood Criteria Map."

#### **Buildings** To have the lowest floor elevation no lower than the

elevation for the respective area depicted on the "100 Year Flood Elevation Map," or the FEMA Base Flood Elevation,

whichever is higher.

**Off Site Discharge** Not to exceed the inflow limit of SFWMD primary

receiving canal or the local conveyance system, whichever is

less.

Storm Sewers Design frequency minimum to be three-year rainfall

intensity of the State Department of Transportation Zone 10

rainfall curves.

Flood Plain Routing Calculated flood elevations based on the ten year

and one hundred year return frequency rainfall of three day duration shall not exceed the corresponding elevations of the ten year "Flood Criteria Map" and the "100 Year Flood

Elevation Map."

**Antecedent Water** The higher elevation of either the control level

elevation depicted on the map "Average Wet Season Water

Levels."

On Site Storage Minimum capacity above antecedent water level and

below flood plain routing elevations to be design rainfall volume minus off-site discharge occurring during design

rainfall.

**Best Management** Prior to discharge to surface or ground water, BMPs

will be used to reduce pollutant loading from stormwater

runoff.

These levels of service standards shall be used to determine adequacy at the time of plat approval for all properties that are required to plat and for those properties where jurisdictionally appropriate that are not required to plat, at the time of site plan approval.

#### 3.10.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall, in order to prevent a degradation of the drainage level of service, require future development in the Indian Trace Development District and Bonaventure Development District to be designed to remove stormwater from non-water management areas, including but not limited to yards, within 72 hours of the end of the ten year three-day design rainfall.

#### 3.10.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall update their National Pollution Discharge Elimination System - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES-MS4) Permit or its successor from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with the appropriate municipal and agency co-applicants and in accordance with Florida Statutes (Section 403.0885, F.S.).

# 3.10.4 Policy:

City of Weston upon receipt of the NPDES-MS4 Permit shall implement the permit conditions including monitoring of outfalls and improving stormwater management practices.

#### 3.10.5 Policy:

The impact of the construction and operation of stormwater management facilities and support services on adjacent natural resources shall be considered in accordance with SFWMD regulations during the siting of new stormwater management facilities and the expansion of, or increase in capacity of stormwater management facilities.

# 3.10.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District and the independent drainage districts to implement applicable portions of the South Florida Water Management District regional water resource projects (Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy), the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan, the Water Preserve Area Project, and the C-11 West Basin Water Quality Improvement Strategy) which intend to reduce losses of excess stormwater to tide, recharge the surficial aquifer and Water Preserve Areas or provide additional storage surface waters.

#### 3.10.7 Policy:

City of Weston shall address stormwater management issues on a watershed (basin) basis in accordance with SFWMD permits as a means of providing cost effective water quality and water quantity solutions to specific watershed problems.

## 3.10.8 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement a basin-wide water management protocol that optimizes flood protection, water quality, stormwater storage, wetlands sustainability and ground water recharge functions. By assessing the existing surface water management system, wellfield characteristics, ground water levels, flows and canal stages, an updated computer model will be developed to better utilize the water resource.

# 3.10.9 Policy:

City of Weston will work with the SFWMD and shall investigate application of the basin-wide protocols which comply with SFWMD permits throughout the City of Weston where appropriate.

# 3.10.10 Policy:

City of Weston shall manage the construction and operation of its facilities which dam, divert or otherwise alter the flow of surface waters to minimize damage from flooding, soil erosion or excessive drainage.

# 3.11 Objective:

Maintain and protect ground water recharge of the surficial aquifer system so as to maintain all of the functions of the Biscayne Aquifer, including the reduction of saltwater intrusion.

#### 3.11.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall use BMPs in accordance with its regulations and those of the South Florida Water Management District.

# 3.11.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall work cooperatively with the SFWMD and independent drainage districts to implement plans for additional surface water storage such as water preserve areas, the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan and any other plans and operating procedures to increase recharge water to the Biscayne Aquifer.

# 3.11.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall utilize, preserve, restore and enhance natural water bodies and functions by encouraging non-structural and structural erosion control devices and discourage the channelization, installation of seawalls or other alteration of natural rivers, streams and lakes.

#### 3.11.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall protect the water storage and water quality enhancement functions of wetlands, floodplains and aquifer recharge areas through acquisition, enforcement of rules and the application of land and water management practices which provide for compatible uses.

## 3.11.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall support Broward County to protect aquifers from depletion through water conservation and preservation of the functions of high recharge areas including but not limited to the water conservation areas and water preserve areas.

#### 3.11.6 Policy:

All new drainage facilities should be provided with pollution control to the level approved and locally accepted as best available technology consistent with existing regulatory requirements, including but not limited to the following when applicable:

- Retention of stormwater
- ➤ Flow of stormwater over grassed and vegetated areas
- > Utilization of pavements that allow water to permeate
- > Sumps
- Grease separation baffles
- Mosquito control
- Infiltration and percolation prior to overflow or outfall discharge

#### **POTABLE WATER**

#### Goal 3.4

Provide residents of the City of Weston and customers a cost-effective, equitable potable water supply system which provides an adequate supply of water to meet all applicable federal, state and local water quality standards; without compromising the City's water quality standards or the sustainability of the City's future water resource supply.

#### 3.12 Objective:

The City of Weston shall identify existing deficiencies in the potable water system in accordance with regulatory requirements and correct any identified deficiencies to maintain the adopted LOS through the five and ten year time frames.

# 3.12.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the City of Sunrise to maintain funding for the systems improvements to alleviate potable water deficiencies.

#### 3.12.2 Policy:

In the absence of legal constraints on the use of revenues, projects and programs shall be funded in order to correct system deficiencies and maintain an adequate level of service standard.

#### 3.12.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the City of Sunrise to assure that potable water facilities are available to meet the existing needs of its customers.

#### 3.12.4 Policy:

The City of Weston adopts the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan infrastructure sub-element by reference, and will continue to update and implement the projects and policies therein as deemed appropriate or as required in accordance with Florida Statutes.

#### 3.12.5 Policy:

The City of Weston Water Supply Facilities Work Plan shall guide future expansion and upgrade of facilities needed to transmit and distribute potable water to meet current and future demands. The City shall research and identify alternative, renewable sources of water to satisfy any projected increases in demand.

# 3.12.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall identify and incorporate into its Capital Improvement Element the alternative water supply project(s) from the projects identified in the most current SFWMD Water Supply Plan and City of Sunrise Water Supply Facilities Work Plan or updates.

# 3.12.7 Policy:

The City of Weston shall protect water quality when using traditional and new alternative water supply resources.

#### 3.12.8 Policy:

The City of Weston shall enforce the adopted Water Conservation Plan which includes utilization of Florida Friendly landscaping principals, rain sensor devices and pressure controls.

# 3.12.9 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain and continuously calibrate the City's irrigation pumps. The irrigation pumps shall be reviewed and replaced as part of a monthly program.

# 3.12.10 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to investigate the long-range feasibility of utilizing reclaimed water for irrigation purposes from neighboring municipalities.

#### 3.13 Objective:

Potable water facilities shall be provided at an adopted Level of Service (LOS) standard of 127 gallons per capita per day to meet the City's short-term and long-term future needs through 2030.

# 3.13.1 Policy:

The level of service (LOS) standard for potable water facilities shall be 127 gallons per capita per day. The LOS standard for City of Sunrise water treatment plants shall be measured by maximum daily flow.

# 3.13.2 Policy:

The City of Weston, City of Sunrise, Broward County Health Department and the Florida Department of Health shall continue to utilize the potable water demand rates in Table 3E, which were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to assess adequacy of service and concurrency at the time of plat approval for all properties required to be platted and at the time of site plan approval for those properties within the Unincorporated Area that are not required to be platted.

# TABLE 3E POTABLE WATER DEMAND RATES

Facility Type	Water Use in Gallons per Day
Residential	
per capita per day	127
per single family unit	350
Retail per square foot	1
Office per square foot	2
Other non-residential per capita	20

Source: Broward County Health Department, Florida Department of Health. In the case where the facility type is not listed, the most suitable one is to be used.

#### 3.13.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall require applicants for development permits to utilize existing potable water facilities if lines are "available" as defined by Chapters 62-550, 62-560, Florida Administrative Code (FAC).

# 3.13.4 Policy:

An assessment of the impacts of the construction and operation of water treatment plants and support services on adjacent natural resources shall be prepared during site review when considering the siting of new water treatment plants and the expansion of, or increase in capacity of water treatment plants.

# 3.13.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall maximize the use of existing potable water facilities and shall reduce redundant facilities.

# 3.13.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement an integrated geographic information system (GIS) in order to make available standardized land use and potable water supply facilities information for local and regional planning.

#### 3.13.7 Policy:

City of Weston shall acquire land for community facilities in accordance with the Capital Improvements Element.

#### 3.14 Objective:

Maximize the use of existing potable water facilities and encourage compact urban growth patterns.

# 3.14.1 Policy:

As an alternative to new potable water facility construction, the City of Weston shall identify opportunities to increase the efficiency and optimize the use of existing facilities.

#### 3.15 Objective:

Conserve and protect potable water resources with primary focus on the Biscayne Aquifer by optimizing the utilization of water resources through effective water management practices.

#### 3.15.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall develop a basin-wide water management protocol in accordance with SFWMD permits that optimizes flood protection, water quality, stormwater storage, wetlands sustainability and groundwater recharge functions while protecting management system, wellfield characteristics, groundwater levels, saltwater intrusion limits, flows and canal stages, an updated computer model will be developed to better utilize the water resource.

#### 3.15.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with the SFWMD to investigate application of the basin-wide protocols throughout the City of Weston, where appropriate and technically feasible.

# 3.15.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall enforce the Florida Building Code Chapter 6, Section 604.4, Maximum flow and water consumption of the Florida Building Code, Plumbing, which contains standards for ultra-low volume plumbing fixtures to be used in all new construction and Chapter 9, Section 908.5, which contains water supply efficiencies for new or replaced cooling towers.

#### 3.15.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement and support the City of Sunrise in its conservation-oriented rate structure within its utility systems.

# 3.15.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement a leak detection program to reduce the amount of unaccounted-for water loss within its utility system.

#### 3.15.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to implement a year-round public information and education program promoting water conservation.

#### 3.15.7 Policy:

The City of Weston shall identify traditional and alternative water supply projects and the conservation and reuse programs to meet current and future water use demands within the City of Weston's jurisdiction consistent with the City of Sunrise and South Florida Water Management District Water Supply Plans.

#### 3.16 Objective:

Potable water facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained and operated in such a manner as to protect the functions of natural groundwater recharge areas and natural drainage features and not exacerbate saltwater intrusion.

# 3.16.1 Policy:

The design for the construction, operation and maintenance of new or expanded potable water facilities shall consider the short-term and long-term impacts to natural groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, surface and groundwater levels and exacerbation of saltwater intrusion. The design shall also consider whether or not the construction, operation and maintenance will harm the aquifer system. Adverse impacts of construction, operation, and maintenance shall be avoided or at least minimized.

# 3.17 Objective:

Provide the customers and residents of the City of Weston a cost-effective, equitable and adequate potable water system meeting all applicable federal, state, and local standards.

# 3.17.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate the provision of potable water services through agreements with municipalities and other service providers.

#### 3.17.2 Policy:

In order to protect and conserve the Biscayne Aquifer, the City of Weston shall investigate utilization of alternate potable water sources to supplement and broaden its future water supply sources. These potential sources could include the Floridan Aquifer, Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), desalinization, capture and storage of excess storm water currently lost to tide and other technologies which may be addressed in the SFWMD's Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.

# 3.17.3 Policy:

Consistent with bonding requirements, the City of Weston will take no action by which the rights and benefits of its customers might be impaired or diminished.

#### 3.17.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall provide for the periodic update of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan in order to assure that potable water facilities are available to meet its future needs.

#### 3.17.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall investigate possible sources of financing for any water system improvements.

# NATURAL GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE

#### Goal 3.5

# To protect the function of natural ground water/aquifer recharge needs.

#### 3.18 Objective:

Manage the natural ground water aquifer recharge conditions in a safe, effective and reliable manner as required by current design standards and codes.

# 3.18.1 Policy:

Improve groundwater recharge by requiring all new construction projects to meet or exceed, as detailed in the City of Weston Land Development Regulations:

- Greater pervious open and green space
- Pervious pavements
- French drains, slab-covered trenches or drainage wells and limit overflows
- Allow direct overland flow discharge to surface waters (canals or bay) only when no other practical or effective method of stormwater discharge is possible
- Allow positive drainage discharges to surface waters only when other methods are impractical or impossible, and only when adequate pollution control (grit and grease) is provided.

# 3.18.2 Policy:

Permit designs which will diminish groundwater withdrawals.

#### 3.18.3 Policy:

Permit designs which will increase high quality groundwater recharge.

# 3.18.4 Policy:

Comply with South Florida Water Management District environmental protection rules for stormwater disposal methods. Refer to the LOS Table 3D for drainage for retention standards to be met.

# **CHAPTER FOUR**

# CONSERVATION ELEMENT

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Conservation Element is to promote the conservation, use and protection of natural resources in Weston.

# **EXISTING NATURAL RESOURCES CONDITIONS AND DATA**

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

#### Climate

The environmental setting of Weston is characterized by a subtropical climate. The summer season is relatively long, with warm temperatures and frequent rainfall. The winters are distinguished by milder temperatures and less frequent precipitation. The winter season is unique among continental climatic conditions, although it is typical for the Caribbean and parts of Mexico.

No long term climate data is available that is specific to the City of Weston of Weston, but data is available for the City of Weston of Fort Lauderdale which is located approximately thirteen miles east of Weston. The Southeast Regional Climate Center has identified that from 1912 to 2012, the average annual maximum temperature was 83.7 F°, the average annual minimum temperature was 67.2 F°, and the average annual precipitation was 62.54 inches. Precipitation is not distributed evenly throughout the year. June through November is considered the 'wet season' and December through May is considered the 'dry season'. Precipitation ranges from an average monthly level of 2.40 inches in February to 8.72 inches in September. The heaviest rain events historically occur in September and October. No snowfall has been reported during this recording period.

Thunderstorms are common during the summer months, many accompanied by a high frequency of lightning. Hurricanes, much less frequent occurrences, have the potential to occur from June through November; heavy rainfall, high winds, and widespread flooding may accompany these storm systems. Tornadic activity may also accompany hurricane events. No long-term hurricane data exists specific to the City of Weston of Weston; however, hurricane data is available for Fort Lauderdale. Records from 1871 through 2015 indicate 25 hurricanes have passed within 60 miles of Fort Lauderdale. Five of these hurricanes were from the 'back door', meaning they traveled over land from the west coast of Florida. The most recent occurrence was in October of 2005 when Hurricane Wilma hit from the southwest moving quickly northeast. Wilma passed just northwest of Fort Lauderdale. The National Hurricane Center reported 87mph sustained winds with gusts to 104mph in Weston.

# Geology

The land surface of Weston is underlayed by several strata of limestone and sandstone. These strata (layers) were deposited during past geologic ages when the area which is now Broward County was submerged. The emergence of the South Florida land mass is geologically recent, and these rock formations are among the youngest in the continental United States. The deepest strata is the Tamiami formation which is composed of compacted clay, sand, sandstone, limestone and shell material called marl. This formation is about 100 feet thick, and is the impermeable layer forming the confining base of the Biscayne Aquifer.

The Fort Thompson formation lies above the Tamiami formation and slopes gradually deeper from west to east. The strata are composed of limestone and sandstone, with pockets of quartz sand. Parts of the formation, which begins about 50 feet below the surface of Weston, are 150 feet thick. This geologic formation is highly water permeable and is the main component of the Biscayne Aquifer. This aquifer is the source of drinking water for the south east coast of Florida including Weston. The Key Largo formation lies above the Fort Thompson formation beginning at a depth of about 20 feet. It is composed primarily of coral reef limestone, which is highly permeable.

# Physiography

The City of Weston of Weston, comprised of approximately 27 square miles, is situated in the center of Broward County, which is located on the southeastern coast of the State. The County consists of approximately 1,200 square miles; the eastern 35% of the County (410 square miles) is highly urbanized and the western 65% (790 square miles) is undeveloped conservation land that is part of the Everglades system. The northern and western limits of the City of Weston of Weston abut these undeveloped conservation lands. The southern limit of the City of Weston of Weston abuts the C-11 canal, and Interstate 75 roughly delineates the eastern limits of the City of Weston.

The City of is located approximately 16 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean coastline and is also east of the Atlantic Coastal ridge. The Atlantic West Ridge, 5 miles or less in width, forms the highest ground in the county from 10 feet above sea level in the south to 22 feet above sea level in the north. It is a natural barrier to drainage of the interior, except where it is breached by shallow sloughs or rivers. From this ridge, the ground slopes gently downward in the direction of the Everglades to the western Sandy Flatlands. The Everglades, which covers most of Broward County, is slightly lower than the Sandy Flatlands, and when natural conditions prevailed this area was seasonally inundated. Prior to the diking and canalizing of the Everglades, the City of Weston historically was seasonally inundated Everglades marsh dominated by sawgrass with scattered but not abundant tree islands. The entire City of Weston is relatively flat.

There are no natural rivers, streams or waterbodies in the City of Weston All of the lakes and canals occurring within the City of Weston are man-made, providing fill for development throughout Weston and providing the core of the surface water management system. The substrate of the developed land areas is built up from this excavated fill material. These fill soils are typically composed of Miami limestone or Fort Thompson formation covered with a thin layer of marl limestone. The shallow surface organic muck soils have been utilized in the mitigation areas and for the construction of the large landscaping berms along the neighborhoods and roadways.

## Minerals

Many areas of Broward County have been known for their valuable sand and rock materials which are utilized for road building and development activities. A commercially valuable mineral source

in the City of Weston is the bed of oolite limestone which underlies the City of Weston. However, commercial mineral extraction is no longer a permitted land use in the City of Weston.

#### Soils

The native soil surface of The City of Weston is extremely shallow in most areas. In many parts of the City of Weston, it is necessary to dig into the limestone bedrock just below the surface to plant trees and shrubs. There are no known areas of soil erosion identified within Weston. All of the lakes occurring within the City of Weston are man-made and have been created to provide fill for development throughout Weston; the substrate of the developed land areas is built up from this excavated fill material. The historic distribution of soils is shown in Map 1-5, which is based on the Soil Survey of Broward County conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Table 4A. *Soils within the City of Weston*, lists the soils identified in the soil survey for the City of Weston.

Table 4A. Soils Within the City of Weston					
Dania Muck	Matlasha Gravelly Fine Sand, Limestone Substratum				
Lauderhill Muck	Udorthents				
Plantation Muck	Udorthents, Shaped				
Hallandale Fine Sand	Hallandale – Urban Land Complex				
Margate Fine Sand	Urban Land				

The Department of Agriculture describes these soils as follows:

The Dania series consists of shallow, very poorly drained, rapidly permeable organic soils in fresh water marshes or swamps on the fringes of areas of deeper organic soils. They formed in thin beds of well decomposed, hydrophytic, non-woody, plant remains.

The Lauderhill series consists of nearly level, very poorly drained soils in broad flats in the Everglades. These soils formed in hydrophytic plant remains mixed with a small amount of mineral material. *Lauderhill Muck* soil is very poorly drained, organic soils, underlain by limestone at a depth of 20-40 inches.

The Plantation series consists of nearly level, very poorly drained soils in broad flats along the eastern edge of the Everglades. These soils formed in unconsolidated sandy marine sediment. *Plantation Muck* soil has a muck surface layer over sandy mineral material. The organic surface layer is subject to oxidation, which decreases its amount of organic material each year.

The Hallandale series consists of nearly level, poorly drained, sandy soils in broad flats east of the Everglades and west of the Atlantic Ridge. These soils formed in sandy marine sediment over limestone. *Hallandale Fine Sand* soil consists of poorly drained, sandy soil underlain by limestone at a depth of 7–20 inches.

The Margate series consists of nearly level, poorly drained soils on low terraces between the Everglades and the Atlantic Coast. These soils formed in sandy marine sediment over limestone. *Margate Fine Sand* soil consists of poorly drained, sandy soil that is underlain by limestone at a depth of 20-40 inches but has solution holes as deep as 60 inches.

The *Matlacha* soils are formed in material produced by dredging, filling, and earthmoving operations. Most of these soils are used for urban development. They consist of somewhat poorly drained, moderately rapid to rapidly permeable soils on filled and disturbed sloughs, flats, and depressions.

The *Udorthents* consist of unconsolidated or heterogeneous geologic materials removed in the excavation of canals, lakes and ponds. It is commonly piled along banks. The *Udorthents, Shaped* soil consists of a mixture of soil and geologic soil materials that has been shaped and contoured, mainly for golf courses and highway.

The *Urban Land* soil consists of areas that are more than 70 percent covered by airports, shopping centers, parking lots, large buildings, streets and sidewalks, and other structures, so that the natural soil is not readily observable.

# Air Quality

Due to the prevailing breezes occurring in southeastern Florida, the air quality is generally good for the Weston area. Air quality is a matter that must be addressed at a regional level, with each City of Weston contributing and working in coordination with their County and each neighboring County to cooperatively protect the airshed. Broward County is located within the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) designated Southeast Florida Airshed, which consists of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The air quality in Broward County is classified in the good range of the Air Quality Index over 90% of the year. The main air pollutant of concern within this airshed is ozone. The major source of air pollution in the airshed is motor vehicle emissions.

The City of Weston provides for industrial opportunities; however, these are light industrial/office park type developments which have minimal impacts on the air quality. The Broward County Air Quality Division enforces federal, state, and local air pollution regulations through licensing and compliance activities and by promoting pollution prevention. They are responsible for the operation and maintenance of a comprehensive network of air quality monitoring stations throughout Broward County to make sure federal air pollution standards are met. The Air Quality Division also participates in local land use planning activities and informs the public about the importance of alternative means of transportation to help protect air quality.

Based upon ambient air quality monitoring, conducted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and noted in *The Florida Air Monitoring Report 2012*, Broward County is an attainment area for five of the six major air contaminants: carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter (PM), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The attainment area designation indicates that the concentrations of major pollutants are within the acceptable limits set by the DEP and the USEPA.

Broward County continues to be classified as an attainment/maintenance area for the pollutant ozone (O<sub>3</sub>). A maintenance area is an area previously classified as non-attainment, which has successfully reduced air pollutant concentrations to below the standard, but must maintain some of the non-attainment area plans to stay in compliance with the standards.

#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Climate change is largely attributed to the buildup of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations in the atmosphere. Global emissions of GHG from human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation, have increased by 70% between 1970 and 2004 according to The American Planning Association (APA). In the updated April 2011, *Policy Guide on Planning and Climate Change*, the APA provides guidance for local governments toward the reduction of GHG emissions and on energy efficient land use decisions. The APA document indicates that effective actions to address GHG emissions should include a mix of education, incentives, subsidies, and regulation. The APA has suggested the following strategies for local governments to facilitate a reduction in GHG emissions; these include mixed use development, infill and redevelopment to utilize existing utilities and service, providing employment opportunities near a range of housing opportunities, energy efficient buildings, convenient intermodal transportation systems, and the reduction of heat island effects through green spaces.

In addition to the broad strategies listed above, every decrease in energy consumption reduces the carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and associated development to continue to expand the electric system; every diversion from a landfill increases the efficiency of curbside pick-up and the amount of debris placed in the landfill and ultimately the production of methane; every reduction in water use decreases the amount of energy required to produce potable water and to treat wastewater. Encouraging recycling, facilitating the capaCity of Weston to bicycle and walk, retaining and increasing landscaping, and conserving potable water supplies are also effective strategies to achieve GHG emission reductions.

The City of Weston has implemented a number of these strategies. There is a successful pedestrian and bikeways network throughout the City of Weston. The number of bikeways is relatively high compared to other areas within Broward County. There are sidewalks installed throughout the entire City of Weston. Bike lanes have been installed along most roadways. Over 140,400 linear feet of roadways have a 5 foot wide sidewalk installed along both sides of the road. Approximately 28,200 linear feet of roadway has a 6.5 foot wide sidewalk installed along one side of the road. Additionally, there are over 105,000 linear feet of designated bike lanes along the roadways. The City of Weston has created a centralized Town Center commercial district as well as several neighboring commercial centers. This facilitates a decrease in the number of trips and the drive times for residents conducting routine shopping trips or outings for dining or entertainment experiences.

Broward County monitors traffic signals on all arterial and collector roadways within the City of Weston. The City of Weston has installed interconnects between all signals which minimizes delays and idling on all arterial and collector roadways. The efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston is closely monitored to allow rapid response to any problems that may arise, thereby decreasing idling times and unnecessary emissions and decreasing energy consumption through efficiency. These pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston each facilitate energy conservation.

The City of Weston has significant open space and landscape requirements to diminish heat island effects. The City of Weston's landscape ordinance implements Florida Friendly principles and requires native vegetation. There is approximately 2,400 acres of mitigation land within the City of Weston that have been restored to and is maintained as natural habitat. These natural areas not only also help to diminish heat island effects but contribute to carbon dioxide uptake and oxygen production. The City of Weston is working cooperatively with the South Florida Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers on the development and construction of the

1,000+ acre stormwater impoundment area located in the City of Weston that is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Map 1-1 *Existing Land Uses* depicts conservation areas, parks, and the linear parks within the City of Weston.

The City of Weston implements an annual landscape inspection program on all commercial and multi-family properties to ensure the maintenance and retention of required landscape materials. The City's Code Enforcement along with each of the Homeowners Associations assures that required landscaping is retained and maintained on the single-family properties. The City of Weston completed a thorough inventory of all canopy and palm trees located on City of Weston owned and City of Weston maintained property, inclusive of the right of ways in 2009 and completed an update of that inventory in March of 2016. This inventory identifies, locates, and provides information on the size and condition of each tree providing the City of Weston with the tools to ensure there will be no decrease in the canopy coverage on publicly owned and maintained lands.

Irrigation for all public properties and right of ways is obtained from withdrawals from the surface water lakes and canals, eliminating the utilization of potable water as the source for this use. The City of Weston maintains and controls all publicly irrigated land (over 850 acres) under one consumptive use permit and carefully monitors the withdrawals from the twenty eight pump locations. The system is carefully timed with rain sensors and efficient sprinklers installed through the entire system. The pumps are calibrated and automated to shut down the high horsepower pumps and only run the lower horsepower pumps when demand is below 100 gallons per minute, thus conserving energy use.

As a planned community with a defined footprint and density, the City of Weston will not contribute to the sprawl and continued expansion of utilities that has become a prominent development concern across the nation. The City of Weston is nearly built-out, and as such, nearly all future projects will be redevelopment projects with existing infrastructure available. The City of Weston Public Works, Adminstrative Services, Community Center and City Hall buildings have energy conserving glazing, high efficiency air handling systems, water conserving fixtures and programmable heat and cooling controls providing energy conserving measures.

Map 1-10 Energy Conservation Areas and Features was added to highlight the City of Weston features that contribute to reduced energy use and greenhouse gas production: wetland mitigation areas, conservation areas, water impoundment areas, open spaces, and its extensive bicycle paths.

# **Floodplains**

The National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified the following flood zones within the City of Weston:

Table 4B. Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zones						
Zone	Description					
AH	Zone AH is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1-percent annual chance of shallow flooding with a constant water-surface elevation (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. Base Flood Elevations are determined.					

AE	Corresponds to the areas of 1-percent annual chance of flooding.	Base Flood
	Elevations are determined.	

Map 1-3 identifies the flood zones within the City of Weston and Map 1-1 illustrates the existing land uses found within the floodplain. The City's Indian Trace Development District and Bonaventure Development District has operational responsibilities for drainage facilities in the public right-of-way and on City of Weston property, with the exception of the facilities within state roads which are maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation. Facilities within private property are privately maintained. Existing regulations governing land use as it relates to the discharge of stormwaters into and the use of natural drainage features are combined in the South Florida Water Management District permits issued to the Indian Trace and Bonaventure Development Districts to alleviate the threat of flooding damage and to protect the natural resources in the City of Weston. The Florida Building Code regulates construction as it relates to flood zones.

#### WATER RESOURCES

#### Potable Water

Broward County and the City of Weston are within the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The City of Weston falls within the SFWMD Lower East Coast (LEC) Planning Area. The LEC planning area covers approximately 6,100 square miles and includes Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties, most of Monroe County, and eastern Hendry and Collier counties. The Everglades Agricultural Area, located in the LEC Planning Area, is a portion of the Lake Okeechobee Service Area. However, the entire Lake Okeechobee Service Area, which includes portions of Martin, Okeechobee, Glades, and Lee counties, is considered in the LEC water supply planning process because of its reliance on Lake Okeechobee.

The 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update reports that total water demand is projected to increase by 12 percent to 1,933 million gallons per day (MGD) by 2030. Public Water Supply (PWS) remains the LEC Planning Area's single largest water use category in 2030, representing 52 percent of the planning area's total water demand. It is followed by agriculture at 34 percent. The remaining four categories, domestic (residential) self-supplies, recreation, landscaping, industrial and power generation account for the remaining 14%.

The LEC Planning Area traditionally has relied on fresh groundwater from the surficial aquifer system and surface water from Lake Okeechobee as primary water sources for urban, agricultural, and industrial uses. The Everglades provides groundwater and surface water recharge to the urban coastal communities, contributing to the water supply throughout most of this region. In 2010, fresh groundwater accounted for 94 percent of potable water produced by PWS utilities. The surficial aquifer system, including the Biscayne aquifer, provides more than 1 billion gallons a day for utilities, as well as agricultural production, landscape irrigation, and other uses. Since the last plan update, the SFWMD placed limitations on additional allocations from the freshwater sources in the region to protect the region's natural resources. As a result, use of alternative water sources has expanded.

Residents of the City of Weston receive their potable water supply from the City of Weston of Sunrise. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement executed by and between the ITDD and the City of

Weston of Sunrise, the City of Weston of Sunrise certified that it has the ability to provide the water supply, treatment, storage and transmission capaCity of Weston necessary to meet the City's present and future needs.

Specific information detailing water use and demand management is contained in the potable water sub-section of the Infrastructure element. The City of Weston cooperates with the City of Weston of Sunrise, Broward County and the South Florida Water Management District for the implementation of water demand management policies and programs.

#### **Ground Water**

The principal ground water resources for the LEC Planning Area are the Surficial Aquifer System, including the Biscayne aquifer, and the Floridian Aquifer System. The Surficial and Biscayne aquifers provide most of the fresh water for public water supply and agriculture within the LEC Planning Area. Due to the regional importance of the Biscayne aquifer, it has been designated as a sole source aquifer by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act and is, therefore, afforded stringent protection. This designation was made because it is a principal source of drinking water and is highly susceptible to contamination due to its high permeability and close proximity to land surface in many locations. Major sources of contamination are saltwater intrusion and infiltration of contaminants from canal water.

Water resource protection tools under the Florida Statutes are used to protect water supplies for natural systems and human needs. In addition to minimum flows and levels, other resource protection tools include consumptive use permitting, water shortage declarations and the reservation of water.

The Biscayne Aquifer, the Surficial Aquifer system and surface water are dependent upon rainfall for recharge. The average annual rainfall in the LEC Planning Area is about 53 inches. Annually, 75 percent of this occurs during the wet season months. In addition to seasonal variation, rainfall varies significantly from year to year with historic annual amounts ranging from 37 inches to 106 inches in the planning area. The amount of rainfall also varies regionally within the LEC Planning Area. Rainfall also varies by area, with rainfall amounts generally decreasing from east to west.

#### Surface Water

The Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) and the Bonaventure Development District (BDD) stormwater management systems offer maximum recharge possibility by indirect infiltration of stormwater into the groundwater via lakes and canals. The Bonaventure Development District is responsible for primary drainage and maintenance of the canal system in the Bonaventure area of Weston. The surface water management system within the remainder of the City of Weston is separated into two areas: Basin 1 and Basin 2. Map 3-3 identifies the drainage basins. The existing major surface water management facilities consist of more than 1,600 acres of the manmade lake systems within Sectors 1 through 16. Map 1-2 identifies the waterbodies within the City of Weston.

The drainage and aquifer recharge sub-section of the Infrastructure element provides specific details on the functioning of the lakes and canals and their relationship to the surface and subsurface hydrologic patterns in the City of Weston.

#### **WETLANDS**

Historically the area was Everglades marsh dominated by sawgrass with scattered but not abundant tree islands. The area had been ditched and drained for pastureland and had been isolated from the historic surface water sheet flow by the U.S. Highway 27 berm. The water levels over this area decreased and the pasture lands, most unmaintained, then became infested with invasive exotic plant species, predominately Melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) and Brazilian Pepper (*Schinus terebithifolius*).

For impacts to the areas of degraded wetlands that remained, mitigation was required for the development of the Weston DRI. For Increment II of the Weston DRI, the following permits were issued: FL-DEP permit 061519289 modified and superseded by 061979619, ACOE permit 89IPG-20040, and Broward County DPEP License DF91-1004. For Increment III, the following permits were issued: ACOE 199101073 (IP-MN). DPEP DF95-1148, and FDEP 061992039. For the Isles at Weston, the following permits were issued: ACOE Permit No. 199602454 (IP-DEB), EPD License No. DF 01-1101, and SFWMD Permit No. 06-03067-P. There is approximately 1,900 acres of wetland mitigation land within Weston that the City of Weston maintains. This is comprised of enhanced freshwater marsh lands and created littoral lake shelves. See Appendix 4-A. *Mitigation Lands Maintained by the City of Weston*. Additionally, there is approximately another 415 acres of freshwater marsh wetland mitigation that is maintained through private ownership or by Broward County or by the SFWMD.

The vacant, undeveloped lands on the western edge of the City of Weston are the intended location for components of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), a joint project of the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District. Approved in 2000 by Congress (authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA, 2000), CERP takes a watershed approach and is considered the largest environmental restoration program in history. CERP is largely based upon a series of projects designed to "get the water right" in South Florida through the acquisition, planning, designing and constructing of more than 50 individual projects throughout south Florida. Two CERP projects fall within Weston, the C-11 Impoundment and the 3A/3B Seepage Management Area. The C-11 Impound is proposed on the vacant lands east of US 27, and the 3A/3B Seepage Management Area is the vacant land west of U.S. 27, which is also known as Water Conservation Area 3/A.

The primary purpose of the C-11 Impoundment Project is to divert and temporarily store runoff from the western C-11 basin that is presently discharged into Water Conservation Area 3A. It will also function to control seepage from Water Conservation Areas 3A and 3B by improving groundwater elevations and providing incidental flood protection for the western C-11 basin.

Normally, water in the C-11 Canal goes to tide. However, when a large storm is in the area the S-9 pump station is operated which draws water in the C-11 Canal toward the pump station. The outlet of the S-9 pump station is Water Conservation Area 3 which is a part of the Everglades. Water in the C-11 Canal during a storm has runoff with undesirable characteristics. The purpose of the C-11 Impoundment is to pump water from the C-11 Canal during the storm and store it in the impoundment, diverting the water with undesirable characteristic from being directly discharged into the Everglades system.

The February 2008, Design Documentation Report from the Army Corps of Engineers identifies that the C-11 Impoundment component features a 1,068-acre, 4.3-feet deep, aboveground impoundment feature (also defined as a reservoir). The impoundment is approximately 1.5 miles in width from east to west for the northern half, and 1.0 mile in width for the southern half. Other design elements include a combined inflow/seepage pump station, assorted gated and non-gated

structures, several fixed weirs, one adjustable weir, an emergency spillway structure, and perimeter embankments and seepage control canals. The design also includes two wetland marsh areas.

The proposed impoundment is designed with an embankment crest 14 feet in width with a design crest elevation of 13.00ft.-NAVD or 8.5 feet above assumed average natural grade of 4.50ft.-NGVD. Permanent access around the site will include an 18 foot wide perimeter gravel road, aggregate or soil cement roads along the top of the embankments and levees. Additionally, standard 12 foot wide turnouts will be constructed along the embankment and levee crests at maximum intervals of 0.5 miles. Ramps at various locations will provide access along the impoundment. The perimeter of the C-11 Impoundment Project site will be disturbed by clearing and grubbing; whereas the interior of the site will only be cleared.

The Impoundment will also include three seepage canals: (1) C-511 around the eastern, northern, and western perimeter of the reservoir, (2) C-512 around the mostly eastern and northern perimeter of Mitigation A, and (3) C-513 around the mostly eastern and northern perimeter of Mitigation B. The C-511 Seepage canal has two purposes: (1) the primary purpose is to intercept seepage from the reservoir to eliminate or reduce to a rate that prevents significantly negative impacts to nearby private lands' existing levels of service flood protection and (2) the secondary purpose is to convey, under emergency conditions, breach flow to the C-11 Canal should the unexpected event occur.

The C-512 Seepage canal has as a primary purpose to intercept seepage from Mitigation A to eliminate or reduce to a rate that prevents significantly negative impacts to nearby private lands' existing levels of service flood protection. The canal also receives excess seepage collected by C-513 Seepage canals and discharges into the eastern reach of the C-511 Seepage canal. The C-513 Seepage canal is to intercept seepage from Mitigation B to eliminate or reduce to a rate that prevents significantly negative impacts to nearby private lands' existing levels of service flood protection.

Construction of the C-11 Impoundment Project will impact existing wetlands and existing mitigation wetlands. An interagency team has been established to determine the wetland Functional CapaCity of Weston Units (FCUs) loss due to adverse wetlands impacts which may occur through the development of these projects; as well as to determine a compensatory mitigation plan to address any adverse wetland impacts. The new wetland mitigation area for the project encompasses most of the area north of SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, excluding the "Finger Lakes", manmade borrow pits from previous resource extraction. This wetland mitigation area also includes a smaller area south of SW 26th Street and directly east of US-27. The wetland mitigation area will be bounded on the south by the L-511, and by the L-512/514 on the west, north, and east. Two existing City of Weston mitigation areas fall within the planned C-11 mitigation footprint. The two City of Weston mitigation areas, 110.2 and 115.2 acres respectively, were conveyed to the South Florida Water Management District in December 2015. There will be a drainage ditch running along the outside of the L-512 on the north and east, intercepting stormwater from the western stormwater canal and redirecting it to the C-511 seepage canal. Excavated material from the drainage ditch will be utilized to construct the L-512/514 levee.

The primary objective of the 3A/3B Seepage Management Area Project is to reduce the rate of seepage eastward from Water Conservation Areas 3A and 3B. The project will also provide vital conveyance capaCity of Weston from the C-11 Impoundment to the C-9 Impoundment (located in Miramar) for optimization of storage for stormwater generated within the western C-11 Basin. Map 1-4 identifies the mitigation lands within the City of Weston and Map 1-9 identifies the location of the proposed CERP projects.

The two CERP projects located in the City of Weston are part of the Accelor8 program which is implemented through the South Florida Water Management District to hasten the development of certain projects. Construction for the Impoundment has not yet begun but the land acquisition process is completed.

#### LAND COVER AND NATURAL HABITAT

Map 1-8 identifies the land coverage within the City of Weston. In general the City of Weston is comprised of four components; the developed community, the mitigation lands, the Water Conservation Area 3/A and the area intended for the development of the C-11 Impoundment.

The developed components of the City of Weston have been created through excavation and fill operations. Any existing conditions at the time of development have been replaced. As a planned community, the City of Weston has had the capaCity of Weston to implement a substantive landscape code with all development. The City of Weston requires that at a minimum 50% of all required landscape material be native for the residential and the commercial components of the City of Weston. The extensive landscaped berm systems throughout the City of Weston surrounding each neighborhood that is maintained by the City of Weston, requires a minimum of 40% native vegetation. There is a 36-hole golf courses and an 18-hole golf course in the City of Weston as well. There is extensive native landscape vegetation throughout the developed community, on average a 40% open space criteria is required.

There are 2315 acres of mitigation land within the City of Weston that have been restored and maintained in their natural state. Of this total acreage, nearly 2,050 is sawgrass dominated or freshwater marsh habitat with scattered 'tree islands'; the remaining mitigation acreage is littoral lake edges. The Water Conservation Area located west of U.S. 27 is sawgrass dominated marsh habitat which the South Florida Water Management District maintains.

The land identified as the location for the development of the C-11 Impoundment is degraded from the historic sawgrass marsh conditions. The area was ditched and drained, has been utilized for pasture land, some areas used for crop land or plant nurseries, and several man-made borrow pits remain where resource extraction occurred in the past. There are degraded remnant wetlands in this area. Overall the area is heavily infested with the invasive exotic plant species, Melaleuca (Melaleuca quinquenervia), Brazilian Pepper (Schinus terebithifolius) and Australian Pines (Casuarina equisetifolia).

Appendix 4-B. Native Plant Species that May Occur in the City of Weston, contains a list of the native plant species that may be found in the City of Weston and identifies those species that are listed as either threatened or endangered by federal and state agencies. Appendix 4-C. Listed Animal Species that May Occur in the City of Weston, identifies the federal and state listed animal species that may occur within or utilize habitat within the City of Weston. Appendix 4-D. Invasive Plant Species, identifies the invasive exotic pest plant species that occur within and are problematic to the City of Weston of Weston.

#### **POLLUTANTS**

Waste generators, above and underground storage tanks, and dry cleaning facilities are licensed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The Environmental Assessment and Remediation (EAR) Section of the Pollution Prevention and Remediation Division of the Broward County Environmental Protection Department manages the assessment and remediation of contamination at a majority of the over 1,000 contaminated sites located within Broward County. The EAR Section manages the State funded Petroleum Cleanup Program for the FDEP as well as conducting the oversight, licensing, assessment, and remediation of the Non State Funded cleanup projects, which may involve petroleum or other chemical contaminations.

Broward County has identified seven sites within the City of Weston as contaminated. These sites are licensed for contamination assessment and cleanup by the Division of Pollution Prevention and Remediation of the BCEPD and by the FDEP. **Appendix 4-E.** *Contaminated Sites in the City of Weston* identifies these contaminated sites. Development of a coordinated working relationship with the EAR Section of BCEPD will allow the City of Weston to remain current on the status of the sites within the City of Weston that are under the project management of the EAR Section.

The City of Weston can discourage residential source contamination through providing public information on the safe disposal of home chemicals and by encouraging these be brought to the Central HHW Collection Center, located at 5490 Reese Road in the Town of Davie. The HHW Center accepts flammables, toxics, corrosives, and reactive waste. (i.e.: paints (oil and latex), paint thinners and strippers, used oil, automotive fluids & gasoline, solvents, pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, spot removers, oven and drain cleaners, furniture and metal polish, mercury, batteries and tires.)

# CONSERVATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 4

To conserve, manage, use and protect the natural and environmental resources of Weston ensuring continued resource availability and environmental quality.

# 4.1 Objective:

Maintain the best possible air quality, meeting or exceeding state and federal air quality standards.

# 4.1.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall support enforcement of applicable standards for air quality to control significant emissions of air pollutants in order to maintain and improve the existing air quality, including enforcement of City of Weston ordinances which prohibit open burning and excessive vehicle exhausts.

#### 4.1.2 Policy:

Open burning and excessive vehicle exhausts shall be prohibited.

#### 4.1.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall strictly enforce the adopted landscaping standards to ensure the preservation and restoration of native vegetation, to promote substrate stabilization, to filter air pollutants, and to produce oxygen.

#### 4.1.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall enforce all adopted measures to contain and stabilize exposed or destabilized soil surfaces at construction sites to prevent erosion and the degradation of ambient air quality through the generation of dust particles.

#### 4.1.5 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to coordinate and cooperate with Federal, State and County Agencies on implementing air pollution control regulations and remediation measures.

#### 4.1.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to amend the land development regulations to adopt specific standards and strategies, such as allowances for electric car charging stations that address greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficient housing, and overall energy conservation.

#### 4.1.7 Policy:

As the replacement of municipal vehicles is scheduled, the City of Weston shall consider the availability of replacement with low emission or fuel efficient vehicles.

#### 4.1.8 Policy:

The City of Weston shall provide educational materials and promote recycling to enhance the efficiency of curbside pick-up, and reduce the materials being sent to landfills and ultimate reduce methane production.

# 4.1.9 Policy:

The City of Weston shall encourage the diversion from landfills of materials that are recyclable when issuing construction demolition permits.

# 4.2 Objective:

Secure provision of potable water in sufficient quantity and quality to meet present and projected needs, commensurate with reasonable demand.

# 4.2.1 Policy:

Cooperate with local, regional, state and federal agencies for the management of fresh water resources to maintain adequate fresh water supplies during dry periods and to conserve water by strictly enforcing the Florida Friendly principles incorporated in the adopted Landscape ordinance.

#### 4.2.2 Policy:

Cooperate with Broward County and the South Florida Water Management District for the implementation of water demand management policies and programs.

#### 4.2.3 Policy:

All federal, state, and regional water quality standards shall be enforced in Weston through periodic monitoring.

#### 4.2.4 Policy:

Cooperate with South Florida Water Management District, Bonaventure Development District, Indian Trace Development District, City of Weston of Sunrise and other agencies, municipalities and service providers to conserve water resources in emergencies and during declared water shortages.

#### 4.2.5 Policy:

Activities and land uses within natural groundwater recharge areas shall be restricted to protect the quality and quantity of this water source.

#### 4.2.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall participate in the development of conservation programs contained in the Regional Water Supply Plan in conjunction with the South Florida Water Management District.

# 4.2.7 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue its efforts to publicize and encourage water conservation, including the implementation of reuse programs and potable water conservation strategies and techniques.

#### 4.2.8 Policy:

The City of Weston shall assess projected water needs and sources for the long-range planning period by creating and maintaining a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with a minimum 10-year planning horizon. Future water supply planning shall emphasize the efficient use of water resources and where possible and financially feasible, utilize alternative water sources.

### 4.2.9 Policy:

The City of Weston shall enforce the adopted Water Conservation Plan which includes utilization of Florida Friendly landscaping principals, rain sensor devices and pressure controls.

### 4.2.10 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain and continuously calibrate the City's irrigation pumps. The irrigation pumps shall be reviewed and replaced as part of a monthly program.

### 4.2.11 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to investigate the long-range feasibility of utilizing reclaimed water for irrigation purposes from neighboring municipalities.

### 4.2.10 Policy:

The City of Weston supports the South Florida Water Management District's water restrictions and conservation efforts during times of water shortages as well as year-round conservation rules.

### 4.3 Objective:

Assure that generation, storage, transport and disposal of wastes in Weston is managed with the best available technology to protect environmental quality.

#### 4.3.1 Policy:

When new sewers are extended into an area currently using septic systems for wastewater disposal, all buildings must connect with the public wastewater collection system within the time frame required by Florida Statute.

#### 4.3.2 Policy:

New subdivisions shall provide sewerage and connections for each lot in the development.

#### 4.3.3 Policy:

New septic tank systems shall meet applicable state standards for permitting.

#### 4.3.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall cooperate with appropriate public agencies to assure that solid and hazardous wastes generated within the City of Weston, if any, are properly managed to protect the environment The City of Weston shall report any hazardous waste violation they may become aware of to the appropriate jurisdictional agency.

#### 4.3.5 Policy:

The City of Weston shall coordinate with Broward County and the state to encourage the development of effective strategies to improve the area-wide Solid Waste Management Program to include more innovative solid and hazardous waste management technologies to save energy, produce renewable energy and effectively manage hazardous waste.

### 4.4 Objective:

Conserve and protect the remaining natural systems of Weston, including minerals, soils and native vegetative communities, in recognition of the inherent values of these areas left in their natural state, through appropriate land use designation and regulation.

### 4.4.1 Policy:

Conserve and protect the natural resources of all wetlands, conservation areas and oolite limestone bed within the City of Weston.

#### 4.4.2 Policy:

Compliance with approved permits with other local governments, state, federal and private plans and programs for conservation of natural resources shall be incorporated into the City of Weston planning process.

#### 4.4.3 Policy:

Wetlands and submerged lands shall be used for purposes which are compatible with their natural values and functions, and City of Weston land development regulations shall be revised where warranted to provide these areas with the maximum possible protection.

### 4.4.4 Policy:

Protect and conserve the natural functions of existing soils, fisheries, lakes and floodplains through enforcement of existing local, state and federal regulations designed to protect and conserve these functions.

### 4.4.5 Policy:

The City of Weston shall distribute land uses in a manner that avoids or minimizes, to the greatest degree practicable, the effect and impact on wetlands and lands identified by the South Florida Water Management District's East Coast Buffer.

### 4.4.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall maintain consistency with program policies of the National Flood Insurance Program and shall monitor new cost effective programs for minimizing flood damage. Such programs may include modifications to construction setback requirements or other site design techniques, as well as upgraded building and construction techniques.

### 4.4.7 Policy:

The City of Weston shall require all development projects to adhere to measures to contain and stabilize exposed or destabilized soil surfaces at construction sites to prevent erosion and sediment run-off.

### 4.5 Objective:

Preserve areas of significant environmental and public value including fisheries, wildlife, wildlife habitat and marine habitat, through appropriate land use designations and regulations.

### 4.5.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to cooperate with adjacent municipalities and Broward County to preserve and protect natural resources, natural areas and vegetative communities through periodic meetings.

#### 4.5.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall support state and federal laws for the protection of endangered and threatened species and significant plant and animal habitat. Including:

- 1. Champion trees as recognized by Florida Department of Agriculture;
- 2. Specimen trees as recognized by Florida Department of Agriculture;
- 3. Plant and Animal species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered; and
- 4. Plant species listed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as threatened or endangered; and
- 5. Animal species as listed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as threatened or endangered.

### 4.5.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall support ongoing education programs about native plant and listed animal species and the diversity of natural communities.

### 4.5.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall provide for open space as a part of the requirements for all development and redevelopment. Open space areas shall be designated and treated in such a manner as to maintain the integrity, whether the primary purpose is to serve as natural vegetative or wildlife habitat, or as cultivated landscaped space. No land shall be developed, used or occupied such that the amount of open space on the

parcel proposed for development is less than the required open space established by City of Weston ordinance.

#### 4.5.5 Policy:

Provide continued beautification of streets, rights-of-way and public open spaces and facilities within Weston through grant applications or other funding sources. Applicable local, state, federal and private funding sources will be pursued and used to support beautification projects.

#### 4.5.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall protect existing natural reservations identified in the Recreation and Open Space Element through the site planning approval process.

### 4.6 Objective:

Ensure that development activities mitigate adverse ecological changes or actually improve previously degraded environmental conditions.

#### 4.6.1 Policy:

Those areas designated on the Future Land Use Map for conservation will not allow development, the only allowable exception shall be open space and recreational uses, subject to review by the City of Weston Commission.

#### 4.6.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall require site-plan review of all proposed development or redevelopment to prevent unnecessary destruction or inappropriate use of existing natural resources and natural sites.

### 4.6.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall strictly enforce the adopted landscaping standards which require the preservation of existing natural growth, the removal of invasive, exotic plant species and the promotion of native plant materials usage. These standards shall contain limitations, restoration and mitigation measures to compensate for the loss of native vegetation and define stabilization measures for areas impacted by development.

#### 4.6.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall use the best available technical criteria and information for the formulation of regulations and ordinances to ensure that future development is compatible with the functioning of existing natural systems and resources conservation.

### 4.6.5 Policy:

The City of Weston shall require the owner/applicant to remove all Class I and II invasive exotic vegetation, as recognized by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, from the subject site as a condition for new development or re-development.

### 4.6.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston in order to promote energy conservation.

### 4.7 Objective:

Assure the maintenance and conservation of trees within Weston, through continued maintenance of trees within City of Weston properties and the site plan review process for new development.

#### 4.7.1 Policy:

Native vegetative communities shall be preserved during development or redevelopment and if any native vegetative community must be removed during development or redevelopment, another native vegetative community shall be replanted to replace the removed vegetative community in equal value in terms of area, quality and quantity.

### 4.7.2 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to implement the scheduled maintenance plan for the effective removal of invasive vegetation removal on City of Weston lands. This program shall include monitoring and plans for revegetation.

### 4.7.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall encourage and educate the public in the planting and maintenance of trees.

#### 4.7.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall coordinate with and support the efforts of the Broward Beautiful, Naturescape Broward, Keep America Beautiful and other similar organizations as appropriate.

#### 4.8 Objective:

Future land uses that are incompatible with the protection or conservation of wetlands and wetland functions shall be directed away from wetlands. Where incompatible land uses are allowed to occur, mitigation shall be considered as one means to compensate for loss of wetland functions.

#### 4.8.1 Policy:

Proper landscape buffering shall be required between wetlands and designated conservation areas and land uses that negatively impact the conservation ecosystem.

### 4.8.2 Policy:

As a condition of development approval when applicable, the City of Weston shall require approval from all applicable external agencies regarding the protection of wetland habitat.

