

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL

To establish processes which respond to the needs for coordination among City, local, regional, state and federal governments and private entities resulting from the implementation of Dunnellon's comprehensive plan and any incompatible goals, objectives and policies proposed in other local, regional or state plans.

SERVICE AGREEMENTS

OBJECTIVE 1:

Analysis shows that service agreements currently exist for electrical utilities, telephone service, and cable television service. In order to ensure that these services continue to be provided, the agreements which currently exist shall be maintained, providing that adequate service has been provided for the period of the agreement.

Policy 1-1: Maintain the existing service agreement for electric power delivery between the City of Dunnellon and Florida Power Corporation.

Policy 1-2: The existing 30 year franchise agreement between Dunnellon and Southern Bell shall be maintained.

HOUSING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 2:

Analysis indicates that Dunnellon relies on the private sector for delivery of housing. In order to ensure adequate provision of housing, and prohibit blight, existing mechanisms shall be maintained between the City and the private sector throughout the planning time frame.

Policy 2-1: The City shall provide information, through public notice or verbal communication, to the private sector for the purpose of providing information on special housing needs within Dunnellon, including substandard housing in need of rehabilitation.

Policy 2-2: The City shall continue coordination with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Community Affairs, Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Marion County and the private sector for assistance in applying and implementing housing development and rehabilitation programs, such as the CDBG program.

Policy 2-3: The City shall act on the recommendations in the Historical Preservation Plan regarding provision of information on historic resources and their preservation, such as a plaque program, tours, maps, etc. by 1993.

OBJECTIVE 3:

The City has established policies towards increasing preservation and conservation of the historical structures in the City. In order to continue preservation measures for these structures, methods of intergovernmental coordination shall be established in an Historic Preservation Ordinance to be adopted by May 1, 1992.

Policy 3-1: The City shall coordinate with the State Division of Historic Resources, and the US Department of Interior to obtain technical assistance during development of a historic preservation ordinance, or other projects, as needed.

Policy 3-2: The City shall solicit assistance from the historical society and others in developing public displays, educational programs to increase public awareness of historic preservation, and advise private property owners of the advantages of nominating properties to the National Register.

Policy 3-3: The City shall provide information to interested citizens, such as the local historic society, to aid in increasing public awareness of preservation needs and opportunities through the City newsletter.

INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 4:

Establish communication mechanisms between the City and Marion County in order to coordinate the provision of adopted levels of service for shared facilities by 1993. Coordination issues will include provision of solid waste disposal, and water services to Chatmire.

Policy 4-1: The City shall maintain the existing interlocal agreement with Marion County to ensure adequate future capacity in the County landfill to the City.

Policy 4-2: Dunnellon and Marion County shall develop procedures which update facility demand and capacity to ensure water, solid waste and sewer service capacity are available to serve proposed development.

Policy 4-3: City Council shall meet at least once annually with Marion County Commissioners to ensure appropriate coordination, land use compatibility and protection of natural resources for any proposals for annexation or expansion of City services outside City boundaries.

Policy 4-4: Upon initiation of water protection and conservation programs, the City shall request technical assistance, as needed to implement the programs, from the Water Management District. The City shall maintain communication with the District regarding new information which may become available regarding prime aquifer recharge in the Dunnellon area. The City shall provide information to residents regarding water shortages, through the newsletter, garbage billing, and/or public notice.

Policy 4-5: The City shall request copies of the Southwest Florida Water Management District pamphlets or preferred and low-water demanding plant species, and display them at the Building Department in order to provide private property owners and developers with information on appropriate landscape materials.

Policy 4-6: The City shall continue to provide potable water to the Chatmire area, not to exceed a maximum agreed upon quantity in gallons per day.

Policy 4-7: The City shall establish a coordination mechanism, perhaps through the Rainbow River Advisory Committee or City utility committee by June 1992, to assist Marion County in the implementation of the Rainbow River Taxing District or establish a district that would include the City.

Policy 4-8: The City shall notify Marion County in writing of problems associated with roads and drainage structures within the City that are maintained by the County. Through continued intergovernmental communication, the City shall approach the County to cooperate in the establishment of a program to correct problems.

Policy 4-9: The City shall continue the existing interlocal agreements with the Cross Florida Barge Canal Authority for the use of lands for recreation and wastewater disposal.

Policy 4-10: The methods for coordination with the above mentioned entities will be reviewed during the next plan update, to determine effectiveness and establish alternatives, if necessary.

Policy 4-11: The City shall continue to utilize the Utility Advisory Board to provide recommendations regarding water and sewer service.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 5:

The City shall develop coordination mechanisms with other local governments and FDOT by 1992, to ensure that the level of service on shared roadways does not exceed the adopted level of service and to ensure coordination of planned improvements.

