



# Intergovernmental Coordination Element



# Post-Adoption Amendments

The BrowardNEXT2.0 Comprehensive Plan was adopted on March 28, 2019 (Ordinance No. 2019-11).

Post-adoption amendments are listed below:

- Ordinance No. 2020-10, Adopted March 10, 2020:
  - Adds new Objective IC10 – Coordinate Population Estimates and Projections; and related policies.
  
- Ordinance No. 2022-02, Adopted January 25, 2022:
  - Adds text and amends to OBJECTIVE IC7, POLICY IC 7.6, 7.8-7.10; adds text to POLICY IC 7.1-7.5, 7.7, regarding the peril of flood requirements of Section 163.3178(2)(f), Florida Statutes.

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# Intergovernmental Coordination Element

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element is a guideline to be used in coordinating the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of the School Board, regional water supply authorities, and other units of local government with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the County, the region, the State Comprehensive Plan, and with the applicable approved regional water supply plans.

## Policy History

- 1957 [The Broward League of Cities](#), an organization dedicated to raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities at the local, County and State level, is chartered to represent the then 15 municipalities.
- 1972 The Florida Legislature creates the [Broward Legislative Delegation Office](#) to provide a communication resource among the federal, State, and local governments and Broward County citizens to facilitate the legislative process.
- 2010 Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties execute the [Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact](#) to coordinate mitigation and adaptation activities across County lines.
- 2017 Seven Broward County officials receive the 2017 [Home Rule Hero Award](#) from the Florida League of Cities for their efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2017 legislative session.

## Focus Areas

- Develop and coordinate local, state and federal legislative advocacy strategies and programs
- Establish procedures to resolve planning and growth management disputes
- Ensure the protection of airports and airspace
- Coordinate Broward County's Comprehensive Plan with public school facility planning
- Ensure adequate water supply and maintain natural systems
- Coordinate the establishment, maintenance, and implementation of capacity and quality level of service standards

## Legal Authority



Section 163.3177 (h)(1), Florida Statutes: An intergovernmental coordination element showing relationships and stating principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of school boards, regional water supply authorities, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, with the state comprehensive plan and with the applicable regional water supply plan approved pursuant to Section 373.709, Florida Statutes, as the case may require and as such adopted plans or plans in preparation may exist. This element of the local comprehensive plan must demonstrate consideration of the particular effects of the local plan, when adopted, upon the development of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, or upon the state comprehensive plan, as the case may require.

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element includes Goals, Objectives, and Policies that support the Focus Areas. Once the policies are adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, government agencies, partners, and the community work together to advance and implement those policies.

# Goals, Objectives & Policies

## GOAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Coordinate and consider the effect of the comprehensive plan with the plans of governmental agencies that provide services, but do not have regulatory authority over the use of land and with plans of adjacent municipalities, counties, the region, and the state.

### OBJECTIVE IC1 – Develop and Coordinate Local, State, and Federal Legislative Advocacy Strategies and Programs

Broward County will continue to develop and coordinate State and federal legislative advocacy strategies and programs.

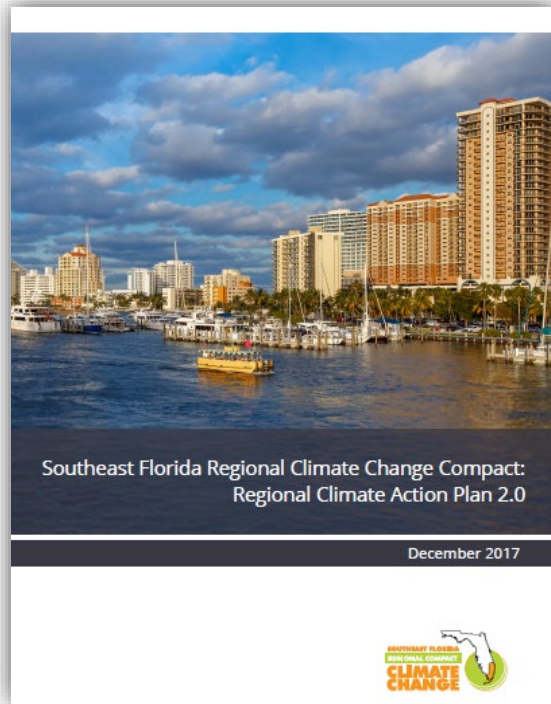
**POLICY IC1.1** Broward County will coordinate with the Broward League of Cities and the Broward Legislative Delegation, as appropriate, for the following purposes:

1. Develop and implement joint infrastructure service or planning areas, especially to address issues associated with climate change and sea level rise;
2. Establish a permanent funding mechanism to support affordable housing; and
3. Support the implementation of the Low Tax Opportunity Zones, as established in the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, to encourage long-term investment and job creation in targeted communities by reducing taxes for many job creators. Low Tax Opportunity Zones enhance local communities' ability to attract businesses, developers and financial institutions to invest in targeted areas by allowing investors to defer capital gains taxes through investments in federally established Opportunity Funds.

### OBJECTIVE IC2 – Establish Procedures to Resolve Planning and Growth Management Disputes

Broward County shall establish procedures to resolve planning and growth management disputes.

**POLICY IC2.1** Broward County shall utilize the South Florida Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process to reconcile differences on planning and growth management issues with local governments, regional agencies, and private interests, as applicable.



### The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact

The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact was executed by Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties in January 2010 to coordinate mitigation and adaptation activities across county lines. The Compact represents a new form of regional climate governance for coordinated climate action in Southeast Florida, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience.

**POLICY IC2.2** Broward County shall continue to collaborate with adjacent governments, such as municipalities, special districts, counties, and regional entities, on planning and growth management issues.

### OBJECTIVE IC3 – Ensure the Protection of Airports and Airspace

Broward County shall coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration and its municipalities to ensure the protection of airports and airspace.

#### **Aviation Fuel Tax**

The Board **SUPPORTS** state annual funding for Airport Development Grant Program and the Strategic Airport Investment Program that is equal to or exceeds the Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Plan for the previous fiscal year.

Airport Development Funding listed as one of Broward County's Priorities in the [2018 State Legislative Program](#).

**POLICY IC3.1** Broward County will continue to develop, implement, and enforce airport protection zoning regulations as required by Chapter 333, Florida Statutes, Airport Zoning.

## OBJECTIVE IC4 – Coordinate Broward County’s Comprehensive Plan with Public School Facility Planning

Broward County shall continue to coordinate the Broward County Comprehensive Plan with the School Board of Broward County, Florida’s *Five-Year District Educational Facilities Plan*.

**POLICY IC4.1** Broward County will continue to coordinate with the School Board of Broward County and other units of local government pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, Broward County, Florida and any amendments thereto.

**POLICY IC4.2** Broward County will utilize the Public Schools Staff Working Group and the School Oversight Committee to collaborate with the School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward County municipalities to plan and make decisions pertaining to:

1. Population projections
2. Public school siting
3. Location and extension of public school facilities subject to concurrency
4. Siting facilities with Countywide significance, including locally unwanted land uses whose nature and identity are established in the *Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, Broward County, Florida*

## OBJECTIVE IC5 – Ensure Adequate Water Supply and Maintain Nature Systems

Broward County shall continue to coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the plans of other local and regional agencies to ensure adequate water supply and maintenance of natural systems.

**POLICY IC5.1** Broward County shall coordinate its Potable Water Element with the South Florida Water Management District’s Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.

**POLICY IC5.2** Broward County shall coordinate its Conservation Element with the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.



**The Broward Water Partnership (BWP)** is a partnership of local governments including 18 municipalities and water utilities who have come together to help save water, save money, and protect the environment



## OBJECTIVE IC6 – Administer a Comprehensive Planning Program for the Broward Municipal Services District and Water Conservation Areas

Broward County shall continue to administer a comprehensive planning program for the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) and Water Conservation Areas (WCAs).

**POLICY IC6.1** Broward County shall continue to ensure its BMSD Future Land Use Element is consistent with the Broward County Land Use Plan through periodic updates and compliance with the Broward County Planning Council’s recertification and annual reporting processes.

**POLICY IC6.2** The Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department shall serve as the Local Planning Agency for the Broward Municipal Services District (neighborhoods, enclaves, regional facilities, and the WCAs).

## OBJECTIVE IC7 – Ensure Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts

Broward County shall ensure that potential impacts from climate changes, including impacts resulting from intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise, adaptation to climate change impacts, especially sea level rise, is are considered as part of during the planning, siting, construction, replacement, and maintenance of public infrastructure.

**POLICY IC7.1** Broward County shall coordinate with local, regional, State, and federal government agencies to ensure that climate change impacts, especially impacts resulting from intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise, are considered during public infrastructure planning processes.

**POLICY IC7.2** Broward County shall provide technical support for municipalities that seek to develop policies that mitigate or minimize climate change impacts, including:

1. Coastal and intensifying inland flooding;
2. Salt water intrusion; and
3. Other related impacts of climate change, including intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise.

**POLICY IC7.3** Broward County shall coordinate with municipalities to designate Adaptation Action Areas, pursuant to Florida Statutes, for the purposes of:

1. Planning for climate change, including intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise;
2. Designating areas vulnerable to intensifying floods and sea level rise, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Areas below, at, or near mean high water;
  - b. Areas which have a hydrological connection to coastal waters; and
  - c. Areas designated as evacuation zones for storm surge; and
3. Prioritizing funding for infrastructure needs and adaptation planning.

**POLICY IC7.4** Broward County shall collaborate with federal, State, regional, and local entities to:

1. Seek federal government technical and financial assistance to plan, develop, and implement projects and strategies that assess and mitigate impacts expected from climate change, including intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise;
2. Coordinate and advance strategies, programs, and other initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and
3. Encourage local governments to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) program as it relates to flood plain management and assist those who participate to maintain and/or improve their ratings, as applicable.

**POLICY IC7.5** Broward County shall continue to create collaborative intergovernmental practices and mechanisms in order to coordinate and advance strategies, programs, and other sustainable initiatives throughout the County and region, that mitigate GHG emissions and protect and adapt the built and natural environments to the consequences of climate change, including intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise.

**POLICY IC7.6** Broward County shall coordinate regionally with other Southeast Florida counties, academia, and State and federal government agencies in the analysis of climate change impacts, including intensifying sea level rise, drainage flood, and hurricane impacts, and the planning of adaptation measures.

**POLICY IC7.7** Broward County shall continue to collaborate with municipalities, neighboring counties, and regional and state agencies, as well as private entities to create, develop, and implement a suite of planning tools for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including adaptation to intensifying floods, hurricanes, and sea level rise.

**POLICY IC7.8** Broward County shall continue to collaborate with and support local and regional planning entities to ensure that plans, such as local municipal comprehensive plans, regional strategic plans, post-disaster mitigation plans, water management plans, and transportation plans are updated to provide for a sustainable environment and reflect the best available data and strategies for adapting to future climate change impacts, including intensifying sea level rise, flood and hurricane impacts.

**POLICY IC7.9** Broward County shall continue to actively participate in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, ~~working with our neighboring counties to make our region more~~ further climate change resilience, by sharing technical expertise, assessing regional vulnerabilities, advancing agreed upon mitigation and adaptation strategies, and developing joint regional, State and federal legislative policies and programs.

**POLICY IC7.10** Broward County shall seek to ~~engage~~ the support of federal agencies, such as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that can provide technological and logistical support to further State, regional, County, and local planning efforts in the assessment of climate change vulnerabilities (including intensifying sea level rise, flood, and hurricane impacts) and adaptation strategies.

## OBJECTIVE IC8 – Coordinate the Establishment, Maintenance, and Implementation of Capacity and Quality Level of Service Standards

Broward County shall continue to coordinate the establishment, maintenance, and implementation of capacity and quality level of service standards.



The Broward Legislative Delegation Office coordinates local activities, workshops, hearings, and meetings between Delegation members, the municipalities, the public, and Broward County.