# Appendix A Mitigation Lands Maintained by the City of Weston

Location	Acres
Isles at Weston South	6.01
Isles at Weston North	58.54
Blue Cow	29
FDEP Connector	20
275	280.1
1185	1187.8
Seepage Barrier	54.4
FDOT R/W	93
Sector 1/2	21.17
Sector 3	104.8
Sector 4	17.91
Sector 5	5.64
Sector 6	21.69
Sector 7	60.68
Sector 8	8.68
Sector 9/10	13.46
Sector 16	10.01

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Abildgaardia ovata	FLATSPIKE SEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Abutilon permolle	COASTAL INDIAN MALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Acer rubrum	RED MAPLE	SAPINDACEAE		
Acmella oppositifolia var. repens	OPPOSITELEAF SPOTFLOWER	ASTERACEAE		
Acrostichum aureum	GOLDEN LEATHER FERN	PTERIDACEAE	Т	
Acrostichum danaeifolium	GIANT LEATHER FERN	PTERIDACEAE		
Adiantum tenerum	BRITTLE MAIDENHAIR	PTERIDACEAE	Е	
Aeschynomene americana	SHYLEAF	FABACEAE		
Agalinis linifolia	FLAXLEAF FALSE FOXGLOVE	OROBANCHACEAE		
Agalinis purpurea	PURPLE FALSE FOXGLOVE	OROBANCHACEAE		
Ageratina jucunda	HAMMOCK SNAKEROOT	ASTERACEAE		
Alternanthera flavescens	YELLOW JOYWEED	AMARANTHACEAE		
Alternanthera maritima	SEASIDE JOYWEED	AMARANTHACEAE		
Amaranthus australis	SOUTHERN AMARANTH	AMARANTHACEAE		
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	COMMON RAGWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Ambrosia trifida	GIANT RAGWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Ammannia coccinea	VALLEY REDSTEM; SCARLET AMMANNIA	LYTHRACEAE		
Ammannia latifolia	PINK REDSTEM; TOOTHCUPS	LYTHRACEAE		
Amorpha fruticosa	BASTARD FALSE INDIGO	FABACEAE		
Ampelopsis arborea	PEPPERVINE	VITACEAE		
Amphicarpum muhlenbergianum	BLUE MAIDENCANE	POACEAE		
Amyris elemifera	SEA TORCHWOOD	RUTACEAE		
Andropogon brachystachyus	SHORTSPIKE BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon floridanus	FLORIDA BLUESTEM	POACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Andropogon glomeratus var. pumilus	BUSHY BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon longiberbis	HAIRY BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon ternarius	SPLITBEARD BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon virginicus	BROOMSEDGE BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon virginicus var. decipiens	BROOMSEDGE BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Andropogon virginicus var. glaucus	CHALKY BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Anemia adiantifolia	MAIDENHAIR PINELAND FERN	SCHIZAEACEAE		
Annona glabra	POND APPLE	ANNONACEAE		
Apios americana	GROUNDNUT	FABACEAE		
Ardisia escallonioides	MARLBERRY	MYRSINACEAE		
Argemone albiflora	BLUESTEM PRICKLYPOPPY	PAPAVERACEAE		
Argemone mexicana	MEXICAN PRICKLYPOPPY	PAPAVERACEAE		
Argusia gnaphalodes	SEA ROSEMARY; SEA LAVENDER	BORAGINACEAE	Е	
Aristida gyrans	CORKSCREW THREEAWN	POACEAE		
Aristida purpurascens	ARROWFEATHER THREEAWN	POACEAE		
Aristida purpurascens var. tenuispica	HILLSBORO THREEAWN	POACEAE		
Aristida purpurascens var. virgata	ARROWFEATHER THREEAWN	POACEAE		
Aristida spiciformis	BOTTLEBRUSH THREEAWN	POACEAE		
Aristolochia pentandra	MARSH'S DUTCHMAN'S-PIPE	ARISTOLOCHIACEAE	E	
Asclepias curtissii	CURTISS' MILKWEED	APOCYNACEAE	E	
Asclepias incarnata	SWAMP MILKWEED	APOCYNACEAE		
Asclepias lanceolata	FEWFLOWER MILKWEED	APOCYNACEAE		
Asemeia violacea	SHOWY MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		
Asimina reticulata	NETTED PAWPAW	ANNONACEAE		
Asplenium abscissum	CUTLEAF SPLEENWORT	ASPLENIACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Asplenium dentatum	TOOTHED or SLENDER SPLEENWORT	ASPLENIACEAE	E	
Asplenium serratum	WILD BIRDNEST FERN or SPLEENWORT	ASPLENIACEAE	Е	
Atriplex pentandra	CRESTED SALTBUSH	AMARANTHACEAE		
Avicennia germinans	BLACK MANGROVE	AVICENNIACEAE		
Axonopus compressus	TROPICAL or BROADLEAF CARPETGRASS	POACEAE		
Azolla filiculoides	AMERICAN WATERFERN; PACIFIC MOSQUITOFERN	AZOLLACEAE		
Baccharis angustifolia	SALTWATER FALSEWILLOW	ASTERACEAE		
Baccharis glomeruliflora	SILVERLING	ASTERACEAE		
Baccharis halimifolia	GROUNDSEL TREE; SEA MYRTLE	ASTERACEAE		
Bacopa caroliniana	LEMON BACOPA; BLUE WATERHYSSOP	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Bacopa monnieri	HERB-OF-GRACE	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Balduina angustifolia	COASTALPLAIN HONEYCOMBHEAD	ASTERACEAE		
Bartonia verna	WHITE SCREWSTEM	GENTIANACEAE		
Bejaria racemosa	TARFLOWER	ERICACEAE		
Bidens alba	BEGGARTICKS; ROMERILLO	ASTERACEAE		
Bidens bipinnata	SPANISH NEEDLES	ASTERACEAE		
Bidens laevis	BURRMARIGOLD; SMOOTH BEGGARTICKS	ASTERACEAE		
Bigelowia nudata subsp. australis	PINELAND RAYLESS GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Blechnum serrulatum	TOOTHED MIDSORUS FERN; SWAMP FERN	BLECHNACEAE		
Bletia purpurea	PINEPINK	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Blutaparon vermiculare	SAMPHIRE; SILVERHEAD	AMARANTHACEAE		
Boehmeria cylindrica	FALSE NETTLE; BOG HEMP	URTICACEAE		
Boerhavia diffusa	RED SPIDERLING; WINEFLOWER	NYCTAGINACEAE		
Boerhavia erecta	ERECT SPIDERLING	NYCTAGINACEAE		
Boltonia diffusa	SMALLHEAD DOLL'S DAISY	ASTERACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Borrichia frutescens	BUSHY SEASIDE OXEYE	ASTERACEAE		
Buchnera americana	AMERICAN BLUEHEARTS	OROBANCHACEAE		
Bulbostylis ciliatifolia	CAPILLARY HAIRSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Bulbostylis stenophylla	SANDYFIELD HAIRSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Burmannia capitata	SOUTHERN BLUETHREAD	BURMANNIACEAE		
Bursera simaruba	GUMBO LIMBO	BURSERACEAE		
Cabomba caroliniana	CAROLINA FANWORT	CABOMBACEAE		
Caesalpinia bonduc	GRAY NICKER	FABACEAE		
Cakile lanceolata	COASTAL SEAROCKET	BRASSICACEAE		
Callicarpa americana	AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY	LAMIACEAE		
Callisia cordifolia	FLORIDA ROSELING	COMMELINACEAE		
Callisia ornata	FLORIDA SCRUB ROSELING	COMMELINACEAE		
Calopogon multiflorus	MANYFLOWERED GRASSPINK	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Calopogon pallidus	PALE GRASSPINK	ORCHIDACEAE		
Calopogon tuberosus	TUBEROUS GRASSPINK	ORCHIDACEAE		
Calopogon tuberosus var. simpsonii	SIMPSON'S GRASSPINK	ORCHIDACEAE		
Calystegia sepium subsp. limnophila	HEDGE FALSE BINDWEED	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Campanula floridana	FLORIDA BELLFLOWER	CAMPANULACEAE		
Campyloneurum phyllitidis	LONG STRAP FERN	POLYPODIACEAE		
Canavalia rosea	BAYBEAN; SEASIDE JACKBEAN	FABACEAE		
Canna flaccida	BANDANNA-OF-THE-EVERGLADES	CANNACEAE		
Caperonia castaneifolia	CHESTNUTLEAF FALSECROTON	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Capraria biflora	GOATWEED	SCROPHULARIACEAE		
Capsicum annuum var. glabriusculum	BIRD PEPPER	SOLANACEAE		
Cardamine pensylvanica	PENNSYLVANIA BITTERCRESS	BRASSICACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Cardiospermum microcarpum	HEARTSEED	SAPINDACEAE		
Carex longii	LONG'S SEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Carica papaya	PAPAYA	CARICACEAE		
Carphephorus corymbosus	COASTALPLAIN CHAFFHEAD; FLORIDA PAINTBRUSH	ASTERACEAE		
Carya floridana	SCRUB HICKORY	JUGLANDACEAE		
Cassytha filiformis	LOVE VINE; DEVIL'S GUT	LAURACEAE		
Catopsis floribunda	FLORIDA STRAP or MANY-FLOWERED AIRPLANT	BROMELIACEAE	Т	
Celtis laevigata	SUGARBERRY; HACKBERRY	CANNABACEAE		
Cenchrus echinatus	SOUTHERN SANDBUR	POACEAE		
Cenchrus gracillimus	SLENDER SANDBUR	POACEAE		
Cenchrus spinifex	COASTAL SANDBUR	POACEAE		
Centella asiatica	SPADELEAF	APIACEAE		
Centrosema virginianum	SPURRED BUTTERFLY PEA	FABACEAE		
Cephalanthus occidentalis	COMMON BUTTONBUSH	RUBIACEAE		
Ceratiola ericoides	FLORIDA ROSEMARY; SAND HEATH	ERICACEAE		
Ceratophyllum demersum	COONTAIL	CERATOPHYLLACEAE		
Ceratopteris pteridoides	WATER HORN FERN	PTERIDACEAE		
Chamaecrista fasciculata	PARTRIDGE PEA	FABACEAE		
Chamaecrista nictitans var. aspera	SENSITIVE PEA	FABACEAE		
Chamaesyce blodgettii	LIMESTONE SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce bombensis	DIXIE SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce conferta	EVERGLADE KEY SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce cumulicola	COASTAL DUNE SANDMAT; SAND DUNE SPURGE	EUPHORBIACEAE	E	
Chamaesyce hirta	PILLPOD SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Chamaesyce hypericifolia	GRACEFUL SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce hyssopifolia	HYSSOPLEAF SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce maculata	SPOTTED SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce mesembrianthemifolia	COASTAL BEACH SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chamaesyce prostrata	PROSTRATE SANDMAT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Chaptalia tomentosa	WOOLLY SUNBONNETS; PINELAND DAISY	ASTERACEAE		
Chiococca alba	SNOWBERRY; MILKBERRY	RUBIACEAE		
Chromolaena odorata	JACK-IN-THE-BUSH	ASTERACEAE		
Chrysobalanus icaco	COCO PLUM	CHRYSOBALANACEAE		
Chrysophyllum oliviforme	SATINLEAF	SAPOTACEAE	T	
Chrysopsis delaneyi	DELANEY'S GOLDENASTER	ASTERACEAE		
Chrysopsis scabrella	COASTALPLAIN GOLDENASTER	ASTERACEAE		
Cicuta maculata	SPOTTED WATER HEMLOCK	APIACEAE		
Cirsium horridulum	PURPLE THISTLE	ASTERACEAE		
Cirsium nuttallii	NUTTALL'S THISTLE	ASTERACEAE		
Cissus verticillata	SEASONVINE; POSSUM GRAPE	VITACEAE		
Cladium jamaicense	JAMAICA SWAMP SAWGRASS	CYPERACEAE		
Clematis baldwinii	PINE-HYACINTH	RANUNCULACEAE		
Clinopodium brownei	BROWNE'S SAVORY	LAMIACEAE		
Clusia rosea	PITCHAPPLE; SCOTCH ATTORNEY	CLUSIACEAE		
Cnidoscolus stimulosus	TREAD-SOFTLY; FINGER-ROT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Coccoloba diversifolia	TIETONGUE; PIGEON PLUM	POLYGONACEAE		
Coccoloba uvifera	SEAGRAPE	POLYGONACEAE		
Coccothrinax argentata	FLORIDA SILVER PALM	ARECACEAE	Т	
Coelorachis rugosa	WRINKLED JOINTTAILGRASS	POACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Commelina erecta	WHITEMOUTH DAYFLOWER	COMMELINACEAE		
Conocarpus erectus	BUTTONWOOD	COMBRETACEAE		
Conoclinium coelestinum	BLUE MISTFLOWER	ASTERACEAE		
Conradina grandiflora	LARGEFLOWER FALSE ROSEMARY	LAMIACEAE	Т	
Conyza canadensis	CANADIAN HORSEWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Coreopsis floridana	FLORIDA TICKSEED	ASTERACEAE		
Coreopsis leavenworthii	LEAVENWORTH'S TICKSEED	ASTERACEAE		
Crinum americanum	SEVEN-SISTERS; STRING-LILY	AMARYLLIDACEAE		
Crocanthemum corymbosum	PINEBARREN FROSTWEED	CISTACEAE		
Crocanthemum nashii	FLORIDA SCRUB FROSTWEED	CISTACEAE		
Crotalaria pumila	LOW RATTLEBOX	FABACEAE		
Crotalaria rotundifolia	RABBITBELLS	FABACEAE		
Croton glandulosus var. septentrionalis	VENTE CONMIGO	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Croton punctatus	GULF CROTON; BEACH TEA	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Ctenitis sloanei	FLORIDA TREE FERN; RED-HAIR COMB FERN	DRYOPTERIDACEAE	E	
Ctenitis submarginalis	BROWN-HAIR COMB FERN	DRYOPTERIDACEAE	E	
Cuscuta pentagona	FIVEANGLED DODDER	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Cyperus compressus	POORLAND FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus croceus	BALDWIN'S FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus distinctus	SWAMP FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus elegans	ROYAL FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus flavescens	YELLOW FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus haspan	HASPAN FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus lecontei	LECONTE'S FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus ligularis	SWAMP FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Cyperus odoratus	FRAGRANT FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus ovatus	PINEBARREN FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus pedunculatus	BEACHSTAR	CYPERACEAE	Е	
Cyperus planifolius	FLATLEAF FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus polystachyos	MANYSPIKE FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus squarrosus	BEARDED FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus surinamensis	TROPICAL FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Cyperus tetragonus	FOURANGLE FLATSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Dalbergia ecastaphyllum	COINVINE	FABACEAE		
Dalea carnea	WHITETASSELS	FABACEAE		
Dalea feayi	FEAY'S PRAIRIECLOVER	FABACEAE		
Dalea pinnata var. adenopoda	SUMMER FAREWELL	FABACEAE		
Dichanthelium aciculare	NEEDLELEAF WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium commutatum	VARIABLE WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium dichotomum	CYPRESS WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium ensifolium	CYPRESS WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium ensifolium var. unciphyllum	CYPRESS WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium erectifolium	ERECTLEAF WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium laxiflorum	OPENFLOWER WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium portoricense	HEMLOCK WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichanthelium strigosum var. glabrescens	ROUGHHAIR WITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Dichondra carolinensis	CAROLINA PONYSFOOT	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Dicliptera sexangularis	SIXANGLE FOLDWING	ACANTHACEAE		
Digitaria ciliaris	SOUTHERN CRABGRASS	POACEAE		
Digitaria filiformis	SLENDER CRABGRASS; SHAGGY CRABGRASS	POACEAE		

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	State Listed	Federal Listed
Digitaria horizontalis	JAMAICAN CRABGRASS	POACEAE		
Diodia virginiana	VIRGINIA BUTTONWEED	RUBIACEAE		
Diospyros virginiana	COMMON PERSIMMON	EBENACEAE		
Dodonaea viscosa	VARNISHLEAF; FLORIDA HOPBUSH	SAPINDACEAE		
Drosera capillaris	PINK SUNDEW	DROSERACEAE		
Drypetes lateriflora	GUIANA PLUM	PUTRANJIVACEAE	Т	
Dyschoriste angusta	PINELAND TWINFLOWER; PINELAND SNAKEHERB	ACANTHACEAE		
Echinochloa muricata	ROUGH BARNYARDGRASS	POACEAE		
Echinochloa paludigena	FLORIDA COCKSPUR	POACEAE		
Echinochloa walteri	COAST COCKSPUR	POACEAE		
Echites umbellatus	DEVIL'S POTATO; RUBBERVINE	APOCYNACEAE		
Eclipta prostrata	FALSE DAISY	ASTERACEAE		
Eleocharis baldwinii	BALDWIN'S SPIKERUSH; ROADGRASS	CYPERACEAE		
Eleocharis cellulosa	GULF COAST SPIKERUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Eleocharis elongata	SLIM SPIKERUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Eleocharis geniculata	CANADA SPIKERUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Eleocharis interstincta	KNOTTED SPIKERUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Eleocharis vivipara	VIVIPAROUS SPIKERUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Elephantopus elatus	TALL ELEPHANTSFOOT	ASTERACEAE		
Elionurus tripsacoides	PAN-AMERICAN BALSAMSCALE	POACEAE		
Eltroplectris calcarata	LONGCLAW ORCHID; SPURRED NEOTTIA	ORCHIDACEAE	Е	
Elytraria caroliniensis	CAROLINA SCALYSTEM	ACANTHACEAE		
Encyclia tampensis	FLORIDA BUTTERFLY ORCHID	ORCHIDACEAE		
Epidendrum anceps	DINGY-FLOWERED STAR ORCHID or EPIDENDRUM	ORCHIDACEAE	E	

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Epidendrum nocturnum	NIGHT-SCENTED ORCHID or EPIDENDRUM	ORCHIDACEAE	E	
Epidendrum rigidum	STIFF-FLOWER STAR ORCHID; RIGID EPIDENDRUM	ORCHIDACEAE	Е	
Equisetum hyemale var. affine	SCOURING-RUSH	EQUISETACEAE		
Eragrostis elliottii	ELLIOTT'S LOVEGRASS	POACEAE		
Erechtites hieraciifolius	AMERICAN BURNWEED; FIREWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Erigeron quercifolius	OAKLEAF FLEABANE	ASTERACEAE		
Eriocaulon compressum	FLATTENED PIPEWORT	ERIOCAULACEAE		
Eriocaulon decangulare	TENANGLE PIPEWORT	ERIOCAULACEAE		
Eriocaulon ravenelii	RAVENEL'S PIPEWORT	ERIOCAULACEAE		
Ernodea littoralis	BEACH CREEPER; COUGHBUSH	RUBIACEAE		
Eryngium aromaticum	FRAGRANT ERYNGO	APIACEAE		
Eryngium baldwinii	BALDWIN'S ERYNGO	APIACEAE		
Eryngium yuccifolium	BUTTON RATTLESNAKEMASTER; BUTTON ERYNGO	APIACEAE		
Eugenia axillaris	WHITE STOPPER	MYRTACEAE		
Eugenia foetida	SPANISH STOPPER; BOXLEAF STOPPER	MYRTACEAE		
Eulophia alta	WILD COCO	ORCHIDACEAE		
Eupatorium capillifolium	DOGFENNEL	ASTERACEAE		
Eupatorium leptophyllum	FALSEFENNEL	ASTERACEAE		
Eupatorium mikanioides	SEMAPHORE THOROUGHWORT	ASTERACEAE		
Eupatorium mohrii	MOHR'S THOROUGHWORT	ASTERACEAE		
Eupatorium serotinum	LATEFLOWERING THOROUGHWORT	ASTERACEAE		
Euphorbia polyphylla	LESSER FLORIDA SPURGE	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Euphorbia trichotoma	SANDDUNE SPURGE	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Eustachys glauca	SALTMARSH FINGERGRASS	POACEAE		

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Eustachys petraea	PINEWOODS FINGERGRASS	POACEAE		
Eustoma exaltatum	MARSH GENTIAN; CATCHFLY PRAIRIE- GENTIAN	GENTIANACEAE		
Euthamia caroliniana	SLENDER FLATTOP GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Evolvulus alsinoides	SLENDER DWARF MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Evolvulus sericeus	SILVER DWARF MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Exothea paniculata	INKWOOD; BUTTERBOUGH	SAPINDACEAE		
Ficus aurea	STRANGLER FIG; GOLDEN FIG	MORACEAE		
Ficus citrifolia	WILD BANYAN TREE	MORACEAE		
Fimbristylis autumnalis	SLENDER FIMBRY	CYPERACEAE		
Fimbristylis caroliniana	CAROLINA FIMBRY	CYPERACEAE		
Fimbristylis cymosa	HURRICANEGRASS	CYPERACEAE		
Fimbristylis dichotoma	FORKED FIMBRY	CYPERACEAE		
Fimbristylis spadicea	MARSH FIMBRY	CYPERACEAE		
Flaveria linearis	NARROWLEAF YELLOWTOPS	ASTERACEAE		
Forestiera segregata	FLORIDA SWAMPPRIVET	OLEACEAE		
Froelichia floridana	COTTONWEED; PLAINS SNAKECOTTON	AMARANTHACEAE		
Fuirena breviseta	SALTMARSH UMBRELLASEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Fuirena scirpoidea	SOUTHERN UMBRELLASEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Galactia regularis	DOWNY MILKPEA	FABACEAE		
Galactia volubilis	EASTERN MILKPEA	FABACEAE		
Galium hispidulum	COASTAL BEDSTRAW	RUBIACEAE		
Galium tinctorium	STIFF MARSH BEDSTRAW	RUBIACEAE		
Gamochaeta antillana	CARIBBEAN PURPLE or DELICATE EVERLASTING	ASTERACEAE		
Gamochaeta purpurea	SPOONLEAF PURPLE EVERLASTING or CUDWEED	ASTERACEAE		

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Genipa clusiifolia	SEVENYEAR APPLE	RUBIACEAE		
Geranium carolinianum	CAROLINA CRANESBILL	GERANIACEAE		
Glandularia maritima	COASTAL MOCK VERVAIN	VERBENACEAE	E	
Guapira discolor	BEEFTREE; BLOLLY	NYCTAGINACEAE		
Guettarda elliptica	HAMMOCK VELVETSEED	RUBIACEAE		
Gymnopogon chapmanianus	CHAPMAN'S SKELETONGRASS	POACEAE		
Habenaria floribunda	TOOTHPETAL FALSE REINORCHID or MIGNONETTE	ORCHIDACEAE		
Habenaria repens	WATERSPIDER FALSE REINORCHID	ORCHIDACEAE		
Hamelia patens	FIREBUSH	RUBIACEAE		
Helenium amarum	SPANISH DAISY; BITTERWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Helenium pinnatifidum	SOUTHEASTERN SNEEZEWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Helianthus debilis	EAST COAST DUNE SUNFLOWER	ASTERACEAE		
Heliotropium angiospermum	SCORPIONSTAIL	BORAGINACEAE		
Heliotropium curassavicum	SEASIDE HELIOTROPE; SALT HELIOTROPE	BORAGINACEAE		
Heliotropium polyphyllum	PINELAND HELIOTROPE	BORAGINACEAE		
Heterotheca subaxillaris	CAMPHORWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Hibiscus coccineus	SCARLET ROSEMALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Hibiscus furcellatus	LINDENLEAF ROSEMALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Hibiscus grandiflorus	SWAMP ROSEMALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Houstonia procumbens	INNOCENCE; ROUNDLEAF BLUET	RUBIACEAE		
Hydrocotyle umbellata	MANYFLOWER MARSHPENNYWORT	ARALIACEAE		
Hydrolea corymbosa	SKYFLOWER	HYDROLEACEAE		
Hypericum brachyphyllum	COASTALPLAIN ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum cistifolium	ROUNDPOD ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum fasciculatum	SANDWEED; PEELBARK ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		

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Hypericum gentianoides	PINEWEEDS; ORANGEGRASS	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum hypericoides	ST.ANDREW'S-CROSS	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum mutilum	DWARF ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum myrtifolium	MYRTLELEAF ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypericum tetrapetalum	FOURPETAL ST.JOHN'S-WORT	CLUSIACEAE		
Hypoxis wrightii	BRISTLESEED YELLOW STARGRASS	HYPOXIDACEAE		
Hyptis alata	CLUSTERED BUSHMINT; MUSKY MINT	LAMIACEAE		
Ilex cassine	DAHOON	AQUIFOLIACEAE		
Ilex glabra	INKBERRY; GALLBERRY	AQUIFOLIACEAE		
Ipomoea alba	MOONFLOWER; TROPICAL WHITE MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea cordatotriloba	TIEVINE	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea hederifolia	SCARLETCREEPER	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea imperati	BEACH MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea indica	OCEANBLUE MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis	RAILROAD VINE; BAYHOPS	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea sagittata	SALTMARSH MORNING-GLORY	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Ipomoea x leucantha		CONVOLVULACEAE		
Iresine diffusa	JUBA'S BUSH	AMARANTHACEAE		
Itea virginica	VIRGINIA WILLOW; VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE	ITEACEAE		
Iva imbricata	SEACOAST MARSHELDER	ASTERACEAE		
Iva microcephala	PIEDMONT MARSHELDER	ASTERACEAE		
Jacquemontia pentanthos	SKYBLUE CLUSTERVINE	CONVOLVULACEAE	E	E
Jacquemontia reclinata	BEACH CLUSTERVINE; BEACH JACQUEMONTIA	CONVOLVULACEAE	E	E
Jacquemontia tamnifolia	HAIRY CLUSTERVINE	CONVOLVULACEAE		

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Juncus marginatus	SHORE RUSH; GRASSLEAF RUSH	JUNCACEAE		
Juncus megacephalus	BIGHEAD RUSH	JUNCACEAE		
Juncus paludosus		JUNCACEAE		
Juncus scirpoides	NEEDLEPOD RUSH	JUNCACEAE		
Justicia angusta	PINELAND WATERWILLOW	ACANTHACEAE		
Kallstroemia maxima	BIG CALTROP	ZYGOPHYLLACEAE		
Kosteletzkya pentacarpos	VIRGINIA SALTMARSH MALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Krugiodendron ferreum	BLACK IRONWOOD; LEADWOOD	RHAMNACEAE		
Lachnanthes caroliana	CAROLINA REDROOT	HAEMODORACEAE		
Lachnocaulon anceps	WHITEHEAD BOGBUTTON	ERIOCAULACEAE		
Lachnocaulon minus	SMALL'S BOGBUTTON	ERIOCAULACEAE		
Lactuca graminifolia	GRASSLEAF LETTUCE	ASTERACEAE		
Laguncularia racemosa	WHITE MANGROVE	COMBRETACEAE		
Lantana involucrata	BUTTONSAGE	VERBENACEAE		
Lasiacis divaricata	SMALLCANE; FLORIDA TIBISEE	POACEAE		
Lechea cernua	NODDING PINWEED; SCRUB PINWEED	CISTACEAE	T	
Lechea deckertii	DECKERT'S PINWEED	CISTACEAE		
Lechea divaricata	DRYSAND PINWEED; SPREADING PINWEED	CISTACEAE	Е	
Lechea sessiliflora	PINELAND PINWEED	CISTACEAE		
Lechea torreyi	PIEDMONT PINWEED	CISTACEAE		
Leersia hexandra	SOUTHERN CUTGRASS	POACEAE		
Lepidium virginicum	VIRGINIA PEPPERWEED	BRASSICACEAE		
Leptochloa fusca subsp. fascicularis	BEARDED SPRANGLETOP	POACEAE		
Liatris chapmanii	CHAPMAN'S GAYFEATHER	ASTERACEAE		
Liatris garberi	GARBER'S GAYFEATHER	ASTERACEAE		

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Liatris gracilis	SLENDER GAYFEATHER	ASTERACEAE		
Liatris tenuifolia var. quadriflora	SHORTLEAF GAYFEATHER	ASTERACEAE		
Licania michauxii	GOPHER APPLE	CHRYSOBALANACEAE		
Linaria canadensis	CANADIAN TOADFLAX	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Linaria floridana	APALACHICOLA TOADFLAX	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Lindernia dubia	MOISTBANK or YELLOWSEED FALSE PIMPERNEL	LINDERNIACEAE		
Lindernia grandiflora	SAVANNAH FALSE PIMPERNEL	LINDERNIACEAE		
Linum floridanum	FLORIDA YELLOW FLAX	LINACEAE		
Lippia stoechadifolia	SOUTHERN FOGFRUIT; SOUTHERN MATCHSTICKS	VERBENACEAE	E	
Lobelia feayana	BAY LOBELIA	CAMPANULACEAE		
Lobelia glandulosa	GLADE LOBELIA	CAMPANULACEAE		
Ludwigia alata	WINGED PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia curtissii	CURTISS' PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia decurrens	WINGLEAF PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia erecta	YERBA DE JICOTEA	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia maritima	SEASIDE PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia microcarpa	SMALLFRUIT PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia octovalvis	MEXICAN PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Ludwigia repens	CREEPING PRIMROSEWILLOW	ONAGRACEAE		
Lupinus diffusus	SKYBLUE LUPINE	FABACEAE		
Luziola fluitans	SOUTHERN WATERGRASS	POACEAE		
Lycopodiella appressa	SOUTHERN BOG CLUB-MOSS	LYCOPODIACEAE		
Lycopodiella cernua	NODDING CLUB-MOSS; STAGHORN CLUB- MOSS	LYCOPODIACEAE		
Lygodesmia aphylla	ROSE-RUSH	ASTERACEAE		

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Lyonia fruticosa	COASTALPLAIN STAGGERBUSH	ERICACEAE		
Lyonia lucida	FETTERBUSH	ERICACEAE		
Lythrum alatum var. lanceolatum	WINGED LOOSESTRIFE	LYTHRACEAE		
Magnolia virginiana	SWEETBAY	MAGNOLIACEAE		
Malvastrum corchorifolium	FALSE MALLOW	MALVACEAE		
Mecardonia acuminata subsp. peninsularis	AXILFLOWER	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Mecardonia procumbens	BABY JUMPUP	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Melanthera nivea	SNOW SQUARESTEM	ASTERACEAE		
Melochia pyramidata	PYRAMIDFLOWER	MALVACEAE		
Melothria pendula	CREEPING CUCUMBER	CUCURBITACEAE		
Mentzelia floridana	POORMAN'S PATCH; STICKLEAF	LOASACEAE		
Merremia dissecta	NOYAU VINE	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Metopium toxiferum	FLORIDA POISONTREE; POISONWOOD	ANACARDIACEAE		
Mikania scandens	CLIMBING HEMPVINE	ASTERACEAE		
Mitreola petiolata	LAX HORNPOD	LOGANIACEAE		
Morinda royoc	REDGAL	RUBIACEAE		
Morus rubra	RED MULBERRY	MORACEAE		
Mucuna sloanei	HORSEEYE BEAN	FABACEAE		
Muhlenbergia capillaris	HAIRAWN MUHLY	POACEAE		
Muhlenbergia capillaris var. filipes	GULF HAIRAWN MUHLY	POACEAE		
Myrcianthes fragrans	TWINBERRY; SIMPSON'S STOPPER	MYRTACEAE	Т	
Myrica cerifera	SOUTHERN BAYBERRY; WAX MYRTLE	MYRICACEAE		
Myrsine cubana	MYRSINE; COLICWOOD	MYRSINACEAE		
Najas guadalupensis	SOUTHERN WATERNYMPH	HYDROCHARITACEAE		
Najas wrightiana	WRIGHT'S WATERNYMPH	HYDROCHARITACEAE		

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Nemastylis floridana	CELESTIAL LILY; FALLFLOWERING IXIA	IRIDACEAE	E	
Nephrolepis biserrata	GIANT SWORD FERN	NEPHROLEPIDACEAE	Т	
Nephrolepis exaltata	SWORD FERN; WILD BOSTON FERN	NEPHROLEPIDACEAE		
Nephrolepis x averyi	AVERY'S SWORD FERN	NEPHROLEPIDACEAE		
Neptunia pubescens	TROPICAL PUFF	FABACEAE		
Nuphar advena	SPATTERDOCK; YELLOW PONDLILY	NYMPHAEACEAE		
Nymphaea mexicana	YELLOW WATERLILY	NYMPHAEACEAE		
Nymphaea odorata	AMERICAN WHITE WATERLILY	NYMPHAEACEAE		
Ocotea coriacea	LANCEWOOD	LAURACEAE		
Oenothera biennis	COMMON EVENINGPRIMROSE	ONAGRACEAE		
Oenothera humifusa	SEABEACH EVENINGPRIMROSE	ONAGRACEAE		
Oenothera laciniata	CUTLEAF EVENINGPRIMROSE	ONAGRACEAE		
Oenothera simulans	SOUTHERN BEEBLOSSOM	ONAGRACEAE		
Okenia hypogaea	BURROWING FOUR-O'CLOCK; BEACH PEANUT	NYCTAGINACEAE	E	
Oldenlandia uniflora	CLUSTERED MILLE GRAINES	RUBIACEAE		
Ophioglossum nudicaule	SLENDER ADDER'S-TONGUE	OPHIOGLOSSACEAE		
Ophioglossum palmatum	HAND FERN	OPHIOGLOSSACEAE	Е	
Oplismenus hirtellus	WOODSGRASS; BASKETGRASS	POACEAE		
Opuntia humifusa	PRICKLYPEAR	CACTACEAE		
Opuntia stricta	ERECT PRICKLYPEAR; SHELL-MOUND PRICKLYPEAR	CACTACEAE	Т	
Orthosia scoparia	LEAFLESS SWALLOWWORT	APOCYNACEAE		
Osmunda cinnamomea	CINNAMON FERN	OSMUNDACEAE		
Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis	ROYAL FERN	OSMUNDACEAE		
Oxalis corniculata	COMMON YELLOW WOODSORREL; CREEPING WOODSORREL	OXALIDACEAE		

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Packera glabella	BUTTERWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Palafoxia feayi	FEAY'S PALAFOX	ASTERACEAE		
Panicum amarum	BITTER PANICGRASS	POACEAE		
Panicum dichotomiflorum	FALL PANICGRASS	POACEAE		
Panicum dichotomiflorum var. bartowense	FALL PANICGRASS	POACEAE		
Panicum hemitomon	MAIDENCANE	POACEAE		
Panicum hians	GAPING PANICUM	POACEAE		
Panicum rigidulum	REDTOP PANICUM	POACEAE		
Panicum tenerum	BLUEJOINT PANICUM	POACEAE		
Panicum virgatum	SWITCHGRASS	POACEAE		
Parietaria floridana	FLORIDA PELLITORY	URTICACEAE		
Parietaria praetermissa	CLUSTERED PELLITORY	URTICACEAE		
Paronychia americana	AMERICAN NAILWORT	CARYOPHYLLACEAE		
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	VIRGINIA CREEPER; WOODBINE	VITACEAE		
Paspalum blodgettii	CORAL PASPALUM; BLODGETT'S CROWNGRASS	POACEAE		
Paspalum conjugatum	SOUR PASPALUM; HILOGRASS	POACEAE		
Paspalum distichum	KNOTGRASS	POACEAE		
Paspalum monostachyum	GULFDUNE PASPALUM	POACEAE		
Paspalum setaceum	THIN PASPALUM	POACEAE		
Passiflora incarnata	PURPLE PASSIONFLOWER	PASSIFLORACEAE		
Passiflora pallens	PINELAND PASSIONFLOWER; PINELAND PASSIONVINE	PASSIFLORACEAE	Е	
Passiflora suberosa	CORKYSTEM PASSIONFLOWER	PASSIFLORACEAE		
Pecluma ptilota var. bourgeauana	COMB POLYPODY; SWAMP PLUME POLYPODY; PALMLEAF ROCKCAP FERN	POLYPODIACEAE	E	
Pectis glaucescens	SANDDUNE CINCHWEED	ASTERACEAE		

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Pectis linearifolia	FLORIDA CINCHWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Pectis prostrata	SPREADING CINCHWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Pedilanthus tithymaloides subsp. smallii	JACOB'S LADDER; DEVIL'S BACKBONE; REDBIRD	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Peltandra virginica	GREEN ARROW ARUM	ARACEAE		
Pentodon pentandrus	HALES'S PENTODON	RUBIACEAE		
Peperomia obtusifolia	FLORIDA PEPEROMIA; BABY RUBBERPLANT	PIPERACEAE	E	
Persea borbonia	RED BAY	LAURACEAE		
Persea palustris	SWAMP BAY	LAURACEAE		
Persicaria glabra	DENSEFLOWER KNOTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Persicaria hydropiperoides	MILD WATERPEPPER; SWAMP SMARTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Persicaria punctata	DOTTED SMARTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Persicaria setacea	BOG SMARTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Petiveria alliacea	GUINEA HEN WEED	PHYTOLACCACEAE		
Phlebodium aureum	GOLDEN POLYPODY	POLYPODIACEAE		
Phragmites australis	COMMON REED	POACEAE		
Phyla nodiflora	TURKEY TANGLE FOGFRUIT; CAPEWEED	VERBENACEAE		
Phyllanthus abnormis	DRUMMOND'S LEAFFLOWER	PHYLLANTHACEAE		
Phyllanthus caroliniensis subsp. saxicola	ROCK CAROLINA LEAFFLOWER	PHYLLANTHACEAE		
Physalis angulata	CUTLEAF GROUNDCHERRY	SOLANACEAE		
Physalis angustifolia	COASTAL GROUNDCHERRY	SOLANACEAE		
Physalis arenicola	CYPRESSHEAD GROUNDCHERRY	SOLANACEAE		
Physalis pubescens	HUSK TOMATO	SOLANACEAE		
Physalis walteri	WALTER'S GROUNDCHERRY	SOLANACEAE		
Phytolacca americana	AMERICAN POKEWEED	PHYTOLACCACEAE		
Pilea microphylla	ARTILLERY PLANT; ROCKWEED	URTICACEAE		

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Piloblephis rigida	WILD PENNYROYAL	LAMIACEAE		
Pinguicula lutea	YELLOW or YELLOW-FLOWERED BUTTERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE	Т	
Pinguicula pumila	SMALL BUTTERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Pinus clausa	SAND PINE	PINACEAE		
Pinus elliottii	SLASH PINE	PINACEAE		
Piriqueta cistoides subsp. caroliniana	PITTED STRIPESEED	TURNERACEAE		
Pisonia aculeata	DEVIL'S CLAWS; PULLBACK	NYCTAGINACEAE		
Pithecellobium keyense	FLORIDA KEYS BLACKBEAD	FABACEAE	Т	
Pityopsis graminifolia	NARROWLEAF SILKGRASS	ASTERACEAE		
Pityrogramma trifoliata	GOLDENROD FERN	PTERIDACEAE		
Plantago virginica	VIRGINIA PLANTAIN; SOUTHERN PLANTAIN	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Pleopeltis astrolepis	STAR-SCALE POLYPODY; STAR-SCALED FERN	POLYPODIACEAE	Е	
Pleopeltis polypodioides var. michauxiana	RESURRECTION FERN	POLYPODIACEAE		
Pluchea baccharis	ROSY CAMPHORWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Pluchea odorata	SWEETSCENT	ASTERACEAE		
Plumbago zeylanica	DOCTORBUSH	PLUMBAGINACEAE		
Poinsettia cyathophora	PAINTEDLEAF; FIRE-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Poinsettia heterophylla	FIDDLER'S SPURGE; MEXICAN FIREPLANT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Polanisia tenuifolia	SLENDERLEAF CLAMMYWEED	BRASSICACEAE		
Polygala balduinii	BALDWIN'S MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala cruciata	DRUMHEADS	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala incarnata	PROCESSION FLOWER	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala lutea	ORANGE MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala nana	CANDYROOT	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala polygama	RACEMED MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		

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Polygala rugelii	YELLOW MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala setacea	COASTALPLAIN MILKWORT	POLYGALACEAE		
Polygala smallii	SMALL'S MILKWORT; TINY POLYGALA	POLYGALACEAE	Е	E
Polygonella ciliata	HAIRY JOINTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Polygonella gracilis	TALL JOINTWEED	POLYGONACEAE		
Polygonella polygama	OCTOBER FLOWER	POLYGONACEAE		
Polygonella polygama var. brachystachya	OCTOBER FLOWER	POLYGONACEAE		
Polypremum procumbens	RUSTWEED; JUNIPERLEAF	TETRACHONDRACEAE		
Polystachya concreta	GREATER YELLOWSPIKE ORCHID; PALE- FLOWERED POLYSTACHYA	ORCHIDACEAE	E	
Pontederia cordata	PICKERELWEED	PONTEDERIACEAE		
Ponthieva racemosa	HAIRY SHADOW WITCH	ORCHIDACEAE		
Portulaca pilosa	PINK PURSLANE; KISS-ME-QUICK	PORTULACACEAE		
Potamogeton illinoensis	ILLINOIS PONDWEED	POTAMOGETONACEAE		
Proserpinaca palustris	MARSH MERMAIDWEED	HALORAGACEAE		
Prunus caroliniana	CAROLINA LAURELCHERRY	ROSACEAE		
Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium	SWEET EVERLASTING; RABBIT TOBACCO	ASTERACEAE		
Psilotum nudum	WHISK-FERN	PSILOTACEAE		
Psychotria nervosa	WILD COFFEE	RUBIACEAE		
Psychotria sulzneri	SHORTLEAF WILD COFFEE	RUBIACEAE		
Pteridium aquilinum var. caudatum	LACY BRACKEN	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE		
Pteridium aquilinum var. pseudocaudatum	TAILED BRACKEN	DENNSTAEDTIACEAE		
Pterocaulon pycnostachyum	BLACKROOT	ASTERACEAE		
Pteroglossaspis ecristata	GIANT ORCHID; NON-CRESTED EULOPHIA	ORCHIDACEAE	E	
Ptilimnium capillaceum	MOCK BISHOPSWEED; HERBWILLIAM	APIACEAE		
Quercus chapmanii	CHAPMAN'S OAK	FAGACEAE		

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Quercus geminata	SAND LIVE OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus laurifolia	LAUREL OAK; DIAMOND OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus minima	DWARF LIVE OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus myrtifolia	MYRTLE OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus nigra	WATER OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus pumila	RUNNING OAK	FAGACEAE		
Quercus virginiana	LIVE OAK	FAGACEAE		
Randia aculeata	WHITE INDIGOBERRY	RUBIACEAE		
Rhabdadenia biflora	RUBBERVINE; MANGROVEVINE	APOCYNACEAE		
Rhexia cubensis	WEST INDIAN MEADOWBEAUTY	MELASTOMATACEAE		
Rhizophora mangle	RED MANGROVE	RHIZOPHORACEAE		
Rhus copallinum	WINGED SUMAC	ANACARDIACEAE		
Rhynchospora colorata	STARRUSH WHITETOP	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora corniculata	SHORTBRISTLE HORNED BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora divergens	SPREADING BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora fascicularis	FASCICLED BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora inundata	NARROWFRUIT HORNED BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora latifolia	GIANT WHITETOP; SANDSWAMP WHITETOP	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora megalocarpa	SANDYFIELD BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora microcarpa	SOUTHERN BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora microcephala	BUNCHED BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora miliacea	MILLET BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora nitens	SHORTBEAK BEAKSEDGE; BALDRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora odorata	FRAGRANT BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		
Rhynchospora tracyi	TRACY'S BEAKSEDGE	CYPERACEAE		

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Rivina humilis	ROUGEPLANT	PHYTOLACCACEAE		
Rorippa palustris	BOG YELLOWCRESS	BRASSICACEAE		
Rorippa teres	SOUTHERN MARSH YELLOWCRESS	BRASSICACEAE		
Rotala ramosior	LOWLAND ROTALA; TOOTHCUP	LYTHRACEAE		
Rubus cuneifolius	SAND BLACKBERRY	ROSACEAE		
Rubus trivialis	SOUTHERN DEWBERRY	ROSACEAE		
Rudbeckia hirta	BLACKEYED SUSAN	ASTERACEAE		
Ruellia caroliniensis	CAROLINA WILD PETUNIA	ACANTHACEAE		
Ruellia succulenta	THICKLEAF WILD PETUNIA	ACANTHACEAE		
Rumex verticillatus	SWAMP DOCK	POLYGONACEAE		
Sabal etonia	SCRUB PALMETTO	ARECACEAE		
Sabal palmetto	CABBAGE PALM	ARECACEAE		
Sabatia calycina	COASTAL ROSEGENTIAN	GENTIANACEAE		
Sabatia decandra	BARTRAM'S ROSEGENTIAN	GENTIANACEAE		
Sabatia grandiflora	LARGEFLOWER ROSEGENTIAN	GENTIANACEAE		
Sabatia stellaris	ROSE-OF-PLYMOUTH	GENTIANACEAE		
Saccharum giganteum	SUGARCANE PLUMEGRASS	POACEAE		
Sacciolepis striata	AMERICAN CUPSCALE	POACEAE		
Sacoila lanceolata	LEAFLESS BEAKED LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Sacoila lanceolata var. paludicola	LEAFY BEAKED LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Sagittaria lancifolia	BULLTONGUE ARROWHEAD	ALISMATACEAE		
Sagittaria latifolia	COMMON ARROWHEAD; DUCK POTATO	ALISMATACEAE		
Salix caroliniana	CAROLINA WILLOW; COASTALPLAIN WILLOW	SALICACEAE		
Salvia azurea	AZURE BLUE SAGE	LAMIACEAE		
Salvia coccinea	TROPICAL SAGE; BLOOD SAGE	LAMIACEAE		

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Salvia misella	SOUTHERN RIVER SAGE; RIVER SAGE	LAMIACEAE		
Salvia occidentalis	WEST INDIAN SAGE	LAMIACEAE		
Salvia serotina	LITTLEWOMAN	LAMIACEAE		
Sambucus nigra subsp. canadensis	AMERICAN ELDER; ELDERBERRY	ADOXACEAE		
Samolus ebracteatus	WATER PIMPERNEL; LIMEWATER BROOKWEED	SAMOLACEAE		
Samolus valerandi subsp. parviflorus	PINELAND PIMPERNEL; SEASIDE BROOKWEED	SAMOLACEAE		
Sapindus saponaria	SOAPBERRY	SAPINDACEAE		
Sarcocornia ambigua	PERENNIAL GLASSWORT; VIRGINIA GLASSWORT	amaranthaceae		
Sarcostemma clausum	WHITE TWINEVINE	APOCYNACEAE		
Saururus cernuus	LIZARD'S TAIL	SAURURACEAE		
Scaevola plumieri	BEACHBERRY; INKBERRY; GULLFEED	GOODENIACEAE	Т	
Schizachyrium gracile	WIRE BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Schizachyrium sanguineum	CRIMSON BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Schizachyrium scoparium	LITTLE BLUESTEM	POACEAE		
Schoenocaulon dubium	FLORIDA FEATHERSHANK	MELANTHIACEAE		
Schoenoplectus pungens	THREESQUARE BULRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	SOFTSTEM BULRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Schoenus nigricans	BLACK BOGRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Schoepfia chrysophylloides	GRAYTWIG	SCHOEPFIACEAE		
Scleria baldwinii	BALDWIN'S NUTRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Scleria distans	RIVERSWAMP NUTRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Scleria reticularis	NETTED NUTRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Scleria triglomerata	TALL NUTGRASS; WHIP NUTRUSH	CYPERACEAE		
Scleria verticillata	LOW NUTRUSH	CYPERACEAE		

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Scoparia dulcis	SWEETBROOM; LICORICEWEED	PLANTAGINACEAE		
Selaginella arenicola	SAND SPIKE-MOSS	SELAGINELLACEAE		
Senna ligustrina	PRIVET WILD SENSITIVE PLANT	FABACEAE		
Senna obtusifolia	COFFEEWEED; SICKLEPOD	FABACEAE		
Serenoa repens	SAW PALMETTO	ARECACEAE		
Sericocarpus tortifolius	WHITETOP ASTER; DIXIE ASTER	ASTERACEAE		
Sesbania herbacea	DANGLEPOD	FABACEAE		
Sesbania vesicaria	BLADDERPOD; BAGPOD	FABACEAE		
Sesuvium portulacastrum	SHORELINE SEAPURSLANE	AIZOACEAE		
Setaria corrugata	COASTAL BRISTLEGRASS; COASTAL FOXTAIL	POACEAE		
Setaria macrosperma	CORAL BRISTLEGRASS; CORAL FOXTAIL	POACEAE		
Setaria magna	GIANT BRISTLEGRASS	POACEAE		
Setaria parviflora	YELLOW BRISTLEGRASS; KNOTROOT FOXTAIL	POACEAE		
Seymeria pectinata	PIEDMONT BLACKSENNA	OROBANCHACEAE		
Sida ciliaris	BRACTED FANPETALS; FRINGED FANPETALS	MALVACEAE		
Sida rhombifolia	CUBAN JUTE; INDIAN HEMP	MALVACEAE		
Sida ulmifolia	COMMON WIREWEED; COMMON FANPETALS	MALVACEAE		
Sideroxylon foetidissimum	FALSE MASTIC	SAPOTACEAE		
Sideroxylon reclinatum	FLORIDA BULLY	SAPOTACEAE		
Sideroxylon salicifolium	WILLOW BUSTIC; WHITE BULLY	SAPOTACEAE		
Simarouba glauca	PARADISETREE	SIMAROUBACEAE		
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	NARROWLEAF BLUE-EYED GRASS	IRIDACEAE		
Sisyrinchium nashii	NASH'S BLUE-EYED GRASS	IRIDACEAE		
Sisyrinchium xerophyllum	JEWELED BLUE-EYED GRASS	IRIDACEAE		

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Smilax auriculata	EARLEAF GREENBRIER	SMILACACEAE		
Smilax laurifolia	LAUREL GREENBRIER; BAMBOO VINE	SMILACACEAE		
Solanum americanum	AMERICAN BLACK NIGHTSHADE	SOLANACEAE		
Solanum bahamense	BAHAMA NIGHTSHADE; CANKERBERRY	SOLANACEAE		
Solanum erianthum	POTATOTREE	SOLANACEAE		
Solidago fistulosa	PINEBARREN GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Solidago leavenworthii	LEAVENWORTH'S GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Solidago odora var. chapmanii	CHAPMAN'S GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Solidago sempervirens	SEASIDE GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Solidago stricta	WAND GOLDENROD	ASTERACEAE		
Sophora tomentosa var. truncata	YELLOW NECKLACEPOD	FABACEAE		
Sorghastrum secundum	LOPSIDED INDIANGRASS	POACEAE		
Spartina alterniflora	SALTMARSH CORDGRASS; SMOOTH CORDGRASS	POACEAE		
Spermacoce remota	WOODLAND FALSE BUTTONWEED	RUBIACEAE		
Spigelia anthelmia	WEST INDIAN PINKROOT	LOGANIACEAE		
Spiranthes laciniata	LACELIP LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Spiranthes longilabris	LONGLIP or GIANTSPIRAL LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE	Т	
Spiranthes odorata	FRAGRANT or MARSH LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE		
Spiranthes praecox	GREENVEIN LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE		
Spiranthes torta	SOUTHERN LADIESTRESSES	ORCHIDACEAE	E	
Spirodela polyrhiza	COMMON DUCKWEED	ARACEAE		
Sporobolus domingensis	CORAL DROPSEED	POACEAE		
Sporobolus virginicus	SEASHORE DROPSEED	POACEAE		
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	BLUE PORTERWEED; JOEE	VERBENACEAE		
Stenandrium dulce	SWEET SHAGGYTUFT	ACANTHACEAE		

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Stenotaphrum secundatum	ST. AUGUSTINEGRASS	POACEAE		
Stillingia aquatica	WATER TOOTHLEAF; CORKWOOD	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Stillingia sylvatica	QUEENSDELIGHT	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Stipulicida setacea	PINELAND SCALYPINK	CARYOPHYLLACEAE		
Stuckenia pectinata	SAGO PONDWEED	POTAMOGETONACEAE		
Stylisma villosa	HAIRY DAWNFLOWER	CONVOLVULACEAE		
Stylosanthes hamata	CHEESYTOES	FABACEAE		
Suriana maritima	BAY CEDAR	SURIANACEAE		
Swietenia mahagoni	WEST INDIAN MAHOGANY	MELIACEAE	T	
Symphyotrichum bahamense	BAHAMAN ASTER	ASTERACEAE		
Symphyotrichum simmondsii	SIMMONDS' ASTER	ASTERACEAE		
Taxodium ascendens	POND-CYPRESS	CUPRESSACEAE		
Taxodium distichum	BALD-CYPRESS	CUPRESSACEAE		
Tectaria heracleifolia	BROAD HALBERD FERN	DRYOPTERIDACEAE	Т	
Tephrosia angustissima var. curtissii	CURTISS' HOARYPEA	FABACEAE	Е	
Tephrosia florida	FLORIDA HOARYPEA	FABACEAE		
Tephrosia rugelii	RUGEL'S HOARYPEA	FABACEAE		
Tephrosia spicata	SPIKED HOARYPEA	FABACEAE		
Teucrium canadense	WOOD SAGE; CANADIAN GERMANDER	LAMIACEAE		
Thalia geniculata	ALLIGATORFLAG; FIREFLAG	MARANTACEAE		
Thelypteris augescens	ABRUPT-TIP MAIDEN FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE	Т	
Thelypteris hispidula var. versicolor	HAIRY MAIDEN FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE		
Thelypteris interrupta	HOTTENTOT FERN; WILLDENOW'S FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE		
Thelypteris kunthii	MAIDEN FERN; SOUTHERN SHIELD FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE		
Thelypteris ovata	OVATE MARSH FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE		

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Thelypteris palustris var. pubescens	MARSH FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE		
Thelypteris reptans	CREEPING STAR-HAIR FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE	Е	
Thelypteris reticulata	LATTICE-VEIN FERN	THELYPTERIDACEAE	Е	
Tiedemannia filiformis	WATER COWBANE	APIACEAE		
Tillandsia balbisiana	NORTHERN NEEDLELEAF	BROMELIACEAE	Т	
Tillandsia fasciculata	CARDINAL; COMMON or STIFF-LEAVED WILD PINE	BROMELIACEAE	E	
Tillandsia flexuosa	TWISTED AIRPLANT; BANDED AIRPLANT	BROMELIACEAE	Т	
Tillandsia paucifolia	POTBELLY AIRPLANT	BROMELIACEAE		
Tillandsia recurvata	BALLMOSS	BROMELIACEAE		
Tillandsia setacea	SOUTHERN NEEDLELEAF	BROMELIACEAE		
Tillandsia usneoides	SPANISH MOSS	BROMELIACEAE		
Tillandsia utriculata	GIANT AIRPLANT; GIANT WILD PINE	BROMELIACEAE	E	
Tillandsia variabilis	LEATHERLEAF AIRPLANT; SOFT-LEAVED WILD PINE	BROMELIACEAE	Т	
Toxicodendron radicans	EASTERN POISON IVY	ANACARDIACEAE		
Tragia urens	WAVYLEAF NOSEBURN	EUPHORBIACEAE		
Trema micrantha	NETTLETREE	CANNABACEAE		
Trichostema dichotomum	FORKED BLUECURLS	LAMIACEAE		
Trichostigma octandrum	HOOPVINE	PHYTOLACCACEAE	E	
Tridens flavus	TALL REDTOP; PURPLETOP TRIDENS	POACEAE		
Triglochin striata	ARROWGRASS	JUNCAGINACEAE		
Triphora gentianoides	GENTIAN NODDINGCAPS	ORCHIDACEAE		
Triplasis americana	PERENNIAL SANDGRASS	POACEAE		
Triplasis purpurea	PURPLE SANDGRASS	POACEAE		
Tripsacum dactyloides	EASTERN GAMAGRASS; FAKAHATCHEEGRASS	POACEAE		

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Typha domingensis	SOUTHERN CATTAIL	TYPHACEAE		
Typha latifolia	BROADLEAF CATTAIL	TYPHACEAE		
Uniola paniculata	SEAOATS	POACEAE		
Utricularia cornuta	HORNED BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia foliosa	LEAFY BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia gibba	HUMPED BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia purpurea	EASTERN PURPLE BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia resupinata	LAVENDER or SMALL PURPLE BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia simulans	FRINGED BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Utricularia subulata	ZIGZAG BLADDERWORT	LENTIBULARIACEAE		
Vaccinium myrsinites	SHINY BLUEBERRY	ERICACEAE		
Vachellia farnesiana	SWEET ACACIA	FABACEAE		
Vachellia farnesiana var. pinetorum	PINELAND ACACIA	FABACEAE		
Vallisneria americana	TAPEGRASS; AMERICAN EELGRASS	HYDROCHARITACEAE		
Verbena scabra	SANDPAPER VERVAIN; HARSH VERVAIN	VERBENACEAE		
Verbesina virginica	WHITE CROWNBEARD; FROSTWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Vernonia blodgettii	FLORIDA IRONWEED; BLODGETT'S IRONWEED	ASTERACEAE		
Viburnum obovatum	WALTER'S VIBURNUM; SMALL-LEAF VIBURNUM	ADOXACEAE		
Vicia acutifolia	FOURLEAF VETCH	FABACEAE		
Vigna luteola	HAIRYPOD COWPEA	FABACEAE		
Viola sororia	COMMON BLUE VIOLET	VIOLACEAE		
Vitis aestivalis	SUMMER GRAPE	VITACEAE		
Vitis cinerea var. floridana	FLORIDA GRAPE	VITACEAE		
Vitis rotundifolia	MUSCADINE	VITACEAE		

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Vitis shuttleworthii	CALLOOSE GRAPE	VITACEAE		
Vittaria lineata	SHOESTRING FERN	PTERIDACEAE		
Waltheria indica	SLEEPY MORNING	MALVACEAE		
Wolffia columbiana	COLUMBIAN WATERMEAL	ARACEAE		
Woodwardia areolata	NETTED CHAIN FERN	BLECHNACEAE		
Woodwardia virginica	VIRGINIA CHAIN FERN	BLECHNACEAE		
Ximenia americana	TALLOW WOOD; HOG PLUM	XIMENIACEAE		
Xyris ambigua	COASTALPLAIN YELLOWEYED GRASS	XYRIDACEAE		
Xyris caroliniana	CAROLINA YELLOWEYED GRASS	XYRIDACEAE		
Xyris elliottii	ELLIOTT'S YELLOWEYED GRASS	XYRIDACEAE		
Xyris jupicai	RICHARD'S YELLOWEYED GRASS	XYRIDACEAE		
Yucca aloifolia	SPANISH BAYONET; ALOE YUCCA	AGAVACEAE		
Yucca filamentosa	ADAM'S NEEDLE	AGAVACEAE		
Zamia pumila	FLORIDA ARROWROOT; COONTIE	ZAMIACEAE		
Zanthoxylum clava-herculis	HERCULES-CLUB	RUTACEAE		
Zanthoxylum coriaceum	BISCAYNE PRICKLYASH; LEATHERY PRICKLYASH	RUTACEAE	E	
Zanthoxylum fagara	WILD LIME; LIME PRICKLYASH	RUTACEAE		
Zizaniopsis miliacea	SOUTHERN WILD RICE; GIANT CUTGRASS	POACEAE		

Status column indicates if the species is listed as **T** = Threatened or **E** = Endangered by either the State of Florida or the Federal Government

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# Appendix C Listed Animal Species that may occur in the City of Weston

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status			
REPTILES					
American alligator	Alligator mississippiensis	FT (S/A)			
Eastern indigo snake	Drymarchon corais couperi	FT			
BIRDS					
limpkin	Aramus guarauna	SSC			
reddish egret	Egretta rufescens	SSC			
snowy egret	Egretta thula	SSC			
little blue heron	Egretta caerulea	SSC			
tricolored heron	Egretta tricolor	SSC			
white ibis	Eudocimus albus	SSC			
whooping crane	Grus americana	FXN			
wood stork	Mycteria americana	FT			
roseate spoonbill	Platalea ajaja	SSC			
burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia	SSC			
(Florida burrowing owl)	(Athene cunicularia floridana)				
Southeastern American kestrel	Falco sparverius paulus	ST			
snail kite	Rostrhamus sociabilis	E			
(Everglades snail kite)	plumbeus				
MAMMALS					
Florida panther	Puma concolor coryi	FE			
	(Puma [=Felis] concolor coryi)	<u> </u>			
	Trichechus manatus				
West Indian (Florida) Manatee	(Trichechus manatus latirostris)	FE			
MOLLUSKS					
Florida tree snail	Liguus fasciatus	SSC			
Stock Island tree snail	Orthalicus reses	FT			
	(not incl. nesodryas)				

FE = Federally-designated Endangered

FT = Federally-designated Threatened

FXN = Federally-designated Threatened Nonessential Experimental Population

FT(S/A) = Federally-designated Threatened species due to similarity of appearance

ST = State-designated Threatened

SSC = State Species of Special Concern

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# **CATEGORY I**

Invasive exotics that are altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. This definition does not rely on the economic severity or geographic range of the problem, but on the documented ecological damage caused.

