

PORTS, AVIATION, AND RELATED FACILITIES SUB-ELEMENT**GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

GOAL 1C: The aviation goal is to support the development of general aviation facilities, both public and private, to better serve the needs of the citizens of Marion County and surrounding areas.

OBJECTIVE 1C.10: Physical improvements to public airports shall be planned and accomplished subject to availability of state, federal and local funding.

Policy 1C 10.1: The Dunnellon Airport Master Plan shall be the primary planning document for development of Dunnellon/Marion County Airport.

Policy 1C 10.2: The Dunnellon Airport Management and Operations Plan shall be the primary document for management and operational matters relative to Dunnellon/Marion County Airport.

Policy 1C 10.3: All airport development shall be in accordance with federal, state, and local directives.

Policy 1C 10.4: Scheduled capital improvements shall be reviewed by the Marion County Commission on an annual basis. Timing of improvements shall be dependent on availability of state, federal and local funding.

OBJECTIVE 1C.11: The County shall develop a regulatory framework for land uses for areas surrounding the public airports and Military Installations consistent with the Future Land Use Element.

Policy 1C.11.1: The County shall review existing ordinances pertaining to the Dunnellon/Marion County Airport.

Policy 1C.11.2: The County shall adopt an Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance, which shall contain regulations for the type and intensities of uses, height of structures and other criteria necessary to ensure maintenance of the airport clear zone. The ordinance shall also contain Code for the type and intensities of uses to reflect compatible uses within the noise contours. The ordinance shall consider impacts to natural resources in the overlay zone.

Policy 1C.11.3: This Plan shall provide for comments to the Marion County Zoning Commission from appropriate entities on proposed zoning and land use changes within the Airport Overlay Zone.

Policy 1C.11.4: The County shall review development requests for the type and intensity of use, height of structures and other criteria necessary to insure the current and long-term viability of military installations, as listed in OPNAVINST 3550, 1 series.

Policy 1C.11.5: The Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and the Land Development Regulation Commission shall include, as ex-officio members, appropriate local Department of Defense or U.S. Navy representatives to advise them regarding land use issues with the potential to impact military facilities and operations.

OBJECTIVE 1C.12: The County shall implement siting Code for new airport facilities, as airport facility is defined in 9J-5.003(3) through 9J-5.003(5). Improvements to existing airports and new sitings shall be consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Future Land Use, Conservation, and Transportation Elements of this Plan.

Policy 1C.12.1: The Land Development Code shall establish criteria for siting new airport facilities, as airport facility is defined in 9J-5.003(3) to 9J-5.006, consistent with Chapter 330, Florida Statutes. These criteria shall, at a minimum, address the following:

- a) Minimum size must be acceptable by the Florida Department of Transportation to receive a permit.
- b) There must be, at a minimum, direct access to a collector facility.
- c) Site must not be located in Environmentally Sensitive Overlay Zone.
- d) Buffers to ensure compatibility between adjacent land uses.

Policy 1C.12.2: The Land Development Code shall generally limit the siting of airport facilities, as airport facility is defined in 9J-5.003(3), to low density, rural areas.

Policy 1C.12.3: The Land Development Code shall establish regulation of airports by Special Use Permit or special zoning category to allow placement of appropriate conditions to safeguard public health, welfare and safety.

Policy 1C.12.4: Airport improvements and expansion shall be designed to minimize adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate guidelines must be followed when improving or expanding an airport including, but not limited to, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the appropriate Water Management District.

Policy 1C.12.5: Improvements or expansion or airport facilities shall be coordinated with the necessary expansion or improvements to the traffic system to support the facility.

OBJECTIVE 1C.13: The County shall regulate tall structures that affect the safety of the flying public and the current and long-term viability of military installations.

Policy 1C.13.1: All new tall towers (those greater than 500' in height) shall be grouped in antenna farms located around existing tall towers to limit the hazard to both VFR and IFR flight. Creation of new antenna farms shall not be permitted without compelling data and analysis proving that a hazard shall not be created.

Policy 1C.13.2: The Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance for public use airports shall not permit structures that penetrate clear zones or increase instrument approach minimums.

Policy 1C.13.3: Land use shall be restricted adjacent to private use airports that would inhibit the safe operation of the airport.

OBJECTIVE 1C.14: Operations and expansions of the Dunnellon/Marion County Airport shall be coordinated with all appropriate Federal, State, Regional, and local agencies, including but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Policy 1C.14.1: The County shall not begin construction of improvements until all permits and leases have been obtained from appropriate agencies.

Policy 1C.14.2: The County shall submit all airport plans and the proposed operating budget to appropriate funding agencies for approval and possible inclusion in their operating budget.

Policy 1C.14.3: The County Commission shall meet with the County's legislative and congressional delegations to solicit the delegations' support for State and Federal funding.

Policy 1C.14.4: Airport facilities shall be operated in conformance with all applicable State and Federal Code.

Policy 1C.14.5: The County shall coordinate with applicable Federal and State agencies to ensure that the airport shall continue to be a part of the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process.

Policy 1C.14.6: Facility and expansion costs necessary to implement the aviation plan shall be included in the County's Capital Improvement Plan and the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan.