

REQUEST: Comprehensive Plan Amendment; Amend text in the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan to add and update the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Infrastructure, Conservation and Capital Improvement Element to implement policies consistent with and adoption of the revised 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSP).

Case Number	T14011		
Applicant/Project Name	City of Fort Lauderdale / Water Supply Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment		
General Location	Not applicable. The proposed amendment is a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan		
Applicable ULDR Sections	Section 47-24.8 Comprehensive Plan Amendment		
Notification Requirements	Newspaper ad 10 days prior to meeting		
Action Required	Recommend approval or denial to City Commission		
Project Planner/Title	Eric Engmann, AICP, Planner II	Initials	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND:

The City of Fort Lauderdale is required to update the 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSP) and provide corresponding language consistent with the WSP and the regional water supply plan in the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The intent of this amendment is to address the development of traditional and alternative water supplies and management strategies, including conservation and reuse. Chapter 163, Part II, (F.S.), states that the WSP must be adopted within 18 months after the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) approves a regional water supply plan or its update. A summary of the Water Supply Plan is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

The proposed amendments update several policies of the Comprehensive Plan to meet the statutory requirements that align the City’s Water Supply Facilities Work Plan with other jurisdictions located within the SFWMD Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan (LECWSP). As identified in the *Proposed Goal, Objective and Policies Text: Water Supply Plan (Exhibit 2)*, the amendment specifically adopts the updated WSP as part of the Infrastructure Element, updates Objective 2.3 to the Infrastructure Element, adds Policy 2.3.8 to the Infrastructure Element, replaces Policy 1.4.1 to the Conservation Element and amends Objective 1.6, Policies 1.6.2-1.6.5 and adds Policy 1.6.1 to the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The amended goals, objectives and policies address specific requirements set forth in State Statutes that are attached as **Exhibit 3**. The proposed Water Supply Facilities Work Plan is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

REVIEW CRITERIA:

As per ULDR Section 47-24.8, a comprehensive plan amendment application shall be submitted to the Department of Sustainable Development for review by the Local Planning Agency (Planning and Zoning Board) and for approval and adoption by the City Commission, in accordance with the requirements of F.S. Chapter 163. These requirements focus on ensuring that the water resources are available and accounted for within the specified time frame.

STAFF FINDINGS:

The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment is consistent with the City’s current Comprehensive Plan, specifically Goal 2 of the Infrastructure Element, in that it ensures that the City develops and maintains an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner, as well as Goal 1,

of the Conservation Element by helping to conserve, protect and appropriately utilize the City's natural resources.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 2:** Be a sustainable and resilient community
- **Objective 6:** Secure our community's water supply

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

PLANNING and ZONING BOARD REVIEW OPTIONS:

If the Planning and Zoning Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA), determines that the application meets the criteria for a comprehensive plan amendment, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Commission for consideration. The following options may be considered:

1. Recommend the City Commission transmit the amendment to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), as proposed;
2. Recommend the City Commission transmit the amendment to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), with revisions; or
3. Recommend against transmittal of the amendment to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).