Scientific Name List	Common Name	Government
Abrus precatorius	rosary pea	Ν
Acacia auriculiformis	earleaf acacia	
Albizia julibrissin	mimosa, silk tree	
Albizia lebbeck	woman's tongue	
Ardisia crenata (A. crenulata misapplied)	coral ardisia	Ν
Ardisia elliptica (A. humilis misapplied)	shoebutton ardisia	Ν
Asparagus aethiopicus	asparagus-fern	
(A. sprengeri; A. densiflorus misapplied)		
Bauhinia variegate	orchid tree	
Bischofia javanica	bishopwood	
Calophyllum antillanum	Santa Maria	
( <i>C. calaba</i> misapplied)	mast wood, Antilles calophyllum	
Casuarina equisetifolia	Australian-pine, beach sheoak	P, N
Casuarina glauca	suckering Australian-pine, gray she	oak P, N
Cinnamomum camphor	camphor tree	
Colocasia esculenta	wild taro	
Colubrina asiatica	lather leaf	Ν
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	carrotwood	Ν
Deparia petersenii	Japanese false spleenwort	
Dioscorea alata	winged yam	Ν
Dioscorea bulbifera	air-potato	Ν
Dolichandra unguis-cati(=Macfadyena unguis-cat	i) cat's claw vine	
Eichhornia crassipes	water-hyacinth	Р
Eugenia uniflora	Surinam cherry	
Ficus microcarpa (F. nitida	laurel fig	
and retusa var. nitida misapplied)1		
Hydrilla verticillata	hydrilla	P, U
Hygrophila polysperma	green hygro	P, U
Hymenachne amplexicaulis	West Indian marsh grass	
Imperata cylindrica (I. brasiliensis misapplied)	cogon grass	N, U
Ipomoea aquatic	water-spinach	P, U
Jasminum dichotomum	Gold Coast jasmine	
Jasminum fluminense	Brazilian jasmine	
Lantana camara (= L. strigocamara)	lantana, shrub verbena	
Ligustrum lucidum	glossy privet	
Ligustrum sinense Chinese privet	hedge privet	$N^2$
Lonicera japonica	Japanese honeysuckle	
Ludwigia hexapetala	Uruguay waterprimrose	
Ludwigia peruviana	Peruvian primrosewillow	

Lumnitzera racemose	kripa; white-flowered mangrove;	
Luziola subintegra	Tropical American water grass	
Lygodium japonicum	Japanese climbing fern	Ν
Lygodium microphyllum	Old World climbing fern	N, U
Macfadyena unguis-cati (see Dolichandra unguis-cati)	Ü	,
Manilkara zapota	sapodilla	
Melaleuca quinquenervia	melaleuca, paper bark	P, N, U
Melinis repens (= Rhynchelytrum repens)	Natal grass	, ,
Mimosa pigra catclaw	mimosa	P, N, U
Nandina domestica	nandina, heavenly bamboo	, ,, -
Nephrolepis brownii (= N. multiflora)	Asian sword fern	
Nephrolepis cordifolia	sword fern	
Neyraudia reynaudiana	Burma reed, cane grass	Ν
Nymphoides cristata	crested floating heart	N
Paederia cruddasiana	sewer vine, onion vine	N
Paederia foetida	skunk vine	N
Panicum repens	torpedo grass	14
Pennisetum purpureum	Napier grass, elephant grass	
Phymatosorus scolopendria	serpent fern, wart fern	
Pistia stratiotes	water-lettuce	Р
Psidium cattleianum (= P. littorale)	strawberry guava	ı
Psidium guajava Pueraria montana var. lobata ( = P. lobata)	guava kudzu	Ν
		IN
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa Rhynchelytrum repens (See Melinis repens)	downy rose-myrtle	
Ruellia simplex	Mexican petunia	
Salvinia minima	water spangles	
Sapium sebiferum (= Triadica sebifera)	popcorn tree, Chinese tallow tree N	
Scaevola taccada scaevola		Ν
(= Scaevola sericea, S. frutescens)	half-flower, beach naupaka	IN
	Queensland umbralla trae	
Schefflera actinophylla schefflera,	Queensland umbrella tree	
(= Brassaia actinophylla)	D. H.	
Schinus terebinthifolius	Brazilian-pepper P, N	
Scleria lacustris	Wright's nutrush	
Senna pendula var. glabrata	climbing cassia, Christmas cassia	
( = Cassia coluteoides)	Christmas senna	
Solanum tampicense	wetland nightshade, aquatic soda apple	N, U
(= S. houstonii		
Solanum viarum	tropical soda apple	N, U
Sporobolus jacquemontii*	West Indian dropseed	
(= S. indicus var. pyramidalis)		
Syngonium podophyllum	arrowhead vine	
Syzygium cumini	jambolan-plum, Java-plum	
Tectaria incisa	incised halberd fern	
Thespesia populnea	seaside mahoe	

Tradescantia fluminensis small-leaf spiderwort Urena lobata Caesar's weed Urochloa mutica (= Brachiaria mutica) Para grass Vitex rotundifolia\* beach vitex

# **CATEGORY II**

Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species. These species may become ranked Category I if ecological damage is demonstrated. Scientific Name

Scientific Name List	Common Name	Government
Adenanthera pavonina	red sandalwood	
Agave sisalana	sisal hemp	
Aleurites fordii (= Vernicia fordii)	tung oil tree	
Alstonia macrophylla	devil tree	
Alternanthera philoxeroides	alligator weed	Р
Antigonon leptopus	coral vine	
Ardisia japonica	Japanese ardisia	
Aristolochia littoralis	calico flower	
Asystasia gangetica	Ganges primrose	
Begonia cucullata	wax begonia	
Blechum pyramidatum (see Ruellia blechum)		
Broussonetia papyrifera	paper mulberry	
Bruguiera gymnorrhiza	large-leaved mangrove	
Callisia fragrans	inch plant, spironema	
Casuarina cunninghamiana	river sheoak, Australian-pine	Р
Cecropia palmat	trumpet tree	
Cestrum diurnum	day jessamine	
Chamaedorea seifrizii	bamboo palm	
Clematis terniflora	Japanese clematis	
Cocos nucifera	coconut palm	
Crassocephalum crepidioides*	redflower ragleaf, Okinawa spina	ach
Cryptostegia madagascariensis	rubber vine	
Cyperus involucratus (C. alternifolius misapplied)	umbrella plant	
Cyperus prolifer	dwarf papyrus	
Dactyloctenium aegyptium	Durban crowfoot grass	
Dalbergia sissoo	Indian rosewood, sissoo	
Elaeagnus pungens	silverthorn, thorny olive	
Elaeagnus umbellate	silverberry, autumn olive	
Epipremnum pinnatum cv. Aureum	pothos	
Eulophia graminea	Chinese crown orchid	

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Does not include Ficus microcarpa subsp. fuyuensis, which is sold as "Green Island Ficus"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Chinese privet is a FLDACS Noxious Weed except for the cultivar 'Variegatum'

Ficus altissima false banyan, council tree

Flacourtia indica governor's plum
Hemarthria altissima limpo grass
Heteropterys brachiata\* red wing

Hibiscus tiliaceus (See Talipariti tiliaceum)

Hyparrhenia rufa jaragua

Ipomoea carnea ssp. fistulosa (= I. fistulosa) shrub morning-glory P

Kalanchoe pinnata (= Bryophyllum pinnatum) life plant Koelreuteria elegans ssp. Formosana flamegold tree

(= *K. formosana; K. paniculata* misapplied)

Landoltia punctata (= Spirodela punctata) spotted duckweed

Livistona chinensis Chinese fan palm Macroptilium lathyroides phasey bean

Melaleuca viminalis (= Callistemon viminalis) bottlebrush, weeping bottlebrush

Melia azedarachChinaberryMelinis minutifloramolasses grassMerremia tuberosawood-rose

Mikania micrantha mile-a-minute vine N, U

Momordica charantia balsam apple, balsam pear

Murraya paniculata orange-jessamine

Myriophyllum spicatum Eurasian water-milfoil P

Panicum maximum Guinea grass

(= Urochloa maxima, Megathyrsus maximus)

Passiflora bifloratwo-flowered passion vinePennisetum setaceumgreen fountain grass

Phoenix reclinataSenegal date palmPhyllostachys aureagolden bamboo

Pittosporum pentandrum Philippine pittosporum, Taiwanese cheesewood

Praxelis clematidea\* praxelis

Pteris vittataChinese brake fernPtychosperma eleganssolitaire palm

Rhoeo spathacea (see Tradescantia spathacea)

Richardia grandiflora large flower Mexican clover

Ricinus communis castor bean

Rotala rotundifolia roundleaf toothcup, dwarf Rotala, redweed Ruellia blechum (= Blechum brownei) green shrimp plant, Browne's blechum

Sansevieria hyacinthoides bowstring hemp

Sesbania puniceapurple sesban, rattleboxSolanum diphyllumtwo-leaf nightshade

Solanum torvum susumber turkey berry N, U

Spermacoce verticillata\* shrubby false buttonweed

Sphagneticola trilobata (= Wedelia trilobata) wedelia

Stachytarpheta cayennensis (= S. urticifolia) nettle-leaf porterweed

Syagrus romanzoffiana queen palm

(= Arecastrum romanzoffianum)

Syzygium jambos Malabar plum, rose-apple

Talipariti tiliaceum (= Hibiscus tiliaceus)mahoe, sea hibiscusTerminalia catappatropical-almondTerminalia muelleriAustralian-almond

Tradescantia spathacea oyster plant

(= Rhoeo spathacea, Rhoeo discolor)

Tribulus cistoidespuncture vine, burr-nutVitex trifoliasimple-leaf chaste treeWashingtonia robustaWashington fan palm

Wedelia (see Sphagneticola above)

Wisteria sinensis Chinese wisteria Xanthosoma sagittifolium malanga, elephant ear

#### Government List (Gov. List):

P = Prohibited aquatic plant by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

N = Noxious weed listed by Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

U = Noxious weed listed by U.S. Department of Agriculture

<sup>\*</sup>Added to the FLEPPC List of Invasive Plant Species in 2015

Appendix E - BCEPD Contaminated Sites in the City of Weston

Site Number	1820						
Job ID	16156933						
Facility Number	SEMINOLE "T" STOP INC						
Street Address	4690 N US27						
City	Weston						
Zip Code	33332						
Program Type	FDEP						
Pollutant	Diesel						
Facility Type	Gas Station						
Lead Agency	BCEPD						
DEP Facility No.	068502606						
Active	Υ						

Site Number	2784						
Job ID	18637511						
Facility Number	FCE #1832						
Street Address	276 INDIAN TRCE						
City	Weston						
Zip Code	33326						
Program Type	NF						
Pollutant	Gasoline						
Facility Type	Gas Station						
Lead Agency	BCEPD						
DEP Facility No.	069800660						
Active	Y						

Appendix E - BCEPD Contaminated Sites in the City of Weston

Site Number	3635					
Job ID	16173393					
Facility Number	RADIANT CLEANERS					
Street Address	16200 INDIAN TRCE					
City	Weston					
Zip Code	33326					
Program Type	DRY-CLEAN					
Pollutant	Chlorinated					
Facility Type	Dry Cleaner					
Lead Agency	DEP					
DEP Facility No.	069502035					
Active	Y					

Site Number	1809C						
Job ID	32277500						
Facility Number	MOBIL #02-JJB						
Street Address	1108 WESTON RD						
City	Weston						
Zip Code	33326						
Program Type	NF						
Pollutant	Gasoline						
Facility Type	Gas Station						
Lead Agency	BCEPD						
DEP Facility No.	068944344						
Active	Y						

# Appendix E - BCEPD Contaminated Sites in the City of Weston

Site Number	2864B
Job ID	31003201
Facility Number	Bonaventure CC - West Course Playing Area
Street Address	200 BONAVENTURE BLVD
City	Weston
Zip Code	33326
Program Type	NF
Pollutant	Arsenic
Facility Type	Golf Course
Lead Agency	BCEPD
DEP Facility No.	
Active	Y

Site Number	2864A
Job ID	21101616
Facility Number	Bonaventure CC - West Course Playing Area
Street Address	200 BONAVENTURE BLVD
City	Weston
Zip Code	33326
Program Type	NF
Pollutant	Arsenic
Facility Type	Golf Course
Lead Agency	BCEPD
DEP Facility No.	
Active	Υ

Appendix E - BCEPD Contaminated Sites in the City of Weston

Site Number	1766B
Job ID	16153332
Facility Number	BONAVENTURE GOLF MAINTENA
Street Address	51 BONAVENTURE BLVD
City	Weston
Zip Code	33326
Program Type	NF
Pollutant	Arsenic
Facility Type	Golf Course
Lead Agency	BCEPD
DEP Facility No.	068838507
Active	Y

Program Type:

CRY-CLNR: State Dry Cleaning Solvent Clean-up Program

FDEP: State Petroleum Clean-up Program

NF: Non Funded (Broward County Licensing Program or FDEP led sites)

http://bcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?appid = 5d9ec5c1eb614c8b88d8990f48b15b7a

# **CHAPTER FIVE**

# RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

# **PURPOSE**

The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Weston Comprehensive Plan addresses recreation and open space planning issues for the City of Weston. Existing sites and open space available to the public are identified, and the types of use for each site are characterized. An assessment of current and projected levels of service and recreation needs provides a basis for standards defining the level of services desired by the City of Weston.

Statements of a goal, objectives, and policies for guiding the City's implementation actions conclude the element. These statements provide direction for the municipal recreation programs and maintenance of parks, open space, and recreation facilities to assure that the needs of Weston residents will be met in the future.

The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to plan for a comprehensive system of public and private recreation and open space sites that are available to the public. It is the intent of the City of Weston that this plan element sets forth a comprehensive framework for guiding decisions on public policy and capital improvements for recreation facilities and programs in a manner consistent with the City's goals and objectives.

# Recreation and Open Space

The City of Weston recognizes that parks and recreation are vital components of the overall community. The diversification of a city creates a healthy environment for growth in all sectors. Residential, commercial, and industrial areas all benefit from the various amenities associated with parks, recreation, and open space.

Parks and Recreation services within the City of Weston are managed in a unique and progressive manner. The Park and Recreation Department maintains and operates fourteen City parks which provide an abundance of amenities for every age and lifestyle. The City of Weston contracts with private contractors to manage its organized league athletics and a private contractor performs maintenance of the City's parks and athletic fields.

Open space plays an important role in the quality of the urban environment. Parks provide areas where residents can relax, participate in sports, or educate themselves through programs or cultural events. The beauty of the City of Weston's parks, landscaped areas, waterways, natural preserves, and public open spaces is a source of community pride.

The physical and psychological benefits of leisure, "green" open spaces and recreation activity for individuals are well accepted. There are also public values inherent in the maintenance of environmental quality and reduction of noise provided by these spaces, in addition to the visual relief provided. The health and long term viability of a community is contingent on the priority and

respect that is given to protecting the passive park environment and creating and maintaining parks and recreation.

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DATA**

The City of Weston has an impressive inventory of both public and private parks, recreational areas, and open spaces. Almost 240 acres of public playing fields, basketball courts, roller hockey rinks, playgrounds, picnic areas, nature trails, archaeological sites, and a skate park are currently available for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Markham Park, a 667-acre regional park owned and operated by Broward County, is also located in close proximity to the City of Weston.

Additionally, the Indian Trace Development District, a dependent district of the City of Weston, has restored 2,315 acres of wetland preserves. The homes and businesses in Weston were allowed to be built on the condition that these wetland preserves were constructed and maintained. Construction began in 1988 and was completed in 2001. The maintenance will continue in perpetuity. Along with the wetland preserves, the City of Weston has 1,877 acres of lakes and canals which are also carefully maintained by the City of Weston.

The City of Weston is quite unique in the number and variety of private recreational areas that are available to many of its residents. There are nearly 50 private sites comprising more than 200 acres located throughout the City of Weston including a 36-hole golf course and an 18-hole golf course.

Additionally, the City of Weston has over 26 miles of dedicated bike lanes, making it one of the premier areas in South Florida in which to bike. Bike lanes are a portion of the roadway which has been designated by striping and pavement markings, for the use of bicycles. The City of Weston also has paved shoulders and off-street shared use paths which can be used by bicyclists. Over 90% of the City's arterials have either a bike lane or a paved shoulder. The City of Weston has provided an interconnected system of safe bike lanes, multipurpose paths, and shaded sidewalks for pedestrian travel throughout the City of Weston.

# **Existing Recreation and Open Space Resources Inventory**

An inventory of the City of Weston's parks and open space is provided in Table 5A. The inventory shows that the City of Weston currently has 1,931 acres of parks and open space. Map 5.1 illustrates the locations of the City's parks.

# Types of Recreation Facilities

There are several methods for categorizing parks and open space. For the purposes of this element, the following definitions are provided:

**Activity-Based:** Parks with features such as baseball fields, basketball courts, football fields, roller hockey rinks, soccer fields, etc.

**Resource-Based:** Parks with features such as picnic areas, shelters, walkways, trails, or boardwalks oriented toward unique natural features.

**Neighborhood Park:** A park having up to 10 acres designed to serve the recreational needs of the population living in the immediate residential area. Neighborhood parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

**Community Park:** A park having more than 10 acres designed to serve the recreational needs of several neighborhoods. Community parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

**Regional Park:** A park having more than 100 acres intended to serve the recreational needs of the population of the entire City of Weston. A regional park may include active facilities, passive facilities, or a combination of the two.

**Open Space:** Lands such as conservation areas, natural preserves, and wetlands set aside for preservation and are protected by local, state, or federal law.

# Sites and Facilities Ownership

The City of Weston owns all the property listed in Table 5A. The privately owned facilities previously mentioned are also a very important part of the City's recreation resources. These areas, along with Markham Park, supplement city-owned facilities and provide additional diversity. It must be recognized that these areas contribute significantly to the level of available recreational opportunities for City of Weston residents.

# Specific Recreation Sites and Facilities

**Country Isles Park:** A passive 4.2-acre neighborhood park located at 2260 Country Isles Road. Facilities include a gazebo with benches, an exercise path, and a covered playground area.

**Eagle Point Park:** An active 7.0-acre neighborhood park located at 18691 North Lake Boulevard, adjacent to Eagle Point Elementary School. Facilities include 2 baseball fields, a covered playground area, an exercise path, a sand volleyball court, open play area, and a lakefront passive area.

**Emerald Estates Park:** An active 5.0-acre neighborhood park located at 16400 Emerald Park Circle. Facilities include 1 covered playground, 2 tennis courts, 1 basketball court, 2 picnic shelters with tables and grills, 1 exercise path, and restrooms.

**Gator Run Park:** A passive 7.0-acre neighborhood park located at 1101 Park Road, adjacent to Gator Run Elementary School. Facilities include 1 covered playground, 3 small picnic shelters, lighted walkways, and an exercise path.

**Heron Park:** An active 5.3-acre neighborhood park located at 2300 Country Isles Road, adjacent to Country Isles Elementary School. Facilities include 2 baseball fields and 1 football/soccer field.

**Indian Trace Park:** An active 5.0-acre neighborhood park located at 400 Indian Trace, adjacent to Indian Trace Elementary School. Facilities include 1 playground, 4 basketball courts, 1 baseball field, and 1 football/soccer field.

**Library Park:** This is a 5.0-acre passive "reading" park located adjacent to the Weston Branch Library at 4255 Bonaventure Boulevard. Facilities include 3 gazebos, a unique water fountain with informational signage on Florida authors, pathways, seating, and open areas.

**Peace Mound Park:** A passive 8.2-acre waterfront neighborhood park with lush landscaping located at 1300 Three Village Road. Facilities include 1 playground, 1 lighted exercise path, 1

fishing dock with wooden bridge, and 2 small picnic shelters with tables. This park is the site of a Tequesta Indian burial mound with archaeological exhibits and features included in its design.

**Regional Park at Weston:** A 102.0-acre active regional park with extensive athletic facilities located at 20200 Saddle Club Road. The park opened in 2000 and cost over \$15 million to construct. Facilities include 8 baseball/softball fields, 8 football/soccer fields, 8 basketball courts, 3 4 full size roller hockey rinks, 2 covered playgrounds, 3 sand volleyball courts, 4 soccer rings with turf, a skate park, an event stage, 5 concessions stands with restrooms, 3 picnic shelters with tables and grills, an exercise trail measuring 1.4 miles, and a covered event stage. This park is also home to the West Broward Family YMCA, which contains an Olympic size swimming pool, as well as the Weston Community Center, a 7,376 sq. ft. facility providing activity and meeting rooms. Weston Regional Park also offers a skate park for in-line skaters and skateboarders.

**Tequesta Trace Park:** An active 42.0-acre community park located at 600 Indian Trace. Facilities include 4 baseball/softball fields, 3 football/soccer fields (one with stadium seating), 1 roller hockey rink, 1 covered playground area, 1 nature trail/boardwalk, concessions stand with restrooms, and an administration/maintenance building.

**Town Center Park:** A passive 6.0-acre linear waterfront park located at 1900 Bell Tower Lane, along the south end of the Weston Town Center shopping plaza. Facilities include a lighted waterfront walkway, benches, and an outdoor amphitheater band shell.

**Vista Park:** An active 30.0-acre community park located at 18800 Vista Park Boulevard, adjacent to Cypress Bay High School. Facilities include 4 baseball/softball fields, 4 football/soccer fields, 2 concessions with restrooms, 2 picnic shelters, and a covered playground.

**Weston Tennis Center:** A 7.0-acre tennis complex located at 16451 Racquet Club Road. Facilities include 15 lighted hydroclay courts, 1 lighted hardcourt, and a clubhouse with pro shop and locker rooms. The City of Weston contracts with Cliff Drysdale Tennis Management to run the facility's day-to-day operations.

**Windmill Ranch Park:** An active 5.3-acre neighborhood park located at 2900 Bonaventure Boulevard, adjacent to Everglades Elementary School. Facilities include a covered playground area and 1 football/soccer field.

In addition to the aforementioned recreational facilities, Weston has four major wetlands preservation areas:

- A 280-acre resource-based conservation area west of South Post Road and south of the Weston Regional Park
- A 115-acre resource-based conservation area abutting U.S. 27 near SW 26<sup>th</sup> and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Streets
- A 110-acre resource-based conservation area abutting U.S. 27 near SW 26<sup>th</sup> and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Streets
- A 1,187-acre resource-based conservation area between the Savanna community and U.S. 27, the largest wetland mitigation project in the United States

# RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The quantity and quality of a city's parks, landscaped areas, waterways, natural preserves, and open spaces play a major role in determining where one chooses to reside. In the years prior to the City of Weston's incorporation, the local developers and Broward County did a commendable job of meeting the demand for parks and recreation. The City's rapid growth, however, soon overburdened those activity-based facilities. In response, the City of Weston developed of several new parks. The City of Weston now boasts an elaborate parks system complete with a Community Center, a Tennis Center, and a YMCA. While the City of Weston's population is not expected to increase at the same rate as it did during its first decade, the challenge for both the short and long term planning periods is to continue to provide and maintain these facilities at acceptable levels.

#### Current and Future Recreation Demand

With over 9,000 registrants with the Weston Sports Alliance, Weston is undeniably an active sports-oriented community with large numbers of participants in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, football, lacrosse, and roller hockey leagues. A number of these athletic facilities are lighted for evening play.

In order to assess current demand, level of service standards must be determined. Local governments within Broward County are required to provide for a minimum of 3 acres of Community level parks for every 1,000 existing and projected permanent residents within their jurisdiction. As per the Broward County Land Use Plan, all park acreage that is owned by the municipality and zoned for open space use is considered a Community Park. Therefore, all of Weston's City-owned parks and wetland preserves may be used to meet the County's Community park requirement.

To meet the expectations of its residents, Weston has set its parks LOS standard at 6 acres per 1,000 population—twice that of the County's requirement. Individual athletic facilities (i.e., fields, courts) must also meet a minimum service standard. For the purposes of this element, the guidelines listed below have been used.

Parks and Open Space: 6 acres per 1,000 population

**Baseball/Softball:** 1 field per 5,000 population **Football/Soccer:** 1 field per 6,000 population

Basketball: 1 court per 5,000 population

**Tennis:** 1 court per 5,000 population

**Playground:** 1 playground per 7,500 population

**Volleyball:** 1 court per 30,000 population

Tables 5B-5I illustrate how the existing inventory meets these levels of service standards based on the City's 2010 population of 65,333. Based upon the 6 acres/1,000 population standard, Weston currently exhibits a surplus of 1,539 acres of available park and open space.

Using population projections provided by the Planning and Development Management Division of the Broward County Environmental and Growth Management Department, these same tables provide a Level of Service analysis for parks and recreation facilities through 2035. The analysis shows the estimated demand for all facilities will easily be met for both the short and long term planning periods. Weston's park system is exemplary. Even if no additional park acreage is ever

developed, decades.	the	City	of '	Westo	n will	contir	nue to	have	sufficier	ıt park	and	open :	space	for sev	eral

TABLE 5A
Inventory of Municipal Parks and Recreation Facilities owned by City of Weston, 2016

Park Name	Size (Acres)	Baseball/ Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Football/ Soccer Fields	Parking	Picnic Area	Play- grounds	Rest- rooms	Roller Hockey Rinks	Tennis Courts	Volley- ball Courts
Country Isles Park	4.20				Yes	Yes	1	No			0
Eagle Point Park	7.00	2	0		No*	Yes	1	No			1
Emerald Estates Park	5.00		1		Yes	Yes	1	Yes		2	
Gator Run Park	7.00				Yes	Yes	1	Yes			
Heron Park	5.25	2		1	No*	No		No			
Indian Trace Park	5.00	1	4	1	No*	No	1	No			
Library Park	5.00				Yes	Yes		Yes			
Peace Mound Park	8.20				Yes	Yes	1	No			
Regional Park at Weston	102.00	8	8	8	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	3		3
Tequesta Trace Park	42.00	4		3	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	1		
Town Center Park	6.00				Yes	No		Yes			
Vista Park	30.00	4		4	Yes	Yes	1	Yes			
Weston Tennis Center	7.00				Yes	No		Yes		16	
Wetland Preservation	1,692										
Areas					No	No		No			
Windmill Ranch Park	5.30			1	Yes	No	1	No			
TOTALS	1931.0	21	13	18			11		4	18	4

<sup>\*</sup> Parking is supplied at adjacent school

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department

TABLE 5B: Level of Service Projections – Park and Open Space Requirement: 6 acres/1,000 residents

Year	Population	Available Park Acres	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	1,931	392	+ 1,539
2015	65,669	1,931	394	+ 1,537
2020	64,922	1,931	390	+ 1,541
2025	64,106	1,931	385	+ 1,546
2030	63,530	1,931	381	+ 1,550
2035	63,269	1,931	380	+ 1,551

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5C: Level of Service Projections – Baseball/Softball Fields Requirement: 1 field/5,000 residents

Year	Population	Available Baseball/Softball Fields	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	21	13	+ 8
2015	65,669	21	13	+ 8
2020	64,922	21	13	+ 8
2025	64,106	21	13	+8
2030	63,530	21	13	+8
2035	63,269	21	13	+8

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5D: Level of Service Projections – Basketball Courts Requirement: 1 court/5,000 residents

Year	Population	Available Basketball Courts	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
		Courts	Littlated Demand	Sulpius (+)/ Delicit (-)
2010	65,333	13	13	0
2015	65,669	13	13	0
2020	64,922	13	13	0
2025	64,106	13	13	0
2030	63,530	13	13	0
2035	63,269	13	13	0

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5E: Level of Service Projections – Football/Soccer Fields Requirement: 1 field/6,000 residents

Year	Population	Available Football/ Soccer Fields	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	18	11	+ 7
2015	65,669	18	11	+ 7
2020	64,922	18	11	+ 7
2025	64,106	18	11	+ 7
2030	63,530	18	11	+ 7
2035	63,269	18	11	+ 7

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5F: Level of Service Projections – Playgrounds Requirement: 1 playground/7,500 residents

Year	Population	Available Playgrounds	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	11	9	+ 2
2015	65,669	11	9	+ 2
2020	64,922	11	9	+ 2
2025	64,106	11	9	+ 2
2030	63,530	11	8	+ 3
2035	63,269	11	8	+ 3

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5G: Level of Service Projections – Tennis Courts Requirement: 1 court/5,000 residents

		Available Tennis		
Year	Population	Courts	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	18	13	+ 5
2015	65,669	18	13	+ 5
2020	64,922	18	13	+ 5
2025	64,106	18	13	+ 5
2030	63,530	18	13	+ 5
2035	63,269	18	13	+ 5

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

TABLE 5H: Level of Service Projections – Volleyball Courts

Requirement: 1 court/30,000 residents

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		Available Volleyball		
Year	Population	Courts	Estimated Demand	Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)
2010	65,333	4	2	+ 2
2015	65,669	4	2	+ 2
2020	64,922	4	2	+ 2
2025	64,106	4	2	+ 2
2030	63,530	4	2	+ 2
2035	63,269	4	2	+ 2

Source: City of Weston Parks and Recreation Department (facilities); 2010 U.S. Census; Broward County Planning and Development Management Division (population projections)

# RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT GOAL, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 5

To provide safe and adequate open space and recreation facilities accessible to all Weston residents.

# 5.1 Objective:

As the City's population increases, ensure that sufficient park acreage is acquired to meet the established level of service standards.

# 5.1.1 Policy:

Specific open space definitions and level of service standards are as herein provided:

**Activity-Based:** Parks with features such as baseball fields, basketball courts, football fields, roller hockey rinks, soccer fields, etc.

**Resource-Based:** Parks with features such as picnic areas, shelters, walkways, trails or boardwalks oriented toward unique natural features.

**Neighborhood Park:** A park having up to 10 acres that is designed to serve the recreational needs of the population living in the immediate residential area. Neighborhood parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

**Community Park:** A park having more than 10 acres that is designed to serve the recreational needs of several neighborhoods. Community parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

**Regional Park:** A park having more than 100 acres is intended to serve the recreational needs of the population of the entire City. A regional park may include active facilities, passive facilities or a combination of the two.

**Open Space:** Lands such as conservation areas, natural preserves and wetlands that have been set aside for preservation and are protected by local, state, or federal law.

Parks and Open Space: 6 acres per 1,000 population

**Baseball/Softball:** 1 field per 5,000 population **Football/Soccer:** 1 field per 6,000 population **Basketball:** 1 court per 5,000 population

**Tennis:** 1 court per 5,000 population

**Playground:** 1 playground per 7,500 population

Volleyball: 1 court per 30,000 population

## 5.1.2 Policy:

Require new residential developments to dedicate land for local parks in the amount of 6 acres/1,000 population generated by the project.

# 5.2 Objective:

Provide quality recreation facilities and programs to meet the needs of residents.

#### 5.2.1 Policy:

Maintain existing recreation facilities in accordance with proper landscaping and safety standards.

# 5.2.2 Policy:

Improve the physical and aesthetic condition of the City's parks by renovating, rehabilitating, and upgrading existing facilities.

# 5.3 Objective:

Ensure that all recreation sites are fully accessible to the public.

# 5.3.1 Policy:

Require that all land dedicated to the public for parks and recreation purposes be located adjacent to arterial and/or collector roadways, pedestrian walkways and bicycle routes, or be provided for in future development plans.

# 5.3.2 Policy:

All existing and future parks and recreation facilities shall comply with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### 5.4 Objective:

Establish effective methods of coordinating public and private resources to meet public demands.

# 5.4.1 Policy:

Maintain cooperative relationships with agencies, groups, individuals, and organizations currently providing leisure programs to the residents.

# 5.4.2 Policy:

Enlist new agencies, groups, individuals, and organizations to expand the programs available to residents.

## 5.4.3 Policy:

Pursue appropriate joint public and private ventures to obtain lands and/or financing necessary to provide recreation areas, facilities, and programs.

# 5.4.4 Policy:

Strive to develop partnership programs which seek out private organizations to provide land or facilities compatible to public recreation.

# 5.5 Objective:

Require the provision of open space by public agencies and private enterprise.

# 5.5.1 Policy:

The provision of open space such as natural areas, vistas, land buffers, or waterways shall be required in residential and non-residential development as per the Land Development Code.

# **CHAPTER SIX**

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, as identified by Chapter 163, Florida Statutes is to "permit local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities."

The agencies that coordinate with the City of Weston include adjacent municipalities, Broward County, School Board of Broward County, water management districts, regional planning agencies, state government, federal government, independent special districts and utility companies.

Each element of the City of Weston comprehensive plan has specific needs for interagency coordination that need to be clearly identified and defined and periodically evaluated in order to determine the effectiveness of current mechanisms used and how to improve overall intergovernmental coordination.

#### **EXISTING DATA AND CONDITIONS**

The City of Weston currently has either formal or informal coordination agreements, or interacts through standard operating procedures under statutory authority, with the following agencies or jurisdictions:

# Adjacent Municipalities

Davie Pembroke Pines Southwest Ranches Sunrise

# **Broward County**

**Broward County Administration** 

**Broward County Board of County Commissioners** 

Broward County Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division

Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

Broward County Planning and Development Management Division

Broward County Highway Construction and Engineering Division

Broward County Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services

**Broward County Transportation Department** 

Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Broward County Water and Wastewater Services Division

**Broward County Planning Council** 

**Broward County Property Appraiser** 

**Broward County School Board** 

Broward County Sheriff's Office

Broward County Records, Taxes, and Treasury Division

**Broward County Traffic Engineering Division** 

**Broward County Supervisor of Elections** 

**Broward County Clerk of the Courts** 

# Florida Departments and Agencies

**Economic Opportunity** 

**Emergency Management** 

**Environmental Protection** 

**Business and Professional Regulation** 

South Florida Regional Planning Council

State Division of Historical Resources

**Transportation** 

Health

# **United States Departments and Agencies**

Commerce, Census Bureau

Defense/US Army Corps of Engineers

**Environmental Protection Agency** 

Interior

Postal Service

**Transportation** 

# **Regulated Utilities**

AT&T

Cable Television: Comcast, Advanced Cable and AT&T U-verse

Florida Power and Light Company

**TECO** 

# **Independent Special Districts**

Indian Trace Development District (Dependent District)

North Broward Hospital District

South Broward Hospital District

South Florida Water Management District

Bonaventure Development District

# **EVALUATION OF EXISTING COORDINATION MECHANISMS**

For each agency listed above, Table 6A briefly describes the existing coordination mechanisms indicating the subject, nature of the relationship and the office with primary responsibility for coordination.

The current process of coordination among the identified agencies and the City of Weston has proven to be generally effective. Greater formality could be required in the future as the technical and administrative foundation of the Comprehensive Plan increases in complexity and becomes more demanding.

The City of Weston is a stable and well-planned community. The vast majority of the Objectives and Policies of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element have been fully executed to provide for a highly functional organization and effective coordination between adjacent municipalities and governmental agencies. Upon evaluation of the Comprehensive Plan it was determined that there are no substantial improvements or additional intergovernmental coordination needs required at this time. The City of Weston resolves coordination issues mainly through frequent communication in written and verbal form. The use of electronic communication technologies such as e-mail, the internet, and teleconferencing, have also allowed for faster and increased communication and better coordination between the City of Weston and related intergovernmental agencies.

# JOINT PLANNING AREAS

The City of Weston is party to several Joint Planning Areas through formal agreements with the following agencies: Broward County Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Operations for fire and emergency medical services; Broward County School Board for design, development, and construction of classrooms and school facilities in the City of Weston; and Broward County Sheriff's Office for the provision of law enforcement and code. Coordination mechanisms between the City of Weston and these agencies are delineated in Table 6A.

#### COMPARISON WITH REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

The South Florida (2004) Strategic Regional Policy Plan has been reviewed and considered during the process of writing this comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan conforms to the Regional Policy Plan.

The following abbreviations are used in Table 6A:

AE - Advise and Encourage

CA - City Agency

FN - Formal Notice

OA - Outside Agencies

**Programs** 

TA - Technical Assistance

AP - Approval, Permit FA – Formal Agreement IN - Informal Notice

PM - Periodic Meetings to Coordinate

TABLE 6A COORDINATING AGENCIES

Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Weston Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES: Davie 1, 4 Pembroke Pines 1, 4 Sunrise 1, 2, 3, 4 Southwest Ranches 1, 4	1. Land Use 2. Water Service 3. Wastewater Treatment 4. Transportation	AE, TA,PM	Existing ITDD Settlement Agreement, Development Actions Affecting City Roadways	Effective	City Manager Growth Management Engineering
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENC			1		
Broward County Administration	Administrative duties	PM	As needed	Effective	City Manager
Broward County Board of County Commissioners	Development of Regional Impact, Land Use Plan Amendments, Platting	FN, IN	County Land Development Code	Effective	Growth Management
Broward County Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division	Plans Examination Inspections Code Enforcement	CA	Existing Contract for Services	Effective	Zoning
Broward County Department of Health	Potable Water	AP	Coordinate as necessary	Effective	Engineering
Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department	Surface Water/Water Use, Wastewater Collection/ Transmission, Wetland Mitigation	AP	Broward County Charter	Effective	Engineering Environmental
Broward County Planning and Development Management	Development of Regional Impact	AP	Broward County Land Development	Effective	Growth Management

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Agency	Subject Coordination	Nature of Relations	Existing and Anticipated Coordination Mechanisms	Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms	Weston Office with Primary Responsibility For Coordination
Division	Land Use Plan Amendment Plats		Code		
Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services	Fire Protection/ EMS	TA	Existing Contract for Services	Effective	City Manager
Broward County Transit	Bus Services	AE	Broward County	Effective	Engineering
Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization	Long range transportation planning	AE,AP,PM, TA	Technical Advisory Committee	Effective	Engineering
Broward County Planning Council	Land Use Plan Amendments Plats	AP	Charter Land Development Code	Effective	Growth Management
Broward County Property Appraiser	GIS data, Tax Assessments	PM, TA	Broward County	Effective	Administration, GIS
Broward County School Board	Maintenance, Facility Planning	PM,TA, FN	Existing Contract for Construction of Portable Classrooms and Permanent Schools	Effective	Parks & Recreation and Growth Management
Broward County Sheriff's Office	Law / Enforcement	OA	Existing Contract for Services	Effective	City Manager
Broward County Tax Collector	Ad Valorem Collection	OA	Formal Agreement	Effective	Administration
Broward County Traffic Engineering	Traffic Engineering	AE, AP, PM, TA	Informal Coordination	Effective	Engineering
Broward County Planning and Development Management Division	Platting	OA	Informal coordination	Effective	Planning

FLORIDA DEPARTMENTS AND	AGENCIES:				
Economic Opportunity	Planning Activities	AP, TA	Growth Management Activities	Effective	Growth Management
Emergency Management	Mutual Aid Agreement	OA, TA	Emergency Management Activities	Effective Ineffective	City Manager
Environmental Protection	Water Quality	AP	Environmental Activities	Effective	Engineering
Business and Professional Regulation	Various Licenses	AP	Licensing Activities	Effective	Administration
South Florida Regional Planning Council	General Planning	TA,AE,AP	Regional Planning Activities	Effective	Planning
State Division Of Historical Resources	Historic Lands & Buildings	TA/AE	Master Site File	Effective	Growth Management
Transportation	Transportation Planning	AE, AP, PM, TA	Five Year Work Program	Effective	Engineering

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:							
Commerce, Census Bureau	Decennial census	TA	Census Statistics and	Effective	Growth Management		
			Services				
Defense/ US Army Corps of	Cut and Fill	TA, AP	Federal Mandates	Effective	Engineering		
Engineers	(Wetland mitigation)						
Environmental Protection	Cut and Fill	TA, AP	Federal Mandates	Effective	Engineering		
Agency	(Wetland mitigation)						
Postal	Address development,	OA	Provision of	Effective	City Manager		
	mail delivery		Addresses				
Transportation	Transportation	AE, AP, PM, TA	Transportation	Effective	Engineering		
	planning		Project Funding				

REGULATED UTILITIES:					
AT&T	Telephone service	OA	Provision of Services	Effective	Engineering
Cable Television Franchise: Comcast Advanced Cable AT&T U-verse	Cable Services Underground Utilities	OA	Provision of Services	Effective	Engineering
FPL	Underground Utilities	OA	Provision of Services	Effective	Engineering
TECO	Underground Utilities	OA	Provision of Services	Effective	Engineering
SPECIAL DISTRICTS:			<u> </u>		·
Indian Trace Development District (Dependent District)	Drainage system	OA	Modification to Existing Systems	Effective	Engineering
North Broward Hospital District	Medical Service	OA	As Requested	Effective	City Manager
South Broward Hospital District	Medical Service	OA	As Requested	Effective	City Manager
Bonaventure Development District	Drainage systems	OA	As Requested	Effective	Engineering
South Florida Water Management District	Stormwater management Wetlands Mitigation Water Use	TA,AE,AP	As needed	Effective	Engineering

Source: City of Weston, 2016 Comprehensive Plan

# INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

# Goal 6

To provide accessible, effective and frequent intergovernmental coordination opportunities to achieve consistency among all government agencies implementing plans and programs affecting the City of Weston.

# 6.1 Objective:

Continue and improve coordination activities among government agencies with planning and impact assessment duties affecting the City of Weston, as listed in Table 6A, with other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, and with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county and adjacent counties. The City of Weston will coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the Broward County School Board.

### 6.1.1 Policy:

Maintain an active program of monitoring and communication with agencies operating under the provisions of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 163 F.S.

# 6.1.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to participate in community workshops and the Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to provide an open forum for communication and coordination of programs involving the comprehensive plan, and resolution of conflicts with other local governments.

#### 6.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to participate in the Broward County League of Cities to ensure full participation in county-wide issues that may involve the City of Weston.

#### 6.1.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall evaluate periodically current mechanisms used for intergovernmental coordination and determine the need to increase intergovernmental coordination activities regarding issues involving: emergency preparedness, traffic engineering, fire rescue, police, water and wastewater treatment and administration.

#### 6.1.5 Policy:

The review of proposed developments shall include findings that indicate relationships of such proposed developments to the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments.

#### 6.1.6 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate planning activities with other local governments, Broward County School Board or other units of local government service providers without regulatory authority over the use of land, the region and the State by meeting with these entities on a regular basis.

# 6.1.7 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to appoint a representative to the "Staff Working Group", as specified in the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, Broward County FL, to meet at least annually with the Broward County School Board, Broward County and adjacent municipalities to discuss issues and formulate recommendations regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning and to comply with public school concurrency requirements, including such issues as population and student projections, development trends, school needs, co-location and joint use opportunities, ancillary infrastructure improvements needed to support the schools and safe student access.

# 6.1.8 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation during the development review process by requiring all development applications on State Roads to obtain preliminary approval from the Florida Department of Transportation for all vehicular access connections (VAC's) to the State Highway System prior to City Commission approval. The City of Weston will assist the Florida Department of Transportation in enforcing permit approvals by withholding certificates of occupancy (C.O.s) until the requirements of such permits have been inspected and accepted by the Florida Department of Transportation.

# 6.1.9 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation in situations where pending development approvals or other land use activities could significantly impact the State Highway System (SHS) and or the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), 3% or more of the adopted maximum service volume on the subject segment of the State Highway System. The City of Weston will provide copies of all relevant development application materials to the FDOT District Four Planning and Traffic Operations offices, as appropriate, and indicate what improvements, if any, have been proposed by the applicant. The City of Weston will notify FDOT if unacceptable levels of service are anticipated with the proposed development, and suggest any potential improvements which may not have been identified by the applicant.

#### 6.1.10 Policy:

As part of the City's development review and permitting processes, the City of Weston will assist the Florida Department of Transportation in enforcing its Access Management Standards on all State Highways. The City of

Weston will continue to require a preliminary "favorable review finding" from the FDOT Permits Section for all proposed development access connections to the State Highway System. The City of Weston will also assist FDOT in any permit violation issues after the development has received its Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.).

# 6.1.11 Policy:

City of Weston shall participate in the Broward County Water Advisory Board and its technical coordinating committee.

# 6.2 Objective:

Ensure that the impacts of development, proposed in the City's Comprehensive Plan, upon development in adjacent municipalities, the County, adjacent counties, the region and the State are addressed through coordination mechanisms.

### 6.2.1 Policy:

Continue to maintain an active program of monitoring and communication with agencies operating under the provisions of the Community Planning Act, Chapter 163 F.S.

# 6.2.2 Policy:

The City of Weston will utilize the following procedures to identify and implement joint planning areas (JPAs) for the purpose of addressing issues related to annexation and joint infrastructure service areas:

- 1. Use the Broward League of Cities Technical Advisory Committee, a work group that meets monthly, to coordinate planning activities mandated by the various elements of the Weston Comprehensive Plan with local governments, the School Board of Broward County, other governmental units providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, the region, and the state;
- 2. Use the South Florida Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other local governments, when agreed to by all affected parties;
- 3. Siting of facilities with county-wide significance including locally unwanted land uses;
- 4. Making demographic and social-economic information and services available for county, school board and municipal planning activities.

# 6.2.3 Policy:

Pursuant to Chapter 163.3 177(h) F.S. the City of Weston shall coordinate their planning and permitting processes with the School Board, Broward County, and other municipalities consistent with the procedures established within the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (ILA) as follows:

1. Review and update of the annual District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP) containing the financially feasible schedule of capital

improvement for school facilities needed to achieve and maintain the adopted level of service standards in all Concurrency Service Areas (CSA).

- 2. Coordinate County and municipal land use planning and permitting processes with the School Board's site selection and planning process to ensure future school facilities are consistent and compatible with land use categories and enable a close integration of existing and planned school facilities and the surrounding land uses.
- 3. Coordinate the preparation of the County and City of Weston projections for future development with the School Board's school enrollment projections to ensure consistency between the County and City Future Land Use maps and the long term school planning process.
- 4. Coordinate with the School Board through the Staff Working Group and Oversight Committee regarding the preparation of County and municipal annual comprehensive plan updates and the School Board's annual update of the District Facilities Educational Program (DEFP) to ensure consistency between the plans.
- 5. Coordinate with the School Board on the planning, siting, land acquisition, permitting and development of new school facilities to ensure the availability of public facilities, services and grounds, especially for purposes of exploring collocation opportunities.
- 6. Revise County and municipal land development codes and School Board policies to establish a county-wide public school concurrency system.

#### 6.2.4 Policy:

The City of Weston will, within one year of adopting its Intergovernmental Coordination Element, obtain City Commission approval of (by interlocal or other formal agreement executed by all affected entities), in conjunction with Broward County, appropriate municipalities within the county, the Broward County School Board and any other local government service provider to the City of Weston as necessary.

#### 6.2.5 Policy:

The review of proposed developments shall include findings that indicate relationships of such proposed developments to the comprehensive plans of adjacent local governments.

#### 6.2.6 Policy:

The City of Weston shall meet to the extent necessary with South Florida Water Management District staff to discuss impact of proposed new development on South Florida Water Management District regional water resource projects (Central and Southern Florida Project Comprehensive

Review Study (Restudy), the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, the Lower East Regional Water Supply Plan, the Water Preserve Area Project, and the C-11 West Basin Water Quality Improvement Strategy.

#### 6.2.7 Policy:

The City of Weston shall notify and consult with the South Florida Water Management District regarding any development proposals received within or adjacent to the East Coast Buffer Area.

## 6.2.8 Policy:

Should the South Florida Water Management District desire to hold workshops with residents and property owners to inform them about the East Coast Buffer Plan, the City of Weston will cooperate with the South Florida Water Management District by providing access to advertising and notification of any workshops scheduled.

# 6.3 Objective:

Coordination shall be undertaken in the establishment of level of service standards for public facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

# 6.3.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with state, regional or local entities that have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities with Level of Service standards to ensure mutually compatible standards.

#### 6.3.2 Policy:

Coordination activities pursuant to the objectives and policies in this element shall include consideration for equitable level of service standards for facility and service delivery systems consistent with the provisions of this plan.

#### 6.3.3 Policy:

The City of Weston shall coordinate implementation of the goals, objectives and policies in its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with the South Florida Water Management District's Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan and the City of Sunrise' Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

#### 6.3.4 Policy:

The City of Weston shall increase its coordination efforts with the South Florida Water Management District and City of Sunrise regarding the sharing and updating of information to meet ongoing water supply needs.

#### 6.3.5 Policy

The City of Weston shall coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District and City of Sunrise in the implementation of alternative water supply projects, the establishment of its level-of-service standards and resource allocations.

# 6.3.3 Policy

The City of Weston shall participate in on-going collaborative efforts with other local governments and agencies for long-term alternative water supply sources. The City of Weston shall participate in, at a minimum, annual meetings with water providers and the South Florida Water Management District to discuss population projections, land use changes and implementation of conservation reuse programs and alternative water supplies.

# CHAPTER SEVEN

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT

#### **PURPOSE**

Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes states that the purpose of the Capital Improvement Element is to consider the need for and the location of public facilities in order to encourage the efficient use of such facilities as well as to outline components for construction, extension, or increase in capacity of public facilities for a minimum period of at least 5 years, and ensure adequacy of those facilities to meet established acceptable levels of service.

The City of Weston's Capital Improvement Element is not the City of Weston's Capital Improvement Program. The Capital Improvement Element is a portion of the City of Weston's overall Comprehensive Plan and is to be used as a planning tool by the City of Weston and is not to be used to create a capital budget. The Element addresses short and long term level of service needs that have been identified and will assure the orderly growth and development of the City of Weston. The Element will be used to ensure that the identified level of service for the residents of the City of Weston will be met.

#### **PLANNING TIMEFRAMES**

The City of Weston Comprehensive Plan provides guidance on development and redevelopment over two planning horizons: a 5-year period (short term) and a 10-year period (long term). The Capital Improvement Element provides for facility improvements over the short term 5-year planning period.

#### **EXISTING DATA AND CONDITIONS**

#### **Inventory of Capital Improvement Needs**

The City of Weston is a built-out community that was incorporated in 1996. The existing demand on the City of Weston's infrastructure is heading in a different direction than the conditions at the time the Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1999. Previously, the City of Weston was in need of increasing its infrastructure capacity based on the heavy growth Weston was experiencing. Currently, the main constraint on the infrastructure system is an aging system in older areas of the City of Weston. Weston is now faced with the challenge of capital improvements to areas of the greatest need. The City of Weston has been successful maintaining its required level of service; however, in order to maintain these conditions, enhancements to the current network will be a necessity in the future. The Capital Improvement Element and Capital Improvement Plan are reviewed and updated annually to assess the need for projects required to maintain the City of Weston's adopted levels of service.

#### Water and Sewer Facilities

Water and sewer extensions in the City of Weston were installed by the Indian Trace Development District, whose board members are the members of the Weston City Commission and are financed by debt issued by the District. The bonds are satisfied by assessments against future users. The City of Weston does not own water or sewer treatment facilities but contracts for those services through the Settlement Agreement with the City of Sunrise. The City of Weston operates and maintains the collection and distribution system and assures that the installation of new facilities is properly accomplished.

Currently, the City of Weston is maintaining Level of Service (LOS) for Water and Sewer Facilities. See the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan, Infrastructure Element.

#### **Stormwater Drainage Facilities**

The City of Weston's stormwater management and drainage can be separated into two areas, the Bonaventure Development District and the Indian Trace Community Development District (ITCDD). The ITCDD is comprised of Basin 1 and Basin 2 and the Bonaventure Development District includes all of the Bonaventure community. Basin 1 is the largest developed portion of the City of Weston, while Basin 2 is made up of mainly the agricultural areas, but does also contain the developed community of the Isles at Weston.

Currently, the City of Weston is maintaining LOS for Stormwater Drainage Facilities. See the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan, Infrastructure Element.

# **Transportation**

Weston is built-out; therefore, the main concern regarding roadway improvements are the older portions of the City of Weston. The City of Weston is responsible for maintaining the local network program and the traffic control devices, including traffic signals. Improvements for these traffic engineering devices have been provided for in the 2022 City Strategic Value and Business Plan. These projects are financed through the Capital Projects Fund. There are currently no issues that affect level of service standards.

In order to adequately assess roadway performances throughout the City of Weston, an evaluation system was adopted. Roadway performance conditions are measured by Level of Service (LOS), which is represented by letters "A" (most favorable conditions), through "F" (least favorable conditions). In 1999, the City of Weston adopted a concurrency management system and level of service for roads; LOS "D" for peak hour roadway operating condition or "LOS D: 110% Maintain" for purposes of determining the capacity of roadway segments, as required by Broward County.

There is one widening project listed for the City of Weston in the FDOT FY 16/17 to 21/22 Work Program. It is FM #421548-1 for additional lanes and reconstruction of the I-75 interchange at Royal Palm Boulevard from North of SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street (South Post Road) to south of SW 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Indian Trace).

Currently, the City of Weston is maintaining LOS for Transportation Facilities. See the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element.

#### Parks and Recreation

The City of Weston has a broad range of parks, recreation and open space facilities and services. Opportunities for recreation are offered through the Park and Recreation Department's facilities and organized and managed by private contractors. The maintenance of City parks is provided by a contracted provider. Other recreation facilities include basketball courts, roller hockey rinks, playgrounds, picnic areas and natural trails. The City of Weston has approximately 1,500 acres of public open space available for its residents to enjoy. Expenses for parks and recreation are supplemented by fees for use. Currently, the City of Weston is maintaining level of service standards for park areas and facilities and is expected to maintain level of service standards through the short term planning period. See the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Open Space Element.

## **Public Education and Healthcare Systems**

Schools serving the City of Weston are the responsibility of the Broward County School Board and are handled on a County-wide basis and are not included in this Element. Students from Weston attend the following public schools:

# **Elementary Schools**

Country Isles Elementary 2300 Country Isles Road, Weston, 33326 754-323-5250

**Eagle Point Elementary** 100 Indian Trace, Weston, 33326 754-323-5500

Everglades Elementary 2900 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, 33331 754-323-5600

Gator Run Elementary 1101 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston, 33326 754-323-5850

Indian Trace Elementary 400 Indian Trace, Weston, 33326 754-323-6300

Manatee Bay Elementary 19200 Manatee Isles Drive, Weston, 33331 754-323-6450

Imagine Charter School at Weston 2500 Glades Circle, Weston, 33327 954-659-3600

# Middle Schools

Falcon Cove Middle 4251 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston, 33332 754-323-3200

# Tequesta Trace Middle

1800 Indian Trace, Weston, 33326 754-323-4400

# **High Schools**

Cypress Bay High

18600 Vista Park Boulevard, Weston, 33331

754-323-0350

Western High

1200 SW 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Davie, 33325

754-323-2400

Non-Public Schools in Weston	Instruction Levels
Sagemont Lower School at Weston 1570 Town Center Circle, Weston, 33326 954-384-5454	3 years of age - 5th grade
Sagemont Upper School at Weston 2585 Glades Circle, Weston, 33327 954-389-2454	6th - 12th
Three Village Montessori School 1400 Indian Trace, Weston, 33326 954-384-7325	Pre - K - 4th
Weston Christian Academy 1420 Indian Trace, Weston, 33326 954-349-9224	4 years of age - 8th
University of Miami School of Continuing Studies At Sagemont Upper School in Weston 2585 Glades Circle, Weston 33327 305-284-2727 Adult business & language curriculum (English & Spanish) Broward satellite campus	

Most of the City of Weston is within the geographical boundaries of the North Broward Hospital District which provides a satellite facility for the area. Areas south of South Post Road are within the South Broward Hospital District.

Health care facilities within the City of Weston include the following:

Cleveland Clinic (Hospital) 3100 Weston Rd. Weston, FL 33331

Cleveland Clinic

2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd.

Weston, FL 33331

Baptist Health Urgent Care 1642 Town Center Circle Weston, FL 33326

Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center 2900 S. Commerce Parkway Weston, FL 33331

Broward Health Weston 2300 N. Commerce Parkway Weston, FL 33326

# Timing and Priority of Capital Improvement Needs

Since the City of Weston is built-out, none of the proposed 5-year capital improvement projects specifically address LOS. The primary need at this time in the City of Weston's history is to maintain and rehabilitate municipal infrastructure systems such as roadways, park and recreation facilities and water and sewer systems.

In 2001, the City of Weston shifted its focus from planning and delivery of primary infrastructure to infrastructure and service enhancements and operation and maintenance of existing assets. The first element of this change in focus was the development of a Strategic Value and Business Plan, so named because the City Commission had adopted a long-term goal for the City of Weston as protection and enhancement of values of properties within the City of Weston. The 2022 Strategic Value and Business Plan was developed to identify all capital projects and improvements which would further the stated long-term goal.

Further recognizing that such capital plan would be far more valuable if combined with a more comprehensive business plan, the City of Weston adopted its 2022 Business Plan. The 2022 Business Plan and 2022 Strategic Value Plan have been updated continually since adoption to ensure continued relevance and have become the primary near real-time planning tools and models of the City of Weston and its taxing districts and the primary basis for City of Weston annual budgets.

## Capital Improvement Needs Summary

The Capital Improvement Element identifies future capital improvement needs, as they relate to maintaining the City of Weston's adopted Level of Service, within the following areas of need:

- Water Management
- Water and Sewer
- Roadway Improvements
- Parks and Recreation
- Municipal Facilities

The Capital Improvement Program as outlined is generally to meet the needs existing facilities. Limited improvements are intended for the needs of future development and expansion within the City of Weston.

The water and sewer facilities as indicated in the Plan are intended to serve existing and future development in the City of Weston and to assure that the established levels of service are met.

The identified roadway improvements are intended to provide existing and future residents of the City of Weston with safe and adequate access throughout Weston by signalization and intersection improvements.

The Recreation and Open Space Element is intended to exceed the established levels of service and to ensure the standards that are established both in existing and proposed parks.

#### Level of Service Standards

The criteria established for comprehensive plans must include at a minimum the Level of Service Standards to be utilized for the public facilities described in the Plan. The Level of Service Standards for the City of Weston are shown in the following Table 7A. All future development approvals are contingent upon the fact that the adopted Level of Service Standards are met.

# TABLE 7A Level of Service Standards

Public Facility Category	Local Standard
Sanitary Sewer	120 gpcd <sup>1</sup>
Potable Water	127 gpcd <sup>2</sup>
Fire Flow	1500 gpm <sup>3</sup> with
	2 hydrants flowing full
Solid Waste	8 lbs. per capita per day
- Residential	8.9 lbs. per unit per day
- Industrial & Commercial Factory/Warehouse Office Building Retail/Service Supermarket Hotel	2 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day 1 lb. per 100 sq. ft. per day 4 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day 9 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. per day 3 lbs. per room per day
- School	
Grade School	10 lbs. per room &
High School	<ul><li>½ lb. per pupil per day</li><li>8 lbs. per room &amp;</li><li>½ lb. per pupil per day</li></ul>
- Institution	
Hospital	8 lbs. per bed per day
Nursing Home	3 lbs. per person per day
Drainage	
Roadway Crown Elevation Lowest Finish Floor Elevation	10 year, 3 day 100 year, 3 day
Roadways	
SHS Facilities Arterial	LOS "D" <sup>4</sup> LOS "D" <sup>4</sup>

- Open Space/Recreation Area
  - <sup>1</sup> Gallons per capita per day <sup>2</sup> Gallons per capita per day
  - <sup>3</sup> Gallons per minute
  - <sup>4</sup> Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and peak hour (100<sup>th</sup> highest hour as specified in the FDOT "2013 Quality / Level of Service Handbook")

LOS "D"<sup>4</sup> LOS "D"<sup>4</sup>

6 Acres per 1000 Residents

Collector

Local Roadway

## Financial Resources Relative to Capital Improvements

The City of Weston currently utilizes some common municipal revenue sources and financing vehicles capable of funding capital improvement projects. Employment of these methods of financing is not, however, intended to infer that the City of Weston cannot consider or utilize alternative methods, should they be found advantageous. The City of Weston uses the following funds to control its financial activities for City-wide purposes: General, Law Enforcement Trust, Tree Trust, Disaster Management, Street Maintenance, Fire Services, Transportation, Building Fee, and Capital Projects – Infrastructure. The Bonaventure Development District's activities are accounted for using three funds: Rights-of-Way Fund, Water Management Fund, and Debt Service Fund – Series 2002. The Indian Trace Development District accounts for its activities using eight funds: Enterprise Fund – Water & Sewer Utility, Basin II Water Management Fund, Debt Service Fund – Basin I Series 2003, Basin I Rights-of-Way Fund, Basin I Water Management Fund, Debt Service Fund – Basin I Series-1997, Debt Service Fund – Basin I Series 2005, and Benefit Tax – Basin I.