The Legislative Delegation is also responsible for monitoring the appropriations process, securing State Revenues and other allocated funds for programs, organizations, and government agencies in Broward County.

**POLICY IC8.1** Broward County will participate in the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and its Technical Coordinating Committee to coordinate transportation level of service standards.

**POLICY IC8.2** Broward County will coordinate with local governments and contracted solid waste removal and disposal providers to ensure a safe, efficient, and comprehensive waste management system.

**POLICY IC8.3** Broward County will utilize the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to review road construction projects and provide recommendations on the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in support of the regional transportation network.

**POLICY IC8.4** Broward County will participate in the Water Advisory Board, including its Technical Advisory Committee and Surface Water Coordinating Committee, to coordinate potable water, wastewater, and water management level of service standards.

**POLICY IC8.5** Broward County will coordinate with local governments through the League of Cities and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to ensure the regional parks level of service standard is being met.

**POLICY IC8.6** Broward County will ensure the local parks level of service is being met, including the execution of interlocal agreements wherein the County retains credit for local parks to comply with its local parks level-of-service standard.

**POLICY IC8.7** Broward County shall collaborate with community partners and stakeholders, such as the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), to provide appropriate facilities, services, and infrastructure for the County's aging population.

**POLICY IC8.8** Broward County shall implement policies that ensure equity is applied in planning and delivering public services and programs for all elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

**POLICY IC8.9** Broward shall consider a resolution that directs the development of an equity policy to be applied in the planning and delivery of public services. An equitable County is a county where all residents –regardless of race/ethnicity, nativity, age, gender, income, sexual orientation, neighborhood of residence or other characteristics can:

Feel safe and engaged in their community,

1. Participate in the County's economy,
2. Afford educational and career development opportunities,
3. Contribute to its readiness for the future, and
4. Connect to its services, programs and resources as described on the Comprehensive Plan Elements.

**Policy IC8.10** Broward County shall ensure the quality of its buildings and structures by employing, to the maximum extent feasible, the Broward County Building Code Services Division staff or County contractors to perform plan review and inspection services for County-owned buildings or structures Countywide, pursuant to the Florida Building Code and Section 553.791, Florida Statutes.

## **OBJECTIVE IC9 – Develop Strategies to Support the Growth and Development of Commercial Enterprises**

Broward County shall develop a comprehensive strategy to assist aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners in successful development of their business. A comprehensive approach will include support of aspiring and existing businesses and capacity building of economic development and community support organizations.

### Florida Urban Jobs Tax Credit Program

Portions of the BMSD are part of the State-designated [Fort Lauderdale Urban Jobs Tax Credit Program](#). The Urban Job Tax Credit Program in was adopted by the State in 1997 to encourage the creation of jobs in urban areas of Florida (section 212.097, Florida Statutes). The Program provides tax credits to eligible businesses that hire a specific number of employees. The credit ranges from \$500 to \$2,000 per qualified job and can be taken against either the Florida Corporate Income Tax or the Florida Sales and Use Tax, but not both.

### Small Business Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Program

Portions of the BMSD are also part of the Small Business Administration [Historically Underutilized Business \(HUB\) Zone](#) area. The HUBZone Program provides federal contracting opportunities for qualified small businesses located in distressed areas. Access to the program helps empower communities, create jobs, and attract private investment. HUBZone-certified businesses are eligible to compete for the program's set-aside contracts. They may also qualify for a 10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions.

**POLICY IC9.1** Broward County shall employ a strategy to assist aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners that shall include:

1. Formal training and one-on-one entrepreneur counseling programs; and
2. Support, assessment and capacity building of community-based business organizations.

## OBJECTIVE IC10 – Coordinate Population Estimates and Projections

Broward County shall continue to coordinate with the County's municipalities and relevant state and regional agencies when preparing population projections.

**POLICY IC10.1** Broward County shall continue to use the Broward County Population Forecast and Allocation Model to develop population estimates and projections.

**POLICY IC10.2** Broward County shall provide annual population estimates for Broward County, its municipalities, and the Broward Municipal Services District, from sources such as the United States Census Bureau and the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.