Special Assessments represent a large portion of revenues raised annually in the City of Weston. Special non-ad valorem assessment revenues fund the services provided by the City of Weston's two dependent Districts, Indian Trace Development District and Bonaventure Development District, and the City of Weston's Solid Waste Collection Services which is funded in the General Fund. Special assessments also support Fire Protection Services accounted for in the Fire Protection Services Fund, which serves the entire City of Weston.

Special assessments are raised in whatever amount is necessary to fund the activities, services and debt service obligations of the funds, therefore projecting revenues is a mathematical calculation of how much revenue is required to support the funds. When the assessments are collected by Broward County Revenue Collector, they are deposited into the appropriate fund.

Bonaventure Development District Special Assessments fund the operations, capital improvements and debt service of the Bonaventure Development District. During Fiscal Year 2016, Bonaventure assessments in the total amount of \$3,460,178 will be disbursed into the following funds: BDD Rights-of-Way Fund, BDD Water Management Fund, BDD Capital Projects Fund – Series 2002, and BDD Debt Service Fund – Series 2002.

Indian Trace Development District Special Assessments fund the operations, capital improvements and debt service of the Indian Trace Development District. During Fiscal Year 2016, Indian Trace assessments in the total amount of \$20,078,046 will be disbursed into the following funds: ITDD Basin II Water Management Fund, ITDD Basin I Rights-of-Way Fund, ITDD Basin I Water Management Fund, ITDD Benefit Tax Fund, ITDD Capital Projects Fund – Basin I Series 1997 and ITDD Basin II Series 2005.

#### **Transportation Fund**

The Transportation Fund is responsible for providing a revenue stream to fund mass transit within the City of Weston. The goal of the Transportation Fund is to provide a transportation system and transportation amenities as deemed appropriate by the City Commission, and to operate that system to meet the needs of the Community. Based on the adopted budget, total expenditures were budgeted at \$30,400 and revenues were budgeted to be \$76,200 in FY 2016.

## Capital Projects Fund – Infrastructure

The Capital Projects Fund – Infrastructure accounts for revenues accrued from municipal revenue streams and is dedicated to fund new construction, and rehabilitation of existing municipal infrastructure. The Fund is responsible for segregation of established municipal revenue streams, either in whole or in part, and the receipt of proceeds from borrowings from other funds; with expenditures restricted to funding capital projects to add to and maintain the City of Weston's infrastructure. Total expenditures are projected to be \$8,482,600 in FY 2016.

# Water Management Fund

This fund is responsible for the maintenance of the District's stormwater bodies and the operation of the District's storm water discharge pumps. Its goal is to manage the District's stormwater infrastructure by maintaining the water bodies in an environmentally sound manner and neat appearance, and managing the levels of the water bodies, including the culverts and the pump systems so as to avoid flooding during storm events. Expenditures for Water Management Services have decreased due primarily to less capital projects. In Fiscal Year 2016, the District will continue to respond to lake maintenance issues and continue its comprehensive plan of jet vacuuming storm drainage lines.

# **Locally Levied Taxes**

The Locally Levied Taxes category accounts for the proceeds of Ad Valorem Taxes (also known as "Property Taxes"), Franchise Fees, Utility Taxes, Solid Waste Special Assessments and Simplified Communication Taxes. Presented below are descriptions of each revenue source collected by the City of Weston as well as information on the revenue trends and assumptions used in Fiscal Year 2016 Budget projections.

Ad Valorem Taxes are authorized by the Florida Constitution; however, the Constitution limits local governments to a 10 mill cap. Revenue projections for this category are based on official certifications of taxable values delivered to all governments in Florida on July 1 of each year by the County Property Appraisers. For Fiscal Year 2016, City's gross taxable value is \$7,466,018,397, a 5.4% increase from Fiscal Year 2015; and based on that figure the City of Weston levied a millage rate of 2.3900 mills.

The City of Weston projects Ad Valorem proceeds of \$16,951,600 in Fiscal Year 2016, which is \$871,900 or 5.4% more than Fiscal Year 2015. Under normal circumstances, Ad Valorem Tax revenues are a stable source of revenue displaying an upward trend in the City of Weston due to the increases in the taxable values of existing properties and new construction added to tax rolls. However, with the build-out of the City of Weston, the impacts of state-mandated taxable value caps and the slow recovery of the real estate market, the City of Weston's taxable value growth has being severely impacted over the years. While the housing market has been improving in the City of Weston, the City of Weston's taxable value has been recovering at a much slower rate. Coupling this trend with the slow of growth in non-ad valorem revenues such as sales taxes, gas taxes, utility taxes and franchise fees creates added pressure on the weakened ad valorem revenue source.

Franchise Fees – Electric are authorized by the Florida Constitution and used as a fee for the privilege of transacting utility business within the jurisdiction, as well as the privilege of using the rights-of-way to conduct utility business. Weston levies a franchise fee of 5.9% on all purchases of electricity. During Fiscal Year 2016, the City of Weston's Budget projects \$4,178,200 from this revenue source, a slight decrease of 1.0% from the previous year's Adopted Budget. Although Electric Franchise Fees decreased this fiscal year they may be increased by 3% based on the long range Strategic Value and Business Plan.

Franchise Fees – Solid Waste are authorized by the Florida Constitution and used as a fee upon utility providers for the privilege of a franchise within the jurisdiction as well as the privilege of using the rights-of-way to conduct business. During Fiscal Year 2016, the City of Weston will collect Solid Waste Franchise Fees of 35% for all solid waste accounts within the City of Weston. For Fiscal Year 2016, the City of Weston expects to collect a total of \$1,268,300, which represents an increase of 3% from the previous year.

Utility Taxes - Electric are authorized by Florida Statutes Section 166.231 to be levied on sellers of electricity within municipalities. Weston levies the utility or public service tax on purchases of electricity at the maximum level allowable under the law of 10%. Fiscal Year 2016 revenues from this source are expected to total \$4,500,000, a 17% increase based on actual revenues received on previous years. The Utility Tax is calculated on the portion of the Florida Power & Light electric utility bill which does not include the fuel surcharge.

Utility Taxes – Gas are authorized by Florida Statutes Section 166.231 to be levied on sellers of metered or bottled natural gas within municipalities. Weston levies the utility or public service tax on purchases of natural gas at the maximum level allowable under the law of 10%. Fiscal Year 2016 projected revenues are \$89,700 and are not significant, representing only 0.2% of General Fund revenues.

Special Assessments are Solid Waste Special Assessments collected through the residential property tax bill to pay for residential automated solid waste collection and disposal services with Republic Services doing business as *All Service Refuse*. The City of Weston collects solid waste assessments from all residential properties within the City of Weston which receive curbside automated solid waste collection services. The City of Weston remits the solid waste collection and disposal portion of the assessment to *All Service Refuse* (less the Franchise Fee). *All Service Refuse* directly bills all other property service types within the City of Weston. Fiscal Year 2016 revenues from this source are expected to total \$2,252,600, an increase of .4% due to the contractual increase tied to the consumer price index.

Simplified Communication Taxes were authorized by Chapter 202 Florida Statutes in 2001 as a way to streamline taxing of increasingly interrelated communications services and to allow for a competitive playing field for providers of these services. The tax replaced all communications-related franchise fees, utility taxes and fees and debuted in Fiscal Year 2002. In Weston, the tax replaced Telephone and Cable Television Franchise Fees and Telephone Utility Taxes. During Fiscal Year 2016, the tax collected by the Florida Department of Revenue and remitted monthly to the City of Weston will be levied at a rate of 5.22% and is expected to generate a net total of \$3,000,000 based on projections by the Florida Department of Revenue, which is a decrease from the previous year based on actual revenues received.

projected revenues are \$918,750, which is a 5% increase from the previous year.	
its Business Tax Receipts pursuant to an ordinance which sets fees for the privile or managing any business, profession, and occupation within the City of Weston	
Business Tax Receipts are authorized by Chapter 205, Florida Statutes. The City	

# TABLE 7B - Projected Revenues-and Expenditures

The following table projects revenue and expenditures for the City of Weston through the year 2021. Assumptions utilized are specific to each fund source. As shown, revenues continue to grow over this time period.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	Adopted FY 2016 Budget	Projected FY 2017 Budget	Projected FY 2018 Budget	Projected FY 2019 Budget	Projected FY 2020 Budget	Projected FY 2021 Budget
Locally Levied Taxes	\$33,159,150	\$34,485,516	\$35,864,937	\$37,299,534	\$38,791,515	\$40,343,176
Charges For Services	1,446,800	\$1,490,204	\$1,534,910	\$1,580,957	\$1,628,386	\$1,677,238
Intergovernmental Revenue	4,988,600	\$5,138,258	\$5,292,406	\$5,451,178	\$5,614,713	\$5,783,155
Investment Income	400,000	\$412,000	\$424,360	\$437,091	\$450,204	\$463,710
Licenses & Permits	192,000	\$197,760	\$203,693	\$209,804	\$216,098	\$222,581
Miscellaneous	1,614,900	\$378,900	\$390,267	\$401,975	\$414,034	\$426,455
Fines & Forfeitures	382,000	\$393,460	\$405,264	\$417,422	\$429,944	\$442,843
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	42,183,450	42,496,098	44,115,836	45,797,961	47,544,895	49,359,15 <i>7</i>
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	254,993	670,280	1,125,627	1,623,762
Total Revenues, Transfers and Use						
of Fund Balance	\$42,183,450	\$42,496,098	\$44,370,829	\$46,468,241	\$48,670,522	\$50,982,919
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	Adopted FY 2016 Budget	Projected FY 2017 Budget	Projected FY 2018 Budget	Projected FY 2019 Budget	Projected FY 2020 Budget	Projected FY 2021 Budget
Public Safety	21,172,200	22,230,810	23,342,351	24,509,468	25,734,941	27,021,688
General Government	6,346,300	6,663,615	6,996,796	7,346,636	7,713,967	8,099,666
Public Works Solid Waste	2,252,600	2,365,230	2,483,492	2,607,666	2,738,049	2,874,952
Parks and Recreation	6,425,900	6,747,195	7,084,555	7,438,782	7,810,722	8,201,258
Community Development	1,851,280	1,943,844	2,041,036	2,143,088	2,250,242	2,362,755
Capital Outlay	909,000	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	38,95 <i>7</i> ,280	39,950,694	41,948,229	44,045,640	46,247,922	48,560,318
Transfers Out	2,422,600	2,422,600	2,422,600	2,422,600	2,422,600	2,422,600
Reserves	803,570	122,804	0	0	0	0
Total Appropriated Expenditures, Transfers out and Reserves	\$42,183,450	\$42,496,098	\$44,370,829	\$46,468,240	\$48,670,522	\$50,982,918

# **Bonding Capacity**

At the present time, the City of Weston's general fund is not encumbered with any long-term bonded debt. The ITDD and BDD do have several bond issues outstanding which are covered by a combination of utility or special benefit tax districts fund revenues. The following table reflects the 2016-2021 debt service expenditures for these bond obligations.

Table 7C – Bond Obligations

	Bonaventure	Indian Trace		Indian Trace	
		Bas	in I	Basin II	
	Series 2002	Series 1997	Series 2005	Series 2003	
Fiscal Year	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	
2016	\$907,318	\$644,250	\$3,960,500	\$628,075	\$6,140,143
2017	\$907,145	\$644,250	\$3,956,250	\$624,600	\$6,132,245
2018	\$909,175	\$644,250	\$3,965,500	\$625,5 <i>7</i> 5	\$6,144,500
2019	\$908,346	\$644,250	\$3,967,250	\$625 <i>,</i> 725	\$6,145,5 <i>7</i> 1
2020	\$905,293	\$644,250	\$3,971,500	\$625,050	\$6,146,093
2021	\$905,318	\$644,250	\$2,932,750	\$628,550	\$5,110,868
Total	\$5,442,595	\$3,865,500	\$22,753,750	\$3,757,575	\$35,819,420

	Street Maintenance Fund	Capital Projects Fund		Fire Services Fund	
	Series 2011	Series 2013 A & B	Series 2014 A & B	Series 2014 C	
Fiscal Year	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	Principal and Interest	
2016	\$415,200	\$1,019,365	\$516,821	\$434 <i>,</i> 756	\$2,386,142
2017	\$415,200	\$1,003,109	\$426,104	\$434 <i>,</i> 756	\$2,279,169
2018	\$415,200	\$986 <i>,7</i> 85	\$335,386	\$434 <i>,</i> 756	\$2,172,127
2019	\$415,200	\$970,460	\$335,386	\$434,756	\$2,155,802
2020	\$207,600	\$749,509	\$335,386	\$434 <i>,</i> 756	\$1,727,251
2021	\$0	\$667,945	\$335,386	\$434,756	\$1,438,087
Total	\$1,868,400	\$5,397,173	\$2,284,470	\$2,608,534	\$12,158,578

#### MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The adoption of a Comprehensive Plan requires that procedures be established to evaluate and monitor the intended capital improvements addressed in the Plan. These procedures must be in place and clearly identified. In order to accomplish this, the City of Weston will annually review the Capital Improvement Element and other relevant portions of the Plan to assure that the capital needs are being met.

The review will also determine if adequate revenues are available to meet the needs. The data regarding the listed improvements will be updated and revised as needed in order to meet current and future capital improvement needs as they relate to the City of Weston's adopted Levels of Service.

TABLE 7D – Schedule of Capital Improvements

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Facility Type	FY16	FY1 <i>7</i>	FY18	FY19	FY20	Total 5-Year Cost			
						FY16-FY20			
City Recreation and Open	City Recreation and Open Space Improvements								
	No proj	ects schedule	ed affecting Le	evel of Service					
City Potable Water Project	's								
	No proj	ects schedule	ed affecting Le	evel of Service					
City Sanitary Sewer Project	ts								
	No proj	ects schedule	ed affecting Le	evel of Service					
City Stormwater Drainage	Projects								
No projects scheduled affecting Level of Service									
City Transportation Projects									
No projects scheduled affecting Level of Service									
FDOT Projects									
	No projects scheduled affecting Level of Service								
City of Sunrise Sanitary Sewer Projects									
	No projects scheduled affecting Level of Service								
City of Sunrise Potable Water Projects									
	Se	ee Table 7E o	n the followin	ng page.					

TABLE 7E – Water Supply Plan Potable Water Projects

		Treated Water Capacity (mgd)	Cumulative Treated Water AWS (mgd)	Year
Springtree RO (Phase I)	AWS	1.5	1.5	2014
C-51 or Reuse Offset Credit	AWS	1.0	2.5	2025

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 7

To ensure the orderly and efficient use and availability of all public services and facilities within the City of Weston that serve the existing and future populations of the City of Weston.

## 7.1 Objective:

To develop a comprehensive and coordinated funding strategy in the adopted Capital Improvements Element to meet existing deficiencies, to accommodate desired future growth and to replace obsolete or worn-out facilities in the City of Weston.

#### 7.1.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall maintain the local capital project review criteria which will prioritize the proposed capital improvement projects on a basis of being consistent with several factors: local comprehensive planning efforts, cost feasibility and effectiveness, size of the project and term of need, intergovernmental commitments, the ability to take advantage of other jurisdictional capital improvements and the overall budget constraints of the City of Weston.

#### 7.1.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall recognize that capital expenditures necessary to maintain or improve the existing facilities will be given greater priority over the expansion or development of proposed facility needs.

#### 7.1.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall prepare and adopt a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the City of Weston's annual budgeting process and amend the Capital Improvement Element annually to reflect these changes.

# 7.1.4 Policy:

City of Weston shall establish and maintain budget review criteria that recognizes the need and establishes procedures necessary to fund the capital improvement programs which recognize the policies of the other Comprehensive Plan elements.

#### 7.1.5 Policy:

Subdivision regulations established by the City of Weston shall provide for the timely completion and maintenance of the capital improvements required by the Comprehensive Plan.

#### 7.1.6 Policy:

The Schedule of Capital Improvements shall be financially feasible. Sufficient revenues for financing capital improvements shall be available from committed funding sources for the first three years or will be available from committed or planned funding sources for years 4 and 5 of the 5-year capital improvement schedule.

#### 7.1.7 Policy:

The Schedule of Capital Improvements shall be based upon the Future Land Use Element and consistent with all other Plan elements.

#### 7.1.8 Policy:

Coordinate planning for City of Weston improvements with the plans of state agencies, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Broward County, the City of Sunrise and adjacent municipalities when applicable.

# 7.2 Objective:

City of Weston shall maintain a Concurrency Management System ensuring that development or redevelopment is approved consistent with the existing service availability or concurrent with proposed additional services. This will ensure that the intended project meets the adopted Level of Service Standards and the identified future facility needs.

#### 7.2.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall review development and redevelopment proposals recognizing the adopted existing and proposed Level of Service Standards. The City of Weston has established a timetable for the implementation of the additional facility needs.

#### 7.2.2 Policy:

Approval of a proposed development or redevelopment project shall be contingent on the availability of the related service needs being in place concurrent with the approval at the adopted level of service standards as specified in Policy 7.2.4.

#### 7.2.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall allow phasing of development related infrastructure improvements concurrent with project impacts that occur on public facilities.

#### 7.2.4 Policy:

The Level of Service (LOS) standards for capital improvement facilities shall be as follows:

- Sanitary Sewer- 120 gallons per day per resident
- Potable Water- 127 gallons per day per resident; exclusive of fire flow
- Fire Flow- 1500 gallons per minute with two fire hydrants flowing full

- Solid Waste- 8.0 pounds per day/ per resident with twice weekly pick up
- Drainage-Roadway Crown- elevation of a 10 year-3 day storm event
- Drainage-Lowest Finish Floor- elevation of a 100 year-3 day storm event
- SHS Facility, Arterial and Collector Roadways- LOS "D" (AADT and Peak Hour (100<sup>th</sup> Highest Hour))
- Local Roadways- LOS "D" (AADT and Peak Hour (100<sup>th</sup> Highest Hour))

## 7.2.5 Policy:

Potable water facilities must be available to serve new development at the time a certificate of occupancy is issued or guaranteed in an enforceable development agreement or development order issued pursuant to Chapter 380, F.S.

#### 7.3 Objective:

Adopt a mechanism whereby private developers participate in providing the required facility improvement, on a proportional basis determined by impact, so that the adopted level of service standards can be maintained.

#### 7.3.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall require that performance bonds or other acceptable forms of security be required for the construction of project-related capital improvements, over \$10,000.00, necessary to accommodate the development or redevelopment of properties and to assure that the adopted LOS standards are met.

#### 7.3.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall institute a policy ensuring that the construction of roadway improvements required by the project to meet LOS standards occurs, rather than collection of impact fees.

#### 7.3.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall establish and maintain land development regulations that assesses new development or redevelopment on a proportionate fair-share based on impact, for the costs necessary to finance the required capital improvements in order to maintain the adopted level of service standards as outlined in Policy 7.2.4.

#### 7.3.4 Policy:

Annual update of the Capital Improvement Element shall include proportionate- fair-share contributions.

#### 7.3.5 Policy:

Coordinate proportionate fair-share mitigation procedures and payments with Broward County.

#### 7.4 Objective:

City of Weston shall establish a capital improvement program that can be adequately funded by projected revenues or other available funding sources.

#### 7.4.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall consider a range of revenue projections and project cost projections based on several variables with regard to the local tax base, shared tax revenues, inflation, contingency costs and the amount and source of shared project funding commitment by other government jurisdictions.

#### 7.4.2 Policy:

Establish a minimum debt service coverage of 1.2x (120%) to guide in the preservation of existing bond issues and future bond issues as contemplated by the District.

#### 7.4.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall develop and maintain an inventory of required capital improvements necessary to address future development orders.

## 7.4.3 Policy:

City of Weston's capital improvement program shall recognize specific funding sources for specific projects or project categories such as developer contribution, special assessment, etc.

# 7.5 Objective:

The City of Weston, in collaboration with the School Board, Broward County and other municipalities shall ensure that public school facilities are available for current and future students consistent with available financial resources and the adopted level of service (LOS).

#### 7.5.1 Policy:

Consistent with policies and procedures within the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (ILA), the District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP) shall contain a 5-year financially feasible schedule of capital improvements to address existing deficiencies and achieve and maintain the adopted LOS in all Concurrency Service Areas (CSA). This financially feasible schedule shall be updated on an annual basis and annually adopted into the CIE.

#### 7.5.2 Policy:

The uniform, district-wide LOS shall be 100% of gross capacity (with relocatable classrooms) for each CSA until the end of the 2018/19 school year; and commencing at the 2019/20 school year, the LOS for each CSA shall be 110% the permanent (FISH) capacity for each public elementary, middle, and high school.

## 7.5.3 Policy:

The adopted LOS shall be applied consistently by Broward County, the municipalities and the School Board, district-wide to all schools of the same type.

# 7.5.4 Policy:

The School Board's District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP), adopted by the School Board annually, are adopted by reference into the CIE.

# Capital Improvements Implementation

The City of Weston uses a variety of funding sources to implement local capital improvements. Previous financing mechanisms have included expenditure of local tax revenue, long term revenue bonds, special assessments, shared revenue and developer contributions. All of these funding sources are considered and utilized in developing funding strategies for future capital improvements in the City of Weston.

# **CHAPTER EIGHT**

# TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

**General**. The purpose of the Transportation Element (TE) is to plan for a multimodal transportation system that places emphasis on public transportation. The TE Support Document provides the data and analysis used as the basis for the TE goals, objectives and policies.

The Transportation Element Support Documents are divided into four parts, the headings of which are capitalized and bolded. The parts are divided into sections, which are distinguished by underlined headings. The sections are further divided into subsections. The headings of the first and second subsection levels are bolded and italicized, respectively. Any further subsection levels are underlined and indented, as appropriate.

Part I identifies the service area, the planning horizons, key terms, and acronyms. Part II addresses the data requirements and includes inventories of the general location of transportation system features; special transportation or land use features; transportation level of service (LOS) standard; capacity of significant parking facilities and duration limitations; safety considerations; air quality monitoring; and transportation and population characteristics. Part III analyzes all modes of transportation and support of the comprehensive plan. Part IV addresses TE implementation.

Service Area. Roadway systems are citywide and include public roadways maintained by the City of Weston. Currently, there are no County or State roadways within the City of Weston. There are, however, several state roadways in the State Highway System (SHS) that immediately abut the City of Weston limits, which have been addressed. Bikeways are citywide and are limited to City of Weston maintained public roadways. Waterways are citywide, but are limited only to recreational waterways dedicated for public use; there are currently no navigable waterways or port facilities. Aviation is citywide but there are currently no airport facilities within the City of Weston limits. Recreational traffic is citywide. Intermodal system is area-wide.

**Planning Horizon.** The TE future planning horizon is 2035. The goals and objectives correspond with the 2035 planning horizon.

**Definitions.** For TE and its Support Document purposes, the following terms shall be defined as shown below unless the context dictates otherwise. Sources of the definitions, where available, are given in parentheses.

**Action Plan**. A program of transportation improvements designed to maintain and improve the capacity or reduce demand of roadway links in heavily congested areas (*Guidelines for the Development of Action Plans*, Broward County, 1992).

**Annual average daily traffic (AADT).** The volume passing a point or segment of a highway in both directions for one year divided by the number of days in the year (*Level of Service Manual*, Florida DOT, 2002).

**Bicycle and pedestrian ways.** Any road, path or way which is open to bicycle travel and traffic afoot and from which motor vehicles are excluded (Broward County Land Use Plan, 2016).

**Bicycle lane**. A portion of a roadway which has been designed by striping, signage, and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists (*AAHSTO*, 1999).

**Bicycle path**. A bikeway physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and located either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way (*AAHSTO*, 1999).

**Bicycle route**. A segment of a system of bikeways designated by the jurisdiction having authority with appropriate directional and information markers, with or without a specific bicycle route number (*AASHTO*, 1999).

Broward County Trafficways Plan. The plan promulgated by the Broward County Planning Council pursuant to Chapter 59-1154, Laws of Florida, as amended, and the Broward County Charter, which depicts a network of trafficways for Broward County (Land Development Code). The Broward County Trafficways Plan is a roadway right-of-way preservation plan. To accommodate the impacts of new development, right-of-way is required of developing parcels to provide for an adequate regional roadway network (Documentation of the Broward County *Trafficways Plan*, Broward County Planning Council,).

**Carpool and vanpool**. Carpool is an arrangement where two or more people share the use and cost of privately owned automobiles in traveling to and from pre-arranged destinations together, and vanpool is an arrangement which a group of passengers share the use and cost of a van in traveling to and from pre-arranged destinations together (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

**Capacity.** The maximum rate of flow at which persons or vehicles can be reasonably expected to traverse a point or uniform segment of a lane or roadway during a specified period under prevailing roadway, traffic, and control conditions; usually expressed as vehicles per hour or persons per hour. (*Highway Capacity Manual, Special Report 209, Transportation Research Board, 2000*).

**Committed trip.** A trip generated within the Traffic Review and Impact Planning System (TRIPS) model from an approved but not built development (*Land Development Code*, Broward County, 2016).

**Concurrency.** The provision of insuring that the necessary public facilities and services to maintain the adopted public transit level of service standards are available when the impacts of development occur. Roads, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, parks and recreation, and public education are the only public facilities and services subject to the Broward County's and City of Weston concurrency requirement, as applicable. Florida Statutes Section 163.3180.

Concurrency management system. The procedures or process that the City of Weston government will utilize to assure that development orders and permits are not issued unless the necessary facilities and services are available concurrent with the impacts of development (Florida Statutes 163.3180).

**Constrained roadways.** These are roads that cannot be expanded by the addition of two or more through-lanes because of physical, environmental or policy constraints (*Level of Service Manual*, Florida DOT, 2002).

**De Minimis Exception**. The Florida Statutes defines a De Minimis Exception to be if the impact from a proposed development would not affect more than 1/2 of 1 percent of the maximum volume at the adopted level of service of the transportation facility as determined by the local government. A proposed development may be deemed to have a de minimis impact and may not be subject to the concurrency requirements if this condition is present and all of the eight (8) exceptions listed in the Broward County Land Development Code are met (Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2016).

**Demand Response Transit Service.** Non-fixed-route service utilizing vans or buses with passengers boarding and alighting at pre-arranged times at any location within the systems service area (*Transit Fact Book*, American Public Transit Association, 1996).

**Feeder route**. A transit route which has the characteristics of traveling on local streets, utilized for shorter trip lengths and transfer connections (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

**Fixed-route service**. Transit service provided on a repetitive, fixed-scheduled basis along a specific route, with vehicles stopping to pick-up and deliver passengers to specific locations; each fixed-route trip serves the same origins and designations, unlike demand response and taxicabs (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

**Functional area coverage.** A one mile corridor surrounding a bus route, one mile in each direction.

**Greenway** - A corridor of protected open space established for conservation, recreation or both. (*A Community Resource Guide for Greenway Projects*, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails).

**Headway.** The time interval between transit revenue vehicles passing a specific location (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

**Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).** Electronic communications, or information processing used singly or in combination to improve the efficiency or safety of a surface transportation system (23 CFR Parts 655 and 940, Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Standards: final rule, 2001).

**Intermodal facility**. An intermodal facility is a single or closely related transportation facility used by two or more modes of transportation. Intermodal system is one providing connections between different modes, such as adequate highways to ports or bus feeder services to rail transit; individual modes working together to provide the user with the best choices of services (*Corridor Management Procedure*, FDOT, 1996).

**Level of service.** A quantitative stratification of the quality of service to a typical traveler on a facility into six letter grade levels with "A" describing the highest quality and "F" describing the lowest quality. The indicated LOS standards designate lowest acceptable operating conditions for the 100th highest volume hour of the year in the predominant traffic flow direction. The 100th highest volume hour represents the typical peak hour during the peak season. Definitions and measurement criteria used for minimum LOS standards are based on the Transportation Research Board Highway Capacity Manual 2000. All LOS evaluations are to be based on the Transportation Research Board Highway Capacity Manual 2000 and the Departments 2013 Quality/Level of Service Handbook. Florida Administrative Code 14-94.

Limited access facility. A street or highway especially designed for through traffic, and over, from, or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no right or easement of access, light, air, or view by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon such limited access facility or for any other reason. Such highways or streets may be facilities from which trucks, buses, and other commercial vehicles are excluded; or they may be facilities open to use by all customary forms of street and highway traffic. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03

**Linked trip.** A trip from origin to destination on the transit system. Even if a passenger must make several transfers during a journey, the trip is counted as one linked trip on the system (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

Major public transit trip generators or attractors. Major trip generators or attractors are concentrated areas of intense land use or activity that produce or attract a significant number of local trip ends. For public transit, a site which attracts a substantial number of person trips per day. Defined here as meeting or exceeding the following thresholds: Office parks - 100,000 sq. ft. GLA; shopping centers - 500,000 sq. ft.; schools – 1,000 students; major employers - 1000 employees; health facilities - 100 beds (*Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2016*).

**Modal split.** The proportion of total person trips that use each of various specified modes of transportation (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

**Multimodal system.** A transportation system consists of more than one mode of travel to serve transportation needs in a given area (*Corridor Management Procedure*, FDOT, 1996).

**Paratransit.** Those elements of public transit which provide service between specific origins and destinations selected by the individual user with such service being provided at a time that is agreed upon by the user and the provider of the service. Paratransit service is provided by taxis, limousines, "dial-a-ride" buses, and other demand-responsive operations that are characterized by their nonscheduled, nonfixed route nature. Florida Statutes Chapter 341.031

**Planning analysis hour factors (K<sub>100</sub>).** The ratio of a highway section's volume in the year's  $100^{th}$  highest volume hour to its annual average traffic volume. In developed areas the year's  $100^{th}$  highest volume hour represents a typical weekday peak traffic hour during the area's peak travel season, i.e., that area's peak season "rush" hour, usually in the late afternoon.

The K<sub>100</sub> factor refers to a demand volume, not necessarily a measured volume.

**Public transit.** The transporting of people by conveyances, or systems of conveyances, traveling on land or water, local or regional in nature, and available for use by the public. Public transit systems may be either governmentally owned or privately owned. Public transit specifically includes those forms of transportation commonly known as "paratransit." Florida Statutes Chapter 341.031.

**Recreational trip** - A trip for leisure, relaxation, or enjoyment purposes, as opposed to utilitarian purposes. (*Broward County Comprehensive Plan*, 2016)

**Right-of-way.** Land in which the state, a county, or a municipality owns the fee simple title or has an easement dedicated or required for a transportation or utility use (Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03).

Roadway functional classification. The assignment of roads into categories according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total road network. Basic functional categories include limited access facilities, arterial roads, and collector roads, which may be subcategorized into principal, major or minor levels. Those levels may be further grouped into urban and rural categories.

*Arterial road.* A route providing service which is relatively continuous and of relatively high traffic volume, long average trip length, high operating speed, and high mobility importance. In addition, every United States numbered highway is an arterial road. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

*Principal arterial.* A route that generally serves the major centers of activity of an urban area, the highest traffic volume corridors, and the longest trip purpose and carries a high proportion of the total urban area travel on a minimum of mileage. Such roads are integrated, both internally and between major rural connections. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

*Minor arterial*. A route that generally interconnects with and augments an urban principal arterial road and provides service to trips of shorter length and a lower level of travel mobility. The term includes all arterials not classified as "principal" and contain facilities that place more emphasis on land access than the higher system. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

*Collector road.* A route providing service which is of relatively moderate average traffic volume, moderately average trip length, and moderately average operating speed. Such a route also collects and distributes traffic between local roads or arterial roads and serves as a linkage between land access and mobility needs. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

**Local road.** A route providing service which is of relatively low average traffic volume, short average trip length or minimal through-traffic movements, and high land access for abutting property. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

Traffic Review and Impact Planning System, (TRIPS) Model. A computer model maintained in the Broward County Development Management Division which accounts for the traffic from approved but not built development. This amount evaluates links within the City of Weston that are monitored by Broward County. The TRIPS Models shall continue to be used to determine the roadway level of service and trips volumes associated with the development. See Committed Trip (*Land Development Code*, Broward County, 2016).

**Transportation corridors.** "Transportation corridor" means any land area designated by the state, a county, or a municipality which is between two geographic points and which area is used or suitable for the movement of people and goods by one or more modes of transportation, including areas necessary for management of access and securing applicable approvals and permits. Florida Statutes Chapter 334.03.

**Transportation Demand Management (TDM).** Techniques that can be used to increase the efficiency of existing transportation systems by influencing demand on the systems and by reducing the number of automobile trips during peak hours of highway use. Florida Statutes Chapter 341.031.

**Transportation disadvantaged.** Those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in F.S. 411.202. Florida Statutes Chapter 427.011.

**Transportation System Management and Operations (TSM&O).** Is defined as "an integrated program to optimize the performance of existing multimodal infrastructure through implementation of systems, services, and projects to preserve capacity and improve the security, safety, and reliability of the transportation system." (Broward County Comprehensive Plan, 2016 / FDOT, 2016)

**Trunk line**. A transit route which travels longer distances, primarily along arterial roads, with few deviations (*Transportation Expressions*, U.S. DOT, 1996).

#### Acronyms and abbreviations.

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act

ADT Average Daily Traffic
ASV Annual Service Volume

BCLDC Broward County Land Development Code

BCT Broward County Transit
CMP Congestion Management Plan
CMS Concurrency Management System
COE United States Army Corps of Engineers

CPTED Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
DEO Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
DMT Broward County Division of Mass Transit

DRI Development of Regional Impact **Environmental Impact Statement** EIS Federal Aviation Administration **FAA FAC** Florida Administrative Code **FAR** Federal Aviation Regulation

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged **FCTD** 

**FDOT** Florida Department of Transportation

FLL Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport

Florida Statutes FS

**FSUTMS** Florida Standard Urban Transportation Model Structure

HOV High Occupancy Vehicle

ITS **Intelligent Transportation System** 

LOS Level of Service

MIS Major Investment Study

MI W Mean Low Water mph Miles per hour

Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO

State Highway System SHS Strategic Intermodal System SIS

**SFRPC** South Florida Regional Planning Council

**SSPP** Safety System Program Plan

TAZ Traffic Analysis Zone

Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Coordinating **TCC** 

Committee

**TCRA** Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority **Transportation Demand Management** TDM

TE **Transportation Element** 

TIP **Transportation Improvement Programs TOPS** Transportation Options Program

**TRIPS** Traffic Review and Impact Planning System

Transportation System Management **TSM** 

**USDOT** United States Department of Transportation

Volume to Capacity ratio V/C

#### **DATA REQUIREMENTS**

Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S., requires the Transportation Element (TE) be based upon the following data: general location of the transportation system features; existing functional classification and maintenance responsibilities; transit trip generators and attractors; designated transportation facilities for hurricane evacuation; the existing peak hour; peak direction of level of service for roads, public transit facilities, and corridors or routes; and capacity of significant parking facilities and duration of limitations. Part II addresses the above described statute requirements.

The transportation system encompasses the following networks: The transportation system. roadways, public transit, bikeways, pedestrianways, waterways, airports, railways, recreational traffic, and intermodal facilities.

Roadway network. The roadway network includes the following features: roadway segments or links, road intersections, bridges, rights-of-way, signalization, signage, roadway amenities, and significant parking facilities. This subsection also presents safety-related roadway network data.

**Segments.** A roadway segment or link is a portion of a roadway defined for the purpose of traffic analysis. The segment origination and termination points are typically signalized intersections or the point where the number of lanes on a roadway change. Segments can be classified by lanes and functions.

Number of lanes. Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. requires the number of through lanes for each roadway to be identified on an existing transportation map or map series. Transportation Element Map Series Map 8-2, Existing Roadway Number of Lanes Map, depicts the Number of lanes of the existing roadway network consistent with the rule requirement.

Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. also requires the existing functional classification and maintenance responsibilities for all roads be shown on the existing transportation map series. Functional classification was developed for transportation planning purposes and is the grouping of roadways by the character of service they provide.

Functional classification and maintenance responsibilities. Table 8A depicts the federal functional classification system for roadways. A road located within an adjusted census urban area boundary is classified as urban, while those outside the urban area are classified as rural.

Table 8A Federal Functional Classification System

Urban	Rural
Principal Arterial	Principal Arterial
Interstate	Interstate
Other Freeways and Expressways	Other Freeways and Expressways
Minor Arterial	Minor Arterial
Major Collector and Minor Collector	Major Collector and Minor Collector
Local	Local

Source: Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures, Federal Highway Administration (2013).

The designation of federal functional classification is made following the publication of the decennial U.S. Census or whenever required by federal regulation. When evaluating the function of a road, the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) considers a road's trip purposes in relation to the total public roadway network. A road is classified based upon its

most significant trip purpose; however, a road may serve more than one significant trip purpose. The federal functional classification system recognizes twelve (12) significant trip purposes. Table 8B lists the significant trip purposes related to each functional classification.

Arterial roadways are classified as either principal or minor. A roadway serving only one of the arterial road purposes is classified as a minor arterial, while one serving more than a single purpose is classified as a principal arterial road. All limited access highways and roads which connect urbanized areas are considered to serve several trip purposes, and thus are classified as principal arterial roads.

Rural collector roads are classified as either major or minor. A minor collector road's significant purpose is providing access to diffuse land use areas; all other rural collector roads are classified as major. The Federal Highway Administration has developed a federal functional classification for Broward County's roadways, including the City of Weston.

Table 8B Functional Classification by Trip Purpose

Trip Purpose	Functional Classification
Travel to and through urbanized areas	Arterial
Travel to and through small urban areas	Arterial
National defense	Arterial
Interstate and regional commerce	Arterial
Access to airports, seaports, and major rail terminals or intermodal facilities	Arterial
Access to major public facilities	Arterial
Interconnection of major thoroughfares	Collector
Access to minor public facilities	Collector
Interconnection of minor thoroughfares	Collector
Access to concentrated land use areas	Collector
Access to diffuse land use areas	Collector
Travel between home, work, entertainment, and shopping destinations and nearest road on the primary network composed of arterial and collector roads	Local

Source: Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures, Federal Highway Administration.

Although the City of Weston is an urban area, the City of Weston is served by the rural principal arterial segments of I-75 from west of Glades Parkway to the Collier County line and US 27/ from Griffin Road north.

The Broward County highway functional classification map is consistent with the 2000-2010 federal functional classification.

The maintenance responsibility of the City of Weston's public roadway system is entirely that of the City of Weston's with the exception of specified traffic control devices and traffic signals which are maintained by the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division. Private roads within the City of Weston are not maintained by the City of Weston.

State Highway System (SHS). The Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is a transportation system that is made up of statewide and regionally significant facilities and services. State legislation enacted in 2004 has created a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) that is a regional network of transportation facilities including the FIHS roadway component. The Florida Department of Transportation established the minimum level of service standards for the State Highway System. It is the Department's intent to plan, design and operate the State Highway System at an acceptable level of service for the traveling public. The automobile mode level of service standards for the State Highway System during peak travel hours are "D" in urbanized areas and "C" outside urbanized areas. No specific level of service standards are established for other highway modes (e.g., bus, pedestrian, bicycle). Quality/level of service for these modes is determined on a case by case basis.

Table 8C lists those roadways on the State Highway System that serve the City of Weston (although not specifically included within the City of Weston city limits.

Table 8C State Highway System (SHS) of the Strategic Intermodal System(SIS)

FIHS Roadways	Roadway Segments	Centerline Miles
Interstate 595	I-75 to US 1	12.9
Sawgrass Expressway	Interstate 75 to SW 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	21.8
Interstate 75	Broward/Miami-Dade Co. line to US 27.	18.7
	US 27 to Broward/Collier Co. line	26.7
U S 27/SR 25	Broward/Miami-Dade Co. Line to I-75	13.0
	I-75 to Broward/Palm Beach County line	14.7
Total		107.8

Source: Broward County Federal Functional Classification, Florida DOT, District 4, 2005.

*Intersections and interchanges.* An intersection is defined as the general area where two or more roadways join or cross at grade, including the roadway and roadside facilities for traffic movements within the intersection. An intersection is an important part of the roadway network because its design influences the efficiency, safety, speed, cost of operation, and

capacity of roadways.

Interchanges are designed to permit traffic to move freely from one road to another without crossing another line of traffic. Generally, two types of interchanges are currently on the FIHS that serve the City of Weston: (1) Partial Cloverleaf (PC) and (2) Diamond (D).

*Bridges, overpasses and tunnels.* A bridge is a structure, including supports, erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, a highway, or railway, which has a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads. Most bridges within the City of Weston traverse canals or lakes, and are maintained by the Indian Trace Development District.

*Right-of-way.* Right-of-way often is the major cost for many of the transportation improvement projects; therefore, the acquisition of the needed land should be planned far in advance of the scheduled construction time. The Broward County Trafficways Plan, administered by the Broward County Planning Council, is a roadway right-of-way preservation plan. To accommodate the impacts of new development, right-of-way is dedicated by developing parcels to provide for an adequate regional roadway network. A dedication for at least half of the roadway width that the Trafficways Plan calls for is normally required at the platting stage.

Currently there are four main classifications designated in the Trafficways Plan: limited access/controlled; arterial; collector; and one-way pair. The right-of-way width for the limited access and controlled freeways is 325 feet; for arterial roadways, it varies from 100 to 200 feet; for collector roads, it ranges from 70 to 94 feet; and for one-way pairs, the range is from 42 to 54 feet. There also is an irregular designation as well as a Context Sensitive Corridor which are subject to specific plans.

Where right-of-way cannot be dedicated as a condition of development order approval, right-of-way is acquired through condemnation. City of Weston Transportation Element Objective 8.5 and its implementing policies address right-of-way protection and preservation.

Signalization. Signalization is an important part of the roadway system. It controls the flow of traffic, therefore, it affects the traffic volume passing through a particular intersection. For isolated (that is, non-system or uncoordinated) operation, the signal type indicates the degree to which a traffic signal's cycle length, phase plan, and phase times are preset or actuated. There are currently two types of signals in use: Actuated signals and Semi-actuated signals. Intersections that have actuated signals will have vehicle detectors for all approaches. Each phase is subject to a minimum and maximum green time and some phases may be "skipped" if no vehicle demand is detected. Intersections installed with semi-actuated signals only have detectors located on the minor street. The signal is set such that the green is always on the major street unless a vehicle is detected on the minor street. The pre-timed signal has preset sequence of phases in repetitive order. Each phase has a fixed green time and change interval that is repeated in each cycle. The Broward County Traffic Engineering Division is responsible for maintaining all signal systems in the City of Weston.

The purpose of traffic signal computerization is to optimize signal operation, thereby, providing a more efficient transportation system. Coordination of traffic signals through computerization has been recognized as one of most effective ways to improve the traffic flows.

*Signage.* Signing and markings are features of traffic control and operation that must be considered in the geometric layout of each facility. The FDOT, Broward County, and the municipalities create and maintain signage on their functionally assigned roadways.

Amenities. Landscaping is the primary highway amenity. Landscape design of completed highways serves functional, as well as aesthetic purposes. Plants can serve functions of glare reduction, acoustical control, erosion control, and traffic control, if they are well chosen and judiciously placed. Plants also can create and define spaces, by complementing and improving the attractiveness of certain land forms, while masking undesirable views. Landscape design can influence speed through control of road focal points.

Significant parking facilities and durational limits. Significant public parking facilities are defined as greater than 500 parking spaces. Currently, there are no significant regional parking facilities within the City of Weston limits.

*Safety.* A safe roadway network enhances the protection of life and property. Safety aspects include crash indicators, access management standards, and hurricane evacuation.

**Crash indicators.** Table 8D illustrates the number of vehicular crashes and the percent change in crashes for the years 2011 to 2015 in Broward County as compared to the State of Florida.

Table 8D				
Number of Vehicular Crashes and Percent Change				
In Broward County and Florida (2011-2015)				
Calendar Year	Broward County		State of Florida	
	Crashes	Percent Change	Crashes	Percent Change
		%		%
2011	23,216	-	229,211	
2012	31,306	14.83	283,367	10.6
2013	32,747	2.25	317,197	5.63
2014	34,839	3.09	344,336	4.08
2015	38,397	4.85	374,031	4.13

Source: 2016, Traffic Crashes Facts, FIRES – Florida's Integrated Report Exchange System

Broward County Public Works Department no longer collects vehicular crash, fatality and injury data. The Broward County Sheriff, the Florida Highway Patrol, and municipal police departments do collect such data and such data is forwarded to the Florida Department of Highway Safety (FDHS) for processing. The City of Weston will continue to monitor and identify high crash frequency locations, identify improvements that may alleviate any hazardous conditions, and maintain a crash data base in cooperation with the Broward County Sheriff's Office. The City of Weston considers any location having known crash frequency to be worthy of investigation, and has, and will continue to work with the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division and/or the Florida Department of Transportation in identifying potential improvement strategies to alleviate any hazardous condition.

Access management. The City of Weston to continue maintaining land development regulations that control the connection of access points of driveways and roads to roadways consistent with FDOT, Broward County and the City of Weston areas management standards.

**Hurricane evacuation.** The City of Weston is located in the central-western portion of Broward County and therefore does not lie within primary evacuation areas or within the Coastal High Hazard Area. The City of Weston is served by an excellent access system to the FIHS and therefore has significant evacuation capability in the event of an emergency evacuation.

**Public transit network.** The public transit network, as used here, means those facilities and services used to transport the public. Map 8-6, shows the Broward County Transit public transit routes, and transfer stations located within the City of Weston.

**Public transit facilities**. Public transit facilities include bus terminals, transfer stations, rights-of-way, motorized vehicles (buses and vans), transit bus stops transit amenities, and other facilities.

**Terminals.** A terminal is any location where passengers or freight either originates, terminates, or is handled in the transportation process. Broward County has established two (2) public transit bus passenger terminals. There are no currently existing or planned transit passenger terminals located within the City of Weston.

The County's main bus transit passenger terminal is located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, on the northwest corner of the Broward Boulevard/Brickell Avenue intersection. The bus terminal sits on an approximately three (3) acre site and can accommodate up to 24 buses simultaneously and is accessible as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The second County bus terminal is the 1.5 + acre West Broward Terminal, located at Broward Boulevard and Pine Island Road in the City of Plantation. Located approximately eight miles west of the main bus terminal, it is situated in the complex with the West Regional Library and the West Regional Courthouse. The West Broward Terminal, an ADA accessible facility, can accommodate up to nine (9) buses simultaneously and includes parking for transit commuters.

**Transfer stations.** A transfer station is a fixed location where passengers interchange from one route or vehicle to another. Currently, there are no existing or planned transfer stations located within the City of Weston. The closest transfer station is located northwest of the City at the Sawgrass Mills Mall at the intersection on NW 136 Avenue and Sawgrass Mills Circle.

**Rights-of-way and exclusive public transit corridors**. Broward County acquires additional right-of-way along major arterial roadways during the platting and roadway widening process for bus pullout bays, also called busbays. Bus pullout bays are specialized bus stop auxiliary lanes, independent of the through traffic travel lane. The busbays are designed to minimize traffic obstruction and maximize passenger safety. The City of Weston will cooperate with Broward County in the siting of potential busbay locations as part of development applications and roadway widening projects.

Exclusive public transit corridors are roadway or railway corridors exclusively designated by the FDOT or a local government for public transit, which are physically separated from general use corridors and to which access is highly restricted. There are currently no existing or planned exclusive public transit corridor within the City of Weston.

**Public transit vehicles**. As of May 2016, Broward County Transit (BCT) BCT has 346 fixed route buses and 82 community buses throughout the County. Vehicles are air conditioned and have kneeling mechanisms, which lower the steps of a bus to accommodate persons who have mobility impairments. Buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts for facilitating boarding and disembarking, which extend from the bus to the at-grade level of the bus stop (either sidewalk or roadway).

**Public transit bus stops**. As of May 2016, Broward County Transit (BCT) had 4,598 designated bus stops throughout the County. Within the City of Weston, BCT has many bus stops along Weston Road between SR-84 and Griffin Road. The City of Weston will continue to work with Broward County to improve existing and develop new bus stops consistent with Broward County objectives.

**Public transit amenities**. As of May 2016, Broward County Transit (BCT) had 1,043 bus shelters throughout the County. Shelters located within the City of Weston will be coordinated with Broward County in accordance with BCT standards.

Landscaping, lighting, information kiosks, and any other features intended for public transit will be included as amenities.

**Public transit services.** Public transit services are passenger services provided by public, private or non-profit entities. They include the following surface transit modes: fixed route bus service, express route bus service, feeder bus service, demand responsive service, municipal transit service, intercounty service, and other services. Map 8-6 shows the existing fixed public transit routes and the community bus service routes.

**Fixed-route bus service.** The City of Weston is served by the Broward County Mass Transit Division, which operates Broward County Transit (BCT), a fixed-route bus system servicing nearly all of Broward County's developable area. It provides service on a repetitive, fixed-schedule basis. Each fixed-route trip serves the same origins and destinations. Connections also are made to Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County.

There are two types of fixed-routes: main and local. Main trunk lines are those routes which traverse long distances, primarily along major travel corridors. Local lines provide links and connections to the main trunk lines.

Broward County Transit provides fixed-route transit service during peak hours of week days Park-and-ride routes operate at the beginning and end of each week day. Regular routes primarily operate on 30 minute headways during the week and Saturday, 60 minutes on Sundays.

Currently, there is one fixed route service in the City of Weston. The bus route #23, a north-south route provides week day, peak hour service to the City of Weston and runs along Weston Road.

**Feeder bus services.** Feeder bus service routes are defined as local transit service that picks up and delivers passengers to a rail transit terminal, express bus stop, transfer point, or terminal. There are currently no existing or planned feeder bus systems within the City of Weston.

**Demand responsive service.** Broward County funds and administers the Transportation Options Program (TOPS), which provides door-to-door service, upon request for persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using the Broward County Transit (BCT) fixed-route bus system either permanently or under certain conditions. This program, introduced by Broward County Transit's Paratransit Service in December 1996, gives consumers a choice of transportation service providers.

FDOT designated public transportation corridors. The purpose of corridor designation and subsequent planning is to relieve congestion by increasing people carrying capacity through the use of high occupancy vehicles. There are currently no FDOT designated public transportation corridors within or adjacent to the City of Weston.

Major public transit trip generators and attractors. Major public transit generators and attractors are concentrated areas of intense land use or activity which produce or attract a significant number of local trip ends. Public transit generators are typified by residential land uses. Public transit attractors include commercial, industrial, office, commercial recreation, educational, institutional, and transportation land uses. Ideally, public transit should connect major transit generators to major transit attractors.

*Safety.* Public transit safety addresses such issues as the safety certification process, transit fatalities and injuries, security surveillance at terminals and on buses, and hurricane evacuation. Because the City of Weston does not maintain such facilities, there is no relevant data to be presented.

**Bicycle network.** The bicycle network includes bicycle facilities and services designed to enable and encourage the use of bicycles for recreational and utilitarian purposes. Recreational trips include travel for leisure, enjoyment, or pleasure and utilitarian trips include travel for work or errands.

*Bicycle facilities.* Bicycle facilities include bikeways, bicycle parking racks and lockers, bicycle transport racks, and shower facilities.

**Bikeways.** The City of Weston has been successful in creating a bikeways network and the number of bikeways is relatively high compared to other areas within Broward County. The increased use of bikeways as a mode of transportation can further reduce morning peak hour traffic. Children biking to school can greatly affect the morning commute for motorists and reduce congestion on the roadways. Through increased security at schools and safe crossing conditions on the roadways, parents will be further encouraged to permit their children to bike or walk to school. The locations of bikeways within the City of Weston are displayed on Map 8-4, "Existing Sidewalks and Bikepaths".

A bike path is a bikeway that is physically separated by an open space or barrier. Generally, this type of bikeway facility is not utilized within the City of Weston.

A bicycle lane is a portion of a roadway which has been designated by striping, signage, and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicycles. Unlike bike paths, bike lanes are not physically separated from traffic. Bike lanes are the predominant bicycle facility utilized throughout the City of Weston. Generally, they consist of a five-foot wide designated lane in addition to the adjacent through lane, which has been properly signed and marked in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and applicable Broward County Traffic Engineering Standards. These bike lanes are implemented on both sides of the roadway and are properly transitioned through intersections.

Educational programs. Bicycle education is taught in Broward County's public schools by teachers, recreation, and law enforcement professionals trained as instructors. Bicycle education includes such topics as traffic laws and defensive riding techniques. The Broward Sheriff's Office provides bicycle safety education as part of its community outreach.

The Broward County Bicycle Suitability Map displays bikeways and designates traffic interaction ratings, but does not designate routes. It was determined the suitability map is more advantageous than a route map because the user may choose a course of travel based upon ability and confidence. The map provides a wealth of bicycle related information including defensive riding, traffic laws, bicycle repair shops, clubs, and regional park facilities.

*Bicycle safety.* It is known that Broward County consistently has a bicycle injury rate which is significantly higher than Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. In response, the City of Weston is committed to ensuring bicycle safety by the provision of designated bike lanes that meet standards and by continued bicycle education particularly for children. Bicycle crashes are always evaluated during traffic safety studies and measures to ensure clear lines of sight for cyclists (as well as pedestrians) are carefully evaluated during development reviews. The Broward Sheriff's Office has also committed to enforcing bicycle laws, as well as issuing citations to vehicular drivers who violate or encroach upon right-of-way specifically designated for bicycle travel.

Bicycle Friendly Community. In 2013, the City of Weston was designated a bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community designation recognizes Weston's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in Bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies. The City of Weston continues to make investments in bicycle infrastructure including being selected through a joint applicant with the City of Sunrise for a Complete Streets and other Localized Initiative Program grant which included the addition of bicycle lanes on Weston Road between Indian Trace and State Road 84.

**Pedestrianways network**. The pedestrianways network includes pedestrian facilities and services. Pedestrian facilities are designed to ensure safety and allow access to pedestrianways. Pedestrianways are any road, path or way open to traffic afoot and from which motor vehicles are excluded and includes such facilities as sidewalks, crosswalks, walkways, signals, median strips, curb cuts, and amenities.

*Pedestrian facilities.* Pedestrian facilities include significant pedestrianways, sidewalks, crosswalks, walkways, access facilities, and amenities.

Significant pedestrianways. Pedestrianways can be regionally or locally significant. The regional pedestrianway is intended to facilitate short trips, as well as longer trips in conjunction with public transit. Regionally significant pedestrianways are those pedestrian facilities on both sides of a roadway functionally classified as either a collector or arterial road. Locally significant pedestrianways are those sidewalks, walkways, and crosswalks which connect places which are not feasibly or practically accessible by automobile, such as in a downtown.

TE Map 8-4 displays The City of Weston's significant pedestrianways. The City of Weston has regionally significant pedestrianways along several of its collector roadways such as Royal Palm Boulevard and Indian Trace. The pedestrianways are generally elevated somewhat and buffered from the adjacent travelway with green space and landscaping. These pedestrianways are also in addition to specifically designated bike lanes located along the same roadway segments.

Sidewalks. The Broward County Land Development Code requires sidewalks to be constructed adjacent to Trafficways delineated on the Broward County Trafficways Plan and all functionally classified County Collector roads. Sidewalks must be a minimum of five (5) feet-wide on both sides of all these roadways. The County requirements affect the City of Weston due to the fact that arterial roadways are on the Broward County Trafficways Plan. Adequate sidewalks are provided throughout the vast majority of the City of Weston, however, some deficiencies have been identified. Current development review procedures strive to ensure compliance with the State Accessibility Code for New Building Construction (2007) which sets forth the states accessibility requirements based on Federal ADA guidelines.

Crosswalks. Crosswalks provide pedestrians with connections between sidewalks and walkways. Crosswalks are located at intersections and mid-block locations which attract heavy pedestrian traffic, such as schools and parks. Well marked crosswalks provide safe paths for pedestrians by alerting drivers of the potential for pedestrians crossing the street. For on-site applications, crosswalks are required to delineate connections between handicapped ramps or otherwise delineate on-site accessible routes. For intersections and mid block crossings within public rights-of-way, the location and design of crosswalks fall within the jurisdiction of the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division.

Walkways. Pedestrian walkways are exterior paths with a prepared surface intended for pedestrian use. These include designated walking areas in parking lots, parking garages, plazas, and other public places. Pedestrian walkways may be marked or unmarked.

Access facilities. Pedestrian access facilities include curb cuts, ramps, bus and rail stops, signals, and median strips. Curb cuts and ramps provide accessibility for the disabled and are designed in accordance with the guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Bus stop accessibility is discussed under the public transit component.

Pedestrian signal indications are utilized in conjunction with intersection signals to indicate to the pedestrian when it is safe to cross the street. As a matter of policy, the City of Weston requires pedestrian signal indications at all signalized intersections in conjunction with suitable pedestrian platforms and handicapped ramps.

Amenities. Pedestrian amenities are primarily designed to promote a pleasurable walking

experience. Amenities include benches, fountains, landscaping, lighting, and other urban design features. In addition to aesthetics, adequate street lighting and maintenance of pedestrian sight lines are important for pedestrian safety. The standard "Weston-style" traffic signal assembly includes street light luminaires on all corners of an intersection for added visibility. Sight visibility triangles and other clear lines of sight are required to be maintained as part of the City of Weston's Land Development Regulations and Landscaping Code. Appropriate lighting and maintenance of pedestrian sight lines are important for safety enhancement. Lighting and sight lines enable the pedestrian to spot and avoid threatening situations.

Safety. The Surface Transportation Policy Project calculates pedestrian safety rates using a numerical scale called the pedestrian danger index (PDI). The PDI is calculated on a scale of 1 to 100, with 1 being the safest city for walking and 100 the most dangerous. It is based upon the total number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, the percent of all traffic related fatalities and injuries that are pedestrian, and the percent of commuters who walk to work. Miami-Fort Lauderdale was ranked the third most dangerous large metropolitan area for pedestrians in the United States with a PDI of 78, third to Orlando (PDI 95) and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (PDI 87).

Crash research performed by the City of Weston as part of various signal warrant analysis would tend to support that most pedestrian and bicycle accidents have been related to clear sight issues, thus further emphasizing the need for clear site lines to be closely examined and maintained as part of the development review process.

**Waterway network.** The City of Weston does not have any navigable waterways within its jurisdictional limits.

**Airports and Railways**. Currently, there are no existing or planned airports or railway facilities within the City of Weston.

**Recreational traffic network.** The primary intent of the recreational traffic network is to provide travel oriented passive and active outdoor recreational opportunities. The City of Weston's recreational transportation network primarily includes bikeway facilities.

Facilities. Facilities include bikeways located within regional parks and bikeway connections between parks, schools, recreation areas and other points of interest.

Within the 102 acre regional park located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Saddle Club Road and South Post Road, there are 8-foot wide shared pedestrian/bicycle paths throughout the facility. More importantly, there is a designated bike lane network along much of the collector roadway system that connects the 102 acre park to other recreational areas and parks throughout the City of Weston (refer to Map 8-4).

**Intermodal facilities**. An intermodal facility is a facility designed to relate to two or more modes of transportation using single or closely related transportation facility and service. For purposes of the Transportation Element and intermodal facilities are categorized as either freight facilities or passenger facilities.

Facilities. Intermodal facilities include intermodal facilities of state significance, terminals, local intermodal facilities, connections, high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, and park-and-

ride facilities.

Connections. Connections refer to the access or link between transportation nodes. It is the efficiency and effectiveness of this linkage that determines the quality of intermodal transportation. The ease of interconnections between modes can have a significant impact upon the economy of a company, industry, state, region and nation. The benefits of intermodal connections include lowered transportation costs, increased economic productivity and efficiency, reduced congestion, increased return from private and public infrastructure investments, improved mobility, and reduced energy consumption. Intermodal connections can include facilities, such as roadways, railways and waterways, or services, such as bus and taxi services. These facilities and services can be further classified as freight or passenger.

Connection facilities. The City of Weston faces several challenges in terms of intermodal connectivity. The two areas that are addressed are categorized as (1) regional connectivity and (2) local connectivity.

From a regional perspective, there are no true intermodal connections located within the City of Weston. This is due in part to its geographic location, as well as the fact that there are no major airports, seaports or rail facilities located within or in near proximity to the City of Weston. The Weston Park of Commerce and the Meridian Business Campus do however, contain a significant portion of distribution facilities which utilize the surrounding intrastate network (SHS) to distribute goods from major transportation hubs, such as Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Miami International Airport, to other destinations within the South Florida area. Therefore, the roadway links and interchange that connect the City of Weston's local roadway network system could be considered smaller "components" of the County's regional intermodal connection system.

In recognition of this fact, the City of Weston worked with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Broward MPO to complete interchange improvements at the Royal Palm Boulevard interchange with I-75 including improvements to the southbound I-75 off-ramp terminal with Royal Palm Boulevard.

With regard to local intermodal connectivity, the City of Weston recognizes the importance of interconnecting vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle and community transit system modes of travel on a City-wide level. As part of the City of Weston's Land Development Regulation, and as part of the City of Weston's Development Review Process, greater emphasis has recently been placed on pedestrian/bicycle interconnections and ensuring sites are more accessible to handicapped persons and the transportation disadvantaged. A major focus has been to ensure that better accessible routes are provided between on-site buildings and the external sidewalks system as required by Chapter 4.1.2 of the State Accessibility Code. This is to ensure that handicapped persons or transportation disadvantaged that may not have the privilege of driving their own automobile can gain access to a site via the external sidewalk system and public transit systems.

High occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities. HOV facilities are designated for exclusive use by specified HOV vehicles (minimum 2 passengers per vehicle) and all other vehicles are expressly prohibited. The purposes of HOV lanes are to make the most of person-moving capabilities along a corridor and to provide sufficient capacity to meet future transportation demands. One way this can be accomplished is by increasing the occupancy of the vehicles

traveling on the corridor. Preferential treatment for high occupancy vehicles (HOVs) is intended to encourage the driving public to change from low to high occupancy vehicles. These high occupancy vehicles include buses, vanpools, carpools, and special vehicles for the handicapped. Multimodal interchange facilities, such as park-and-ride or ride-sharing lots, will also facilitate this mode shift.

Currently, the interstates that directly serve the City of Weston, I-75 and I-95, do not have HOV facilities.

I-75 Express Lanes. The Express lanes are currently under construction along 18 miles of the I-75 and SR 826 (Palmetto Expressway) corridors, from I-595 in Broward to just south of the SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway) in Miami-Dade. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is working together with local municipalities including the City of Weston to implement the project. The City of Weston is within Segment E (4.7 miles) which has project limits of I-595 to the north to just south of Griffin Road and is anticipated to be open by the Summer of 2017. The project includes include four variable-priced toll lanes (two in each direction in the median of I-75) with direct connections to Florida's Turnpike and the Palmetto Expressway. New ramp connections between Florida's Turnpike and I-75 will provide connectivity for Southwest Broward County. Additional features include the five intermediate express lane connections, transit access for Bus Rapid Transit (in cooperation with transit providers), intelligent transportation/tolling system and noise barrier walls where warranted. Express buses will connect to the 595 Express buses in Broward County and to the Palmetto Metro-Rail station in Miami-Dade County.

**Transportation level of service (LOS) standard.** Florida law requires transportation level of service standards be adopted for roads and public transit facilities within the local government's jurisdiction. Level of service standards for other transportation facilities, such as bikeways and airports, are optional. The City of Weston adopts transportation LOS standards through Broward County's Concurrency Management System to roadways and public transit intersections.

Roadway LOS standards. Roadway level of service standards have long been used in systems planning and traffic operations. The roadway level of service (LOS) standard is a qualitative assessment of the road user's perception of the quality of flow of traffic. The LOS standard is represented by letters "A" through "F," with "A" representing the most favorable conditions and "F" representing the least favorable. For signalized (interrupted flow) roadway segments average running speed or volume-to-capacity ratios have typically been utilized as measures of effectiveness investigating level of service. For signalized intersections, average vehicle delay is typically used to estimate levels of service.

State Highway System. Florida Statutes 163.3177 and 163.3180 requires local governments to adopt the LOS standards established by the Florida Department of Transportation by rule for facilities on the State Highway System (SHS) and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

Table 8F displays the Statewide Minimum Level of Service Standards for SIS, SHS, and TRIP funded facilities pursuant to Florida Statutes 163.3177 and 163.3180.

Table 8F Statewide Minimum LOS Standards

	SIS and SH	IS Facilities	TRIP funded facilities and other State Roads			
STATEWIDE MINIMUM LOS STANDARDS	Limited Access Highway (Freeway)	Controlled Access Highway	Other Multilane	Two-Lane		
Rural Areas	В	B_1	В	С		
Transitioning Urbanized Areas under 500,000	С	С	С	С		
Urbanized Areas under 500,000	C(D)	С	D	D		
Urbanized Areas over 500,000	D (E)	D	D	D		
Roadways parallel to exclusive transit facilities	E	E	E	E		
Inside TCMA's	D (E)	Е	_2	_2		
Inside TCEA's and MMTD's	_2	_2	_2	_2		

Level of Service standards inside of parenthesis apply to general use lanes only when exclusive thru lanes exist.

- 1. For rural two-lane facilities, the standard is C.
- 2. Means the Department must be consulted as provided by Section 163.3180 (5), (7) or (15), Florida Statutes regarding level of service standards set on SIS or TRIP facilities impacted by TCMA's, MMTD's or TCEA's respectively.

These LOS apply to the following facilities within the City of Weston and consideration will be given to I – 595, even though it is outside the City of Weston limits:

- US 27 towards the west,
- SR 84 and I-75 towards the north,
- I-75 to the east,
- I-595.

*Southwest Concurrency District.* Within the standard concurrency district the transportation LOS for the purpose of issuing of development orders and permits are as follows:

- 1) I 595: LOS "D" from I-75 to US 1
- 2) Sawgrass Expressway: LOS"D" from I-75 to SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- 3) I 75: LOS "B" from W. of Glades Parkway to Collier County Line;
- 4) US 27: LOS "B" from Miami/Dade County Line to Pembroke Road and from Griffin Road to Palm Beach County Line.

Table 8G provides the adopted Level of Service standards and generalized peak hour directional volumes for the SHS and SIS roadways serving the City of Weston (these roadway facilities are not actually located within the City of Weston limits, but are immediately adjacent to the City of Weston boundaries.

# Table 8G SHS and SIS Adopted Level of Service and Generalized Peak Hour Directional Thresholds

#### **ROADWAY** LINK **PEAK HOUR LANES ADOPTED** DIRECTIONAL LOS THRESHOLDS (1) 1 - 75Griffin Road to Royal Palm D 7,320 8LD **Boulevard** I-75 Royal Palm Boulevard to D 9,220 10LD Weston Road 1 - 75West of Weston Road D 5,500 6LD US-27 В 5,900 Griffin Road to I-75 4LD 1 - 595Urban Boundary to SR 7 D 9,220 10LD

Source: Level of Service Manual, Florida Department of Transportation, 2013 Generalized Table 7.

Other County and local roadways. Florida Statutes 163.3177 and 163.3180 requires local governments to adopt adequate LOS standards for local roads. The City of Weston proposes to adopt the generalized peak hour directional volumes for Florida's Urbanized Areas at the LOS "D" standard. At this time, Broward County monitors all arterial and collector roadways within the City of Weston as part of its Transportation Concurrency Management System for the Regional Roadway Network. These roadway segments are therefore not monitored as part of the City of Weston's local concurrency management system.

In keeping with the intent of the State Law, the City of Weston also proposes to establish LOS "D" to be the peak hour level of service standard for signalized intersections. The intersection standard requires that overall intersection operations be maintained at LOS "D" with no intersection approach dropping below LOS "E". It is possible to have one or more intersection approaches operating at LOS "E" and still have the intersection operate at an overall LOS "D". The proposed intersection level of service standard recognizes the critical importance that signalized intersections play in actual peak hour level of service, and is intended to be consistent with and further reinforce the peak hour level of service requirements set forth by State Law.

Vested rights. The 1997 Broward County Transportation Element contained an exemption for proposed development found to have vested rights with regard to any affected road segment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, or a common law vested rights determination made as to that road segment in accordance with procedures set forth within the land development regulations adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed development must meet concurrency for any road segment for which a vested rights determination has not been made.

De minimis impacts. Florida Statutes 163.3177 and 163.3180 require a traffic concurrency exception for those developments deemed to have a de minimis impact, provided all conditions must be met to qualify. The Broward County Land Development Code (BCLDC) currently provides eight (8) criteria that must be met to satisfy the de minimis requirement

which affect regional roadways within the City of Weston. The following are several trip generation related criteria listed in the BCLDC:

- The traffic generated by the proposed development on the overcapacity link does not exceed one-half of one (1) percent of the capacity of that link at the adopted level of service, and the total peak hour trips generated by the development assigned through any deficient intersection does not exceed more than five (5) trips.
- The cumulative impact of such exemptions shall not exceed three (3) percent of the capacity of any overcapacity link at its adopted level of service.
- The total traffic generated by the proposed development shall not exceed five hundred (500) trips per day.
- Additional de minimis conditions are as follows: for development of vacant land, residential density shall not exceed an average of 4 dwelling units per gross acre, and/or non-residential floor area shall not exceed 10% of the gross land area. For redevelopment of developed land, the number of residential units or square footage of non-residential floor area may be doubled. In addition, de minimis may not be applied to "flex" units or "reserve" units.

However, no impact will be de minimis if it would exceed 110 percent of the sum of existing volumes and the projected volumes from approved projects on a transportation facility; provided however, that an impact of a single family home on an existing lot will constitute a de minimis impact on all roadways regardless of the level of deficiency on the roadway. Further, no impact will be de minimis if it would exceed the adopted LOS standard of any affected designated hurricane evacuation routes.

Projects that promote public transportation. Section 163.3164(37), FS, projects that promote public transportation" means projects that directly affect the provisions of public transit, including transit terminals, transit lines and routes, separate lanes for the exclusive use of public transit services, transit stops (shelters and stations), office buildings or projects that include fixed-rail or transit terminals as part of the building, and projects which are transit oriented and designed to complement reasonably proximate planned or existing public facilities.

Urban redevelopment projects. Florida Statutes 163.3177 and 163.3180 provide for a proposed urban redevelopment project, located within a defined and mapped existing urban services area as established pursuant to a local government comprehensive plan, to not be subject to the traffic concurrency requirement. A previously existing development is defined in the rule as "the actual previous built use which was occupied and active within a time period established in the local government comprehensive plan."

Constrained roadways. Constrained roadways are roads that cannot be expanded by the addition of two or more through-lanes because of physical, environmental or policy constraints. Physical constraints primarily occur when intensive land use development is immediately adjacent to roads, thus making expansion costs prohibitive. Environmental and policy constraints primarily occur when decisions are made not to expand a road based on environmental, historical, archaeological, aesthetic or social impact considerations.

Local governments are required to adopt an adequate LOS standard for constrained roadways. An adequate LOS standard is one that ensures adequate facility capacity will be provided to serve the existing and future land uses as demonstrated by the Transportation Element's data and analysis. Establishment of a constrained roadway LOS standard, therefore, is determined on a case-by-case or road by road basis.

**Concurrency Management System.** The Concurrency Management System (CMS) provides the following mitigation measures when a development order or permit would cause a roadway to exceed its adopted LOS standard:

- 1. There is an approved action plan to accommodate the traffic impact of the development.
- 2. The necessary improvements to provide a LOS "D" are under construction at the time a permit is issued.
- 3. The necessary improvements to provide LOS "D" are the subject of a binding, executed contract for the construction of the facilities.
- 4. The necessary improvements for the LOS "D" have been included in the first two (2) years of the adopted state or county five-year schedule of transportation improvements and the applicable government entity makes a determination that a binding contract for the implementation of said improvements will be executed no later than the final day of the second fiscal year of the original schedule.
- 5. The necessary improvements for the LOS "D" have been included in the first two (2) years of the adopted municipal five-year schedule of transportation improvements and the municipality has entered into an interlocal agreement with the county, which interlocal agreement will include assurances by the municipality, upon which the County may rely, that at the time a development permit is issued, the necessary facilities and services are the subject of a binding executed contract which provides for the commencement of the actual construction of the required facilities or the provision of services within one year of the issuance of a building permit.
- 6. The necessary facilities and services for LOS "D" are guaranteed in an enforceable development agreement. An enforceable development agreement may include, but is not limited to, development agreements pursuant to Section 163.3220, Florida Statutes, or an agreement or development order issued pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes; provided that road improvements required by a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) development order shall not be considered for concurrency determinations for the property outside the DRI boundaries unless conditions 3., 4., 5., or 6. above apply.
- 7. The approved development would not cause deterioration below the 110 percent maintain level of service.

The City of Weston shall assist Broward County in addressing overcapacity roadways segments and roadway segments approaching capacity consistent with Broward County TE. The City of Weston will continue to address and participate in the municipal aspects of the following policy items:

- Continue to coordinate with Broward County with respect to planned improvements. In so doing, a high priority shall be assigned to appropriate County road improvements for road segments operating below, or projected to operate below, the adopted peak-hour LOS "D" standard.
- Coordinate with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Long Range Transportation Plan.
- On an annual basis provide updated information to the MPO for inclusion in their adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Continue its current policy of assessing traffic impacts and ensuring that road improvements will be provided where necessary and allow fair share contributions for roadway segments which currently are, or are projected to be, over capacity and which have planned applicable road improvements included within the first 2 years of State, County, or City of Weston's 5 year work program.
- Continue to support state legislative initiatives to provide a permanent increase in state transportation funding to accelerate the construction of high priority state road project's in the MPO's currently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Continue to foster a cooperative County-State traffic engineering improvement program on congested arterial roads according to established priorities as identified in the County's intersection data base and other planning files, and making use of the total range of available funding programs at the federal, state and county levels.

#### Transportation and Population Characteristics.

1. Auto availability and vehicle occupancy rates. The U.S. Census identified automobile availability by tabulating the number of households with zero, one, two, and three or more vehicles. Table 8H shows auto availability for Broward County and Florida. The U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2014 American Community Survey, Table B25044, shows Broward County has an automobile availability rate of 1.6 automobiles per household. The Broward County's Florida Standard Urban Transportation Model Structure (FSUTMS), Travel Forecast Estimate also reports that in 2014, the Broward County average daily vehicle occupancy rate was 1.35 persons per vehicle.

Table 8H
Vehicles Available for Occupied Housing Units (2014)

Jurisdiction	0 Vehicles	1 Vehicle	2 Vehicles	3 or Mo Vehicles	re
<b>Broward County</b>	7.70%	42.10%	36.80%	13.40%	
Florida	<i>7</i> .10%	41.20%	38.20%	13. <i>7</i> 0%	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 2014 American Community Survey, Table B25044

**Transportation disadvantaged**. Transportation disadvantaged persons are individuals who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves to or purchase transportation and are, therefore dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-

sustaining activities. Insufficient data is available at this time to accurately estimate the extent of the transportation disadvantaged within the City of Weston.

**Modal split:** Modal split is the proportion of total person trips that use each of various specified modes of transportation. Table 8I shows public transit modal split has increased from 1.27 percent in 2000 to 1.64 percent in 2005, an increase of 0.026 annually. Projecting the annual increase to the year 2030 would result in a 3.14 public transit modal split.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2012 American Community Survey, reports that trips to work by bicycle constitute 0.6 percent of the home-based work trips made in Broward County daily an increase from 0.5 percent in the year 2000.

Table 8I Estimated Public Transit Modal Split 2000- 2005, and 2030

Year	Population (million)	Transit daily Ridership (unlinked trips)	Total daily trips	Transit Market Share
2000	1.6	86,523	6,816,107	1.27%
2001	1.65	98,940	7,029,110	1.41%
2002	1.68	105,938	7,156,912	1.48%
2003	1.71	113,004	7,284,714	1.55%
2004	1.74	119,729	7,412,516	1.62%
2005	1.77	123,511	7,540,318	1.64%
2030	2.33	319,184	10,149,991	3.14%

Source: Broward County Transportation Planning Division, Planning Services Division, and Mass Transit Division

The total daily transit ridership in Broward County based on December 2014 data increased to 132,062.

**Environmental Issues.** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Air Resource Management Division, Air Quality Index show the number of maximum daily 8-hour ozone values within the designated air quality index category. The Air Quality Index reports daily air quality associated with health effects that might be of concern. It takes all the monitored pollutants and relates them to a single scale value to communicate air quality. The 2014-2015 air quality monitoring report indicated that Broward County had 646 Good days (88%) and 83 Moderate days (11%). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) previously designated Broward County as a moderate ozone nonattainment area. As of June 2005, the State of Florida was designated in by the National Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

#### **ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS**

Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. provides the Transportation Element (TE) be based upon the following analysis: land use and transportation system interaction; existing and projected transportation system level of service and system needs, including existing and projected intermodal needs; maintaining the adopted transportation level of service standards; consistency between the future land use and transportation elements, and consistency with other transportation plans; and promotion and support of public transportation system in designated public transportation corridors.

Land use and transportation system interactions. This section is intended to implement various Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. analysis requirements. Subsection 1 addresses growth trends and travel patterns associated with the transportation system (i.e., the roadway and public transit networks).

Subsection 2 focuses on the adequacy of the transportation system for evacuation consistent with the requirements of Florida Statutes. Subsection 3 looks at the availability of the transportation system to serve existing land uses as required by Florida Statutes. Subsection 4 addresses land use compatibility around airports consistent with Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S.

#### **Regional Growth Trends and Travel Patterns**

- Connections to I-75/SR 84 from Glades Parkway, Indian Trace and Bonaventure Boulevard will continue to be important as well as connections to I-75 (north/south) from Royal Palm Boulevard.
- The City of Weston is faced with the dilemma of accommodating the combination of outbound home-based work trips with inbound work trips to the commercial and industrial areas during the morning peak hour and accommodating the combination inbound returning home trips with outbound trips from the commercial and industrial areas during the afternoon peak hour. The critical point at which these opposing travel flows meet is at the intersection of Weston Road and Royal Palm Boulevard, which is immediately west of the Royal Palm Boulevard interchange with I-75. This area has been the subject of much analysis and evaluation.
- Based on future year forecasts, the intersection of Royal Palm Boulevard and Weston Road, as well as the I-75 interchange with Royal Palm Boulevard will continue to be an area of critical transportation concern.

### Local Land Use and Transportation Systems Interactions

- Industrial/office/commercial developments which have the potential to generate substantial amounts of heavy commercial and industrial traffic (truck traffic) have been appropriately located in close proximity to SHS interchange (e.g. I-75 (north/south)/Glades Parkway and SR 84 (I-75 east/west)/Royal Palm Boulevard. This type of traffic is primarily regional or interstate in nature, and therefore requires access to the FIHS trips of this kind could not be reasonably accomplished solely on the collector or arterial network.
- Retail and business uses have been centrally located within the interior of the residential components in order for local home-based shopping and business trips to occur on the local roadways and collector streets within the community. This has generally reduced trips on the regional arterial network and significantly reduced the potential for using the FIHS for shorter length trip making.
- Public schools have been located with access to at least two adjacent roadways and are generally located such that student drop-off and pick-up can be made as a pass-by trip associated with other types of trips. School speed zones, pedestrian routes, sidewalks and traffic signals (including school zone flashers) have been implemented to assist in school accessibility via pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Residential subdivisions are generally served by interior sidewalk systems and accessible routes, which then connect to external pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Although many of the subdivisions within the City of Weston are gated, there have been requests for traffic calming measures to be implemented within only a few subdivisions primarily due to speeding (as cut-through traffic obviously is not an issue in a gated community.

• More emphasis has been placed on reducing the need for vehicular tripmaking between uses within the same mixed-use development. City of Weston staff has recognized that some prior developments have fallen short in providing non-vehicular connectivity between projects within walking or bicycling distance of each other. Certain desirable aspects of the City of Weston's land development regulations, such as landscaping, bufferyards and strict parking requirements can be counterproductive to interconnectivity by inadvertently creating pedestrian barriers between parcels. As part of the development review process, there has been a greater focus in working with site planners and landscape architects to establish better pedestrian accessibility between adjoining parcels and the surrounding transportation network.

Availability of transportation facilities and service to serve existing land use. Availability, as used here, refers to the extent to which the transportation system provides access to serve existing land uses. Access to serve existing land uses requires an extensive network of connections. Roadways, public transit, bikeways, and pedestrianways are transportation modes that require an extensive network of connections in order to serve existing uses. Some transportation modes, such as waterways, railways and the recreational traffic network, have limited connections and do not serve the primary function of serving or providing access to existing land uses. Still other transportation modes, such as airports and related facilities and intermodal facilities, are in essence transportation hubs serving regions. Consequently, this section addresses availability of the roadway, public transit, bikeways, and pedestrianways networks to serve existing land use.

Roadway network. The availability of the roadway network to service existing land uses is primarily a function of the existing local roadway system. Access from new developments onto State Roads is governed by Rule Chapters 14-96 and 14-97, F.A.C., pertaining to permitting and access management which has been in effect since 1993. Access from new development onto non-State Broward County trafficways is governed by Chapter 5-195(b) of the Broward County Land Development Code, with the location and configuration of access points being determined generally at the platting stage. Access points for local roads within the City of Weston have been in accordance with the local roadway requirements in the Weston Land Development Code.

Public transit network. Availability of public transit to service existing land uses is based on the functional area coverage of the existing fixed-route bus network. Functional area coverage is defined as a ½ mile corridor surrounding a bus route, ¼ mile in each direction. The ¼ mile radius is based upon studies showing a person would walk up to ¼ mile to access the public transit network. As stated earlier, the City of Weston defaults to BCT which employs functional area coverage as the public transit LOS standard. The BCT provides service to 410 square miles within Broward County. Additionally, the BCT has 346 fixed route buses and 82 community buses which serve 41.5 million passenger trips annually.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that BCT, as an operator of a fixed-route bus system, offer complementary service to persons with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed-route system. A complementary paratransit service should operate at the level of service comparable to what is provided to persons without disabilities who use the fixed-route system. Since 1996, Broward County Transit has been in full compliance with the six (6) service criteria established by the ADA. BCT continues to meet or exceed service requirements mandated in the ADA legislation. Efforts to coordinate service delivery with Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties are ongoing in order to meet growing demand of

inter-county trips.

*Bikeways network.* Availability of the bikeways network to serve existing land uses can be defined by the functional area coverage for utilitarian bicycle trips, which can be categorized as a two (2) mile radius from the point of trip origination. The two (2) mile radius was derived from a special tabulation of the 2009 Nationwide Household Travel Survey which found that 72 percent of the work trips by bicycle are two (2) miles or less; the comparable figure for shopping trips is 87 percent.

The availability of the bikeways network to serve existing land within the City of Weston is relatively high compared to other areas of the County. When the utilitarian bicycle functional area coverage is merged with public transit functional area coverage, the availability of bicycles to serve existing land uses increases substantially. This link between the bicycle and public transit is possible because BCT and Tri-Rail provide bicycle storage racks on their vehicles.

For the majority of students, bicycling and walking are the only available type of independent transportation. Removing the barriers to bicycling for this segment of the cycling population has the potential for reducing peak hour traffic. School related traffic has been cited as one of the predominant contributions towards morning peak hour traffic congestion within the City of Weston.

Some concerns regarding students walking or bicycling to and from school are bicycle theft and hazardous walking conditions. These can be minimized through facility or site improvements. The City of Weston will continue to strive to provide adequate bicycle routes to the school sites located throughout Weston. The vast majority of schools are currently served by at least one traffic signal and also by school zone flashers to provide safe street crossings for the children.

*Pedestrianways.* Availability of pedestrian ways to service existing land uses is primarily a function of the functional area coverage of the existing pedestrianway. As noted in the public transit availability discussion, the distance a person would be willing to walk is approximately ¼ mile. Since this distance is so small, the pedestrianway network should be geared toward improving access to the public transit network and improving connections within compact mixed use areas.

Adequacy of transportation system for evacuation. The City of Weston does not lie within a category 1 or 2 hurricane evacuation area, and because of its geographic location, does not have any Coastal High Hazard areas within its boundaries. Broward County Coastal Management Element's Natural Disaster Component addresses evacuation under Category three (3), four (4), and five (5) hurricanes. Three critical evacuation factors include the adequacy of evacuation routes, transportation and hazard route constraints, and evacuation time.

Evacuation Routes. Should an emergency evacuation of the City of Weston be necessary, such as in the event of a major hurricane or other emergency, it is anticipated that the evacuating flows would predominantly be to the northwest via SR-84/I-75 or to the northeast via I-75/Sawgrass Expressway (SR-869). To a lesser extent, there may also be evacuation to northbound Florida's Turnpike or possibly northbound I-95 via eastbound SR-84/I-595. The following intersections and interchanges are therefore considered critical nodes for

emergency evacuation.

- SR-84/I-75 (east/west)
  - Glades Parkway (signalized)
  - Indian Trace (signalized)
  - Bonaventure Boulevard (signalized)
  - Weston Road (signalized)
- I-75 (north/south)
  - Royal Palm Boulevard (interchange)

Another important consideration during an evacuation is the ability to have override capability or the ability to implement special signal timing and/or phasing for signalized intersection in order to accommodate the highly directional flows. The City of Weston will continue to coordinate with Broward County regarding traffic signals in Weston and the County's computerized system in order to allow for remote capabilities for implementing special signal timing/ phasing changes from a central controller.

Transportation and Hazard Constraints on Routes. Transportation constraints include the number of lanes and the availability of bridges to evacuate the population Hazard constraints include debris and sand, flooding, and falling objects, such as utility poles causing road blockages, which restrict vehicular movement from the evacuation areas. There are no known transportation constraints that would affect the evacuating population, with the possible exception of signalized intersection constraints. The most likely hazard constraints would be related to fallen trees or landscaping debris as most of the electric utilities in the City of Weston are underground, with the exception of the Bonaventure area.

Evacuation Time. The South Florida Regional Planning Council completed a regional study on hurricane evacuation. This was updated through the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program in 2015. Clearance time is the time required to clear all vehicles from the roadway system during an evacuation. The area requiring evacuation during a Category 1 and Category 2 storm is identified in the Coastal Management Element's Natural Disaster Component. Because the City of Weston is not within the Category 1 and 2 Hurricane Evacuation areas, it is not impacted by the above restricting points. The area requiring evacuation during a Storm Category 3 and Storm Categories 4 and 5 are identified in the Broward County's Coastal Management Element's Natural Disaster Component. As indicated by the above table, the City of Weston is not directly impacted by any of the above referenced restricting points. The point closest to the City of Weston, SR-84/Griffin/Stirling/Sheridan Street, has the lowest clearance time to Palm Beach County.

The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study updated the Regional Evacuation Transportation Analysis in 2015. The clearance times provided included Clearance Times to Shelter, In-County Clearance Times, Out-of-County Clearance Times and Regional Clearance Times. Table 8.J and 8.K. depict these clearance times for the base scenarios.

Table 8.J Hurricane Evacuation Clearance Times

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2015 Clearance Times for Base Scenarios	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 1	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 2	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 3	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 4	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 5			
Clearance Time to Shelter								
Miami-Dade County	15	28	37	72	86.5			
Broward County	13	17.5	31.5	53.5	60			
In-County Clearance Time								
Miami-Dade County	25.5	28	37	72	86.5			
Broward County	13	17.5	31.5	72	87			
Out-of-County Clearance Tim	e							
Miami-Dade County	26	28	37	72	86.5			
Broward County	27	29	42	72.5	87			
Regional Clearance Time								
South Florida	27	29	42	72.5	87			

Source: Statewide Regional Activation Study Technical Data Report South Florida, SERT, 2015.

Table 8K Hurricane Evacuation Clearance Times

2015 Clearance Times for Base Scenarios	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 6	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 7	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 8	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 9	Evacuation Level A Base SCENARIO 10	
Clearance Time to Shelter						
Miami-Dade County	16	29.5	41.5	63	85.5	
Broward County	14.5	1 <i>7</i>	33.5	43.5	55	
In-County Clearance Time						
Miami-Dade County	25.5	29.5	41.5	63.5	85.5	
Broward County	14.5	17	33.5	63.5	86	
Out-of-County Clearance Ti	me					
Miami-Dade County	26.5	29.5	41.5	63.5	85.5	
Broward County	27	27 30.5		63.5	86	
Regional Clearance Time						
South Florida	27	30.5	42.5	63.5	86	

Source: Statewide Regional Activation Study Technical Data Report South Florida, SERT, 2015.

**Compatibility around airports.** The City of Weston does not have any existing or future planned airport facilities.

Energy Conservation and Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The Broward County Land Development Code requires sidewalks to be constructed adjacent to Trafficways delineated on the Broward County Trafficways Plan and all functionally classified County Collector roads. Sidewalks must be a minimum of five (5) feet-wide on both sides of all these roadways. The County requirements affect the City of Weston due to the fact that most of the significant roadways are on the Broward County Trafficways Plan. Adequate sidewalks are provided throughout the vast majority of the City of Weston.

The City of Weston has also been successful in creating a bikeways network and the number of bikeways is relatively high compared to other areas within Broward County. Bike lanes are the predominant bicycle facility utilized throughout the City of Weston. Generally, they consist of a five-foot wide designated lane in addition to the adjacent through lane, which has been properly signed and marked in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and applicable Broward County Traffic Engineering Standards. These bike lanes are implemented on both sides of City of Weston roadways and are properly transitioned through intersections. There are over 105,000 linear feet of designated bike lanes along roadways within the City of Weston. The number of bikeways is relatively high compared to other areas within Broward County.

There are also sidewalks installed throughout nearly the entire City of Weston. Over 140,400 linear feet of roadways have 5 foot wide sidewalks installed along both sides of the road. Approximately 28,200 linear feet of roadway has a 6.5 foot wide sidewalk installed along one side of the road.

Broward County monitors all arterial and collector roadways within the City of Weston as part of its Transportation Concurrency Management System for the Regional Roadway Network increasing energy efficiency and consideration of impacts of development on the roadway network. The City of Weston shall continue to maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston in order to promote energy conservation.

Existing transportation system level of service and system needs. Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. requires the analysis of the existing transportation levels of service (LOS) and system needs to be based on the following data: existing design and operating capacities; most recently available estimates for peak hour vehicle trips; existing modal split and vehicle occupancy rates; existing public transit facilities; population characteristics; and the existing characteristics of the major trip generators and attractors within the community. This description makes clear that the existing transportation system analysis is to focus on only two (2) transportation modes: roadways and public transit. Other transportation modes are addressed under the section on future transportation system level of service and system needs.

**Roadways network.** To assess the capacity of existing roadways to serve the existing land use, a level of service analysis was performed. Peak hour two-way volumes were obtained from the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) published document "Roadway Capacity and Level of Service Analysis for 2013 & 2035" dated

December 2014, to conduct the peak hour directional level of service analysis. The peak hour two-way volumes were converted to peak hour directional volumes by multiplying them with a directional "D" factor. The "D" factor, directional distribution factor, is used to convert volumes into directional volumes. The "D" factor of 0.55 was taken from the FDOT 2013 "Quality/Level of Service Handbook". The existing level of service was then determined using the volume thresholds from "FDOT Generalized Peak Hour Directional Volumes for Florida Urbanized Areas" (Table 4-7). The level of service for each state highway and major roadway using this method is listed in Table 8L.

TABLE 8L
Existing 2013 Peak Hour Peak Direction Level of Service Analysis

Roadway	Segment	Jurisdiction	Facility Type (2- way)	ADPT LOS	Pk hr pk dir capacity	2013 Pk hr 2-way vol <sup>1</sup>	D <sub>100</sub> <sup>2</sup>	2013 Pk hr pk dir <sup>4</sup>	v/c	2013 Pk hr pk dir LOS
Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Griffin Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,405	0.55	773	0.43	С
Bonaventure Blvd	N. of South Post Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,451	0.55	798	0.44	С
Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,473	0.55	810	0.45	С
Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,283	0.55	706	0.39	С
Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	846	0.55	465	0.26	С
Indian Trace	S. of SR 84	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,568	0.55	862	0.48	С
Indian Trace	S. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,045	0.55	575	0.32	С
Indian Trace	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,948	0.55	1071	0.60	С
Indian Trace**	E. of Weston Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,330	0.55	732	0.41	С
Glades Parkway	S. of SR 84	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,450	0.55	798	0.44	С
Royal Palm Blvd	S. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,630	1,485	0.55	817	0.50	С
Royal Palm Blvd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,630	3,088	0.55	1698	1.04	Е
Royal Palm Blvd	E. of Country Isles Rd	City/Local Road	6LD	D	2,520	2,946	0.55	1620	0.64	С
Saddle Club Rd	E. of S. Post Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,283	0.55	706	0.39	С
Saddle Club Rd	E. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,283	0.55	706	0.39	С
Saddle Club Rd	E. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	665	0.55	366	0.20	С
Saddle Club Rd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	732	0.55	403	0.22	С
South Post Rd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	2LU	D	1,440	884	0.55	486	0.34	D
Weston Rd	N. of Griffin Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	3,183	0.55	1751	0.97	С
Weston Rd	N. of South Post Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	2,117	0.55	1164	0.65	С
Weston Rd	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	2,660	0.55	1463	0.81	С
Weston Rd	N. of N. Commerce	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	2,271	0.55	1249	0.69	С
Weston Rd	N. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,758	0.55	967	0.54	С
Weston Rd	N. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	1,995	0.55	1097	0.61	С
I-75	N. of Griffin Rd	State Road	8LD	D	7,320	17,385	0.55	9562	1.31	F
I-75	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	State Road	10LD	D	9,220	11,750	0.55	6463	0.70	С
I-75**	W. of Weston Rd	State Road	6LD	D	4,860	5,510	0.55	3031	0.62	С
I-75 <sup>**</sup>	W. of Bonaventure Blvd	State Road	6LD	D	4,860	5,510	0.55	3031	0.62	С
I-75 <sup>**</sup>	W. of Indian Trace	State Road	6LD	D	4,860	2,803	0.55	1542	0.32	В
I-75	W. of Glades Pkwy	State Road	6LD	D	4,860	2,803	0.55	1542	0.32	В
SR-84	E. of US 27	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	1,634	0.55	899	0.45	С
SR-84	E. of Glades Pkwy	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	1,634	0.55	899	0.45	С
SR-84	E. of Indian Trace	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	2,138	0.55	1176	0.59	С
SR-84	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	1,511	0.55	831	0.42	С
US 27	N. of Griffin Rd	State Road	4LD	В	1,810	1,606	0.55	883	0.49	В
US 27	N. of Saddle Club Rd	State Road	4LD	В	1,810	941	0.55	518	0.29	В

Note:

<sup>1) 2013</sup> Peak hour volume is directly taken from the "Broward County Roadway Capacity and Level of Service Analysis".

<sup>2)</sup> A directional distribution factor 'D' of 0.55 was used from the FDOT 2013 Quality/Level of Service Handbook (Table 4-7) for Generalized Peak Hour Directional Volumes for the Florida Urbanized area.

<sup>3) 2013</sup> peak hour peak direction volume is calculated from the 2013 Peak Hour Volume x Peak Direction Factor (D).

The City of Weston plans to continue the monitoring of the entire Weston Road corridor between the north and south City of Weston limits, as well as the section of Royal Palm Boulevard between I-75 and Bonaventure Boulevard as areas of critical concern for potential operational improvements in the future. The City of Weston is working with Broward County to provide a communications system by interconnecting the signals along these corridors.

Map 8-5 depicts the level of service on the existing roadway network segments.

**Public transit network.** The City of Weston will work with Broward County to maintain the existing transit network.

**Projected transportation system levels of service and system needs.** Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. Rule requires an analysis on the projected transportation LOS and system needs based on the future land uses shown on the future land use map. Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S. requires an analysis of projected intermodal needs. This section addresses the above requirements.

**Roadway network.** The major concern in terms of transportation is to provide sufficient and adequate facilities to cope with the planned growth in the area. From the data available, population and development growth trends, and planned projects, a level of service analysis was performed. The City of Weston's future roadway needs were assessed based on available future projected transportation data, consistent with Broward County, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Year 2035 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) projections were directly obtained from the Broward MPO's published document "Roadway Capacity and Level of Service Analysis for 2013 & 2035", dated December 2014. The 2035 average annual daily traffic was converted into peak hour peak direction traffic volumes by multiplying the AADTs by a peak hour "K" factor and a directional distribution "D" factor. The Planning Analysis Hour Factor or K factor (K100) is the 100th highest demand volume hour of the year for a roadway section or "the ratio of the 100th highest volume hour of the year to the annual average daily traffic." The values for K100 and D were obtained from the FDOT 2013 Quality/Level of Service Handbook for Generalized Peak Hour Directional Volumes for the Florida Urbanized area. The v/c ratio for future conditions was determined by dividing 2035 projections by the level of service thresholds. The level of service for the 2035 roadway network is displayed in Map 8-15 and listed in Table 8M.

TABLE 8M

2035 Peak Hour Peak Direction Level of Service Analysis

	Roadway	Segment	Jurisdiction	2035 Facility Type	ADPT LOS	Pk hr pk dir Capacity	2035 Daily Vol <sup>1</sup>	K 100 <sup>2</sup>	D <sub>100</sub> <sup>2</sup>	2035 Pk hr pk dir <sup>3</sup>	v/c	2035 LOS
	Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Griffin Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	26,648	0.095	0.55	1,392	0.77	С
	Bonaventure Blvd	N. of South Post Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	16,454	0.095	0.55	860	0.48	С
	Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	26,511	0.095	0.55	1,385	0.77	С
	Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	9,703	0.095	0.55	507	0.28	С
	Bonaventure Blvd	N. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	10,196	0.095	0.55	533	0.30	С
	Indian Trace	S. of SR 84	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	18,380	0.095	0.55	960	0.53	С
	Indian Trace	S. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	16,184	0.095	0.55	846	0.47	С
	Indian Trace	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	29,422	0.095	0.55	1,537	0.85	D
	Indian Trace	E. of Weston Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	17,809	0.095	0.55	931	0.52	С
	Glades Road	S. of SR 84	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	-	-		932	0.52	С
	Royal Palm Blvd	S. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,630	16,580	0.095	0.55	866	0.53	С
	Royal Palm Blvd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,630	39,795	0.095	0.55	2,079	1.28	F
	Royal Palm Blvd	E. of Country Isles	City/Local Road	6LD	D	2,520	43,082	0.095	0.55	2,251	0.89	С
	Saddle Club Rd	E. of S. Post Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	12,720	0.095	0.55	665	0.37	С
	Saddle Club Rd	E. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	14,454	0.095	0.55	755	0.42	С
	Saddle Club Rd	E. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	6,226	0.095	0.55	325	0.18	С
	Saddle Club Rd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	6,852	0.095	0.55	358	0.20	С
	South Post Rd	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	City/Local Road	2LU	D	1,440	9,054	0.095	0.55	473	0.33	С
	Weston Rd	N. of Griffin Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	28,776	0.095	0.55	1,504	0.84	С
	Weston Rd	N. of SW 36th St	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	28,056	0.095	0.55	1,466	0.81	С
	Weston Rd	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	26,598	0.095	0.55	1,390	0.77	С
	Weston Rd	N. of N.Commerce	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	31,137	0.095	0.55	1,627	0.90	С
	Weston Rd	N. of Indian Trace	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	32,198	0.095	0.55	1,682	0.93	С
	Weston Rd	N. of Saddle Club Rd	City/Local Road	4LD	D	1,800	28,129	0.095	0.55	1,470	0.82	С
	I-75	N. of Griffin Rd	State Road	10LD	D	7,320	193,963	0.097	0.55	10,348	1.41	F
	I-75	N. of Royal Palm Blvd	State Road	10LD	D	9,220	167,396	0.095	0.55	8,746	0.95	С
	I-75	W. of Weston Rd	State Road	6LD	В	4,860	71,844	0.097	0.55	3,833	0.79	В
	I-75	W. of Bonaventure Blvd	State Road	6LD	В	4,860	71,844	0.097	0.55	3,833	0.79	В
	I-75	W. of Indian Trace	State Road	6LD	В	4,860	71,466	0.097	0.55	3,813	0.78	В
L	I-75	W. of Royal Palm Blvd	State Road	6LD	В	4,860	51,997	0.097	0.55	2,774	0.57	В
	SR-84	E. of US 27	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	35,684	0.097	0.55	1,904	0.95	С
	SR-84	E. of Royal Palm Blvd	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	5,940	0.097	0.55	317	0.16	В
	SR-84	E. of Indian Trace	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	22,572	0.097	0.55	1,204	0.60	С
	SR-84	E. of Bonaventure Blvd	State Road	4LD	D	2,000	20,498	0.097	0.55	1,094	0.55	С
	US 27	N. of Griffin Rd	State Road	4LD	В	1,810	47,366	0.095	0.55	2,475	1.37	F
	US 27	N. of Saddle Club Rd	State Road	4LD	В	1,810	35,476	0.095	0.55	1,854	1.02	F
	Note:											

1) 2035 Peak hour volume is directly taken from the "Broward County Roadway Capacity and Level of Service Analysis".

All of the roadways are anticipated to operate at an acceptable level of service by 2035, except for the segment of US-27 north of Griffin Road, segment of US-27 north of Saddle Club Road, Royal Palm Boulevard east of Bonaventure Boulevard and I-75 north of Griffin Road. There currently is a new project being constructed on I-75 north of Griffin Road which will add additional express lanes along this segment of I-75 which will benefit the level of service. The City of Weston plans to employ other techniques to improve the level of service and reduce the congestion during the peak hours. The City of Weston supports TDM strategies including transit improvements on this constrained corridor.

<sup>2)</sup> The peak hour factor K100' and directional distribution factor 'D' were used from the FDOT 2013 Quality/Level of Service Handbook (Table 4-7) for Generalized Peak Hour Directional Volumes for the Florida Urbanized area.

<sup>3) 2035</sup> peak hour peak direction volume is calculated from the 2035 Daily Volume x Peak Hour Factor (K) x Peak Hour Factor (D)

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> The 2035 peak hour peak direction volume for Indian Trace is calculated by applying a minimum growth rate of 0.5% to existing 2013 bidirectional volume for a conservative analysis.

**Public transit network.** Fixed route # 23 will continue to provide transit service to the City of Weston, thus meeting the public transit level of service standard established by the County. The City of Weston will continue to coordinate with Broward County to improve the transit service in Weston.

Non-concurrency needs are based on the MPO's Year 2035 Long Range Plan Needs Assessment. Through the Technical Coordinating Committee and by direct contact, the Broward County MPO has involved various agencies in the development and review process for all applicable transportation plans, in order to ensure compatibility regarding the establishment of locally desired level of service standards.

Another important area of public transit service is to accommodate the special needs of the transportation disadvantaged.

**Bikeways network**. The City of Weston provides many bicycle facilities throughout the community.

**Pedestrian network**. As stated previously, the City of Weston is already provided with a very high standard of pedestrian facilities and sidewalk systems, both internal to neighborhoods and subdivisions, as well as those that connect the various areas within the community.

**Waterways network**. As stated previously, there are no navigable waterways within the City of Weston.

**Airports and related facilities**. There are no existing or planned airport facilities within the City of Weston.

**Railways network**. As stated previously, there are presently no existing or future anticipated rail facilities that will serve the City of Weston.

Maintaining the adopted level of service standards. The City of Weston shall employ the following strategies in ensuring that the adopted transportation level of service standards are met:

Implementation of a concurrency management system, transportation system management, and transportation demand management. This section also addresses maintaining the LOS standard on the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS).

Concurrency Management System (CMS). The CMS is the procedures and process employed by the City of Weston to assure that development orders and permits are not issued unless the necessary facilities and services are available concurrent with the impacts of development.

An applicant for a development order must demonstrate satisfaction of the level of service standards in accordance with Section 5-182(a) of the Broward County Land Development Code as it applies to the regional roadway network (during platting) and satisfy the City of Weston Transportation Concurrency and Traffic Performance Standards consistent with the level of service standards adopted in the plan.

**Transportation System Management (TSM).** TSM means improving roads, intersections, and other related facilities to make the existing transportation system operate more efficiently.

Intersection approach/departure widening: The FDOT LOS Manual recognizes the capacity and operational benefits of providing additional lanes on the approach and departure to signalized intersections. In many instances, this technique is advantageous because it can provide significant capacity improvements at the intersection node itself, where traffic is actually contained, without having to implement more extensive widening of the mainline. Mainline widening of can have an adverse operational impact on bicycle traffic and unsignalized operations at cross streets as well as having adverse social political and environmental impacts.

Access management. Access management is the control and regulation of spacing and design of driveways, ramps, medians, median openings, traffic signals and intersections in order to provide safe and efficient traffic flow on the road system. On the State Highway System, access management is implemented through Rule Chapter 14-97, F.A.C. under authority of Section 334.044 and 335.188, Florida Statute. Trafficways within the City of Weston are implemented through Section 5-195(b) of the Broward County Land Development Code. Access management on local roadway is governed by the City of Weston's Land Development Code Regulations.

Signal Optimization. Optimizing the signal timing of isolated traffic signals, as well as developing computerized interconnected traffic systems for improved arterial progression are very effective methods to improving peak hour traffic flow. The City of Weston continues to work in cooperation with the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division in improving signal timing and phasing plans at major signalized intersections. Rapid growth and corresponding changes in travel patterns often require re-evaluation of signal timing and phasing plans, and the City of Weston has been instrumental in working with Broward County on these re-evaluations. The City of Weston and Broward County have also discussed creation of a localized interconnected signal system that would be served by a master controller within the Weston area.

Incident management/intelligent transportation systems (ITS). Incident management of traffic accidents and other unanticipated events on the FIHS components that serve the City of Weston is an important transportation consideration. The City of Weston Traffic Engineering Division, Broward Sheriff's Office District VIII (Weston) and the Broward County Fire Rescue Division (Weston) are strongly committed to working with the Florida Highway Patrol and other agencies in addressing major traffic incidents on SR-84, I-75, US-27 and I-595 as appropriate. The City of Weston also strongly supports FDOT and Broward County efforts for ITS implementation on I-95 and would also support such efforts on I-595 and I-75.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM). TDM means strategies and techniques that can be used to increase the efficiency of the transportation system. Demand management focuses on ways of influencing the amount and demand for transportation by encouraging alternatives to the single-occupant automobile and by altering peak hour travel demand. These strategies and techniques include: ridesharing programs, flexible work hours, telecommuting, shuttle services, and parking management. TDM also is effective at lower residential densities than are required for public transit and pedestrian and bicycle programs. Thus, TDM can be another strategy to help combat the effects of sprawl.

Flexible work hours. Flexible work hours is a TDM strategy that allows employees to schedule their work hours to avoid driving during the peak hours. Flexible work hour strategies include flextime, staggered work hours, and compressed work schedules. These strategies are well-suited to low and medium densities, where traffic congestion is short-lived.

*Telecommuting.* Telecommuting is completely independent of densities since employees work at home instead of commuting to work. Constraints on telecommuting relate to the job itself, not its location. Only workers in information-oriented jobs are candidates. The recent explosion of internet users and availability will likely result in increasing popularity and feasibility of telecommuting with little or no impetus from other factors.

Shuttle services. This TDM strategy uses buses, vans and cars to provide transportation from remote parking locations to the workplace. The Cleveland Clinic's Regional Medical Center is an example of implemented TDM strategies.

The Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS)/Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). The FIHS is designed for interregional and intrastate functions. Even though most of the traffic on the FIHS today is local traffic making trips less than 25 miles in length, it is still vital for FDOT and Broward County to establish methods of monitoring the impacts on the system and strategies to facilitate local traffic to use alternatives to the system to protect its interregional function.

Strategies to relieve traffic from the FIHS/SIS. One of the strategies that the City of Weston can implement to help relieve traffic from the FIHS/SIS is to focus on improving and maintaining acceptable levels of service on roadways that are parallel to FIHS/SIS roadways. This strategy is premised on the assumption that improving roads parallel to the FIHS will make the non FIHS roads more attractive as a means of travel.

Because of Weston's geographic location, most traffic on surrounding FIHS facilities is likely related to longer length home-based work trips and commerce-related trip making. The somewhat diagonal orientation of Royal Palm Boulevard and Indian Trace relative to the surrounding east/west and north/south segments of I-75 inherently discourages the use of these facilities for shorter length trips due to the circuitous nature of the travel path. Also, lack of direct connections between the northbound terminus of Bonaventure Boulevard and northbound terminus of Weston Road to the I-75/I-95 interchange further discourage the use of I-75 as a fast alternative to using local roadways.

The City has already constructed improvements along both Weston Road and Royal Palm Boulevard that improve level of service and reduce travel time along the parallel corridors. Several intersection improvements and new signals have been installed improving the overall roadway capacities. The City has completed traffic studies to evaluate the implementation of triple left turn lanes at Royal Palm Boulevard and Weston Road which would alleviate queue vehicle back-up along the Interstate I-75 ramp.

Coordination with FDOT. The final strategy calls for annually monitoring and evaluating the LOS on the SHS in order to determine whether the strategies are actually relieving traffic. If not, the policy provides for identifying additional strategies in coordination with the FDOT and the MPO.

Land Use Planning. Another potential strategy is to provide an adequate land use mix within the City of Weston to discourage FIHS trip making for goods and services that could otherwise be provided within the local roadway network.

Consistency between the future land use element and transportation system and with other plans. This section addresses Chapter 163.3177(6)(b), F.S., which requires an analysis of the compatibility/consistency of the future land use and transportation elements; which requires an analysis that considers the compatibility/consistency of the Transportation Element with the policies and guidelines of other transportation plans; and which requires an analysis of compatibility/consistency with other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Future Land Use Element. Internal consistency between the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) and the Transportation Element is maintained through objectives and policies in both the FLUE and the Transportation Element (TE). The FLUE identifies the City of Weston's Concurrency Management System (CMS), which assures that development orders and permits are not issued unless adequate transportation facilities are available. There are several policies that address the relationship between land use densities and the surrounding transportation system, and specifically outline land planning strategies that enhance mobility and encourage use of transportation modes other than the single occupancy vehicle.

Long range transportation plan. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is the primary source for identifying priority projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and guides the expenditure of federal, state, and local transportation funds. It provides a coordinated planning effort to mitigate traffic congestion, minimize reconstruction of existing facilities, and allow for adjustment of growth management policies and transportation strategies. The LRTP consists of five major sections: Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria; Financial Resources; Needs Assessment; Cost Feasible Plan; and Public Involvement. Commitment 2040 The Long Range Transportation Plan for Broward County represents the current adopted LRTP. The 2040 objectives and policies are consistent with the provisions of the FAST Act, under which 15 specific factors were identified. The mission is to support the creation of transportation options, both locally and regionally. Through Commitment 2040, there is emphasis on the need for reliable transit, bicycle, pedestrian and roadway projects that promote economic strength, environmental conservation and improve quality of life.

Florida Department of Transportation's Adopted Work Program. The City of Weston is in the jurisdiction of the FDOT's District 4; therefore, the FDOT District 4's Work Program for Fiscal Year July 2016 through June 2021 contains Broward County's projects. The Work Program basically lists the projects with abbreviated terms and codes of action. The Program consists of three sections. First, the Glossary of Terms contains the Work Program item numbers with codes for identifying project; project length; road numbers, project description; phase, estimated cost and source of funds. Second, Fund Codes includes abbreviations of various funding categories. Finally, the actual program lists projects, with details described in the above-mentioned two sections. Priorities in the new 5-year Adopted Work Program are determined by the MPO and are the direct result of the long range planning process. Projects on a priority list submitted to FDOT for inclusion in the Work Program must appear in the Long Range Plan. The Long Range Plan, in turn, is formulated with the goals and objectives consistent with the Transportation Element and ISTEA's 15

suggested planning factors. The Work Program, once adopted, forms the basis of the new TIP.

Broward County Transportation improvement program (TIP). The TIP is a comprehensive listing of transportation projects in Broward County scheduled for funding in the next five years. It represents the cooperative integration of plans by municipalities, the FDOT, the MPO and implementing agencies. Projects are initially identified as part of the Long Range Planning Process. This is a prerequisite for inclusion on an MPO priority list. Priority Lists are then submitted to FDOT. Each year in the Annual Work Program, FDOT funds these priorities identified by the MPO to the extent possible. The Annual Work Program in turn forms the state and federal component of the TIP. The priority list is then updated to reflect these funding actions and a new list is submitted each year to FDOT. The TIP is coordinated with the TE indirectly through the CIE, which includes a section on jointly funded programs.

Promoting and supporting public transit in designated public transportation corridors. Subsection 163.3177(6)(b), FS, requires the Transportation Element to address the identification of land use densities, building intensities, and transportation management programs to promote public transportation systems in designated public transportation corridors to encourage population densities sufficient to support such systems. This section addresses land use and building intensities. They address transportation management programs elsewhere.

Travel demand forecasting model. The Florida Standard Urban Transportation Model Structure (FSUTMS), maintained by the Broward County MPO, was the travel demand forecast model used to model land use intensities and ultimately output the 2035 future AADTs used in the MPOs Long Range Transportation Plan. The FSUTMS model is a four stage gravity model. At the most basic level, the typical forecasting model is structured around the following four sequential steps:

- Trip Generation Estimation of number of trips produced by and attracted to each "traffic analysis" zone.
- Trip Distribution Determination of the origin and destination zone for each trip.
- Modal Choice Calculation of number of trips using the different modes of transportation such as auto, transit, walk and others.
- Assignment "Loading" of auto trips onto the highway network or person trips onto the transit network.

The FSUTMS model generates trips at each traffic analysis zone (TAZ) from land use variables (population and employments.) Trips are distributed between zones using gravity concept and friction factors. Trips are then split between highway, transit and other modes using mode choice concept. Highway trips are converted to auto trips using an appropriate auto occupancy rate. Auto trips are assigned to the highway network according to equilibrium concept based on speed and capacity of each highway facility in the network.

Before using the model in traffic projection, it should be validated for the most recent year in which travel and census data are available. In Broward County, the most recent adopted model was validated for the year 2010. In the validation process, various coefficients and parameters are developed specifically for the Broward County transportation network such as speed and capacity tables, friction factors, and average auto occupancy rates. Transit

coefficients are developed based on current transit market shares. Model runs are made until simulated model output matches the ground count for the year being validated. Then, the validated model coefficients and parameters are applied to future years. In this case, the year 2010 validated model coefficients and parameters were applied to the 2035 network to obtain year 2035 traffic volumes and transit ridership estimates.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Authority. Planning for the City of Weston roadway network is primarily the responsibility of the City of Weston, with the exception of permitting authority for installation and maintenance of traffic control devices, which remains under the jurisdiction of the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division.

Because of the Metropolitan Planning Organization structure outlined by federal guidelines, the Broward County MPO still plays a significant role in planning for the regional roadways (Broward County Trafficways) within the City of Weston.

#### Transportation Agencies Serving the City of Weston

- Broward County Mass Transit Division
- Broward Metropolitan Planning Division (MPO)
- Broward County Transportation Planning Division
- Broward County Traffic Engineering Division
- Broward County Engineering Division

## TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 8

Maintain and where feasible, improve the City of Weston's multimodal transportation system in a manner that provides for safety, convenience and energy efficiency; that coordinates the transportation system with the orderly growth, development and sustainability of the environment; that is coordinated with other transportation plans; that addresses the needs of the present and future populations; and that provides for the protection of the existing and the future transportation system.

#### 8.1 Objective:

Continue to improve safety through a reduction in the annual rate or ratio of transportation related crash indicators, improve convenience through an increase in the functional area coverage or access to transportation facilities and improve energy efficiency through an increase in mode split and vehicle occupancy rates.

#### 8.1.1 Policy:

Provide a safe multimodal transportation system through implementation of, but not limited to the following programs, activities or actions:

#### **Roadways**

- 1. Continue to construct roadway improvements that meet or exceed safe design standards;
- 2. Continue to control the connections and access points along roadways as prescribed by either the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Rule Chapter 14-97 "State Highway System Access Management Classification and Standards," the Broward County Land Development Code or the City of Weston Land Development Code, as applicable;
- Continue to encourage joint use of driveways and cross access agreements among adjoining property owners to allow circulation between sites and reduce the number of vehicular access points along roadways;
- 4. Continue to implement traffic calming techniques, where appropriate;
- 5. Continue to plan for, and develop a vehicular evacuation plan in the event of a hurricane or other emergency;
- 6. Continue to work with law enforcement agencies in enforcing traffic codes and regulations;

- 7. Continue to work with the community in developing programs to promote transportation safety;
- 8. Continue to develop and maintain land development regulations governing signage and sight distance;
- 9. Continue to encourage private sector participation in street lighting programs;
- 10. Continue to work with FDOT, the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division and private developers in the timely installation of traffic control devices within the City of Weston;
- 11. Continue to monitor existing and annually identify new, high accident-frequency locations; identify improvements to those high accident locations which may alleviate the hazardous condition; incorporate such improvements into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as applicable; and implement and/or construct the improvements;
- 12. Work with FDOT, Broward County and other agencies in resolving safety-related issues on non-city jurisdictional roadways;
- 13. Continue to maintain an accident data base for City of Weston public roadways in cooperation with the Broward Sheriff's Office;
- 14. In cooperation with FDOT, assist in the implementation of incident management strategies for handling accidents on the Florida Intrastate Highway System.

#### **Public Transit**

15. Encourage the design and construction of safe and secure transit stops serving existing and future transit routes.

#### Bikeways and Pedestrian Ways

- 16. Continue to maintain land development regulations requiring sidewalks for new development and redevelopment;
- 17. Continue to provide bicycle and pedestrian safety education for the community;
- 18. Coordinate with the school board or other appropriate agencies, regarding the development and maintenance of safe bikeways and pedestrian ways to public schools;
- 19. Continue to encourage safe and interconnected pedestrian facilities within commercial and business districts through land development regulations;
- 20. Enforce laws pertaining to bicycles and pedestrians;
- 21. Continue to coordinate with the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division, the Broward County School Board and private developers in the provision of school zone flashers for all designated school speed

zones within the City of Weston.

#### **Airways**

22. Continue to coordinate with Broward County and the FAA to identify and remove and prohibit any obstructions to air navigation, where possible:

#### Intermodal Facilities

23. Ensure future intermodal facilities are designed to promote safety and security for facility users.

#### 8.1.2 Policy:

Provide a convenient multimodal transportation system through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, and actions:

#### Roadways

- 1. Continue to ensure that all newly platted properties have direct access to roadways;
- 2. Continue to encourage master planning of private and public road systems to ensure reasonable and convenient access to individual land parcels;
- 3. Continue to provide for a functional hierarchy of roadways;
- 4. Continue to implement transportation system management strategies to make the existing transportation system operate more efficiently;
- 5. Continue to discourage deletion of segments from the Broward County Trafficways Plan for the purpose of restricting access to or from the regional roadway network.

#### **Public Transit**

- 6. Work with Broward County to maintain and, where feasible, improve the residential and employment functional area coverage within the City of Weston through appropriate public fixed-route transit service, headways and connections to other transportation modes and facilities.
- 7. Continue to work with Broward County in enhancing and expanding local public transit systems that are coordinated with the County's public transit system; including the I-595 Express Bus service;
- 8. Support Broward County's efforts in the provision of express bus service from park-and-ride locations to major employment centers where sufficient numbers of riders can be identified;

- 9. Support development of a tri-county public transit authority to provide information on regional public transit service;
- 10. Work with Broward County and other agencies to provide door-to-door public transit service to the transportation disadvantaged;
- 11. Support Broward County's efforts to equip the Broward County Transit fleet with bike racks by encouraging installation of bicycle facilities in public places within the City of Weston;
- 12. Support Broward County's efforts to maintain and improve the number of public transit vehicles that are accessible to the physically disabled;
- 13. Assist Broward County in the provision of bus shelters, benches, and stops at appropriate locations.

#### Bikeways and Pedestrian Ways

- 14. Continue to maintain and, where feasible, improve the functional area coverage of the bicycle facility network through inclusion of bikeways in road construction projects and through greenways;
- 15. Update the Bicycle Facilities Master Plan as needed to address missing links and/or other facilities deficiencies within the City of Weston's existing and programmed bikeway network, including identification of potential funding sources;
- 16. Improve the bikeway a network such that all significant commercial, employment and recreational centers are accessible via a bikeway route along at least one collector or arterial roadway route serving the center;
- 17. Encourage improved access to public transit terminals through the provision of bicycle facilities at appropriate locations;
- 18. Continue to provide bicycle facilities at commercial and recreation areas and other appropriate locations;
- 19. Continue to work with Broward County in developing municipal bikeways that are coordinated with the County's bikeway system;
- 20. Continue to work with appropriate entities to plan for and develop a recreation transportation system that includes provision of non-motorized transportation facilities;
- 21. Continue to improve pedestrian access to public transit stops through the City of Weston's Land Development Regulations;
- 22. Encourage compact mixed use developments as a land use strategy for promoting walking and biking.

#### **Airways**

23. Continue to work with Broward to provide connectivity to at least one bus route serving the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

#### **Railways**

24. Continue to work with FDOT and Broward County in providing connector bus service to Tri-Rail facilities and any other future commuter rail facilities.

#### **Intermodal Facilities**

25. Coordinate with FDOT and Broward County in the siting of potential future intermodal facilities within or adjacent to the City of Weston.

#### 8.1.3 Policy:

Provide for an energy efficient multimodal transportation system through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, or actions:

### Roadways

- 1. Continue to support the County's efforts in the installation and maintenance of a fully computerized signal system throughout the County and completion of local interconnect system;
- 2. Continue to require private sector contributions towards the interconnection of existing and future traffic signal systems required by new development;
- 3. Support FDOT and Broward County efforts in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System to maximize the use of existing capacity in all modes of travel;
- 4. Support federal policies and initiatives related to the development of more energy efficient vehicles;
- 5. Continue to coordinate with FDOT and Broward County in the evaluation of peak hour travel demand to ensure optimized signal timing and arterial progression for signal systems within the City of Weston;
- 6. Increase the vehicle occupancy rate and decrease the modal split attributable to the automobile through transportation demand management strategies, such as ride-sharing programs, adoption of preferred parking and other parking strategies and increased high occupancy vehicle lane usage and enforcement.
- 7. Educate residents on the cost and environmental effects of automobile idling.

#### **Public Transit**

- 7. Support the County's efforts to maintain public transit vehicles so that they operate at their maximum level and replace older, inefficient public transit vehicles with energy efficient vehicles;
- 8. Support the County's efforts to increase the public transit modal split from the current 1.64 percent to 3.14 percent by 2030 through strategies such as appropriate transit route planning, increasing peak-hour headways along the most heavily used routes from 30 to 15 minutes and improving accessibility of bus stops and shelters; and
- 9. Monitor the County's annual report on the progress of achieving the modal split policy in the Transit Development Plan as it applies to the City of Weston.

#### **Bikeways and Pedestrian Ways**

- 10. Work with the County to periodically update the Bicycle Facilities Network Plan and the Pedestrian Facilities Development Program;
- 11. Maintain or improve the modal split attributable to bicycles and pedestrians through such strategies as walkable and bikeable compact, mixed use developments;
- 12. Encourage joint use of driveways and cross access agreements among adjoining or abutting property owners to allow circulation between sites and reduce trip lengths.

#### **Railways**

- 13. Support the Tri-Rail Authority's efforts to periodically update its Master Plan;
- 14. Continue to work with FDOT and Broward County in providing connector bus service or other high occupancy vehicle service to Tri-Tail facilities and any other future commuter rail facilities.

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15. Encourage the design and construction of energy-efficient intermodal facilities.

#### 8.1.4 Policy:

The City of Weston will end (cul-de-sac, hammerhead, etc.) S.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street west of the U.S. Nature Center and will support vacation of the remaining right–of-way within the impoundment area. In addition, now that the South Florida Water Management District has acquired all land in Basin II, the City of Weston will support vacation of the right-of-way of S.W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street within the impoundment area.

#### 8.1.5 Policy:

In order to preserve and maintain City of Weston's scenic vistas, Weston

Road, Royal Palm Boulevard, Indian Trace Boulevard and Glades Parkway shall not be expanded beyond 4-lane divided cross sections. In the event that there is a need for future capacity on these roadways, this shall be addressed by intersection improvements only.

#### 8.2 Objective:

The City of Weston will continue to maintain and, where feasible, improve the functional relationship between the transportation system and the City of Weston's Future Land Use Element (FLUE).

#### 8.2.1 Policy:

Ensure existing and proposed population densities are consistent with transportation modes and services through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, or actions:

- 1. Continue to review the impacts of FLUE amendments as they pertain to increased travel demand upon the existing roadway network (using information from the Broward County the TRIPS model), the and the long range roadway network;
- 2. Encourage, where feasible, residential densities in the low to medium ranges to be located with access to existing minor arterial and collector streets;
- 3. Encourage where feasible, residential densities in the medium high and high ranges should be located with adequate access to major and minor arterial roadways, expressways and public transit routes;
- 4. Discourage the planning and construction of major roadway facilities that would bisect established residential areas;
- 5. Discourage public transit routes through established single-family areas and encourage such service on collector roadways or higher;
- 6. Encourage implementation of local public transit service in areas serving existing and proposed population densities in a manner coordinated with the County's public transit network;
- 7. Encourage new development and redevelopment that promotes public transit, particularly in the eastern sections of the City of Weston;
- 8. Discourage increases in residential density within the western portions of the City of Weston that will further perpetuate urban sprawl.
- 9. Continue to ensure that the roadway and public transit networks have sufficient capacity for emergency evacuation;
- 10. Support bikeway and pedestrian interconnections between residential areas, commercial areas, employment centers and recreational facilities;
- 11. Encourage high density residential development within, or in close

proximity to, employment and commercial centers in order to promote trip internalization and reduction of trip lengths.

12. Continue to maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the efficiency of the roadway system throughout the City of Weston in order to promote energy conservation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

#### 8.2.2 Policy:

Ensure housing and employment patterns are consistent with the transportation modes and services through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, or actions:

- 1. Continue to maintain a range of housing opportunities within a 10 minute commute to employment opportunities;
- 2. Encourage plans for compact mixed use and multiple use developments that provide housing opportunities within one-quarter mile walking distance of employment opportunities;
- 3. Encourage mixed use or multiple use developments with higher densities and intensities to be located adjacent to public transit, rail, and intermodal terminals; and
- 4. Encourage the provision of incentives to the private sector to promote and develop mixed use development.

#### 8.2.3 Policy:

Ensure land uses are consistent with the transportation modes and services through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities, or actions:

- 1. Continue to use the City of Weston's Transportation Concurrency and Traffic Performance Standards to ensure that development orders or permits are not issued unless these standards are met;
- 2. Cooperate with FDOT, Broward County and other transportation entities in establishing land uses which promote public transportation in designated public transportation corridors and within regional activity centers;
- 3. Ensure that industrial uses are located with access to major transportation facilities and expressways that connect to airports, railways and seaports;
- 4. Encourage regional or community facilities (e.g., libraries, clinics, civic centers) and other public facilities to be located in areas of concentrated activity, in order to allow multi-purpose trips, providing easy access by public transit and economize on parking areas;

- Encourage all regional and community facilities to be located close to major traffic corridors and public transit routes adequate to carry the volume of traffic generated by such facilities with the exception of schools;
- 6. Encourage land uses which promote the use of bicycles and walking, such as transit oriented development and traditional neighborhood development;
- 7. Encourage the provision of bicycle and pedestrian access between residential and non-residential land uses during the site plan review process;
- 8. Coordinate roadway and public transit improvements with Broward County's major multimodal facilities such as Port Everglades, Hollywood/Fort Lauderdale International Airport, North Perry Airport and other related public transportation facilities, where applicable.

#### 8.2.4 Policy:

For the purpose of issuing development orders and permits, the roadway level of service (LOS) standards for the purpose of short and long-range planning and concurrency management shall be the following unless otherwise exempted under another policy:

- 1. For facilities on the State Highway System and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), the peak-hour levels of service are as established by the Florida Department of Transportation by rule, as outlined in the 2013 Quality Level of Service Handbook. The SHS and SIS segments serving the City of Weston and the corresponding level of service standards established by FDOT are as follows:
  - 1. I 595: LOS "D" from I-75 to US 1.
  - 2. Sawgrass Expressway: LOS "D" from I-75 to SW 10th Street.
  - 3. I 75: LOS "D" from Miami/Dade County Line to west Glades Parkway; LOS "B" from west of Glades Parkway to Collier County Line.
  - 4. US 27: LOS "B" from Miami/Dade County Line Pembroke Road; LOS "D" from Pembroke Road to Griffin Road; LOS "B" from Griffin Road to Palm Beach County Line.
- 2. For all other facilities within the City of Weston, the adopted Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and peak-hour (100<sup>th</sup> highest hour) level of service standard is LOS "D" as determined using the procedures and criteria outlined in the most current version of the FDOT 2013 Quality / Level of Service Handbook, except for those exceptions listed in Policy 8.2.5. Consistent with these standards, signalized intersection level of service is established at LOS "D" as determined using procedures and criteria outlined in the most current version of the Highway Capacity Manual. Overall intersection level of service must be maintained at LOS "D" with no approach operating below

### 8.2.5 Policy:

For the purpose of issuing development orders and permits, the following exceptions to the level of service standards adopted in Policy 8.2.4 shall apply:

- 1. Developments deemed to have a de minimis impact:
- 2. Developments deemed to promote public transportation, as defined and described in Section 163.3164(28), F.S.;
- 3. Developments deemed to have vested rights in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163 Part II Florida Statutes or a common law vested rights determination.
- 4. Developments which are specifically authorized as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) pursuant to Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, which has been issued a final local development order either prior to the adoption of the 1989 Broward County Comprehensive Plan, or after being reviewed for satisfaction of the Broward County Transportation Concurrency Standards and after being reviewed for satisfaction of the City of Weston Transportation Concurrency Standards for DRI's.

#### 8.2.6 Policy:

The Broward County Transportation Planning Division, in cooperation with the FDOT and the municipalities, shall conduct a study on constrained roadway facilities. The study shall identify constrained facilities, propose adequate level of service standards for those identified constrained facilities and recommend appropriate actions to improve mobility on the constrained roadways.

#### 8.2.7 Policy:

For purposes of the issuance of development orders and permits, the number of trips generated by development shall be calculated as follows:

1. For development applications subject to Broward County concurrency review (plats), vehicle trips shall be generated through the Traffic Review and Impact Planning System (TRIPS) model, which is a computer model maintained by the Broward County Development Management Division which accounts for traffic from existing and approved but not built development; and

- 2. For development applications subject to Broward County concurrency review (plats), transit trips shall be generated by multiplying a modal split of the previous year by the number of trips generated through the TRIPS Model for the development.
- 3. For any development application which places trips on local City of Weston roadways not monitored for concurrency as part of the Broward County Concurrency Management System, vehicle trips shall be derived from the Broward TRIPS model rates or other available rates from the most current version of the ITE Trip Generation Manual, or local studies, consistent with the procedures outlined in the City of Weston's Transportation Concurrency Management and Traffic Performance Standards.

#### 8.2.8 Policy:

For roadways and public transit, the following actions shall satisfy the concurrency requirements:

- 1. At the time a development order or permit is issued, the necessary facilities and services are in place or under construction;
- 2. A development order or permit is issued subject to conditions that the necessary facilities and services needed to serve the new development are in place or under construction not more than three years after issuance of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent as provided in the adopted five year schedule of capital improvements. The schedule of capital improvements may recognize and include transportation projects included in the first three years of the applicable adopted Florida Department of Transportation five-year work program; or
- 3. At the time a development order or permit is issued, the necessary facilities and services are the subject of a binding executed agreement which requires the necessary facilities and services to serve the new development to be in place or under actual construction no more than three years after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent; or
- 4. At the time a development order or permit is issued, the necessary facilities are guaranteed in an enforceable development agreement, pursuant to Section 163.3220, F.S., or an agreement or development order issued pursuant to Chapter 380, F.S., to be in place not more than three years after issuance of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent.
- 5. When applicable, the City of Weston should allow mitigation by applying proportionate fair share in accordance with the methodology established by the Florida Department of Transportation.

#### 8.2.9 Policy:

In cooperation with the State and appropriate municipalities, the City of Weston shall continue to implement strategies to facilitate local traffic using alternatives to the State Highway System (SHS) as a means of protecting its interregional and intrastate functions. Among the strategies that the City of Weston will assist in implementing are:

- 1. Maintain and improve Levels of Service on parallel facilities to SHS facilities, such as Weston Road and Royal Palm Boulevard. This includes adoption of the Broward MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which includes FDOT Financial Project Number 4215481. This project will make modifications to the I-75 (SR-93) Interchange at Royal Palm Boulevard. Modifications to the nearby Weston Road and Royal Palm Boulevard signalized intersection have been requested from FDOT.
- 2. Work with Broward County in the establishment of a designated transportation corridor (such as Weston Road) which is parallel to a major SHS facility.
- 3. Work with BCT to enhance regular route service to Tri-Rail stations;
- 4. Expand transit service alternatives jointly developed by the County in areas which otherwise would not qualify under set standards;
- 5. Improve pedestrian access to transit by ensuring that all phases of road planning, design, and construction include the necessary walkways on all arterial and collectors under the responsibility of the State, County and City of Weston;
- 6. Provide public education about public transit desirability and availability;

# 8.2.10 Policy:

Continue to monitor traffic conditions and levels of service at major intersections within the City of Weston, at all intersections/interchanges of city roadways with the FIHS.

#### 8.3 Objective:

Coordinate the transportation system with other entities' transportation plans and programs.

#### 8.3.1 Policy:

The City of Weston shall continue to coordinate with municipal, regional and state agencies, as appropriate, on the following plans and programs:

- 1. The 2019-2040 Regionally Significant and High Priority Cost Feasible Plan and amendments thereto,
- 2. The Florida Department of Transportation's Adopted Work Program,
- 3. The Transportation Improvement Program and amendments thereto;
- 4. The Hollywood/Fort Lauderdale International Airport Master Plan and

amendments thereto;

- 5. The North Perry Airport Master Plan and amendments thereto;
- 6. The Port Everglades Master Plan and amendments thereto;
- 7. The Tri-County Rail Master Plan and amendments thereto;
- 8. The Broward County Bicycle Facilities Network Plan and amendments thereto;
- 9. The Broward County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan and amendments thereto;
- 10. The Broward County Transit Development Plan and amendments thereto;
- 11. The Broward County Five-Year Pedestrian Facilities Development Program and amendments thereto;
- 12. Any other long-range transportation plans (such as the Florida High Speed Rail);
- 13. The Short Range Component of the Florida Transportation Plan, including modal components (Section 339.155(3), F.S.);
- 14. The Transportation component of the SFRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) (Section 186.507, F.S.);
- 15. The Transportation related objectives and policies of the Broward County Land Use Plan;
- 16. The relevant East Coast Buffer plans of the SFWMD.

## 8.3.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate the following plans and programs with the Turnpike District:

- 1. Master plans relating to the Sawgrass Expressway or the Florida Turnpike; and
- 2. City of Weston land use plan amendments that would add traffic to the Sawgrass Expressway or the Florida Turnpike.

#### 8.3.3 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to coordinate the following plans and programs with the Florida Department of Transportation, District IV:

- 1. The 2019-2040 Regionally Significant and High Priority Cost Feasible Plan and amendments thereto,
- 2. The Transportation Improvement Program and amendments thereto;
- 3. The Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Master Plan and amendments thereto;
- 4. The North Perry Airport Master Plan and amendments thereto;
- 5. The Port Everglades Master Plan and amendments thereto;

- 6. The Broward County Bicycle Facilities Network Plan and amendments thereto; and
- 7. The Broward County Five-Year Pedestrian Facilities Development Program and amendments thereto.
- 8. The Short Range Component of the Florida Transportation Plan, including modal components (Section 339.155(3), F.S.)

#### 8.3.4 Policy:

Through its participation in the coordinated activities of the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Weston shall continue to assist the County in the maintenance of its long-range transportation plan, including:

- Recognition of the Trafficways Plan component of the Broward County Land Use Plan as the basic system of designated corridors within which the future roadway network shall be planned, designated and constructed;
- 2. Recognition of the currently Amended Broward County Land Use Plan in maintaining the socio-economic data base, which in turn is the basis of forecasting future travel demand;
- 3. Direct communications with Broward County for review and comment on amendments to the adopted 2019-2040 Regionally Significant and High Priority Cost Feasible Plan and amendments thereto;
- 4. By 2021, modify and where appropriate, assist the County in the restructure of the transportation planning process to enhance the relationship between land use and transportation planning.

#### 8.3.5 Policy:

City of Weston shall coordinate with FDOT and Broward County as necessary, in order to ensure compatibility regarding the establishment of locally desired level of service standards.

#### 8.4 Objective:

Continue to assist Broward County in its objective to improve the efficiency of its public transit services by increasing the annual Broward County Transit ridership and ensure that within 24 hours of a request for transportation services by transportation disadvantaged persons, at least 85 percent are provided such services.

#### 8.4.1 Policy:

The provision of efficient public transit services to serve land uses, including major transit generators and attractors, shall be addressed through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities or actions:

1. Evaluate the County's socio-economic characteristics of transit riders

- as it applies to the City of Weston;
- 2. Support Broward County's efforts in maintaining and where feasible, improving headways and span of services;
- 3. Assist Broward County's efforts to coordinate with existing and future major transit generators and attractors to address the provision of public transit;
- 4. Assist Broward County's efforts to coordinate new transit routes and services or route changes with established development and land use plans;
- 5. Assist Broward County in the provision of passenger amenities, which may include benches, shelters, kiosks and detailed signage, at transfer locations which generate no less than 25 passenger activities per day;
- 6. Assist Broward County in providing and maintaining express bus service from the City of Weston to Tri-Rail stations.
- 7. Develop and coordinate any future City of Weston public transit services with the County's public transit services;

#### 8.4.2 Policy:

The provision of safe and convenient public transit terminals shall be addressed through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities or actions:

- 1. Design and construct public transit terminals, bus bays and other public transit amenities in a manner that enhances public safety;
- 2. Maintain and where feasible, improve security at the terminals;
- 3. Locate future public transit terminals at convenient locations, such as at regional public service facilities.

#### 8.4.3 Policy:

Assist Broward County in developing strategies to address intermodal terminals and access to aviation, rail and seaport facilities.

### 8.5 Objective:

Ensure development does not encroach upon existing and future rights-of-way through the short-term and long-term planning horizons.

#### 8.5.1 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to protect existing rights-of-way from building encroachment through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities or actions:

1. Coordination with the Broward County Engineering and Traffic Engineering Divisions in identifying right-of-ways designated on the Broward County Trafficways Plan.

- 2. Inaction of land development regulations, sign and landscaping codes that prohibit obstructions within public rights of way;
- 3. Adoption of code enforcement regulations and other policies to remedy existing obstructions or encroachments within public rights of way.

#### 8.5.2 Policy:

City of Weston shall continue to protect future rights-of-way from building encroachment through implementation of, but not limited to, the following programs, activities or actions:

- 1. Conformance with corridor rights-of-way widths identified on the Broward County Trafficways Plan;
- 2. Enforcement of Broward County Land Development Code provisions which require that a final plat of lands which abut or contain a future trafficways delineated on the Broward County Trafficways Plan be conveyed to the public by dedication on the face of the plat, deed or, if acceptable to the County, by grant of easement which is necessary for the ultimate construction of roadways, intersections, turn lanes, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, bus pullout bays, bus shelters or roadway drainage facilities;
- 3. Coordination with the right-of-way protection maps of jurisdictions adjacent to Broward County;
- 4. Work with the Broward County Planning Council on the feasibility of amending the Trafficways Plan, or adopting some other transportation right-of-way plan, to include other transportation modes, such as public transit corridors recreational corridors, and significant bikeway.

# **CHAPTER NINE**

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES ELEMENT

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#### A. Overview of School Facilities Planning

#### 1. Introduction

Over the past decade the Florida Legislature has progressively strengthened the ties between school planning and general land use and comprehensive planning through amendments to Chapters 163 and 1013, Florida Statutes. The 2005 Legislature mandated that the availability of public schools be made a prerequisite for the approval of residential construction and directed a closer integration of planning for school capacity with comprehensive planning. However, in 2011 the Legislature reversed course and repealed many provisions, including mandatory school concurrency in 2011 with the passage of the Community Planning Act (House Bill 7207). The Community Planning Act shifts much more regulatory discretion to local governments to plan their communities and reduces state oversight in comprehensive planning areas. Under new/revised provisions adopted with House Bill 7207:

- Requirement for a Public School Facilities Element is deleted.
- State-mandated school concurrency is optional.
- Data and analysis and mapping requirements relaxed.

#### **Public School Facilities Element Requirements**

With the advent of House Bill 7207, local governments have the option to repeal or continue implementing public school concurrency. Local governments who choose to continue implementing it, can do so under provisions set forth in s. 163.3177(1), 163.31777 and 163.3180(6)(a). Broward County will continue to implement the provisions according to state statute and the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning (ILA).

The Public School Facilities Element goals, objectives, and policies address the following areas:

- procedure of annual update process;
- procedure for school site selection;
- procedure for school permitting;
- provision of infrastructure necessary to support proposed schools;
- provision for collocation of other public facilities in proximity to public schools;
- provision for location of schools proximate to residential areas and to complement patterns of development;
- measures to ensure compatibility of school sites and surrounding land uses; and
- coordination with adjacent local governments and the school district on emergency preparedness issues.

The data and analysis portion of the Public School Facilities Element must address:

- how level-of-service standards will be achieved and maintained;
- the interlocal agreement (ILA) adopted pursuant to s. 163.31777 and the 5-year school district facilities educational program (DEFP), including LOS maps, adopted pursuant to s. 1013.35;
- the educational plant survey prepared pursuant to s. 1013.31 and an existing map or map series;
- projected future population and associated demographics, including development patterns year by year for the upcoming 5-year and long-term planning periods; and
- information on existing development and development anticipated for the next 5 years and the long-term planning period;
- an analysis of problems and opportunities for existing schools and schools anticipated in the future;
- an analysis of opportunities to collocate future schools with other public facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers as per the ILA;
- inventory of public schools that serve as emergency shelters, and;
- Funding sources for capital improvements.

## 2. Concurrency Management System (CMS)

The concurrency management system for Broward County is an intergovernmental effort that is grounded in the provisions of the Broward County Charter, which provide for county-wide planning processes implemented through the County's Land Development Code. The public school facility Concurrency Management System operates according to the state mandated requirements (Section 163.31777 F.S. and 163.3180 F.S.) for the implementation of school concurrency and the adopted School Board's Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (Interlocal Agreement). These require Broward County, the School Board and non-exempt municipalities to ensure that the adopted Level of Service Standard (LOS) to be achieved and maintained for each school type and Concurrency Service Area (CSA).

Unlike existing concurrency services (roads, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, recreation and mass transit) which are the responsibility of local governments, the School Board of Broward County, by constitutional mandate, has the responsibility of providing educational facilities to meet the needs of current and future students as represented in the School Board's adopted Five Year District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP). The local governments, therefore, do not have control of the funding sources or the allocation of funds for new or renovated schools which would add student capacity. However, since the School Board isn't empowered to implement a Concurrency Management System on its own, it must rely upon the local governments to do so through their Land Development Regulations.

The Broward County Land Development Code contains the County's Concurrency Management System. The Code requires plat approval of all parcels of land prior to receiving a

Development Order. Plat approval applies to land within the municipal boundaries as well as that in the unincorporated areas. Per Section 8.2 of the ILA, the point of review for Public School Concurrency is at plat or site plan (or functional equivalent).

When a development application is reviewed for school concurrency, it must be determined if the development is exempted or vested (as per Section 8.11 of the Interlocal Agreement) or has been issued a School Capacity Availability Determination Letter (SCAD) by the School Board indicating that adequate school capacity exists. If so, it can be accepted by the County for further processing.

If the development application is not exempted or vested, it is subject to school concurrency and the applicant must submit a Public School Impact Application (PSIA) to the applicable local government for review by the School Board of Broward County according to the provisions and processes outlined in Section 8.13 of the Interlocal Agreement.

#### 3. Collaborative Planning Process & Intergovernmental Coordination

The collaborative planning process has greatly increased with the passage of the 2005 Infrastructure and Planning Act (SB 360) which mandated the adoption of a Broward County Public School Facility Element and implementation of public school concurrency by February 1, 2008.

Since the beginning of 2006, School Board of Broward County staff has been working collaboratively with the County and municipalities through the School Board's Staff Working Group and Oversight Committee to form consensus on the amendments to the Interlocal Agreement and the preparation of a model Public School Facilities Element. Several Staff Working Group Subcommittees were also established to deal with issues including collocation of school facilities, land use changes and developing urban school standards. These committees continue to meet on a regular basis in order to implement the state mandated requirements to coordinate and collaborate on updates to the *District Educational Financially Feasible Plan (DEFP)*, Concurrency Service Areas (CSAs) and amendments to the Comprehensive Plans of the County and non-exempt municipalities for the implementation of public school concurrency.

### 4. Level of Service Standard Methodology

The level of service standard is based upon the capacity of the school facility, which is the number of pupils to be served by the facility. The level of service is expressed as the percentage (ratio) of student enrollment to the student capacity of the school. The level of service is standard and is expressed in terms of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) capacity. FISH capacity is determined by Florida Department of Education guidelines and represents a measure of the physical capacity of the facility itself. FISH capacity includes satisfactory student stations in permanent classrooms. Based on the second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, which became effective in September 2010, the level of service standard was uniformly set as 100% of gross capacity (with relocatable classrooms) for each CSA until the end of the 2018/19 school year; and commencing at the 2019/20 school year, the LOS for each CSA shall be 110% of the permanent FISH capacity.

The relationship of enrollment to capacity, for individual schools and for concurrency service areas, is derived directly from the five-year schedule of capital improvements that incorporates the Five-Year District Educational Facilities Work Program adopted annually by the School Board. The school capacity and level of service analysis is assigned in a capacity/enrollment and level of service table. This table provides a year-by-year projection of capacity, enrollment, levels of service and available capacity, illustrating surpluses and deficiencies, based on the financially feasible capital program adopted by the School Board of Broward County.

Student enrollment is projected annually based on the specific function of the educational facility and the characteristics of the school attendance area, historical trends, the current and projected pace of development and the potential of vacant lands.

Other factors such as students attending schools outside their assigned attendance areas due to reassignments, magnet programs, charter schools and other educational choices are factored into the methodology for enrollment projections and for allocating school capacity.

Student enrollment projections are designated geographically using local development trend data and the school district student enrollment data. School-by-school enrollment projections by concurrency service areas are applied. General locations of future public schools to be constructed within the district over five years are applied to concurrency service areas relative to the location serving the anticipated capacity deficit. In addition, School Board Policy 5000 allows a variety of options to reduce or avoid the need for additional permanent student stations including, but not limited to: redistricting, reassignment, expanded capacity utilization (e.g. year round schools), and other options.

School enrollments exceeding the available capacity resulting in a level of service greater than 110% in the first fiscal year achieve the level of service standard by the fifth year due to planned capital improvements not yet available until the final year.

#### 5. Problems and Opportunities for Existing and Future Schools

Land Availability A major issue facing the School Board of Broward County is land availability. Existing schools recovering from the last thirty years of rapid growth have seen the school sites become crowded with classroom additions and relocatables. Additions/relocatables have taken over playfields, playgrounds, green space, and parking areas. The demand for larger water retention areas and more parking facilities has also reduced the useable area for the educational program. In addition, with current legislation demanding more accountability in the area of physical education schools face the dilemma of needing playfield areas to meet new Sunshine Standards for Education.

Due to limited available land, the School Board Staff developed strategies to design for and construct on smaller sites. In February 2009, the School Board adopted the Guidelines for Urban Concepts via Resolution #09-66. The resolution encourages designing a more compact building footprint, sharing parking and playfields, as well as exploring the use of parking garages versus surface parking.

Construction Costs & Revenue Sources The main source of revenue for the capital plan is the tax on local property. The property tax revenue increased 7% from last year, but is still below historical values before the Great Recession. The state legislature cut the capital tax rate from \$2 per thousand of taxable values to \$1.50. The School Board of Broward County dealt with the cutbacks through long-range financial planning and project cancelations enabling the School District of Broward County to build up long-term reserves to withstand the economic downturn.

Over the past five years, the School District of Broward County has retired \$300 million in debt. This year, another \$80 million in debt will be retired. The District continues to show discipline and success in retiring and reducing debt on an ongoing basis.

On November 4, 2014, Broward County Voters approved an \$800 million General Obligation Bond. The overall passage rate was 74 percent. The General Obligation Bond will provide the funds necessary for the School District of Broward County to meet critical school needs, as well as free up existing capital millage outlay to make investments in music, arts and athletics as part of the District's phased SMART program. SMART stands for Safety, Music and Art, Athletics, Renovation and Technology.

On May 9, 2015, the School Board of Broward County approved the amendment to the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (ADEFP) to include the \$984 million SMART initiative (\$800 million GOB plus \$184 million existing capital resources) as part of the District's Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan.

SMART Program (Five-Year Total)	
SMART Category	Amount (millions)
Safety	\$125.6
Music & Art	\$39.8
Athletics	\$7.4
Renovation	\$730.4
Technology	\$80.8
SBBC* schools: \$68.8	
Charter schools: \$12.0	
Total	\$984.0

### Athletics:

Over the next four years (though 2018/19), 29 high schools will receive new weight rooms. The goal is to standardize weight rooms to ensure equity across the School District of Broward County. In addition, there is a comprehensive high school track renovation plan in place for the next three years.

#### Music and Arts:

Music Instrument and Equipment Replacement: The Adopted District Educational Facilities plan includes funding for elementary, middle and high schools, as well as centers, to upgrade or make additions to their music program equipment. Beginning the 2015/16 school year, and over a five-year period, every school will receive funding for music equipment.

#### Visual Arts:

The Kiln Replacement Plan is providing new kilns to schools that have kilns deemed beyond economical repair or pose a safety hazard. The goal is to have safe, operational kilns to support the delivery of visual arts instruction.

**School Facilities:** 

With the SMART initiative, the School District of Broward County is making tremendous investments in the HVAC (air conditioning) systems in our schools. In addition, SMART projects focus on single point of entry and life-safety system projects in schools. Technology:

Technology is one of the cornerstones of the SMART initiative. The work to improve technology infrastructure and provide new devices in schools is already underway. The goal is to ensure a very successful implementation of technology in the School District of Broward County by building the necessary capacity and then delivering the devices for students and teachers.

**Enrollment Projections.** Enrollment is not uniform in nature as local communities go through their aging cycle at different rates. The district is still experiencing growth in certain areas of the county that has stressed the educational facility capacities in that area. This imbalance created by regionalized growth, combined with a decline in enrollment in other areas, has left the District with a surplus in permanent capacity of 21,586 seats, and therefore, due to state plant survey restrictions, unable to add capacity in overcrowded schools. Planning based on sound enrollment projections has proven to be a crucial component especially in times of financial

State Plant Survey. Florida Statute 1013.31 requires that every five years each county must submit a plant survey to aid in formulating plans for housing the educational program and student population as well as ancillary plants that provide services for the district. The Educational Plant Survey is a long range facility planning tool that determines the future housing and facility needs of the School District of Broward County to provide an appropriate educational program and services for each student based on the District's mission statement and strategic plan. The survey is developed using Department of Education five-year projections. All projects in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan using state authorized funds must be in the district's state plant survey. Because of declining enrollment and increased space availability this requirement will eliminate building new capacity additions as a viable option to resolve level of service compliance. However, through the passage of the General Obligation Bond, which includes \$800 million for capital projects, the School District of Broward County will provide replacement permanent capacity to certain facilities that rely on aging relocatable classrooms to house their student population.

The updated five-year student enrollment projections provide a basis for determining capital needs. **Table 1** below, summarizes the actual enrollment, by level, for the 2015-2016 and the projected enrollment for 2020-2021 school years. The enrollment projections are compared to the benchmark day figures for the current (2015-2016) school year. As indicated in the table, a decrease of 3,435 students occurred between 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

**Table 1: Summary of Enrollment Projections** 

School Type 2014-2015 Benchmark Day Enrollment		2015-2016 Benchmark Day Enrollment Bay Senchmark Day Enrollment Day Enrollme		2020-2021 Projected Benchmark Day Enrollment	2020-2021 Increase/Decrease over 2015-2016 Benchmark Day
Pre-	4,839	5,339	500	5,339	0
Kindergarten					
Elementary (K-5)	97,960	97,359	(601)	98,035	676
Middle	47,827	47,113	(714)	45,732	(1,381)
High	69,393	70,468	1,075	73,520	3,052
Centers	5,330	5,275	(55)	5,275	0
Charters	40,052	43,282	3,230	52,544	9,262
TOTAL	265,401	268,836	3,435	280,445	11,609

Source: School Board of Broward County, 2015

The School District of Broward County is projected to increase by 11,609 total pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade students, including those in centers and charter schools, by the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment in charter schools is 43,282 this year, with an undetermined number of additional charter schools anticipated in the next year. Several thousand additional public school students will be enrolled in charter schools by the 2020-2021 school year. If the charter school trend does not continue, then these projected students will impact the capital needs of other public schools in the School District of Broward County. Recent trends in School District of Broward County and charter school enrollment, as well as current birth data indicate that elementary (pre-kindergarten through grade 5) enrollment in School District of Broward County owned facilities will decrease over the next five years by 676 students. Middle school enrollment in School District of Broward County owned facilities is projected to show a decrease of 1,381 students and high school enrollment will increase by 3,052 students. By the end of the five-year period, Broward County School District's projected enrollment will total 280,445 students.

Class Size Reduction Requirements; Class size reduction is another major issue that the district is focusing much of its financial and human resources on to achieve the constitutional amendment goal. In November 2002, Florida voters approved the Class Size Reduction Amendment. Class Size Average was set at 18 students for Grades Pk-3, 22 students for Grades 4-8, and 25 students for Grades 9-12 and was designed to be implemented in three phases. For fiscal years:

- 2003-04 through 2005-06, class size average was set at the district level;
- 2006-07 and 2009-10, class size average was set at the school level; and
- 2010-11 and thereafter, class size average will be calculated at the individual classroom level.

The 2010 Legislature provided that Charter schools shall be in compliance with Florida Statutes Section 1003.03, relates to maximum class size, except that the calculation shall be the average at the school level by grade grouping.

Prior to 2010-11, the School District of Broward County achieved compliance during all years except for 2006-07. In 2007, the Superintendent established the Class Size Reduction Action Committee (CSRAC) which was comprised of staff from the District: Schools, Areas Offices, Facilities, Boundaries, Budget, Curriculum, Human Relations and Instructional Staffing to address compliance and prepare the School District of Broward County for period-by-period implementation.

Continued State budget issues, and a failed attempt in 2009 to provide School District of Broward County scheduling flexibility, inclined the State Legislature during the 2011 Legislative session to redefine the term "core-curricula courses." Under the revised bill, core courses are courses specified by grade levels, subjects measured by State assessments, high school graduation requirements, subgrades of students and include:

- Language arts/reading, mathematics, social studies and science courses in prekindergarten through grade 3;
- Courses in grades 4 through 8 in subjects that are measured by state assessment at any grade level and courses required for middle school promotion;
- Courses in grades 9 through 12 in subjects that are measured by state assessment at any grade level;
- Courses that are specifically identified by name in statute, as required for high school graduation, and that are not measured by State assessments, excluding any extracurricular courses;
- Exceptional student education courses; and
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOC) noted that in 2010-11, there were 849 core courses. Under the legislation approved in May 2011, there were 298 core courses. As of June 2014, a total of 347 courses are considered core. This is down 9 courses from the 2013-14 school year. The courses that were removed include: 3 general education courses – Middle School Advanced Pre-Algebra and High School Economics and Economics Honors. Also included in the removed courses were 6 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) courses.

Class Size Reduction Non-Compliance Consequences: The Class Size Legislation continues to require each School Board of Broward County to consider implementing various policies and methods to meet these constitutional class sizes, including encouraging dual enrollment courses, encouraging the Florida Virtual School, maximizing instructional staff, reducing construction costs, using joint-use facilities, implementing alternative class scheduling,

redrawing attendance zones, implementing evening and multiple sessions, and implementing year-round and non-traditional calendars.

During 2012-13, Broward County Public Schools standardized District-wide a 7-period High School schedule to assist with addressing CSR compliance. District-wide, classes at non-charter schools went from 52.3% in compliance during 2011-12, to 87.7% in compliance during 2012-13. During 2013-14, Broward continued to apply State implementation options and increased period-by-period compliance to 89.3%. Additionally, during 2013-14, the state legislature provided that School District of Broward County "Schools of Choice" would be held to the same, school-wide average by grade grouping compliance standards as Charter schools. In 2014, per Florida State Statute, the calculation for the District's reduction was based on 100% of the base student allocation versus the original 50%. In 2014-15, District-wide period-by-period compliance increased to 90.6% at non-charter schools. At this same time, for the first time in 4 years the School District of Broward County non-charter schools were not included in the FDOE CSR Compliance penalty calculations. Preliminary 2015-16 District Survey 2 results indicate that once again, none of the District's non-charter Schools of Choice or Traditional non-charter schools will be included in the FDOE penalty calculation.

Accountability provisions put into place during the 2011 Legislative session provided the following:

- Compliance determination continues to be based on October enrollment survey;
- A reduction calculation to class size funding for non-compliant districts, which can be adjusted for good cause;
- A reallocation bonus of up to 5% of the base student allocation for compliant districts, not to exceed 25% of reduced funds;
- An add-back of the remaining 75% of the reduced funds, if the Districts submit a plan to meet the requirements by October the subsequent year; and
- Authorization of virtual instruction programs as an option to meet class size requirements.

During the 2011-12 school year, the FDOE implemented a one-time rule in which a School District could not be fined for more than half the State's total fine. Under the 2011 bill and continuing, a timeframe was specified for satisfying and maintaining class size maximums, with specific exceptions of an extreme emergency beyond the District's control and when a student enrolls after the October survey period. Based on a School District's determination that not assigning the student would be impractical, educationally unsound, or disruptive to student learning, a student could be assigned to an existing class that temporarily exceeds the class size maximums. However, the additional numbers of students, who can be assigned to a teacher above the maximum, may not exceed three students in Grades PK-3; and five students above the maximum in Grades 4-12. This temporary exception is also contingent upon a district school board developing, and filing a plan with the FDOE by February 1<sup>st</sup>, that provides that a school will be in full compliance with the maximum class size requirements by the following year's October student membership survey.

#### Options for Reducing Capacity

The School Board of Broward County has considered options to optimize the usage of educational facilities within the District. Each year the School District of Broward County undergoes an extensive boundary process and considers the effectiveness of programs that are being utilized as an alternative to adding capacity.

**Boundary Process:** Each year the School District of Broward County undergoes a boundary process that considers the demographic changes in student populations, available and future facility capacity, programming components, as well as the diversity at each school. As part of the annual boundary process the School District of Broward County relies on input from the communities and stakeholders. Through the boundary process, every effort is made to maintain equal educational opportunities.

**Multi-track Scheduling:** The School District of Broward County has utilized multi-track schedules for an elementary school successfully. In that school, this multi-track schedule accommodated up to 120% of the school's FISH capacity in the 2005-06 school year. The community was content with the multi-track scheduling and has shown increases in student achievement, attendance and less discipline situations. The School District of Broward County has continued to utilize this method to increase the utilization of schools.

**Grade Level Organization:** Various grade level configurations are examined to reduce or add capacity. Presently we have two primary schools with grade levels of Pre-K-3, three Pre-K-7 schools, one Pre-K-8 school, and two 9-12 schools.

**Block Scheduling:** The School District of Broward County has been in the forefront of implementing and evaluating block scheduling. The School District of Broward County utilize block schedules at several schools.

**High School Options:** Dual enrollment gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college level courses and receive credits towards high school graduation. If a student qualifies for this it can free up capacity while benefiting student achievement. The early admissions and 18 credit diploma option allows for high school students to apply for early graduation, which will also relieve enrollment at our high schools.

Other Alternatives: The School District of Broward County has also been using creative alternative methods to assist in distributing the student population by allowing parents and students the choice of school assignment. Some examples are:

Broward Virtual School: Broward Virtual School (BVS) offers full-time enrollment to students in grades K-12 through an online educational delivery system. Students in grades 6-12 may enroll part-time as well. BVS offers equitable access to high quality, individualized education, through the Internet and other distance learning technologies. The virtual environment provides flexibility of the time and location, and promotes development of the skills, the attitudes, and the self-discipline necessary to achieve success in the 21st century. Broward Virtual School officers students the opportunity to earn a standard high school diploma entirely online. https://www.bved.net

• Magnet Schools: The District offers magnet programs in several locations largely in schools where space is available. These programs offer a thematic educational program; which entices students/parents to choose a school and fill available seats. They have been a popular choice alternative option.

Charter Schools: The School District of Broward County has led the state in the number of students attending charter schools. During the 1999-00 school year 3,873 students attended charter schools. Since that time charter school enrollment has increased an additional 39,409 students, enrolling a total of 43,282 students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Table 2: Charter Schools Serving Elementary, Middle and High School Students

Charters Serving Elementary School Students	Charters Serving Middle School Students:	Charters Serving High School Students:
Academic Solutions High School	Academic Solutions High School	Academic Solutions High School
Alpha International Academy	Avent Garde Academy	Ascend Career Academy
Atlantic Montessori Charter School	Avent Garde K-8 Broward Ben Gamla Charter	Ben Gamla Charter High School
Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus Avent Garde K-8 Broward	Ben Gamla Charter Hallandale Ben Gamla Charter North	Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School City of Coral Springs Charter
Ben Gamla Charter	Broward	City of Pembroke Pines High
Ben Gamla Charter North	Ben Gamla Charter South Broward	Dolphin Park High
Broward	Broward Math and Science	Flagler High
Ben Gamla Chapter South Broward	Schools Central Charter School	Florida Virtual Academy at Broward County
Bridge Prep Academy of Hollywood Hills	Championship Acad. Of Distinction @ Davie	iGeneration Empowerment Academy Broward County
Broward Community Charter West	City of Coral Springs Charter City of Pembroke Pines High	International School of Broward
Broward Math and Science Schools	City of Pembroke Pines Middle - W/C	Lauderhill High Mavericks High Central
Central Charter School	Discovery Middle Charter	Broward
Championship Acad. Of	Eagle's Nest Charter Academy	Mavericks High North Broward
Distinction @ Hollywood	Eagles Nest Middle	Melrose High
Championship Acad. of Distinction @ Davie	Everest Charter School	North University High
Charter School of Excellence	Florida Virtual Academy at	Pivot Charter School
Charter School of Excellence @	Broward County	Somerset Academy High
Davie	Franklin Academy A,B & F	Somerset Academy Charter
Charter School of Excellence @	Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle	High Miramar Somerset Conservatory
Davie 2	iGeneration Empowerment	Somerset Prep. Charter High at
Charter School of Excellence @ Riverland	Academy of Broward County	North Lauderdale
Charter School of Excellence @	Imagine Middle School West Imagine Charter School at	SunEd High School SunEd High School of North
Tamarac 1	Broward	Broward
Charter School of Excellence @ Tamarac 2	Imagine Schools – Plantation	
Charter School of Excellence @	Campus	
Fort Lauderdale 2	International School of	
City of Pembroke Pines –	Broward	
E/W/C	North Broward Academy of	
Eagle's Nest Charter Academy	Excellence Paragon Academy of	
	Paragon Academy of	

Charters Serving Elementary School Students	Charters Serving Middle School Students:	Charters Serving High School Students:
Excelsior Charter of Broward Florida Virtual Academy at Broward County Franklin Academy A, B & C Greentree Preparatory Charter School Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Elementary Imagine Charter School at Weston Imagine Elementary at North Lauderdale Imagine Schools – Plantation Campus Innovation Charter School Kidz Choice Charter New Life charter Academy North Broward Academy of Excellence Panacca Prep charter School Paramount Charter School Paramount Charter School Pathways Academy K-8 Center Renaissance Charter School at Pines Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs Renaissance Charter School at University RISE Academy School of Science and Technology Somerset Academy Somerset Academy Davie Somerset Academy East Prep	Technology Paramount Charter School Pathways Academy K-8 Center Pivot Charter School Renaissance Charter Middle School at Pines Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City Renaissance Charter School at Coral Springs Renaissance Charter School at Plantation Renaissance Charter School at University RISE Academy School of Science and Technology Somerset Academy Middle Somerset Academy Hollywood Middle School Somerset Academy Middle School at Miramar	

Charters Serving Elementary School Students	Charters Serving Middle School Students:	Charters Serving High School Students:
Somerset Academy Hollywood		
Somerset Academy Miramar		
Somerset Academy Pompano		

Source: School Board of Broward County, 2015

6. Analysis of Infrastructure Needs for Existing and Proposed School Facilities (F.S. 163.31777(2)(d).

Broward County currently has 342 public school facilities, including elementary, middle, high, charter and special schools. Due to the fact that Broward County is predominately built out, the major infrastructure, including; roads, drainage, sanitary sewer and potable water facilities are available to support existing and proposed school facilities.

One area which needs attention however, is pedestrian infrastructure. The County has some areas where sidewalks and unobstructed access to schools can be improved. To address this, Broward County promotes safe routes to schools (SRTS) through the Broward County MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. A goal to "ensure and where possible enhance safety and security" in transportation projects near schools is intended to reduce hazards by providing the necessary infrastructure for pedestrians within a 2 mile radius of schools deemed "hazardous" for school children. In furthering this goal, 2035 Plan proposed sidewalk infrastructure improvements in areas which are deemed hazardous and/or enhance the safety and security of pedestrians. The School District of Broward County has also applied for Safe Route to School (SRTS) Grants for sidewalk construction since 2006 and to date has maintained a list of over 150 locations in Broward County that need sidewalk improvements. This list is updated annually.

In addition, during the development review and site selection process of any proposed school, all infrastructure needs are taken into consideration. These procedures and processes are outlined in Sections V and VI of the ILA. The School Board also requires that all major expansion, remodeling and/or replacements projects (exceeding \$1,000,000) go through a Master Planning process. This process, which involves public input, must evaluate infrastructure issues such as; site circulation, parking, retention areas and public utility locations.

#### B. Data and Analysis

### 1. Population and Housing Conditions

#### Population Growth in Broward County

As displayed in **Table 3** below, Broward County has experienced significant population growth since 1970. In 1970 Broward County had a population of 620,100 and the 2010 Census population count was 1,748,066 a growth of 182%. Though the County is approaching "build-

out", expectations are that growth will continue. The future pace of growth will be less than in past decades, both in terms of percentage and in absolute growth as Broward makes the transition from large tracts of "Greenfield" development to "redevelopment". However, with the addition of lands in the northwest "Wedge" near Parkland, over two thousand acres of agricultural lands were transferred from Palm Beach County's boundary to Broward's. Development of these lands is expected to begin soon.

At the same time the demographics of the population will continue to change. A larger percentage of growth will come as result of in-migration from abroad. Generally, migrants are younger and less likely to have a family. The "Median Age" and "% 65 or over" columns are indicators of this change. Broward's median age increased as it became home to larger numbers of retirees during the 1970's and early 1980's. Since that time, the median age decreased and is expected to continue to do so. The population ages 65 or greater peaked in the early 1980's with 22%; but, as international migration to Broward has increased that percentage dropped significantly to 14% in 2010 approaching its lowest level since 1960, before the migration of the retirees. Looking to the future, demographic trends are expected to shift once more, with the "boomer" and "echo boomer" generations achieving retirement age accompanied by a trend towards smaller families. Therefore, Broward County should once again expect an increase in the percentage of "% of 65" together with a reduction in the percentage of children in 2015, as illustrated in Table 3, below.

Table 3: Population Broward County 1970-2040

Year	Total	Preceding Years' Average Annual Change		Median	% 18 or Under	% 65 or
		Percent	Population	Age	Officer	over
1970	620,100	8.6%	28,615	38.7	29%	18%
1980	1,018,257	6.4%	39,816	38.7	22%	22%
1990	1,255,531	2.3%	23,727	37.8	21%	21%
2000	1,623,018	2.9%	36,749	37.8	24%	16%
2010	1,748,066	0.8%	12,505	39.7	22%**	14%
2015	1,802,981	0.6 %	10,983	*	22%**	16%
2020	1,855,922	0.6%	10,588	*	21%**	18%
2025	1,902,192	0.5%	9,254	*	21%**	20%
2030	1,947,695	0.5%	9,100	*	20%**	22%
2035	1,990,308	0.4%	8,523	*	20%**	23%
2040	2,029,947	0.4%	7,928	*	20%**	23%

**Source:** U.S. Census 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010; University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Detailed Population Projections by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin, for Florida and its Counties, 2015-2040.

<sup>\*</sup> Median age data not available from BEBR.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation of % 18 or Under for 2015-2040 is for % 17 or Under

#### School Age Population

As with population growth in general, Broward County school age population has experienced considerable growth since 1970. In some ways it reflects the overall demographics of the population growth. The influx of retirees through the early 1980's caused a drop in the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade population to decrease by more than 5% of the total. The decline continued into 1990; but, by 2000 the K-12 population's percentage of the total increased.

Table 4: School Age Population Broward County 1970-2040

Year	Scho	ol Age Popula	ation	Percent of Total Population		
rear	K-12	Higher Ed.	Total	K-12	Higher Ed.	Total
1970	133,064	118,673	251,737	21.5%	19.1%	40.6%
1980	164,431	250,044	414,475	16.2%	24.6%	40.7%
1990	177,638	317,283	494,921	14.1%	25.3%	39.4%
2000	279,888	348,245	628,133	17.3%	21.5%	38.7%
2010	288,093	371,647	659,740	16.55	21.3%	37.7%
2015	285,630	392,844	678,474	15.8%	21.5%	36.9%
2020	285,906	398,593	696,262	15.4%	21.5%	36.6%
2025	286,870	409,692	696,262	15.1%	21.5%	35.6%
2030	289,695	403,195	692,890	14.8%	20.7%	35.6%
2035	296.230	408,299	704,529	14.9%	20.5%	35.4%
2040	301,686	409,226	710,912	14.9%	20.2%	35.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census for years 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010; University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, detailed Population Projections by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin, for Florida and its Counties, 2015-2040

Note: All populations are for April 1.

K-12 is the population ages 5 through 18, Higher Education population consists of 19 through 24

### Housing Characteristics

While Broward's housing inventory once was dominated by the single-family, detached home; that no longer is the case. The housing industry responded to the influx of retirees during the 1970's and 1980's by building large numbers of multi-family condominiums and apartments. Between 1970 and 1990, single family homes grew by nearly 88,000. During that same time period, multi-family homes grew by 264,000 units (averaging 13,000 per year). Expansion in the southwest and northwest portions of Broward brought about an increased emphasis on single-family homes. They increased by nearly as much during the decade of the 1990's as they did for the twenty years prior. Still, there are 43% more multi-family units than single-family. With the annexation of the "Wedge" into the northwest boundary of Broward County, an uptick in single-family units should be expected in the next few years, but these new units will be balanced by multi-family infill and redevelopment in the eastern corridor closer to the beaches.

Despite the changes in housing unit type, the percentage of owner-occupied units remains relatively stable at between 68% and 72.8%. As more multi-family homes are built, the tendency has been for the percentage of renter to increase; but, only slightly.

Reported vacancy rates are influenced primarily by the number of seasonally-occupied units and magnitude of current residential construction. Because Broward has been a destination for many seasonal residents and these units have been counted as vacant regardless of the actual status, the vacancy rate is higher in Broward than is traditionally thought of as acceptable. Also keeping the vacancy rate high is the U.S. Bureau of the Census practice of counting incomplete homes as vacant. At times of elevated building activity with significant numbers of units nearing completion, the Bureau may count them as vacant even though they are not yet ready for occupation. Both these influences on vacancy rates are expected decrease; costs of maintaining seasonal units are beyond what many could previously afford and future residential construction will seldom reach the level of activity experienced during the previous decades.

Table 5: Housing Characteristics Broward County 1970-2013

Year	Total Units	Single Family	% Single Family	Multi- Family	Other	Owner Occupied	Renter Occupied	% Vacant	% Owner Occupied
1970	253,325	149,447	59.0%	94,017	9,861	161,962	60,601	12.1%	72.8%
1980	477,468	202,898	42.5%	258,987	15,583	299,730	11 <i>7,7</i> 8 <i>7</i>	12.6%	<i>7</i> 1.8%
1990	628,660	236,321	37.6%	358,665	33,674	359,570	168,872	15.9%	68.0%
2000	741,043	303,357	40.9%	409,756	27,930	454,750	199,695	11.7%	69.5%
2010	810,410	323,712	39.9%	462,838	23,860	435,488	222,537	18.8%	66.2%
2013	811,071	335,351	41.3%	454,241	21,479	426,600	237,704	18.1%	64.2%

Source: 2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census All other years U.S. Bureau of the Census, Decennial Census

#### **Development Trends**

Table 6 depicts data regarding dwelling units constructed and given Certificate of Occupancy in Broward County between January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013. The table shows that of the 24,467 dwelling units constructed, only 6,004 of these units (or 25%) were classified as single family. The Certificate of Occupancy analysis is conducted every three years as a part of the student generation rate/school impact fee study mandated by the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

Table 6: New Dwelling Units by Type 2006-2013

Total Dwelling Units	Single- Family	Townhouse – Duplex - Villa	Garden Apartment	Mid Rise	High Rise
24,467	6,004	6,595	4,911	3,303	3,653
100%	25%	27%	20%	13%	15%

Source: June 16,2014 Student Generation Rate / School Impact Fee Study by Walter H. Keller, Inc.

# 2. Current Profile of Broward County Public Schools

### Summary Profile of Public Schools in Broward County

The numbers of school buildings, student stations and classrooms are reflected in **Table 7**. The majority of buildings and student stations are utilized for elementary students, 52% and 44% respectively as compared to the total for the School District. Middle Schools have the highest level of relocatable stations (9,819) and high schools have the highest level of relocatable classrooms (481). As noted in **Table 8**, most of the school facility buildings were constructed in the last 10 years. **Map 1** depicts the locations of all Public Schools in Broward County.

Table 7: Summary Profile of School Capacity

School Type	Permanent Buildings	Relocatable Buildings	Permanent Stations	Relocatable Stations	Permanent Classrooms	Relocatable Classrooms	Permanent Net Sq. Ft.	Relocatable Net Sq. Ft.
Elementary	1,093	481	114,929	9,082	6,568	481	15,316,506	413,920
Middle	370	388	60,307	7,896	2,898	388	7,402,065	312,851
High	460	439	77,335	10,590	3,409	441	9,624,836	377,175
Special	176	114	11,200	2,880	779	126	2,273,084	103,440
Charter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	2,099	1,422	263,771	30,448	13,654	1,436	34,616,491	1,207,386

Source: School Board of Broward County, Fish Inventory of School Houses (FISH) data 2015

Table 8: Age of School Facility Buildings

School Type	% of sq.ft. 1-10	% of sq.ft. 11-20	% of sq.ft. 21-30	% of sq.ft. 31-40	% of sq.ft. 41-50	% of sq.ft.
	years	years	years	years	years	over 50 years
Elementary Schools	11%	28%	36%	7%	13%	5%
Middle Schools	10%	28%	27%	11%	17%	6%
High Schools	14%	29%	10%	15%	20%	11%
Special Schools	19%	20%	25%	13%	8%	15%
Charter Schools	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: School Board of Broward County, Fish Inventory of School Houses (FISH) data 2015

# **Elementary Schools**

There are 140 public elementary schools in Broward County as of 2015-16 not including Broward Virtual Elementary. There is one K-8 Combination school which opened August 2010. A profile of the existing schools is depicted in **Table 9.** 

Table 9: Current Profile- Broward County Elementary Schools 2015-16

Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Atlantic West Elementary	8	1974-2004	6	13	675	1,009	1	66.0%
,	10	1980-2009	5	13	678	983	1	66.9% 69.0%
Banyan Elementary				_				
Bayview Elementary	2	1958-2000	4	0	630	572	2	110.1%
Beachside Montessori C Village	6	2008-2008	3	0	771	747	2	103.2%
Bennett Elementary	8	1952-2007	11	0	475	542	1	87.6%
Bethune, Mary Elementary	18	1961-2008	13	17	689	1,327	1	51.9%
Boulevard Heights Elementary	10	1961-2008	15	0	719	812	1	88.5%
Broadview Elementary	10	1965-2006	7	11	940	1,130	1	83.2%
Broward Estates Elementary	10	195 <i>7</i> -200 <i>7</i>	18	0	437	695	1	62.9%
Castle Hill Elementary	9	1969-2007	8	22	551	901	1	61.2%
Central Park Elementary	13	1990-2004	10	10	977	1,123	1	87.0%
Challenger Elementary	8	2000-2004	3	0	978	1,000	1	97.8%
Chapel Trail Elementary	10	1994-2003	7	0	777	1,054	1	73.7%
Coconut Creek Elementary	10	1969-2002	6	3	701	803	1	87.3%
Coconut Palm Elementary	12	2000-2000	2	13	877	1,058	1	82.9%

Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Colbert Elementary	10	1952-2008	5	0	658	812	1	81.0%
Collins Elementary	10	1957-2005	13	0	313	371	1	84.4%
Cooper City Elementary	10	1970-2007	4	2	743	745	1	99.7%
Coral Cove Elementary	12	2004-2004	3	0	951	830	2	114.6%
Coral Park Elementary	11	1989-2007	13	6	677	825	1	82.1%
Coral Springs PreK-7	10	1974-2006	7	2	670	943	1	71.0%
Country Hills Elementary	15	1990-2006	11	0	855	849	2	100.7%
Country Isles Elementary	9	1987-2004	13	6	1,025	1,096	1	93.5%
Cresthaven Elementary	10	1992-2008	8	0	717	705	2	101.7%
Croissant Park Elementary	12	1992-2003	8	2	812	846	1	96.0%
Cypress Elementary	13	1969-2010	9	2	813	909	1	89.4%
Dania Elementary	7	1958-2007	11	3	509	623	1	81.7%
Davie Elementary	9	1977-2003	6	5	801	831	1	96.4%
Deerfield Beach Elementary Deerfield Park	14	1927-2010	11	3	701	797	1	88.0%
Elementary	11	1978-2005	10	0	556	804	1	69.2%
Dillard Elementary	10	1994-1994	7	2	850	795	2	106.9%
Discovery Elementary	15	2008-2009	3	0	1,010	942	2	107.2%
Dolphin Bay Elementary	12	2005-2005	3	0	695	830	1	83.7%
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Montessori Academy	15	1968-2007	9	2	418	845	1	49.5%
Drew Elementary	15	1990-1990	9	0	591	631	1	93.7%
Driftwood Elementary	8	1960-2003	13	12	547	780	1	70.1%
Eagle Point Elementary	12	1994-2009	9	4	1,363	1,304	2	104.5%
Eagle Ridge Elementary	12	1994-1994	6	0	843	872	1	96.7%
Embassy Creek Elementary	14	1991-2008	8	0	1,153	1,087	2	106.1%
Endeavour Primary Learning Center	12	2002-2002	2	2	405	504	1	80.4%
Everglades Elementary	10	1998-2005	4	8	1,093	1,220	1	89.6%
Fairway Elementary	11	1968-2005	11	0	738	970	1	76.1%
Flamingo Elementary	14	1975-2006	5	9	662	779	1	85.0%
Floranada Elementary	11	1999-1999	2	0	728	814	1	89.4%
Forest Hills Elementary	8	1975-2004	4	2	642	831	1	77.3%
Foster, Stephen Elementary	9	1961-2007	16	0	656	743	1	88.3%
Fox Trail Elementary	25	1997-2004	4	7	1,266	1,304	1	97.1%
Gator Run Elementary	12	1998-2004	3	16	1,294	1,452	1	89.1%
Griffin Elementary	10	1979-1991	4	4	599	687	1	87.2%

Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Hallandale Elementary	14	2003-2003	3	1	1,052	1,212	1	86.8%
Harbordale Elementary	4	1959-2008	13	0	445	480	1	92.7%
Hawkes Bluff Elementary	12	1000 2006	11	10	856	1 044	1	82.0%
Heron Heights	12	1990-2006	11	10	030	1,044	1	02.0 /0
Elementary	12	2007-2008	3	0	998	942	2	105.9%
Hollywood Central Elementary	7	1992-1995	9	1	460	709	1	64.9%
Hollywood Hills Elementary Hollywood Park	12	1959-2007	9	0	<i>7</i> 21	768	1	93.9%
Elementary	12	1969-1991	4	0	499	593	1	84.1%
Horizon Elementary	8	1974-2001	6	3	548	717	1	76.4%
Hunt, James Elementary	13	1973-2004	6	0	<i>7</i> 18	841	1	85.4%
Indian Trace Elementary	12	1990-1990	9	10	739	843	1	87.7%
Lake Forest Elementary	11	1961-2006	11	12	712	946	1	75.3%
Lakeside Elementary	12	1997-2001	3	3	<i>7</i> 54	798	1	94.5%
Larkdale Elementary	10	1961-2008	16	4	364	695	1	52.4%
Lauderhill, Paul Turner Elementary	11	1995-1995	6	0	743	872	1	85.2%
Liberty Elementary	12	2001-2004	3	1	1,074	1,282	1	83.8%
Lloyd Estates Elementary	8	1968-2008	9	8	603	691	1	87.3%
Manatee Bay Elementary	7	2001-2004	3	10	1,180	1,320	1	89.4%
Maplewood Elementary	11	1980-2004	6	8	762	961	1	79.3%
Margate Elementary	11	1962-2007	19	0	1,010	1,305	1	77.4%
Markham, Robert C Elementary	9	1967-2004	11	4	578	709	1	81.5%
Marshall, Thurgood Elementary	8	1991-2002	7	1	452	803	1	56.3%
McNab Elementary	10	1993-2002	8	1	610	695	1	87.8%
Meadowbrook Elementary	15	1958-2009	13	6	726	809	1	89.7%
Miramar Elementary	10	1991-2004	7	1	<i>7</i> 50	947	1	79.2%
Mirror Lake Elementary	13	1969-2009	9	7	611	791	1	77.2%
Morrow Elementary	10	1976-2008	7	0	437	831	1	52.6%
Nob Hill Elementary	8	1975-2004	4	7	543	857	1	63.4%
Norcrest Elementary	10	1976-2008	11	0	836	921	1	90.8%
North Andrews Gardens Elementary	10	1996-2006	8	6	908	921	1	98.6%
North Fork Elementary	10	1965-2007	10	0	506	713	1	71.0%
North Lauderdale PreK-7	13	1974-2006	9	0	675	948	1	71.2%

North Side Elementary	5	1927-2001	8	0	449	608	1	73.8%
Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Nova, Blanche Forman Elementary	10	1965-2003	6	1	769	787	1	97.7%
Nova, Eisenhower D D Elementary	10	1969-2003	9	0	768	777	1	98.8%
Oakland Park Elementary	7	1927-2004	13	0	635	840	1	75.6%
Oakridge Elementary	8	1959-1993	13	6	461	721	1	63.9%
Orange Brook Elementary	9	2006-2006	3	0	739	830	1	89.0%
Oriole Elementary	9	1971-2005	6	2	620	758	1	81.8%
Palm Cove Elementary	12	1992-2008	10	9	<i>7</i> 11	1,049	1	67.8%
Palmview Elementary	10	1969-2009	6	3	619	<i>7</i> 11	1	87.1%
Panther Run Elementary	12	1997-1997	2	1	568	800	1	71.0%
Park Lakes Elementary	15	2000-2006	6	5	1,172	1,304	1	89.9%
Park Ridge Elementary	10	1972-2008	7	0	513	546	1	94.0%
Park Springs Elementary	12	1990-2004	10	0	1,027	1,189	1	86.4%
Park Trails Elementary	12	2000-2008	4	0	1,315	1,276	2	103.1%
Parkside Elementary	10	1999-2008	4	2	768	1,016	1	75.6%
Pasadena Lakes Elementary	10	1971-2008	9	7	543	852	1	63.7%
Pembroke Lakes Elementary	8	1976-2007	5	4	596	741	1	80.4%
Pembroke Pines Elementary	9	1965-2008	6	8	559	763	1	73.3%
Perry, Annabel C PreK-7	10	1969-2005	10	8	834	1,063	1	78.5%
Peters Elementary	11	1958-2008	17	12	600	845	1	71.0%
Pines Lakes Elementary	10	1979-2009	8	0	577	927	1	62.2%
Pinewood Elementary	10	1979-2001	7	11	55 <i>7</i>	1,038	1	53.7%
Plantation Elementary	12	1999-1999	2	0	542	814	1	66.6%
Plantation Park Elementary	10	1967-2002	5	0	540	579	1	93.3%
Pompano Beach Elementary	19	1992-1992	9	2	526	615	1	85.5%
Quiet Waters Elementary	18	1990-2008	13	14	1,358	1,600	1	84.9%
Ramblewood Elementary	10	1977-2004	5	1	812	1,003	1	81.0%
Riverglades Elementary	10	1991-1991	6	0	662	669	1	99.0%
Riverland Elementary	10	1991-2008	8	0	629	633	1	99.4%
Riverside Elementary	10	1987-2001	12	6	767	843	1	91.0%
Rock Island Elementary	14	2001-2008	4	0	514	580	1	88.6%
Royal Palm Elementary	12	1971-2004	10	8	839	1,034	1	81.1%
Sanders Park Elementary	12	1965-2004	9	5	509	755	1	67.4%

Sandpiper Elementary	14	1989-2006	12	0	556	909	1	61.2%
Sawgrass Elementary	12	1993-2007	9	0	1,030	1,184	1	87.0%
Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Sea Castle Elementary	12	1990-2004	11	1	877	1,052	1	83.4%
Sheridan Hills Elementary	7	1971-2001	6	0	531	607	1	87.5%
Sheridan Park Elementary	13	1966-2008	7	0	673	810	1	83.1%
Silver Lakes Elementary	12	1997-1997	2	1	468	796	1	58.8%
Silver Palms Elementary	14	1995-2001	3	0	595	816	1	72.9%
Silver Ridge Elementary	13	1989-2008	14	6	1,108	1,002	2	110.6%
Silver Shores Elementary	12	2002-2003	3	0	496	820	1	60.5%
Stirling Elementary	9	1991-2007	8	4	604	789	1	76.6%
Sunland Park Academy	4	1992-1994	3	1	530	498	2	106.4%
Sunset Lakes Elementary	12	2002-2008	4	0	799	1,300	1	61.5%
Sunshine Elementary	9	1964-2002	15	5	635	893	1	71.1%
Tamarac Elementary	8	1974-2004	7	0	863	1,290	1	66.9%
Tedder Elementary	12	1964-2004	14	0	704	1,240	1	56.8%
Tradewinds Elementary	1 <i>7</i>	1995-2008	4	17	1,322	1,540	1	85.8%
Tropical Elementary	10	1971-2008	7	0	925	932	1	99.2%
Village Elementary	12	1968-2009	14	3	817	906	1	90.2%
Walker Elementary	10	1959-2009	9	0	629	1,017	1	61.8%
Watkins Elementary	10	1995-1995	2	1	665	832	1	79.9%
Welleby Elementary	13	1991-2004	7	6	748	915	1	81.7%
West Hollywood Elementary	11	1991-1991	5	5	615	687	1	89.5%
Westchester Elementary	10	1976-2009	12	8	1,228	1,184	2	103.7%
Westwood Heights Elementary	9	1958-2008	12	3	562	837	1	67.1%
Wilton Manors Elementary	8	1995-1998	5	0	603	615	1	98.0%
Winston Park Elementary	12	1990-2004	13	0	1,204	1,191	2	101.1%
Young, Virginia Shuman Elementary	8	1993-1993	8	0	726	687	2	105.7%
Total	1516		1093	481	102 <i>,7</i> 10	124,011		82.8%

Source: Broward County School Board, 2015

Elementary school locations and attendance zones/ concurrency service areas (CSAs) are illustrated in Maps 2 & 6. Elementary school enrollment, including Pre-K, for 2015-16, not including Broward Virtual Elementary, centers or charters is 102,710 students. There are 16 elementary schools with enrollment greater than 100% of their gross FISH capacity, which is the

adopted LOS standard (LOS). For the 2015-16 school year, this translates into 11% of elementary schools in Broward County not meeting the LOS.

# Middle Schools

There are 40 public middle schools in Broward County as of 2015-16 not including Broward Virtual Middle. A profile of these schools is shown by **Table 9A**.

Table 9A: Current Profile- Broward County Middle Schools 2015-16

Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100 % of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Apollo Middle	15	1969-2007	8	16	1,245	1,558	1	79.9%
Attucks Middle	24	1960-1997	8	0	639	1,227	1	52.1%
Bair Middle	10	1975-1993	4	18	885	1,594	1	55.5%
Coral Springs Middle	19	1975-2005	4	0	1,168	1,899	1	61.5%
Crystal Lake Middle	14	1971-2002	4	15	1,319	1,622	1	81.3%
Dandy, William	19	1991-2002	19	8	885	1,291	1	68.6%
Deerfield Beach	32	1960-2003	10	12	1,094	1,621	1	67.5%
Driftwood Middle	22	1961-2005	1	4	1,43 <i>7</i>	1,729	1	83.1%
Falcon Cove Middle	21	1999-1999	2	48	2,213	2,239	1	98.8%
Forest Glen Middle	20	1990-2004	19	8	1,356	1,783	1	76.1%
Glades Middle	20	2006-2008	4	11	1,306	2,060	1	63.4%
Gulfstream Middle	7	1959-2010	17	15	529	732	1	72.3%
Indian Ridge Middle	26	1995-2005	5	28	1,774	2,233	1	79.4%
Lauderdale Lakes Middle	14	1969-1976	4	17	918	1,243	1	73.9%
Lauderhill 6-12	22	1969-1995	7	9	694	1,074	1	64.6%
Lyons Creek Middle	22	1999-2006	3	14	1,897	2,178	1	87.1%
Margate Middle	23	1966-2001	9	1	1,233	1,328	2	92.8%
McNicol Middle	12	1997-1997	2	0	814	1,303	1	62.5%
Millennium Middle	11	2001-2006	4	8	1,492	1,776	1	84.0%
New Renaissance Middle	20	2000-2000	4	0	902	1,547	1	58.3%
New River Middle	18	1995-1995	3	6	1,438	1,493	1	96.3%
Nova Middle	14	1962-2008	12	7	1,281	1,344	1	95.3%
Olsen Middle	20	1954-1991	28	0	681	1,125	1	60.5%
Parkway Middle	15	1958-2010	27	0	1,491	2,192	1	68.0%
Perry, Henry D Middle	20	1991-1991	6	8	343	1,306	1	26.3%
Pines Middle	21	1993-2005	3	0	1,130	1,769	1	63.9%
Pioneer Middle	16	1975-1991	5	17	1,317	1,492	1	88.3%

Plantation Middle	22	1969-2004	5	0	812	1,345	1	60.4%
Pompano Beach Middle	12	1964-2008	10	10	985	1,227	1	80.3%
Ramblewood Middle	1 <i>7</i>	1976-2005	4	20	1,179	1,742	1	67.7%
Rickards, James Middle	13	1968-2004	5	10	934	1,267	1	73.7%
Sawgrass Springs Middle	20	1995-1998	8	3	1,14 <i>7</i>	1,234	1	92.9%
Seminole Middle	21	1958-2009	7	16	1,194	1,436	1	83.1%
Silver Lakes Middle	20	1983-2002	16	0	682	1,057	1	64.5%
Silver Trail Middle	22	1995-2009	3	20	1,466	1,646	1	89.1%
Sunrise Middle	18	1991-1999	15	8	1,255	1,403	1	89.5%
Tequesta Trace Middle	23	1990-2006	19	4	1,462	1,432	1	102.1%
Westglades Middle	24	2001-2001	4	16	1,576	1,766	1	89.2%
Westpine Middle	18	1990-2006	19	11	958	1,530	1	62.6%
Young, Walter C Middle	30	1987-2008	17	0	1,099	1,353	1	81.2%
Total	<i>757</i>		370	388	46,230	61,196		75.5%

Source: School Board of Broward County, 2015

Middle school locations and attendance zones/ concurrency service areas (CSAs) are illustrated in **Maps 3 & 7.** Middle school enrollment for 2015-16 is 46,230 students not including Broward Virtual Middle, centers or charters. There are one middle schools with enrollment greater than 100% of their gross FISH capacity, which is the adopted LOS standard (LOS). For the 2015-16 school year, this translates into 3% of middle schools in Broward County not meeting the LOS.

# **High Schools**

There are 33 public high schools in Broward County as of 2015-16 not including Broward Virtual High. A profile of these schools is shown by **Table 9B.** 

Table 9B: Current Profile - Broward County High Schools 2015-16

Facility Name	Site Size (Acres)	Age Range	Perma- nent Buildings	Reloca- table Buildings	Current Enrollment (Benchmark Day)	100% Gross FISH (Student Capacity)	LOS (100% of gross FISH)	% of Capacity
Anderson, Boyd High	32	1972-2010	14	5	1,844	2,829	1	65.2%
Atlantic Tech. (Bldg 24)	N/A	2004-2004	N/A	N/A	656	566	N/A	115.9%
Coconut Creek High	40	1964-2000	16	34	1,394	2,884	1	48.3%

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	463	N/A	N/A	N/A
30	1971-2009	31	2	2,298	2,315	1	99.3%
45	2003-2008	4	0	2,500	2,613	1	95.7%
37	1975-2005	9	13	2,884	3,244	1	88.9%
45	2001-2004	9	59	4,597	4,618	1	99.5%
41	1969-2010	16	22	2,448	2,848	1	86.0%
51	1959-2001	15	0	2,343	2,709	1	86.5%
39	1952-2010	29	7	2,108	3,048	1	69.2%
45	2002-2010	4	22	2,385	2,980	1	80.0%
45	1995-1995	11	31	2,835	3,034	1	93.4%
27	1958-2007	12	0	2,154	1,965	2	109.6%
28	1976-1976	6	10	1,391	1,821	1	76.4%
30	1968-2006	7	20	2,002	2,691	1	74.4%
40	1958-2002	30	5	2,209	2,330	1	94.8%
N/A	1997-1997	N/A	N/A	602	566	N/A	106.4%
38	1969-2005	13	30	2,637	3,235	1	81.5%
55	2002-2005	5	10	2,383	2,360	2	101.0%
52	1958-2010	29	3	1,867	2,389	1	78.1%
51	1962-2009	23	40	2,187	2,474	1	88.4%
30	1971-2007	20	40	2,499	3,431	1	72.8%
35	1963-2009	22	12	2,344	2,893	1	81.0%
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Total	1,108		460	439	70,707	82,584		85.6%
Western High	40	1979-2009	19	23	3,136	3 <i>,</i> 754	1	83.5%
West Broward High	43	2007-2008	8	0	2,721	2,755	1	98.8%
Taravella, J P High	31	1979-2006	10	18	3,180	3 <i>,7</i> 85	1	84.0%
Stranahan High	38	1951-2004	27	2	1,442	2,375	1	60.7%
Stoneman Douglas High	45	1990-2008	14	8	3,164	3,239	1	97.7%
South Plantation High	32	1969-2006	15	19	2,372	2,779	1	85.4%
South Broward High	25	194 <i>7</i> -2008	28	0	2,116	2,289	1	92.4%
Sheridan Tech. High	N/A	1996-2011	N/A	N/A	336	536	N/A	62.7%

Source: School Board of Broward County, 2015

High school locations and attendance zones/ concurrency service areas (CSAs) are illustrated in Maps 4 & 8. High school enrollment for 2015-16 was 70,707 students not including Broward Virtual High, centers or charters. There are 4 high schools with enrollment greater than 100% of their gross FISH capacity, which is the adopted LOS standard (LOS). For the 2015-16 school year, this translates into 12% of high schools in Broward County not meeting the LOS. Note: Atlantic Tech, McFatter Technical, College Academy at BCC, and Pompano Beach Institute of International Studies are not traditional high schools with attendance boundaries/concurrency service areas, and therefore are not subject to LOS requirements.

#### **Charter Schools**

There are 104 charter schools operating in Broward County as of 2015-16. The profiles of these schools are shown in **Table 10**.

Table 10: Current Profile-Broward County Charter Schools 2015-16

Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Academic Solutions High School 4099 N Pine Island Road Sunrise, FL 33321	500	227	-273	N/A
Alpha International Academy 121 S 24th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33020	384	93	-291	N/A
Ascend Career Academy 5217 Coconut Creek Parkway Margate, FL 33063	1,000	45	-955	N/A
Atlantic Montessori Charter School 9893 Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	144	123	-21	N/A
Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus 9063 Taft Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	500	108	-392	N/A
Avant Garde Academy 1100 Hillcrest Drive Hollywood, FL 33019	750	160	-590	N/A
Avant Garde K-8 Broward 2025 McKinley Street Hollywood, FL 33020	1,374	912	-462	N/A
Ben Gamla Charter 2620 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, FL 33020	625	572	-53	N/A
Ben Gamla Charter High School 2650 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL 33020	109	69	-40	N/A
Ben Gamla Charter North Broward 2620 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, FL 33020	900	66	-834	N/A
Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale 6511 W Sunrise Boulevard Sunrise, FL 33313	900	37	-863	N/A
Ben Gamla Charter South Broward 6511 W Sunrise Boulevard Sunrise, FL 33313	900	415	-485	N/A

Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School 2650 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL 33020	200	148	-52	N/A
Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter School 2650 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL 33020	400	198	-202	N/A
Bridge Prep Academy of Hollywood Hills 1400 N 46th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33021	500	352	-148	N/A
Broward Community Charter West 11421 NW 56th Drive Coral Springs, FL 33076	500	272	-228	N/A
Broward Math and Science Schools 6101 NW 31st Street Margate, FL 33063	400	189	-211	N/A
Central Charter School 4525 N State Road 7 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319	1,293	959	-334	N/A
Championship Academy of Distinction at Davie 3367 N University Drive Davie, FL 33328	692	618	-74	N/A
Championship Academy of Distinction at Hollywood 1100 Hillcrest Drive Hollywood, FL 33021	600	469	-131	N/A
Charter School of Excellence 1217 SE 3rd Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	310	264	-46	N/A
Charter School of Excellence - Fort Lauderdale 1217 SE 3rd Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	500	27	-473	N/A
Charter School of Excellence - Riverland Campus 3550 Davie Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312	500	116	-384	N/A
Charter School of Excellence at Davie 2801 N University Drive Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	350	307	-43	N/A
Charter School of Excellence at Riverland 2 3550 Davie Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312	500	32	-468	N/A
Charter School of Excellence at Tamarac 1 7595 NW 61st Street Tamarac, FL 33321	500	444	-56	N/A
Charter School of Excellence Davie 2 2801 N University Drive Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	500	36	-464	N/A

Charter School of Excellence Tamarac 2 7595 NW 61st Street Tamarac, FL 33321	500	31	-469	N/A
Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
City of Pembroke Pines - E/W/Central 12350 Sheridan Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33026	2,470	1,876	-594	N/A
City of Pembroke Pines High 17189 Sheridan Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33331	2,144	2,021	-123	N/A
City of Pembroke Pines Middle West/Central 12350 Sheridan Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33026	1,200	1,290	90	N/A
Coral Springs Charter School 3205 N University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33065	1,600	1,678	78	N/A
Discovery Middle Charter 11421 NW 56th Drive Coral Springs, FL 33076	600	119	-481	N/A
Dolphin Park High 3206 S University Drive Miramar, FL 33026	600	278	-322	N/A
Eagles' Nest Charter Academy 3698 NW 15th Street Lauderhill, FL 33311	400	337	-63	N/A
Eagles' Nest Middle 201 University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33071	800	20	-780	N/A
Everest Charter School 10054 W McNab Road Tamarac, FL 33321	910	71	-839	N/A
Excelsior Charter of Broward 10046 W McNab Road Tamarac, FL 33321	900	156	-744	N/A
Flagler High 1951 West Copans Road Pompano Beach, FL 33064	700	320	-380	N/A
Florida Virtual Academy at Broward County 110 SE 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	1,381	202	-1,179	N/A
Franklin Academy A 18800 Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	1,340	1,224	-116	N/A
Franklin Academy B 4500 NW 103rd Avenue Sunrise, FL 33351	1,340	1,049	-291	N/A

Franklin Academy Campus 3 18800 Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	1,400	118	-1,282	N/A
Franklin Academy E 6301 Flamingo Road Cooper City, FL 33330	1,340	875	-465	N/A
Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Franklin Academy F 6301 Flamingo Road Cooper City, FL 33330	1,340	446	-894	N/A
Greentree Preparatory Charter School 750 NW 180th Terrace Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	162	107	-55	N/A
Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy 2201 SW 42nd Avenue West Park, FL 33023	250	60	-190	N/A
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science 1705 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL 33020	1,100	1,128	28	N/A
Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science Middle 1705 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL 33020	400	400	0	N/A
iGeneration Empowerment Academy of Broward 6101 NW 31st Street Margate, FL 33063	664	166	-498	N/A
Imagine Charter Middle School at Broward 9001 Westview Drive Coral Springs, FL 33067	1,080	881	-199	N/A
Imagine Charter School at Weston 2500 Glades Circle Weston, FL 33327	1,050	701	-349	N/A
Imagine Elementary (Chancellor) at North Lauderdale 1395 S State Road 7 North Lauderdale, FL 33068	700	664	-36	N/A
Imagine Middle School - West 2500 Glades Circle Weston, FL 33327	396	259	-137	N/A
Imagine Schools - Plantation Campus 8200 Peters Road Plantation, FL 33324	1,340	329	-1,011	N/A
Innovation Charter School 600 SW 3rd Street Pompano Beach, FL 33060	580	237	-343	N/A
International School of Broward 3100 N 75th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33024	675	225	-450	N/A

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Kidz Choice Charter 1800 N Douglas Road Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	<i>7</i> 50	154	-596	N/A
Lauderhill High School 4131 NW 16th Street Lauderhill, FL 33313	600	439	-161	N/A
Mavericks High Central Broward 424 W Sunrise Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311	550	244	-306	N/A
Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Mavericks High of North Broward County 3500 N Andrews Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33604	550	238	-312	N/A
Melrose High 2744 West Davie Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312	700	269	-431	N/A
New Life Charter Academy 3260 Stirling Road Hollywood, FL 33021	550	97	-453	N/A
North Broward Academy of Excellence Elementary 8200 SW 17th Street North Lauderdale, FL 33068	600	678	78	N/A
North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle 8200 SW 17th Street North Lauderdale, FL 33068	800	344	-456	N/A
North University High 4800 N University Drive Sunrise, FL 33351	600	220	-380	N/A
Panacea Prep Charter School 201 University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33071	188	141	(47)	N/A
Paragon Academy of Technology 502 N 28th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33020	500	138	(362)	N/A
Paramount Charter School 7100 W Oakland Park Boulevard Sunrise, FL 33313	1088	293	(795)	N/A
Pathways Academy K-8 Center 4850 N State Road 7 Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319	808	259	(549)	N/A
Pivot Charter School 8129 N Pine Island Road Tamarac, FL 33321	2000	138	(1,862)	N/A
Renaissance Charter at Cooper City 2800 N Palm Avenue Cooper City, FL 33026	1504	1203	(301)	N/A

Renaissance Charter Middle School at Pines 10501 Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33026	1145	182	(963)	N/A
Renaissance Charter School at University 8399 N University Drive Tamarac, FL 33321	1504	1351	(153)	N/A
Renaissance Charter School of Coral Springs 6250 W Sample Road Coral Springs, FL 33067	1504	1512	8	N/A

Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Renaissance Charter School of Plantation 6701 W Sunrise Boulevard Plantation, FL 33313	1,504	1,010	-494	N/A
Renaissance Charter Schools at Pines 10501 Pines Boulevard Pembroke Pines, FL 33026	1145	799	-346	N/A
RISE Academy of Science and Technology 6101 NW 31st Street Margate, FL 33063	300	294	-6	N/A
Somerset Academy Charter Conservatory High 20807 Johnson Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	200	125	-75	N/A
Somerset Academy Charter High School Miramar Campus 9300 Pembroke Road Miramar, FL 33025	1000	311	-689	N/A
Somerset Academy Charter School Miramar 12601 Somerset Boulevard Miramar, FL 33027	675	610	-65	N/A
Somerset Academy Davie 3788 Davie Road Davie, FL 33314	800	145	-655	N/A
Somerset Academy East Preparatory 2000 S State Road 7 Miramar, FL 33023	500	279	-221	N/A
Somerset Academy Elementary 20801 Johnson Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	500	940	440	N/A
Somerset Academy High 20805 Johnson Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	1,200	1,021	-179	N/A
Somerset Academy Hollywood 2000 S State Road 7 Miramar, FL 33023	230	20	-210	N/A

Somerset Academy Hollywood Middle School 9300 Pembroke Road Miramar, FL 33025	193	11	-182	N/A
Somerset Academy Middle 20803 Johnson Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	600	81 <i>7</i>	217	N/A
Somerset Academy Miramar Middle 12601 Somerset Boulevard Miramar, FL 33027	325	422	97	N/A
Somerset Academy Neighborhood 9300 Pembroke Road Miramar, FL 33025	500	549	49	N/A

Facility Name & Location	Contract Capacity	Current Enrollment 2015-16	Surplus or Deficit Capacity	Projected Enrollment 2020-21
Somerset Academy Pompano Elementary 3311 NW 9th Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33604	750	169	-581	N/A
Somerset Academy Pompano Middle 3311 NW 9th Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33604	525	21	-504	N/A
Somerset Charter Academy at North Lauderdale 7101 Kimberly Boulevard North Lauderdale, FL 33068	900	735	-165	N/A
Somerset Miramar South 12425 SW 53rd Street Miramar, FL 33025	<i>7</i> 50	129	-621	N/A
Somerset Pines Academy 901 NE 33rd Street Pompano Beach, FL 33604	500	519	19	N/A
Somerset Preparatory Charter High Broward Campus 7101 Kimberly Boulevard North Lauderdale, FL 33068	1,000	209	-791	N/A
Somerset Preparatory Charter Middle 9300 Pembroke Road Miramar, FL 33025	600	335	-265	N/A
Somerset Village Academy 225 NW 29th Street Wilton Manors, FL 33311	<i>7</i> 50	246	-504	N/A
Somerset Village Academy Middle 225 NW 29th Street Wilton Manors, FL 33311	750	97	-653	N/A
South Broward Montessori Charter School 520 NW 5th Street Hallandale Beach, FL 33009	348	129	-219	N/A
SunEd High of North Broward 1117 Banks Road Margate, FL 33063	400	237	-163	N/A

SunEd High School 2360 W Oakland Park Boulevard Oakland Park, FL 33311	550	340	-210	N/A
Sunshine Elementary Charter 502 N 28th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33020	500	305	-195	N/A
West Broward Academy at Excelsior 10038 W McNab Road Tamarac, FL 33321	910	32	-878	N/A
Total	80,039	43,282	(35,238)	N/A

Source: School Board of Broward County, September 14, 2015 Benchmark Day student enrollment from TERMS Contract Capacity reported by Charter Schools Support

Charter school locations are illustrated in **Map 5.** They have a district-wide attendance zone/concurrency service area, which means their LOS is measured on a county-wide basis. Charter school enrollment for 2015-16 was 43,282 students

#### 3. Projected 5 Year (S/T) School Enrollment, Capacity, LOS & Improvement Costs

The analysis of the current and five (5) year projected data of school facilities is compiled in the *Level of Service Plan* contained within the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP). It represents information for the years 2015-16 through 2020-21. The table shows the current & projected enrollment; gross Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) capacity; Level of Service (LOS) percentage. The current and projected enrollment is shown for each school. Schools are sorted by grade level (elementary, middle, and high). The LOS was calculated for each school and for each year of the five year period. The School District of Broward County's Policy 5000, the data confirms that the all schools will meet the LOS within the five year planning period. It should be noted that school centers are not listed because the enrollment at the centers is relatively constant since the enrollment can be controlled by capping to insure they do not exceed their capacities.

#### Concurrency Costs – Affected Parties

The costs associated with achieving and maintaining the LOS during the five (5) year period are paid for and shared by public and private funding sources. The Revenue and Appropriations Summary within the DEFP details the primary public and private entities which pay for the capacity improvements. These include; *Millage* - funds collected through property taxes which are the primary revenue source and *Impact Fees/Mitigation Fees* is another source collected from developers to address capacity improvement costs.

The cost associated with the capacity additions for those school facilities not currently meeting the LOS are depicted in the DEFP. The improvement costs are derived from the financially feasible DEFP. There may be additional costs to meet concurrency which are addressed through Proportionate Share Mitigation provisions. These provisions and requirements are outlined in the Interlocal Agreement, specifically, Sections 8.14 and 8.15.

#### Land Area Requirements

There are currently no new schools planned which would require additional land to meet capacity improvements. As such, the DEFP does not contain information to indicate the number of acres needed per school type or a listing of planned school site acquisitions.

As previously stated, the School Board adopted new "urban school" standards intended to reduce the acreage amounts required to build schools given the diminishing availability of land in Broward County.

The School Board of Broward County primary projection tool is a geographically-based Cohort Survival model, which projects future students by grade. The Cohort Survival model is considered very reliable and is utilized by the Florida Department of Education in their student projections and the U.S. Census Bureau for their reports. The model uses an "aging" concept that moves a group, or cohort, of students into the future and increases or decreases their numbers according to past experience through history.

The Cohort Survival methodology relies on historical enrollment and birth data to capture the effects of in and out-migration, housing changes, and natural trends in population. In essence, the model derives a growth factor or ratio for student survival matriculation to the next grade based upon previous survival numbers to the same grade of students in each Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ), the basic geographic area for the model. In most cases, TAZ areas represent neighborhoods. There are 953 TAZ areas in Broward County. TAZ areas are further divided into smaller geographic areas to account for schools that matriculate to more than one school at each grade level, (e.g. an elementary school that feeds into 2 different middle schools). The combination of elementary, middle and high school attendance zones and TAZ areas create a unique identifiable area called a Study Area Identification or SAID. SAIDs capture the date cohorts more accurately by including feeder patterns. For example, if elementary school A matriculates to 2 different middle schools B and C and one high school D, there would be 2 different SAIDs for elementary school A – one SAID to represent matriculation from elementary A to middle school B to high school D and another SAID to represent matriculation from elementary A to middle school C to high school D.

Once the model has been run for the small geographic units or SAIDs, the projections are then summarized by TAZ. In some instances, individual TAZ areas are corrected to reflect changes in growth which are not picked up in the projection model's histories. A few examples where corrections are required include areas where:

- 1. New construction is anticipated to exceed the pace of historical construction for an area,
- 2. An area is reaching build-out and all new construction will cease or slow down,
- 3. An unprecedented slow-down in the economic market, or
- 4. A boundary change has artificially increased/decreased the area.

#### Birth Data

The historical number of births is a good indicator of future kindergarten class size. Birth data is acquired from the Florida Department of Health Vital Records by U.S. Census tract. Several

steps are taken to interpolate future kindergarten enrollment based on births, as not all children born will enter kindergarten. To project kindergarten enrollment, births by census tract have to be estimated for a five year period i.e., births from 2010 will potentially enter kindergarten in 2015-16. Data is then increased or decreased based on past kindergarten populations by census tract. Once the number of births is adjusted, the percentage of students that are in each census tract is broken down to the SAID level. Since the census tract may intersect more than one SAID, a unique identifier is created between census tracts and SAIDs. The percentage of actual attending kindergarten students for the past two years is calculated for each unique SAID/census tract. This percentage is used to extrapolate the number of kindergarten from the total number of kindergarten aged students within a given unique SAID/census tract. The SAIDs are then summarized to obtain the estimated number of kindergarten students by SAID for five years.

#### Residential Development Data

Each year Broward County municipal planning staff provides current and forecasted certificates of occupancy to assist county and BCPS demographic staff in estimating population changes. Residential growth is also shared and monitored through the Facility Planning and Real Estate Department. The School Board of Broward County requests city and county planning staff to estimate future certificates of occupancy over the next five years.

#### Other Data

Other information is analyzed to determine if the Cohort Survival rates may need to be adjusted to align with a shorter or longer historical time horizon. These data may include:

- 1. Existing home sales (source: Florida Association of Realtors)
- 2. Population Projections (source: U.S. Census, Broward County, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, and Florida Department of Education)

#### **Attrition Rate of Attending Students**

The School Board of Broward County includes four years of attending enrollment to calculate the rate of attrition or rate of students matriculating the next level within their SAID by grade. Attending enrollment is the total number of students within the attendance zone that are attending their geographically assigned school. Determining the attrition rate by SAID, keeps the feeder patterns intact as the grades matriculate to each specific school. For example:

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    (# of 2007-2008 attending 2nd graders) by SAID
    (# of 2006-2007 attending 1st graders) by SAID
    (# of 2008-2009 attending 2nd graders) by SAID
    (# of 2007-2008 attending 1st graders) by SAID
    (# of 2009-2010 attending 2nd graders) by SAID
    (# of 2008-2009 attending 2nd graders) by SAID
    (# of 2008-2009 attending 1st graders) by SAID
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Once the attrition rate is calculated for each grade, grades one through twelve, over the past three years, it is then averaged and used as a factor to obtain next year's projections for that grade. For example:

(Average SAID 2nd grade) X (# of 2009-10 attending) = Projected 2010-11 2nd graders by SAID (attrition rate from 2007-2010) (2nd graders by SAID)

To calculate subsequent years of projections by grade, the model uses the projected rate of attrition based on the projected enrollment of the previous year to calculate the next projection year. For Example:

(Average SAID 2nd grade) X(# of projected 2010-22) = projected 2011-12 2nd graders by SAID (Projected attrition rate) (Attending 2nd graders)(from 2008-2011) (by SAID)

Projections by SAID for each grade are then reviewed school-by-school. Attrition rates can cause projections to be exceedingly high or low in which case they will have to be adjusted so as not to cause an exponential effect in outer projection years. The following are possible corrections to rates:

Out-of-Boundary Students (OOB): Out-of-boundary (OOB) students are students attending a school from outside their attendance area (i.e. approved reassignments).

The School Board of Broward County assumes that OOB students at each grade level at each school will be the same as the existing year and will have a survival rate of 100% as they matriculate through the grade levels. For example, Middle School A currently has the following OOB students: 35-6th grade, 38-7th grade, and 42-8th grade. For all projected years, Middle School A will have 35-6th grade, 38-7th grade, and 42-8th grade OOB students.

However, adjustments can be made to OOB students if enrollments naturally decline based on the calculated cohort survival rate yet economic or other conditions may suggest enrollment should increase or if schools are eligible to receive assignment transfers. Since assignment data is determined after the release of the projections and is subject to change, the OOB students typically remain constant in the model based on the current year's data.

The school-by-school Cohort Survival model projections, by grade, are compared and tested for reasonableness with other models such as the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) projections and the Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division school-aged population projections. Accordingly, adjustments may be made to the Cohort Survival model based on the following factors:

- 1. changes in the rate or type of new housing development within the county;
- 2. changes in the economic conditions (i.e. the creation of jobs usually means families are moving in, recession means moving out);
- 3. immigration; and

4. natural phenomena (i.e. Hurricane).

There are also decisions made within the district, which may have a dramatic effect upon projections. These include:

- 1. the location and number of bilingual clusters;
- 2. the location and number of ESE clusters;
- 3. the start and closing of magnet programs (first year projections are difficult because of the lack of a "track record"); and
- 4. student choice reassignments;
- 5. other approved reassignments;
- 6. Charter schools opening/closing of charter school facilities throughout the year.

# 4. Projected 10 Year (L/T) School Enrollment, Capacity, LOS & Improvement Costs

The long-term planning period for school facilities is ten years. **Table 11,** below, represents capacity needs information for the end of the ten year period through 2025-26. The data compares the School District's LOS by grade level and Planning Area to the 2025-26 projected student enrollments and the needed permanent capacity. As mentioned earlier, commencing at the 2019-20 school year, the LOS is calculated at 110% of permanent FISH capacity. The cumulative information presents a total permanent capacity plus 10% of 256,614 versus a projected enrollment of 213,899 or an excess of 42,715 seats. The cumulative total solely based on permanent capacity is 233,285 with excess of 19,386 seats.

Table 11: Projected 10 Year School Facilities by Planning Area and District-Wide

Planning Area	School Type	LOS (110% Perm. Capacity)	Projected Enrollment 2025-26	Surplus or (Deficit) Capacity	Improvement Strategy	Projected Cost	Projected Added Capacity
	Elementary School	16,370	14,960	1,410	None	N/A	N/A
Area A	Middle School	8,243	5,921	2,323	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	13,186	12,208	978	None	N/A	N/A
_	Elementary School	21,214	16,830	4,384	None	N/A	N/A
Area B	Middle School	8,869	6,462	2,408	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	10,398	8,610	1,788	None	N/A	N/A
	Elementary School	16,788	13,985	2,803	None	N/A	N/A
Area C	Middle School	9,011	6,428	2,584	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	8,522	6,831	1,691	None	N/A	N/A
Area D	Elementary School	18,776	17,134	1,642	None	N/A	N/A

Planning Area	School Type	LOS (110% Perm. Capacity)	Projected Enrollment 2025-26	Surplus or (Deficit) Capacity	Improvement Strategy	Projected Cost	Projected Added Capacity
	Middle School	7,552	7,441	110	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	12,628	13,907	(1,279)	None	N/A	N/A
	Elementary School	13,459	10,119	3,339	None	N/A	N/A
Area E	Middle School	5,292	3,914	1,378	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	7,754	6,798	956	None	N/A	N/A
	Elementary School	20,985	15,480	4,605	None	N/A	N/A
Area F	Middle School	11,310	6,750	4,560	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	13,582	13,675	(94)	None	N/A	N/A
	Elementary School	16,453	12,816	3,637	None	N/A	N/A
Area G	Middle School	7,941	5,186	2,755	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	9,182	8,445	737	None	N/A	N/A
District-	Elementary School	123,144	101,324	21,820	None	N/A	N/A
Wide	Middle School	58,219	42,101	16,118	None	N/A	N/A
	High School	75,251	70,474	4,778	None	N/A	N/A
Total		256,614	213,899	42,715		<b>\$</b> 0	N/A

Source: School Board of Broward County, 2015

Based on permanent capacity plus 10% (LOS), the only planning areas and levels where there is projected to be a deficit of seats in 2025-26 are Planning Areas D and F at the high school level.

#### 5. Collocation of School Facilities

The collocation of public school facilities with local government public/civic facilities, and shared use is used in the context of this analysis as public facilities collocated or located adjacent to each other, and used by both the School Board and local governments through the use of a Recreation Lease Agreement. Shared use facilities are facilities that are not located adjacent to each other, but owned by either the School Board or the local government, but shared by both parties through mutual agreement or understanding. Article IX of the Second Amended Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning includes a process to ensure that the opportunity for collocation is maximized to the greatest extent possible.

#### 6. Emergency Shelters

New educational facilities located outside the Hurricane Evacuation Zones (Plan A or B) as shown on the Broward County Hurricane Evacuation Map are required to have core facility

areas designed as Enhanced Hurricane Protection Areas unless the facility is exempted based on a recommendation by the local emergency management agency or the Department of Community Affairs. Certain factors are considered to qualify for the exemption, such as low evacuation demand, size, location, accessibility and storm surge. For example, if Broward County has adequate shelter capacity, a school may be exempt. **Table 12** is an inventory of schools within Broward County that serve as emergency shelters. They are designated either Primary (P), Secondary (S), Tertiary (T), Pet Friendly (PF), Employee (E), or Special Needs (SN) facilities. **Map 9** depicts the location of the emergency shelters.

**Table 12 List of Emergency Shelters** 

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS
Arthur Ashe Adult Center	1701 NW 23rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale 33311
Beachside Montessori Village	2230 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, FL 33020
Challenger Elementary	5703 NW 94th Avenue, Tamarac 33321
Coconut Palm Elementary	13601 Monarch Lakes Blvd., Miramar 33027
Coral Cove Elementary	5100 SW 148th Avenue, Miramar 33027
Coral Glades High	2700 Sportsplex Drive., Coral Springs 33065
Dolphin Bay Elementary	16450 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL 33027
Everglades Elementary	2900 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33331
Everglades High	17100 SW 48th Court, Miramar 33027
Falcon Cove Middle	4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332
Floranada Elementary	5251 NE 14th Way, Ft. Lauderdale 33334
Fox Trail Elementary	1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
Gator Run Elementary	1101 Arvida Parkway, Weston 33327
Hallandale Elementary	900 SW 8th Street, Hallandale 33009
Indian Ridge Middle	1355 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
Lakeside Elementary	900 NW 136th Avenue, Pembroke Pines
Liberty Elementary	2450 Banks Road, Margate 33063
Lyons Creek Middle	4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073
Manatee Bay Elementary	19200 SW 36th Street, Weston 33332
McNicol Middle	1602 South 27th Avenue, Hollywood 33020
Millennium Middle	5803 NW 94 Avenue, Tamarac 33321
Monarch High	5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073
New Renaissance Middle	10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33027
New River Middle	3100 Riverland Road, Ft. Lauderdale 33312
Orange Brook Elementary	715 S. 46 Avenue, Hollywood 33021
Panther Run Elementary	801 NW 172nd Avenue, Pembroke Pines
Park Lakes Elementary	3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319
Park Trails Elementary	10700 Trails End, Parkland 33076
Parkside Elementary	10257 NW 29th Street, Coral Springs 33065
Pines Middle	200 N. Douglas Road, Pembroke Pines 33024
Plantation Elementary	651 NW 42nd Avenue, Plantation 33317
Pompano Beach High	600 NE 13th Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060
Rock Island Elementary	2350 NW 19th Street, Ft. Lauderdale 33311

Silver Lakes Elementary	2300 SW 173rd Avenue, Miramar 33029
Silver Palms Elementary	1209 NW 155th Avenue, Pembroke Pines
Silver Shores Elementary	1701 SW 160th Avenue, Miramar 33027
Silver Trail Middle	18300 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines 33331
Sunset Lakes Elementary	18400 SW 25th Street, Miramar 33029
Sheridan Technical High	3775 SW 16th Street, Ft. Lauderdale 33312
Tradewinds Elementary	5400 Johnson Road, Coconut Creek 33073
Watkins Elementary	3520 SW 52nd Avenue, Pembroke Park 33023
West Broward High	500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33029
Westglades Middle	11000 Holmberg Road, Parkland, FL 33076

Source: Broward School Board 2015

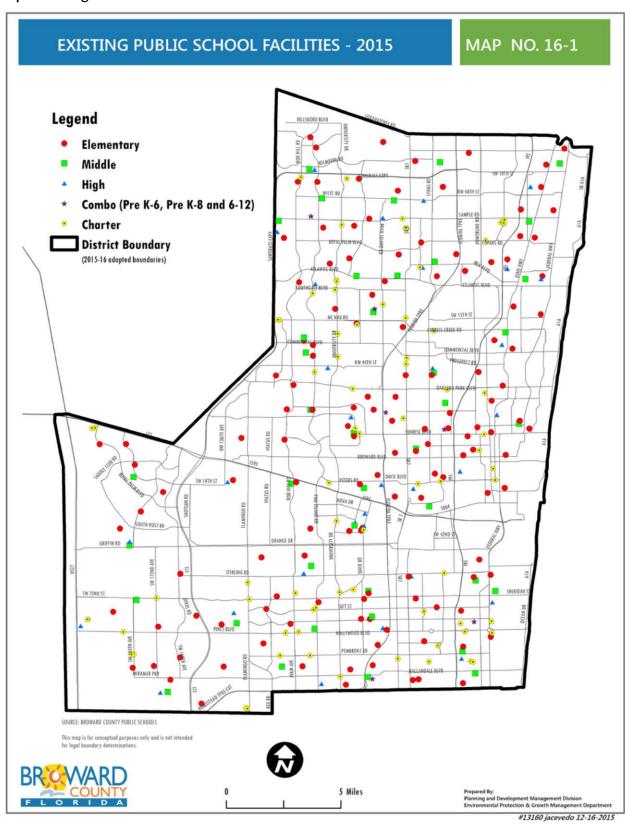
#### 7. Funding Sources for Capital Improvements

The School Board of Broward County has total projected revenue, and financing sources of \$2,561,170 for public school capital improvements for the 5 year period ending 2019-20 as depicted in the Revenue and Appropriations Summary of the DEFP. The major sources of revenue are millage, which is collected from local property taxes and a general obligation bond. The primary appropriation is for debt service, and renovation of district facilities, which comprises 57% of total appropriations.

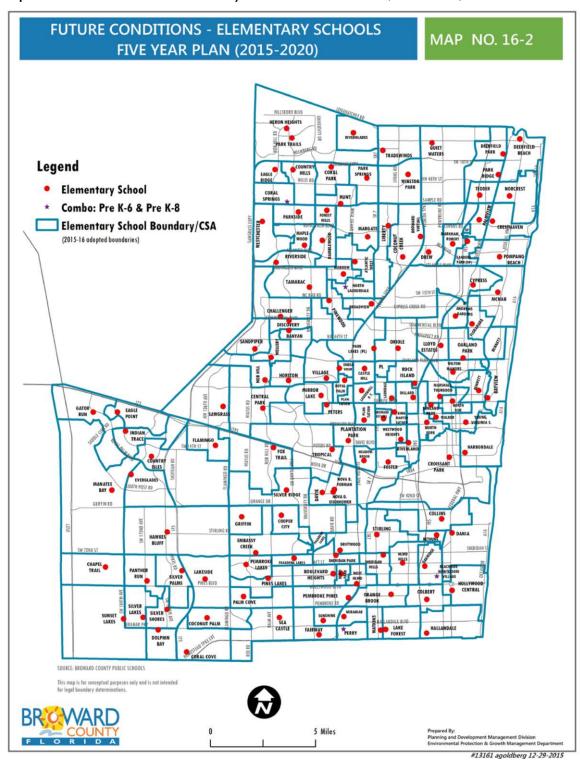
#### **Operating Cost Considerations:**

There are over 1,000 school buses used by the School District of Broward County on daily routes, transporting more than 80,000 students to and from school, and driving more than 18 million miles to over 290 locations. The School District of Broward County recently purchased 98 new eco-friendly school buses. These school buses will be less expensive to fill up because they use propane gas instead of diesel.

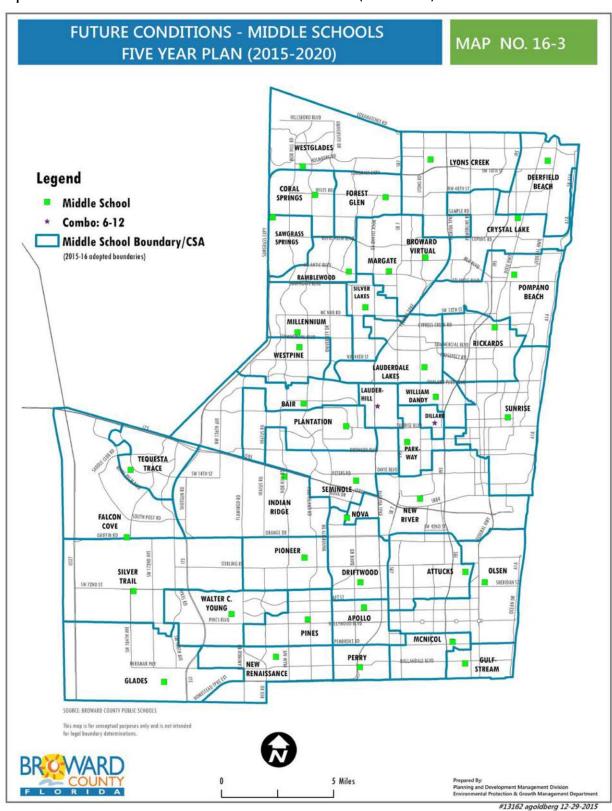
Map 1 Existing Public School Facilities - 2015



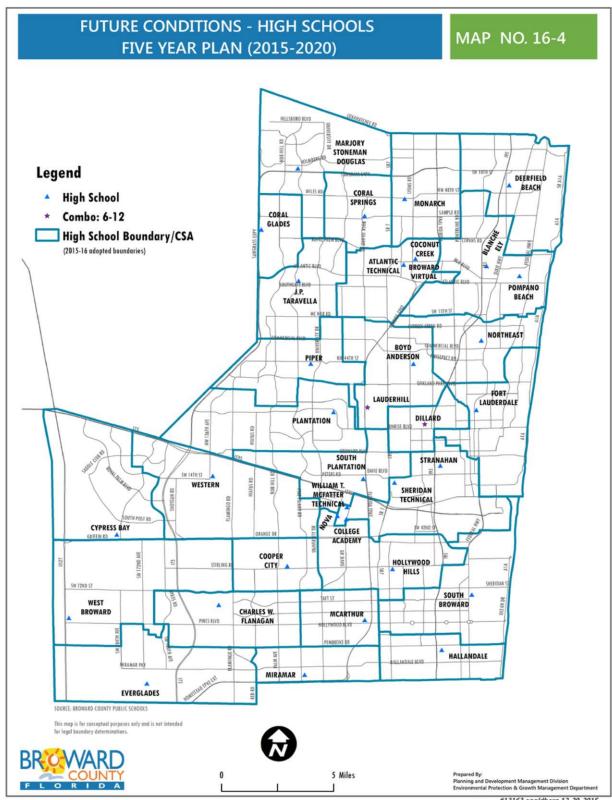
Map 2 Future Conditions – Elementary School Five Year Plan (2015-2020)



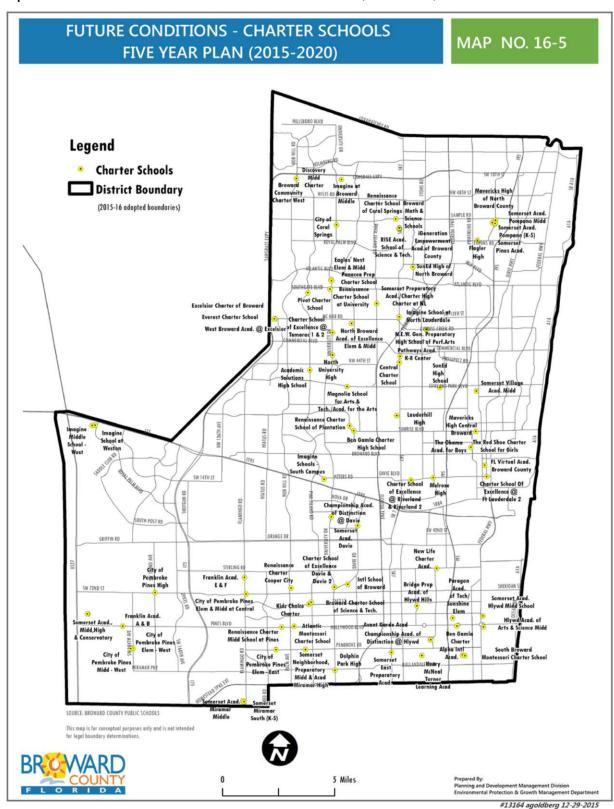
Map 3 Future Conditions - Middle School Five Year Plan (2015-2020)



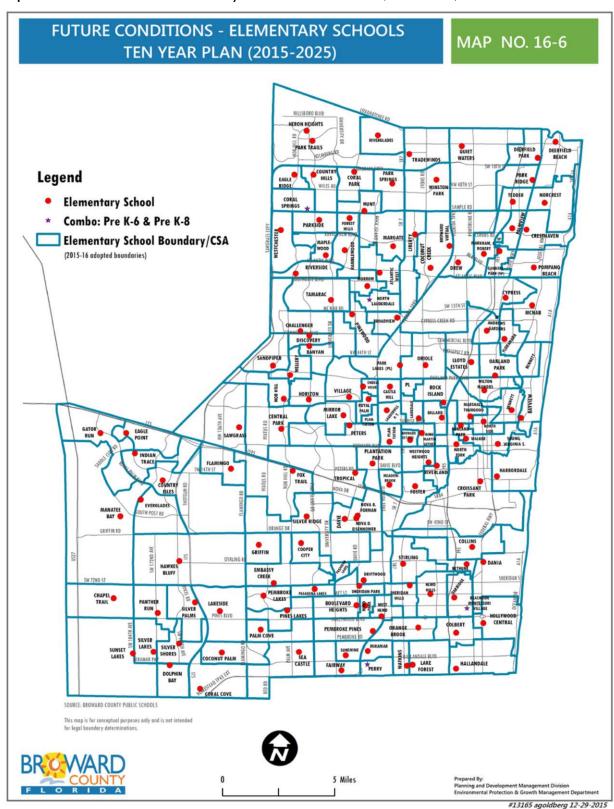
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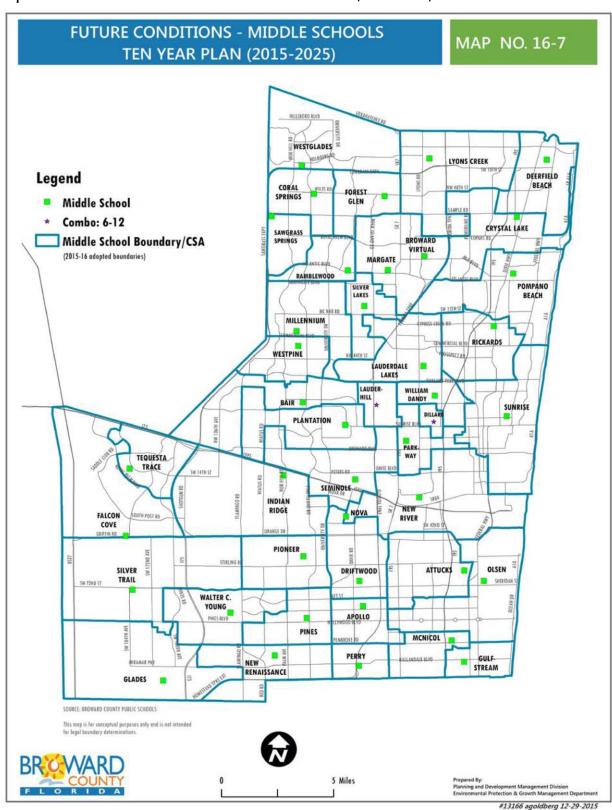
Map 5 Future Conditions – Charter School Five Year Plan (2015-2020)



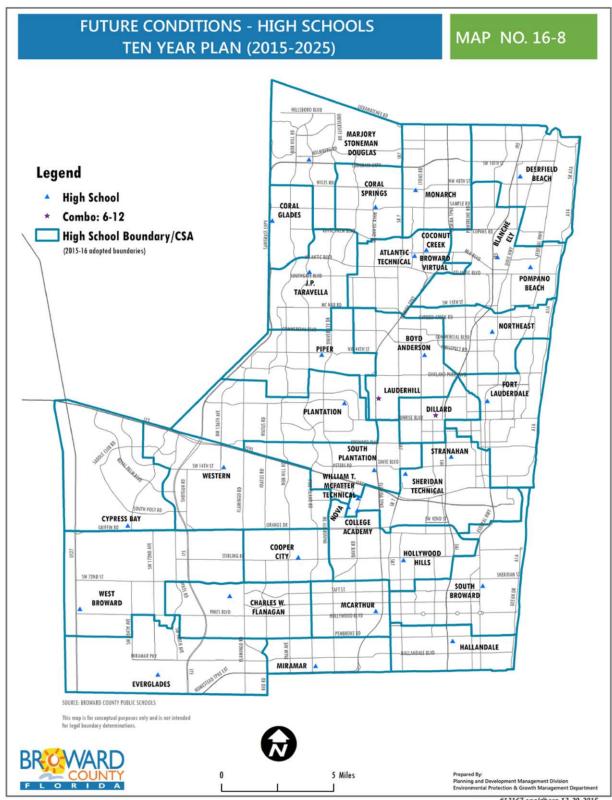
Map 6 Future Conditions – Elementary School Ten Year Plan (2015-2025)

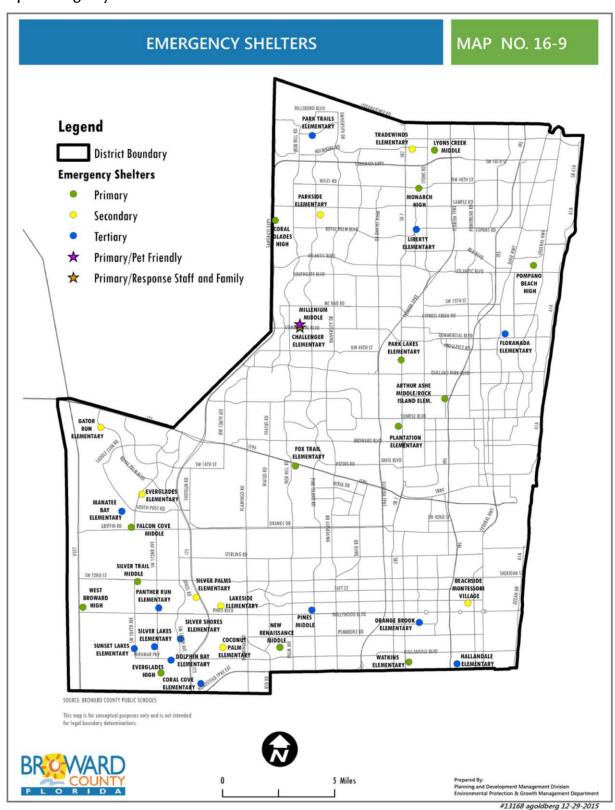


Map 7 Future Conditions - Middle School Ten Year Plan (2015-2025)



Map 8 Future Conditions – High School Ten Year Plan (2015-2025)





# PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

#### Goal 9:1

The City of Weston City Commission in collaboration with the School Board of Broward County (School Board), the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and other Broward County municipalities (municipalities) shall ensure that public school facilities will be available for current and future students consistent with available financial resources and adopted level of service standards (LOS). This will be accomplished recognizing the School Board's statutory and constitutional responsibility to provide a uniform system of adequate public school facilities and the authority of the City of Weston for development permitting and comprehensive planning.

9.1 Objective: Financially Feasible District Education Facilities Plan
The School Board of Broward County (School Board), Pursuant to Chapters
163.3177 and 163.3180 F.S. and the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility
Planning (ILA), shall prepare and annually update and adopt the Five-Year district
Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP) which shall contain a five-year financially feasible
schedule of capital improvements to address existing deficiencies and achieve and
maintain the adopted level of service in all concurrency service areas (CSAs). The
City of Weston shall provide comments to the School Board during its annual
preparation, update and adoption of the Five-Year District Educational Facilities Plan
(DEFP). The School Board shall also ensure that school facilities are planned to meet
the long-term planning period of the Public School Facility Element (PSFE) of the
City of Weston Comprehensive Plan, consistent with the provisions of the ILA.

#### 9.1.1 Policy:

The DEFP shall include a financially feasible schedule of capacity additions to existing schools and construction of new schools to eliminate existing level of service deficiencies and meet the needs of projected growth for the five-year planning period. The financially feasible schedule of the DEFP shall be annually adopted into the City of Weston Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element (CIE) by reference.

#### 9.1.2 Policy

The School Board, through the Adopted DEFP, shall depict the capacity needed to achieve and maintain the adopted LOS for each CSA within the five-year planning period. These projections are included in the supporting documents of the PSFE.

#### 9.1.3 Policy

The School Board, through the DEFP, shall provide a five-year financially feasible schedule for the remodeling/renovation of existing schools to meet the identified needs of aging schools and replace worn facilities.

#### 9.1.4 Policy

The School Board shall amend the DEFP on an annual basis to:

- 1. add a new fifth year;
- 2. reflect changes in estimated capital revenues, planned capital appropriations costs, planned capital facilities projects, Concurrency Service Area (CSA) and school usage; and,
- 3. ensure the DEFP continues to be financially feasible for the five-year planning period.

#### 9.1.5 Policy

Annual amendments to the CIE shall be coordinated with adopted updates to the DEFP and CSA maps. The annual plan amendments shall ensure that the schedule of capital improvements within the CIE continues to be financially feasible and the LOS will be achieved and maintained.

#### 9.2 Objective: Concurrency Management System

The City of Weston shall participate in the Broward County county-wide public school facilities concurrency management system for implementation of public school concurrency to ensure that public school facilities are available at the adopted level of service standard concurrent with the impact of proposed residential development.

#### 9.2.1 Policy

The City of Weston , in collaboration with the School Board and Broward County shall implement a concurrency management system consistent with the policies included in the County's and the City's Public School Facilities Element with procedures and requirements included within the City of Weston's Land Development Code and the ILA.

#### 9.2.2 Policy

The CSAs shall be the annually adopted school attendance boundaries for each elementary, middle and high school. The maps of the CSAs are maintained in the data and analysis section of this Element.

#### 9.2.3 Policy

The Level of Service standard shall be 100% of gross capacity (with relocatable classrooms) for each CSA until the end of the 2018/19 school year; and commencing at the 2019/20 school year, the LOS for each CSA shall be 110% of permanent FISH capacity for each public elementary, middle and high school.

#### 9.2.4 Policy

If adequate capacity is not available in a CSA for a proposed residential development but capacity exists in one or more contiguous CSAs, the development may proceed consistent with the provisions and procedures in the City of Weston's Land Development Code and the ILA.

#### 9.2.5 Policy

If adequate capacity is not currently available in a CSA or contiguous CSA for a proposed residential development but capacity is scheduled in the DEFP to be available within 3 years after the issuance of final subdivision or site plan approval or functional equivalent, development of the project may proceed in accordance with the provisions and procedures in the City of Weston's Land Development Code and the ILA.

#### 9.2.6 Policy

The City of Weston shall not approve a residential plat or site plan or functional equivalent until the School Board has reported that the public school concurrency requirement has been satisfied consistent with the provisions and procedures in the City of Weston's Land Development Code and the ILA.

#### 9.2.7 Policy

The CSAs shall be established and subsequently modified to maximize available school capacity and make efficient use of new and existing public schools in accordance with the level of service standards and the permanent capacity, taking into account special considerations such as core capacity, special programs, transportation costs, geographic impediments, diversity programs, and class size reduction requirements to prevent disparate enrollment levels between schools of the same type (elementary, middle, high) and provide an equitable distribution of student enrollment district-wide.

#### 9.2.8 Policy

The projected student impact of a proposed residential development shall be determined using the student generation rates approved by the School Board and adopted within the City of Weston's Land Development Code. The student generation rates shall be reviewed and updated at least every 3 years.

#### 9.2.9 Policy

The public school concurrency approval for residential plats shall expire if development within the plat does not commence within 5 years following the date of City Commission approval.

#### 9.3 Objective: Proportionate Share Mitigation

The School Board, pursuant to Chapter 163.3180 F.S. and the ILA, shall adopt proportionate share mitigation alternatives that provide an option for residential developments unable to meet the public school concurrency requirement. Upon approval of a proportionate share mitigation alternative by the School Board and completion of a binding agreement if necessary, a development will be deemed to have met the public school concurrency requirement.

#### 9.3.1. Policy

A residential development's proportionate share mitigation value shall be determined by multiplying the number of additional student stations needed to mitigate the impact of the proposed development on schools within the affected CSA(s) not meeting the adopted LOS standards by the State cost per student station for each school type plus a land impact cost share, if applicable. Pursuant to Section 163.3180(13)(e)(2), F.S., the applicant's proportionate share mitigation obligation shall be credited toward any other impact or exaction fee imposed by local ordinance for the same need, on a dollar-for dollar basis, at fair market value.

#### 9.3.2. Policy

Proportionate share mitigation shall enhance the capacity of the schools (or provide for the construction of new schools) serving the proposed residential development. Proportionate share mitigation shall equate to at least one permanent classroom, which may be funded by one or more residential developments, or other identified funding sources. Mitigation that results in the need for school site(s) shall primarily be the dedication of land. Proportionate share mitigation shall include the following options, as further defined and subject to, procedures and requirements in the ILA:

- 1. Purchase or dedication of needed elementary, middle or high school sites.
- 2. Construction of capacity improvements identified in years four (4) or five (5) of the DEFP including advancement of such improvements into the first three years of the DEFP.
- 3. Construction of previously unplanned schools, classroom additions, modular classrooms or similar facilities. Such facility capacity shall be included in the first three years of the DEFP.
- 4. Construction of the needed capacity at one or more charter schools.
- 5. Other mitigation options approved by the School Board on a case by case basis contingent upon a School Board finding that the option mitigates the impact of the proposed development.

#### 9.3.3. Policy

Mitigation shall be assured by a legally binding agreement between the School Board, the applicant and the City of Weston executed prior to the issuance of the final subdivision plat or the final site plan approval (or functional equivalent). The School Board must commit in the agreement to placing the improvement required for mitigation in the first three years of the DEFP.

#### **Goal 9.2**

The City of Weston, the School Board, Broward County and municipalities shall maximize collaboration and coordination to effectively plan for public elementary and secondary school facilities to meet the current and future needs of Broward County's public school population. Pursuant to Chapter 163.3180 (6) (a) F.S., Broward County and the City of Weston shall coordinate

and cooperate to ensure that the adopted public school facilities element and/or provisions include in the comprehensive plan regarding school concurrency are consistent with each other.

9.4 Objective: Land Use Consistency, Compatibility & Adequate Infrastructure
The City of Weston shall coordinate with the School Board, and Broward County to
ensure that the locations of existing and proposed school sites are compatible with
and proximate to the existing and planned land uses they serve. Such coordination
shall also ensure there is adequate public infrastructure available to serve existing
and planned school sites including infrastructure which provides safe access to
schools.

#### 9.4.1. Policy

The City of Weston will coordinate through the procedures established in the ILA and the City of Weston's planning process to ensure that existing and proposed public school facility sites are consistent and compatible with the land use categories, future land use maps and policies of City of Weston's Comprehensive Plan.

#### 9.4.2. Policy

The City of Weston will coordinate with the School Board and Broward County to prepare projections of future development and public school enrollment growth and to ensure such projections are consistent with the City of Weston's future land use map and the School Board's Long Range Public School Facilities Map, and procedures and requirements identified in the ILA.

#### 9.4.3. Policy

The Broward County PSFE shall include future conditions maps showing existing and anticipated school facilities for the short-term (5 year) and long-term (10 year) planning time frames.

#### 9.4.4. Policy

Consistent with provisions and procedures in the ILA, the School Board will advise the City of Weston of inconsistencies in the City of Weston's Comprehensive Plans and Comprehensive Plan Amendments with the DEFP and Long-Range School Facilities Plan.

#### 9.4.5. Policy

The School Board shall monitor and participate in City of Weston's plat review and site plan review processes, the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process, the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process and other development order/permit processes that may have an impact on current or planned public facilities in the City of Weston.

# 9.4.6. Policy

The City of Weston shall utilize the procedures identified within the ILA, including the Staff Working Group and Oversight Committee established by the ILA, to coordinate the annual review of school enrollment projections in

addition to the preparation and annual reviews of public school facilities elements and ensure that the elements are consistent with each other.

#### 9.4.7. Policy

The City of Weston shall amend its CIE after the School Board annually updates and adopts the DEFP and transmits it to the City of Weston consistent with the provisions and procedures of the ILA, including any supplemental amendments.

#### 9.4.8. Policy

The City of Weston shall share and coordinate information with the School Board and Broward County through the municipal platting, Development Review, and school siting processes and procedures identified in the ILA to ensure the location, phasing, and development of public school facilities, including additions to existing facilities is coordinated with the provision of necessary public infrastructure.

#### 9.4.9. Policy

The City of Weston shall coordinate with the School Board and Broward County through the school siting process identified in the ILA and the City of Weston's municipal platting and Development Review Committee processes to implement strategies, consistent with Florida's Safe Ways to School Program which reduces hazardous conditions and provide direct, unobstructed and safe access for pedestrian travel (including sidewalks, bicycle paths, signage and signalization) to existing and new school facilities.

#### 9.5 Objective: School Facility Siting, Collocation and Design

The City of Weston, pursuant to the ILA, shall coordinate the location of public school facilities with the School Board and Broward County relative to the location of other public facilities such as parks, libraries and community centers and promote schools to be focal points within the community.

#### 9.5.1. Policy

In the planning, siting, land acquisition, permitting and development of a new school facility or significant renovation or expansion, the School Board shall coordinate with the City of Weston on the availability of public facilities, services and grounds (especially for the purposes of collocating parks, libraries, ball fields, community centers, public safety facilities, parking facilities, drainage facilities and other appropriate facilities).

#### 9.5.2. Policy

The City of Weston shall pursue shared-use and co-location of school sites with School Board and County facilities having similar facility needs, such as libraries, community centers, parks, ball fields, and other recreation facilities. At a minimum, per the ILA, the City of Weston and County will look for opportunities to collocate and share use of their facilities when preparing updates to the Schedule of capital Improvements within the

Comprehensive Plan and planning and designing new or renovated facilities.

#### 9.5.3. Policy

Through the design of school facilities, establishment of school siting standards and pursuit of collocation opportunities, the School Board is encouraged to promote school facilities to serve as community focal points.

#### 9.5.4. Policy

The City of Weston will coordinate with the School Board and Broward County on efforts to build new school facilities, which are designed to serve as emergency shelters as required by Section 1013.372, F.S.

#### Attachment A

Second Amended Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning February 2, 2010

Amended Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning December 7, 2007

Attachment A can be found on the Broward County Public Schools web page at:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/propertymgmt/new/growthmanagement/docs/EXECUTED% 20Second%20Amended%20ILA%20CLEAN%20Copy.pdf

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/propertymgmt/new/growthmanagement/docs/Signed%20Amended%20ILA%20Clean%20 12.07.final WITH%20SIGNATURES.pdf

#### Attachment B

BCPS Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan FY2015-16 to 2019-20

Attachment B can be found at:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/Comptroller/cfo/capbudget/report/ADEFP 090815.pdf

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPENDIX A1

# CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The following section is adopted by City of Weston Ordinance No.1999-32:

#### **OVERVIEW**

The purpose of a concurrency management system is to provide the necessary regulations and rules for the City of Weston to follow in evaluating development orders to ensure that the level of service standards that are adopted in the Comprehensive Plan are adhered to. The system will consist of three components:

- 1. An inventory of the existing public facilities to which concurrency is to be applied.
- 2. An assessment of each application for final development order or permit for concurrency.
- 3. A Schedule of the improvements that are necessary to correct any existing deficiencies of the public facilities. Under this system and in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Florida, no development orders may be issued which will cause a public facility to operate below its adopted level of service standard. Development orders may be granted, however, subject to the adopted level of service standards being met and public facility improvements being accomplished concurrent with the impacts of development.

Concurrency will be determined during the final site plan or final subdivision approval process in order to assure that all public facilities included within the concurrency management system are available concurrent with the impacts of the project. All development orders and permits will indicate any needed improvements and will provide a schedule for their implementation. Thus, some required improvements will not be accomplished until a certificate of occupancy is applied for but the conditions required for obtaining a certificate of occupancy will be known at the time of the issuance of the development order. If a proposed development cannot meet the required test for concurrency, then it may not proceed and no development orders or permits may be issued. Also, if a development fails to meet a condition of approval once it has started, then no additional development orders, permits or Certificates of Occupancy may be issued.

#### **APPLICABLITY**

All applications for a final site plan or final subdivision plan shall be reviewed for concurrency in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the concurrency management system prior to the granting of a development order. The City of Weston may only issue a development order upon finding that the public facilities addressed under the Concurrency Management System will be available concurrent with the impacts of the development.

All applications for development permits shall be required to provide enough information that is deemed necessary by the City of Weston so that the impacts of the proposed development can be accurately assessed. The application requirements for development permits shall be indicated in the City of Weston's land development regulations. The application requirements shall reflect the information that is needed for the determination of concurrency. The City of Weston shall develop application forms for use.

#### CITY OF WESTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The City of Weston Community Development Department shall be responsible for the tasks that are described below. The Planning Director may delegate all or a part of these functions to members of the Community Development Department staff.

- 1. An inventory of all existing public facilities shall be maintained along with capacities and any deficiencies.
- 2. A determination shall be made for concurrency of any project that does not require City of Weston commission approval.
- 3. Concurrency assessments and recommended conditions of approval shall be provided for any application for development order that requires approval of the City of Weston Commission.
- 4. The Community Development Department shall report the status of all public facilities covered under this system to the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager and shall recommend a schedule of improvements for those public facilities that are found to have existing deficiencies so that they can incorporate the improvements in the appropriate capital budget.

#### CAPACITY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE INVENTORY

The City of Weston Community Development Department will collect capacity information on certain public facilities and shall make that information available to the public no later than September 1, 1999. The concurrency information on the listed public facilities is shown on Table 11. The information contained on the facilities and listed in the Table shall be updated annually beginning on September 1 of each year. The provisions and requirements of the Concurrency Management System shall apply only to those public facilities that are listed in Table 11.

#### TABLE 11

# PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPACITIES AND LEVEL OF SERVICE INVENTORY FOR CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT

#### City of Weston, Florida

The following inventories shall be maintained by the City of Weston Community Development Department to be used for the concurrency assessment of new development.

#### TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

Design capacity of different roadway types.

The existing level of service measured by the average annual number of trips per day on a roadway link and the peak hour trips as provided in the last counts taken before November 1 by the Florida Department of Transportation or the City of Weston.

The status of service degradation on those roads classified as backlogged, based on the methodology described in the Traffic Circulation Element of this plan.

The adopted level of service standards for all roadway types.

The existing capacities or deficiencies of the roadway network.

The capacities reserved for approved but unbuilt development.

The projected capacities or deficiencies due to approved but unbuilt development.

The improvements to be made to the roadway network in the current fiscal year by any approved development pursuant to previous development orders and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

The improvements to be made to the roadway network in the current fiscal year by the City of Weston, Broward County, the State of Florida Department of Transportation, or other public agency and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

#### **SANITARY SEWER**

The design capacity of the wastewater treatment facilities.

The existing level of service standards measured by the average number of gallons per day per unit based on the average flows that are experienced at the City of Sunrise wastewater treatment plant and the total number of equivalent residential units within the service area.

The adopted level of service standards for the average daily flows per equivalent residential unit.

The existing deficiencies of the system.

The capacities that are reserved for approved but unbuilt development

The projected capacities or deficiencies due to approved but unbuilt development.

The improvements to be made to the facilities in the current fiscal year by any approved developments pursuant to previous development orders and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

#### **POTABLE WATER**

The design capacities of the potable water treatment facilities of the City of Sunrise.

The existing level of service measured by the average number of gallons per day per unit based on the average flows experienced and the total number of residential units within the service area of the City of Sunrise water treatment plant.

The existing potable water storage capabilities of both the City of Weston and the City of Sunrise.

The existing minimum water pressure in the City of Weston water distribution system.

The adopted level of service standards for the potable water facility components.

The existing capacities or deficiencies of the system.

The capacities reserved for approve but unbuilt developments.

The improvements to be made to the facility in the current fiscal year by any approved developments pursuant to previous development orders and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

The improvements to be made to the facility in the current fiscal year by the City of Sunrise and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

#### SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The design capacity of solid waste disposal facilities.

The existing level of service measured by the number of units approved per route.

The adopted level of service standard for solid waste.

The capacities reserved for approved but unbuilt development.

The projected capacities or deficiencies due to approved but unbuilt development.

The improvements to be made to the system in the current fiscal year by any approved developments pursuant to previous development orders and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

The improvements to be made to the system in the current fiscal year by the City of Weston or the contracted agency and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

#### STORMWATER DRAINAGE

The existing level of service measured by storm event as determined by the City of Weston and its Consulting Engineers.

The adopted level of service standard for storm drainage.

### **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE**

The existing acreage of parkland and the existing number of recreation facilities as outlined in Table III in the Recreation and Open Space Element of this plan.

The existing level of service measured by the number of acres of parkland available per 1,000 residents of the City of Weston based on an inventory of park lands in the City of Weston and the population of the City of Weston.

The existing level of service for recreation facilities measured by the adopted standard based on an inventory of the facilities in the City of Weston and the population of the City of Weston.

The adopted level of service standards for parkland acreage and individual recreation facilities as outlined in Table III in the Recreation and Open Space Element of this plan.

The existing capacities or deficiencies of the recreation facility system.

The capacities reserved for approved but unbuilt development.

The projected capacities or deficiencies due to approved but unbuilt development.

The improvements to be made to the recreation facilities in the current fiscal year by any approved developments pursuant to previous development orders and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

The improvements to be made to the recreation facilities in the current fiscal year by the City of Weston and the impact of such improvements on the existing capacities or deficiencies.

#### **CONCURRENCY ASSESSMENT**

The City of Weston Community Development Department will be responsible for determining the concurrency for all applications of development orders for final site plans and/or final subdivision plans. When reviewing applications for plans for such development orders, the Community Development Department shall perform a Concurrency Assessment to ensure that public facilities are available concurrent with the impacts of the proposed development. To conduct the

assessment, the inventory presented in Table 11 shall be used as a base for the establishment of existing conditions. The capability of existing public facilities to service new development shall then be determined by using the general rules presented in Table 12 and the facility specific rules presented in Table 13. After this review a determination of concurrency shall be made. The determination of concurrency may include conditions of approval, which are deemed necessary for concurrency to be ensured.

The City of Weston Community Development Department shall provide recommendations to the City of Weston Commission concerning those development order applications, which require City of Weston Commission approval. The comments and recommendations provided by the Community Development Department shall include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. The ability of existing facilities to accommodate the proposed development at the adopted level of service standards;
- 2. Any existing facility deficiencies that will need to be corrected prior to the completion of the proposed development;
- 3. The facility or facilities improvements or additions that will be needed to accommodate the impacts of the proposed development at the adopted level(s) of service;
- 4. The date such facility (s) improvements or additions will need to be completed concurrent with the impacts on such facility(s) created by the proposed development, and
- 5. A recommendation of approval or denial with any applicable conditions for the timing and location of needed improvements.

Prior to the issuance of a development order for a proposed new development, the City Commission and/or the City of Weston Community Development Department shall:

- 1. make a finding on the impacts created by the proposed development;
- 2. make a finding as to whether the public facilities covered under the Concurrency Management system will be available concurrent with the impacts of the new development at the adopted level;
- 3. make a finding of those facility(s) improvements or additions that are required to ensure the finding of the concurrency, and
- 4. make a finding of the entity responsible for the design and installation of all required facility(s) improvements or additions.

The adopted level of service standards shall be the minimum acceptable standards with which all proposed new development shall comply. The Concurrency Management System shall not preclude the Community Development Department or the City of Weston Commission from imposing other conditions of approval including improvements and additions to the facilities covered under this system beyond the minimums necessary to achieve concurrency.

#### **FACILITIES REPORTING**

On September 1 of each year, the City of Weston Community Development Department shall report to the City of Weston Commission the information required in Table 11. The report shall also include the degree of any deficiencies and a summary of the impacts the deficiency(s) will have on the approval of development orders, for example, the creation of a moratorium. The Community Development Department shall then recommend a schedule of improvements necessary to prevent a moratorium or a reduction in the approval of development orders.

#### TABLE 12

# GENERAL RULES FOR CONCURRENCY ASSESSMENT City of Weston, Florida

## **EXISTING DEFICIENCIES**

No development may be approved which will impact a facility that is currently deficient unless the facility is required to be improved in the current fiscal year pursuant to a previous development order or permit. Any needed improvements shall be completed prior to the projected impacts of the proposed development as required by Table 13.

#### APPROVED IMPACT

The impacts of new development shall be assessed against the existing conditions as described in Table 11 and the projected impacts from approved but unbuilt development. These two items together shall be considered the existing conditions for all public facilities for the impact assessment of all proposed development.

#### **PHASING**

Development that is proposed to be phased may also phase the improvement of facilities provided the concurrency requirements for each facility as described in Table 13 are met.

## TIME SPECIFIC APPROVAL

All development approvals shall have a time period specified in the development order or permit in which development must commence. The time period may involve two or more phases but the timing of each phase shall be specified in the development order or permit. The development order may prescribe a time schedule for the initiation of the various components of the development process such as land clearing, site fill, foundation work, etc.

Any required improvements to meet concurrency shall also require a time schedule for construction and completion. Should development or facilities improvements fail to begin or be completed in accordance with the development order or permit, then all outstanding approvals of the development shall expire. Amendments or changes to time schedules shall be permitted but must be approved by the body granting the original approval, normally the City Commission.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The City of Weston Community Development Department may require additional information from applicants or other City of Weston Departments in order for an accurate concurrency assessment to be accomplished. Such additional informational requests shall be reasonable and be provided in writing to the appropriate Department.

Should the Community Development Department require a special study, the applicant shall provide such information. Examples of such special studies are traffic counts on a road that is not normally included in a traffic count or analyzing a water system for pressure. Review and approval of proposed development may be postponed for a reasonable time period in order that more information may be gathered on the facility. Proposed development may be denied approval for failure of the applicant to provide adequate information on the projected impacts created by the development.

## TABLE 13

# FACILITY SPECIFIC RULES FOR CONCURRENCY ASSESSMENT City of Weston, Florida

The following specific rules for facilities shall be enforced by the City of Weston Community Development Department in the process of reviewing a proposed development project for potential issuance of a development order.

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

The City of Weston shall abide by the concurrency requirements as established in Policy 8.2.9 in the

Transportation Element of the Weston Comprehensive Plan.

## **SANITARY SEWER**

The City of Weston shall adopt land development regulations that establish sanitary sewer flow rates for each type of development that is allowed within the City of Weston. The established flow rates shall conform to the adopted level of service standards for sanitary sewer. An applicant for a development order shall submit calculations to the Community Development Department that reflect the impact of the proposed project on the City of Weston's sanitary sewer system and shall also include plans of a proposed sanitary sewer system that will service the proposed project.

Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, all sanitary sewer improvements that are necessary to accommodate the impacts that are created by the project, shall be completed.

## **POTABLE WATER**

The City of Weston shall adopt land development regulations that establish potable water flow rates for each type of development that is allowed within the City of Weston. The established flow rates shall conform to the adopted level of service standards for potable water service. An applicant for a development order shall submit calculations to the Community Development Department that reflect the impact of the proposed project on the City of Weston's potable water system. Both domestic and fire flow shall be addressed. The submittal should include plans of the proposed

water distribution system, including fire hydrants and fire lines that will service the proposed project.

Prior to the issuance of certificate occupancy, all potable water improvements that are necessary to accommodate the impacts that are created by the project, shall be completed.

## **SOLID WASTE**

The City of Weston shall adopt land development regulations that provide solid waste generation standards based on land use types. Commercial and industrial developments that are potential hazardous waste generators shall provide a description and estimate of tonnage of solid waste to be generated for which the development will be responsible for coordinating with Broward County for disposal of such waste. The City of Weston will then obtain written approval form Broward County that the proposed development's hazardous waste generation can be accommodated at the County's facility.

## STORMWATER DRAINAGE

All development shall prepare a stormwater drainage plan based on the storm water criteria that is contained with the City of Weston's land development regulations and the rules of the Indian Trace Community Development District. The plan shall also include calculations that meet the level of service standards established by the City of Weston for stormwater. The plan shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for approval prior to issuance of a development order.

Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, all stormwater improvements that are necessary to accommodate the impacts of the proposed development receiving the approval shall be completed.

## **RECREATION**

The City of Weston shall adopt land regulations that provide recreation standards for residential uses. Commercial and industrial developments shall not be assessed as having an impact on recreational facilities. However, the City of Weston reserves the right to require the provision of recreational facilities on PRD projects and others as it sees fit.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, all facility improvements necessary to accommodate the impacts of the entire development shall be approved and a schedule established for their implementation such that all improvements shall be completed prior to the issuance of the last certificate of occupancy.

This concludes the adopted sections of this appendix.

# COMPRHENSIVE PLAN APPENDIX A2

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Accessory Use" A use naturally and customarily incidental, subservient or subordinate to the principal use.

Accommodations" Any apartment, condominium or cooperative unit, cabin, lodge, hotel or motel room, campground, or other private or commercial structure which is situated on real property and designed for occupancy or use by one or more individuals.

"Activity-based park" A park with features such as baseball fields, basketball courts, football fields, roller hockey rinks, soccer fields, etc.

"Adjusted gross income" All wages, assets, regular cash or noncash contributions or gifts from persons outside the household, and such other resources and benefits as may be determined to be income by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for family size, less deductions allowable under Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Administration commission" The Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida.

"Affordable housing" Housing for which monthly rents or monthly mortgage payments, including taxes, insurance, and utilities, do not exceed 30 percent of the adjusted gross household income.

"Agricultural uses" Activities within land areas, which are predominantly used for the cultivation of crops and livestock including: cropland; pastureland; orchards; vineyards; nurseries; ornamental horticulture areas; groves; confined feeding operations; specialty farms and silviculture areas.

"Alley" A right-of-way providing a secondary means of access and service to abutting property.

"Amendment" Any change to an adopted comprehensive plan except for corrections, updates and modifications of the capital improvements element concerning costs, revenue services, acceptance of facilities or facility construction dates consistent with the plan as provided in Subsection 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and corrections updates or modifications of current costs in other elements, as provided in Section 163.3187(2) Florida Statutes.

"Annexation" The adding of real property to the boundaries of an incorporated municipality, such addition making such real property in every way a part of the municipality.

"Antiquated subdivision" A subdivision that was recorded or approved more than 20 years ago and that has substantially failed to be built and the continued buildout of the subdivision in accordance with the subdivision's zoning and land use purposes would cause an imbalance of land uses and would be detrimental to the local and regional economies and environment, hinder current planning practices, and lead to inefficient and fiscally irresponsible development patterns as determined by the respective jurisdiction.

"Arterial road" A roadway providing service which is relatively continuous and of relatively high traffic volume, long trip length and high operating speed.

"Base Flood Elevation" The elevation above North American Vertical Datum (sea level) determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be the surface elevation of flood waters regardless of wind or wave action.

"Bicycle and pedestrian ways" Any road, path or way which is open to bicycle travel and traffic afoot and from which motor vehicles are excluded.

"Building" Any structure having a roof and used or built for the shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

# "Building permit"

- (1) Any permit for the erection or construction of a new building required by Section 301.1 of the South Florida Building Code, 1984, Broward Edition, as amended.
- (2) Any permit for an addition to an existing building which would:
  - (a) create one or more additional dwelling units, or
  - (b) involve a change in the occupancy of a building as described in Section104.7 of the South Florida Building Code, 1984, Broward Edition, as amended.
- (3) Any permit which would be required for the nonresidential operations included in Section 301.1(a) of the South Florida Building Code, 1984, Broward Edition, as amended.

"Capital budget" The portion of Weston's budget that reflects capital improvements scheduled for a fiscal year.

"Capital improvement" Physical assets constructed or purchased to provide, improve or replace a public facility and which are large scale and high in cost. The cost of a capital improvement is generally nonrecurring and may require multi-year financing. For the purposes of this rule, physical assets which have been identified as existing or projected needs in the individual comprehensive plan elements shall be considered capital improvements.

"Collector road" A roadway providing service which is of relatively moderate traffic volume, moderate operating speed. Collector roads collect and distribute traffic between local roads or arterial roads.

"Commercial uses" Activities within land areas which are predominantly connected with the sale, rental and distribution of products, or performance of services.

"Community cultural facility" A facility that is readily accessible to all segments of the community for cultural activities (performing, visual and literary arts). The center should include classroom and workshop space, exhibit and performance space and cultural programming by professional artists for all age groups.

"Community park" Park having more than 10 acres that is designed to serve the recreational needs of several neighborhoods. Community parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

"Community shopping center" A shopping center which typically ranges from approximately 100,000 to 300,000 square feet of gross leasable area and is generally built around a junior department store or variety store and supermarket as the major tenants. Community shopping centers typically range in area from approximately 10 acres to 30 acres and serve trade areas ranging from roughly 40,000 people to 150,000 people.

"Compatibility" A condition in which land uses or conditions can coexist in relative proximity to each other in a stable fashion over time such that no use or condition is unduly negatively impacted directly or indirectly by another use or condition.

"Comprehensive plan" A plan that meets the requirements of ss. 163.3177 and 163.3178, Florida Statutes.

"Concurrency" That the necessary public facilities and services to maintain the adopted level of service standards are available when the impacts of development occur.

"Concurrency Management System" The procedures and/or process that the local government will utilize to assure that development orders and permits are not issued unless the necessary facilities and services are available concurrent with the impacts of development.

"Conservation uses" Activities or conditions within land areas designated for the purpose of conserving or protecting natural resources or environmental quality, including areas designated for such purposes as flood control, protection of quality or quantity of groundwater or surface water, floodplain management, commercially or recreationally valuable fish and shellfish, or protection of vegetative communities or wildlife habitats.

"Consistent" Compatible with and furthers. Compatible with means not in conflict with. Furthers means to take action in the direction of realizing the goals and policies. As applied to the Weston plan shall be consistent with the state plan and the regional plan.

"Contiguous" In close proximity, touching or adjacent.

"Contraction" The reversion of real property within municipality boundaries to an unincorporated status.

"County Commission" The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County.

"Dashed-line area" An area on the Weston Future Land Use Plan Map bordered by a dashed line and designated as having a particular maximum overall density of dwelling units for all land and land uses within the area, and/or a particular total number of dwelling units permitted within the area.

"Density" An objective measure of the number of people or residential units allowed per unit of land, such as residents or employees per acre.

"Developer" Any person, including a governmental agency, undertaking any development.

"Development" The term "development" means:

- (1) The carrying out of any building activity or mining operation, the making of any material change in the use of appearance of any structure or land, or the dividing of land into two or more parcels.
- (2) The following activities or uses shall be taken for the purposes of this chapter to involve "development", as defined in this section:
  - (a) A reconstruction, alteration of the size, or material change in the external appearance of a structure on land.
  - (b) A change in the intensity of use of land, such as an increase in the number f dwelling units in a structure or on land or a material increase in the number or businesses, manufacturing establishments, offices, or dwelling units in a structure or on land.
  - (c) Alteration of a shore or bank of a seacoast, river, stream, lake, pond, or canal, including any "coastal constructure" as defined in s.161.021.
  - (d) Commencement of drilling, except to obtain soil samples, mining, or excavation on a parcel of land.
  - (e) Demolition of a structure.
  - (f) Clearing of land as an adjunct of construction.
  - (g) Deposit of refuse, solid or liquid waste, or fill on a parcel of land.
- (3) The following operations or uses shall not be taken for the purpose of this chapter to involve "development" as defined herein:
  - (a) Work by a highway or road agency or railroad company for the maintenance or improvement of a road or railroad tract, if the work is carried out on land within the boundaries of the right-of-way.
  - (b) Work by any utility and other persons engaged in the distribution or transmission of gas or water, for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, renewing, or constructing on established rights-of-way any sewers, mains, pipes, cables, utility tunnels, powerlines, towers, poles, tracks or the like.

- (c) Work for the maintenance, renewal, improvement, or alteration of any structure, if the work affects only the interior or the color of the structure or the decoration of the exterior of the structure.
- (d) The use of any structure or land devoted to dwelling uses or any purpose customarily incidental to enjoyment of the dwelling.
- (e) The use of any land for the purpose of growing plants, crops, trees and other agricultural or forestry products; raising livestock; or for other agricultural purposes.
- (f) A change in the use of land or structure from a use within a class specified in an ordinance or rule to another use in the same class.
- (g) A change in the ownership or form of ownership of any parcel or structure.
- (h) The creation or termination of rights of access, apiarian rights, easements, covenants concerning development of land, or other rights in land.
- "Development", as designated in an ordinance, rule, or development rule includes all other development customarily associated with it unless otherwise specified. When appropriate to the context, "development" refers to the act of developing to the result of development. Reference to any specific operation is not intended to mean that the operation or activity, when part of other operations or activities, is not development. Reference to particular operations is not intended to limit the generality of subsection (1).

"Development order" Any order granting, denying, or granting with conditions an application for a development permit.

"Development permit" Includes any building permit, zoning permit, plat approval, or rezoning, certification, variance, or other action having the effect of permitting development.

"Dwelling unit" A house, apartment, condominium unit, trailer, group of rooms, or a single room intended for occupancy as separate living quarter with direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall and with complete kitchen facilities for the exclusive use of the occupants, including rental units contained in a multi-unit structure or complex which are licensed by the State Department of Business Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, as "apartments', "rental condominiums" and "retirement housing" or live-aboard vessels located in multi-family "Residential" designated areas which are required to hookup to marine sanitation systems.

"Easement" Any strip of land created by a subdivider for public or private utilities, drainage, sanitation, or other specified uses having limitations, the title to which shall remain in the name of the property owner, subject to the right of use designated in the reservation of the servitude.

"Educational uses" Activities and facilities of public or private primary or secondary schools, vocational and technical schools, and colleges and universities licensed by the Florida Department of Education, including the areas of buildings, campus open space, dormitories, recreational facilities or parking.

"Enhancement" The alteration of an existing wetland to increase the functional value.

"Estuary" A semi-enclosed, naturally existing coastal body of water in which saltwater is naturally diluted by freshwater and which has a connection with oceanic waters, including bays, embayments, lagoons, sounds and tidal streams.

"Flexibility zone" A geographic area, as delineated on the flexibility zone boundary maps in the Administrative Rules Document of the Broward County Planning Council, within which residential densities and land uses may be redistributed through the plan certification process.

"Flood plains or Flood prone" Areas inundated during a 100-year flood event or areas identified by the National Flood Insurance Program as an A Zone on Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps.

"Foster care facility" A facility which houses foster residents and provides a family living environment for the residents including such supervision and care as may be necessary to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the residents and serving either children or adult foster residents.

"Goal" The long-term end toward which programs or activities are ultimately directed.

"Group home" A facility which provides a living environment for unrelated residents who operate as the functional equivalent of a family, including such supervision and care as may be necessary to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the resident. Adult congregate living facilities comparable in size to group homes are included in this definition.

"Hazardous waste" Solid waste, or a combination of solid wastes, which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly transported, disposed of, stored, treated or otherwise managed.

"High recharge area" or "prime recharge area" An area so designated by the South Florida Water Management District to replenish ground water.

"Hurricane shelter" A structure designated by local officials as a place of safe refuge during a storm or hurricane.

"Improvements" Include, but not limited to, street pavements, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, alley pavements, walkway pavements, water mains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers or drains, street names, signs, landscaping, permanent reference monuments, permanent control points, or any other improvement required by a governing body.

"Industrial uses" The activities within land areas predominantly connected with manufacturing, assembly, processing or storage of products.

"Infrastructure" Those man-made structures which serve the common needs of the population, such as sewage disposal systems; potable water systems; potable water wells serving a system; solid waste disposal sites or retention areas; stormwater systems; utilities; breakwaters; bulkheads; seawalls; revetments; causeways; bridges and roadways.

"Intensity" An objective measurement of the extent to which land may be developed or used, including the consumption or use of the space above, on or below ground; the measurement of the use of or demand on natural resources; and the measurement of the use of or demand on facilities and services.

"Internal trip capture" Trips generated by a mixed-use project that travel from one onsite land use to another onsite land use without using external road networks.

"Lake" A natural depression fed by one or more streams and from which a stream may flow; occurs due to widening or natural blockage of a river or stream or occurs in an isolated natural depression that is not part of a surface river or stream; usually too deep to permit the growth of rooted plants from shore to shore.

"Land" The earth, water, and air above, below or on the surface, and includes any improvements or structures customarily regarded as land.

"Land development code" The various types of regulations for the development of land within the jurisdiction of the City of Weston when combined into a single document.

"Land development regulation" Ordinances enacted by the City of Weston for the regulation of any aspect of development and includes any zoning, rezoning, subdivision, building construction, or sign regulations or any other regulations controlling the development of land.

"Land use" The development that has occurred on the land, the development that is proposed by a developer on the land, or the use that is permitted or permissible on the land under an adopted comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof, land development regulations, or a land development code, as the context may indicate.

"Level of service" An indicator of the extent or degree of service provided by, or proposed to be provided by a facility based on and related to the operational characteristics of the facility. Level of service shall indicate the capacity per unit of demand for each public facility.

"Limited access facility" A roadway especially designed for through traffic, and over, from, or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no greater than a limited right or easement of access.

"Local road" A roadway providing service which is of relatively low traffic volume, short average trip length or minimal through traffic movements, and high volume land access for abutting property.

"Lot" Includes tract or parcel – means the latest fractional part of subdivided lands having limited fixed boundaries and an assigned number, letter, or other name through which it may be identified.

"Lot or parcel or record" A quantity of real property as a single unit described and identified in a deed and/or plat recorded in the public records of a county in the State of Florida.

"Low income household" One or more natural persons or a family, the total annual adjusted gross income of which exceeds 50 percent but does not exceed 80 percent of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the state, or of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or, if not within an MSA, within the county in which the household resides, whichever is greater.

"Major trip generators or attractors" Concentrated areas of intense land use or activity that produces or attracts a significant number of local trip ends.

"Mass transit" Passenger services provided by public, private or non-profit entities such as the following surface transit modes: commuter rail, rail rapid transit, light rail transit, light guideway transit, express bus and local fixed route bus.

"Minerals" All solid minerals, including clay, gravel phosphate rock, lime, shells (excluding live shellfish), stone, sand, heavy minerals and any rare earths, which are contained in the soils or waters of the state.

"Moderate income household" One or more natural persons or a family, the total annual adjusted gross income of which exceeds 80 percent but does not exceed 120 percent of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the state, or of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or, if not within an MSA, within the county in which the household resides, whichever is greater.

"Neighborhood park" Park having up to 10 acres that is designed to serve the recreational needs of the population living in the immediate residential area. Neighborhood parks may include recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus, walking, jogging, picnicking, etc.

"New town" A urban activity center and community designated on the future land use map of sufficient size, population, and land use composition to support a variety of economic and social activities consistent with and urban area designation. New towns shall include basic economic activities; all major land use categories (exception of agriculture and industrial); and centrally provided full range of public facilities and services that demonstrate internal trip capture. A new town shall be based on a master development plan.

"Objective" A specific, measurable, intermediate end that is achievable and marks progress toward a goal.

"Open space" Lands such as conservation areas, natural preserves and wetlands that have been set aside for preservation and are protected by local, state or federal law. Lands may be suitable for passive recreation or conservation uses.

"Paratransit" Transit services, including ridesharing, car or van pools, demand responsive buses, and other transit services, which are characterized by their nonscheduled, non-fixed route nature.

"Parcel of land" Any quantity of land capable of being described with such definiteness that its location and boundaries may be established, which is designated by its owner or developer as land to be used or developed as a unit or which has been used or developed as a unit.

"Person" An individual, corporation, governmental agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal entity.

"Plat" A map or delineated representation of the subdivision of lands, being a complete exact representation of the subdivision and other information in compliance with the requirement of all applicable sections of this chapter and of any local ordinances, and may include the terms "replat", "amended plat", or "revised plat".

"Policy" The way in which program and activities are conducted to achieve an identified goal.

"Pollution" The presence in the outdoor atmosphere, ground or water of any substances, contaminants, noise, or manmade or man-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, biological, or radiological integrity of air or water, in quantities or at levels which are or may be potentially harmful or injurious to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property, or unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.

"Potable water facilities" A system of structures designed to collect, treat, or distribute potable water, and includes water wells, treatment plants, reservoirs, and distribution mains.

"Potable water wellfield" The site of one or more water wells which supply potable water for human consumption to a water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25-year round residents.

"Principal building" A building which is occupied by, devoted to, a principal use or an addition to an existing principal building which is larger than the original existing building. In determining whether a building is of primary importance, the use of the entire parcel shall be considered. There may be more than one principal building on a parcel.

"Principal use" The primary or main use of a parcel of land as distinguished from an accessory use. There may be more than one principal or main use on a parcel of land.

"Private recreation sites" Sites owned by private, commercial or non-profit entities available to the public for purposes of recreational use.

"Public access" The ability of the public to physically reach, enter or use recreation sites including beaches and shores.

"Public buildings and grounds" Structures or lands that are owned, leased, or operated by a government entity, such as civic and community centers, hospitals, libraries, police stations, fire stations and government administration buildings.

"Public facilities" Transportation systems or facilities, sewer systems or facilities, solid waste systems or facilities, drainage systems or facilities, potable water systems or facilities, educational systems or facilities, parks and recreation systems or facilities and public health systems or facilities.

"Purchase of development rights" The acquisition of a governmentally recognized right to develop land which is severed from the realty and held or further conveyed by the purchaser.

"Recreation facility" A component of a recreation site used by the public such as a trail, court, athletic field or swimming pool.

"Recreational uses" Activities within areas where recreation occurs.

"Regional park" Park having more than 100 acres that is intended to serve the recreational needs of the population of the entire City of Weston. A regional park may include active facilities, passive facilities or a combination of the two.

"Relocation housing" Those dwellings which are made available to families displaced by public programs, provided that such dwellings are decent, safe and sanitary and within the financial means of the families or individuals displaced.

"Resident population" Inhabitants counted in the same manner utilized by the United States Bureau of the Census, in the category of total population. Resident population does not include seasonal population.

"Residential uses" Activities within land areas used predominantly for housing.

"Resource-based park" Park with features such as picnic areas, shelters, walkways, trails or boardwalks oriented toward unique natural features.

"Right-of-Way" Land in which the state, a county, or a municipality owns the fee simple title or has an easement dedicated or required for a transportation or utility use.

"Roadway functional classification" The assignment of roads into categories according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total road network. Basic functional categories include limited access facilities arterial roads, and collector roads, which may be subcategorized into principal, major or minor levels. Those levels may be further grouped into urban and rural categories.

"Sanitary sewer facilities" Structures or systems designed for the collection, transmission, treatment, or disposal of sewage and includes trunk mains, interceptors, treatment plants and disposal systems.

"Sanitary sewer interceptor" A sewerage conduit which connects directly to, and transmits sewage to, a treatment plant.

"Sanitary sewer trunk main" A sewerage conduit which connects directly to, and transmits sewage to, an interceptor.

"Seasonal population" Part-time inhabitants who utilize, or may be expected to utilize, public facilities or services, but are not residents. Seasonal population shall include tourists, migrant farmworkers, and other short-term and long-term visitors.

"Sector Plans" The process authorized by s.163.3245 in which one or more local governments engage in long-term planning for a large area and address regional issues through adoption of detailed specific area plans within the planning area as a means of fostering innovative planning and development strategies, reducing overlapping data and analysis requirements, protecting regionally significant resources and facilities, and addressing extra jurisdictional impacts.

"Solid waste" Sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility or garbage, rubbish, refuse, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations.

"Solid waste facilities" Structures or systems designed for the collection, processing or disposal of solid wastes, including hazardous wastes, and includes transfer stations, processing plants, recycling plants, and disposal systems.

"Solid waste transfer station" A facility for incineration, resource recovery, recycling of solid waste prior to its final disposal.

"Stormwater" The flow of water which results from a rainfall event.

"Stormwater facilities" Manmade structures that are part of a stormwater management system designed to collect, convey, hold, divert, or discharge stormwater, and may include stormwater sewers, canals, detention facilities and retention facilities.

"Stormwater management system" An integrated compilation of stormwater facilities and waterways which function as a unit to control rainfall events and minimize flooding.

"Street" Includes any access way such as a street, road, lane, highway, avenue, boulevard, alley, parkway, viaduct, circle, a court, terrace, place, or cul-de-sac, and also includes all of the land lying between the right-of-way lines as delineated on a plat showing such streets, whether improved or unimproved, but shall not include those access ways such as easements and rights-of-way intended solely for limited utility purposes, such as for electric power lines, gas lines, telephone lines, water lines, drainage and sanitary sewers, and easements of ingress and egress.

"Structure" Anything constructed, installed or portable, the use of which requires a location on a parcel of land. It includes a movable structure while it is located on land which can be used for housing, business, commercial, agricultural, or office purposes either temporarily or permanently. "Structure" also includes fences, billboards, swimming pools, poles, pipelines, transmission lines, tracks and advertising signs.

"Subdivision" The platting of real property into two or more lots, parcels, tracts, tiers, blocks, sites, units, or any other division of land; and includes establishment of new streets and alleys, additions, and resubdivisions; and, when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the lands or area subdivided.

"Suitability" The degree to which the existing characteristics and limitations of land and water are compatible with a proposed use or development.

"Support documents" means any surveys, studies, inventory maps, data, inventories, listings or analyses used as bases for or in developing the local comprehensive plan.

"Transfer of development rights" A governmentally recognized right to use or develop land at a certain density, or intensity, or for a particular purpose, which is severed from the realty and placed on some other property.

"Transit-oriented development" A project or projects, in areas identified in a local government comprehensive plan, that is or will be served by existing or planned transit service. These designated areas shall be compact, moderate to high density developments, of mixed-use character, interconnected with other land uses, bicycle and pedestrian friendly, and designated to support frequent transit service operating through, collectively or separately, rail, fixed guideway, streetcar, or bus systems on dedicated facilities or available roadway connections.

"Transportation demand management" Strategies and techniques that can be used to increase the efficiency of the transportation system. Demand management focuses on ways of influencing the amount and demand for transportation by encouraging alternatives to the single-occupant automobile and by altering local peak hour travel demand. These strategies and techniques may, among others, include: ridesharing programs, flexible work hours, telecommuting, shuttle services and parking management.

"Transportation system management" Improving roads, intersections, and other related facilities to make the existing transportation system operate more efficiently. Transportation system management techniques include demand management strategies, incident management strategies, and other actions that increase the operating efficiency of the existing system.

"Urban service area" Areas identified in the comprehensive plan where public facilities and services, including, but not limited to, central water and sewer capacity and roads, are already in place or are identified in the Capital Improvement Element.

"Very low income household" One or more natural persons or a family, not including students, the total annual adjusted gross household income of which does not exceed 50 percent of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) or, it not within an MSA, within the county in which the person or family resides, whichever is greater.

"Water recharge areas" Land or water areas through which groundwater is replenished.

"Wellhead protection area" An area designated by local government to provide land use protection for the groundwater source for a potable water wellfield, as defined in this chapter, including the surface and subsurface area surrounding the wellfield. Differing levels of protection may be established within the wellhead protection area commensurate with the capacity of the well and an evaluation of the risk to human health and the environment. Wellhead protection areas shall be delineated using professionally accepted methodologies based on the best available data and taking into account any zones of contribution described in existing data.

"Wetlands" Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and a duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soils.

#### LIST OF ACREYNIMS

Traffic Review and Impact Planning system (TRIPS) Transportation System Management and Operations (TSM&O) State Highway System (SHS) Partial Cloverleaf (PC) Diamond (D) Florida Department of Highway Safety (FDHS) Transportation Options Program (TOP) Pedestrian Danger Index (PDI) Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Broward County Land Development Code (BCLDC) Concurrency Management System (CMS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Broward County Florida Standard Urban Transportation Model Structure (FSUTMS) National Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) American Disabilities Act (ADA) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Intermodel Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991) (ISTEA) Public Schools Facilities element (PSFE) School Capacity Availability Determination (SCAD)

Safety, Music & Art, Athletics, Renovation & Technology (SMART)

Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (ADEFP)

ASR – Aquafer Storage and Recovery

Class Size Reduction Action Committee (CSRAC)

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Florida Department of Education (FDOE)

Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

Broward Virtual School (BVS)

**Broward County Public School (BCPS)** 

Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)

Study Area Identification (SAID)

Out-of-Boundary (OOB)

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

Functional Capacity Units (FCUs)

Environmental Assessment and Remediation (EAR)

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Florida Intrastate Highway System (FHIS)

Joint Planning Areas (JPAs)

District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP)

Concurrency Service Areas (CSA)

Indian Trace Community Development District (ITCDD)

Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Florida Inventory of School Housing (FISH)

Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Transportation Element (TE) Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Level of Service (LOS) Strategic Intermodel System (SIS) Indian Trace Development District (ITDD) Bonaventure Development District (BDD) Broward County Transit (BCT) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) American Planning Association (APA) Affordable Housing Units (AFUs) Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Affordable Housing Needs Assessment (AHNA) Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Broward County Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Central Disposal Sanitary Landfill (CDSL) South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) North New River Canal (NNRC) Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) South Florida Water Treatment Plan (WTP) Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Base Condition Allocation (BCA) Gallons per Capita per day (gpcd)

South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) Geographic Information System (GIS) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES-MS4) Florida Administrative Code (FAC) United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Carbon Monoxide (CO) Lead (Pb) Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Particulate Matter (PM) Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Pollutant Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Federal Management Agency (FEMA) Lower East Coast (LEC) Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) Broward County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Interlocal Agreement (ILA)