Policy 5-1: The City shall rely on written communication to Marion County, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and Florida Department of Transportation to ensure proposed traffic improvements are consistent with the plans of those entities, and request that those entities also reciprocate with information regarding any proposed improvements proposed by those entities.

Policy 5-2: By December 1991, the City shall send a letter to the Ocala MPO to requesting that the backlogged facility become an MPO priority in its six-year Traffic Improvement Program. A copy of this letter shall be sent to FDOT to notify the Department of the City's desire for FDOT to modify its five-year work program to include upgrading the facility.

Policy 5-3: Upon adoption of this plan, the City shall send a letter to Marion County, FDOT and Citrus County to notify them of this limitation on the facility, and ensure that all DRIs and other development approved that impact this facility meet the backlogged standard. The letter shall seek an interlocal agreement with Marion County, the WRPC and Citrus County to ensure that Dunnellon's concerns are addressed prior to approval of any DRI or other large development that impacts facilities within the City.

Policy 5-4: The City shall, through ongoing verbal and written communication, coordinate with the Florida Turnpike Authority in order to inform them of the City's concerns, and monitor the effects future roadways will have upon the City.

Policy 5-5: The City shall notify FDOT in writing of problems associated with roads and drainage structures that are maintained by FDOT as noted in the Drainage Element. Through continued communication, the City shall approach FDOT to establish a program to correct problems and deficiencies as they arise.

Policy 5-6: The City shall, through verbal or written communication, establish a liaison between Citrus and Marion Counties and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council for purposes of coordinating future transportation needs; ensuring that future development in the County does not result in a lowering in the level of service of the roadways within the City; and provide a means to ensure development outside the City which impacts City roadways will pay a proportionate share of the improvements needed as a result of that development.

Policy 5-7: The City shall establish a liaison between the City Council, Marion County and FDOT to ensure that impacts of future expansion of the Dunnellon Airport are coordinated with the City's Future Land Use and Traffic Circulation Element.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

OBJECTIVE 6:

In order to meet the future recreation needs of the City, coordination mechanisms shall be established by 1992 between the City and County recreation committees in order to determine the feasibility of improving existing and establishing new recreational facilities.

Policy 6-1: The City shall coordinate with the Dunnellon recreation committee and City/County task force to increase recreational opportunities, and provide a forum for citizens to discuss recreational needs.

Policy 6-2: The City shall provide the US Coast Guard, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Florida Fresh Water Fish Commission, Florida Marine Patrol and US Army Corps of Engineers with written copies of any changes made regarding City regulations on the rivers.

Policy 6-3: The City shall request that the Rainbow River Advisory Committee provide a means for coordinating with diving operators to establish a public education program for diving in the rivers.

CONSERVATION

OBJECTIVE 7:

The City shall develop appropriate coordination mechanisms by 1992 to protect its lakes, wetlands, endangered species, soils, vegetative communities and other environmentally sensitive areas by obtaining technical assistance where needed, cooperating in

resource management programs, and increasing public awareness of the need for lake protection and other conservation issues.

Policy 7-1: The City shall maintain communication with the Southwest Florida Water Management District regarding the SWIM program for the Rainbow River.

Policy 7-2: The City shall communicate with the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Agriculture to request technical assistance, as needed, during development of regulations for the protection of endangered, threatened or species of special concern, and during site plan review procedures involving development in habitat areas.

Policy 7-3: The City shall communicate with the Department of Environmental Regulation if technical assistance is needed in the development of methods for erosion control.

Policy 7-4: Dunnellon shall establish communications with the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER), Bureau of Air Quality Management, if air quality problems are encountered within the City.

Policy 7-5: The City shall utilize the Rainbow River Advisory Committee to address issues of concern on the river.

Policy 7-6: The City shall request assistance from the Rainbow River Advisory Committee to establish a means for coordination with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in management and protection issues concerning wildlife species, and other river issues.

Policy 7-7: The City shall establish communication with the Department of Natural Resources for assistance in the management of the Rainbow Springs Aquatic Preserve through the Rainbow River Advisory Committee.

Policy 7-8: The City shall establish communication with the Southwest Florida Water Management District concerning coordination of the district's Surface Water Improvement and Management Program for the Rainbow River.

Policy 7-9: The City will designate a person from the planning commission, City Council or Rainbow River Advisory Committee to coordinate implementation of the Rainbow River Management Plan with Marion County, including coordination with the Department of Natural Resources CARL program.

OBJECTIVE 8:

Dunnellon shall develop a procedure by the statutory deadline for adoption of the land development regulations, to ensure that proper stormwater, surface water management and wetland permits have been obtained prior to issuance of development orders.

Policy 8-1: The City shall develop a checklist as part of the site plan review process which addresses the need for a Southwest Florida Water Management District Permit. The District may be requested to provide assistance to the City in regards to the permitting requirements.

Policy 8-2: The City shall develop a checklist as part of the site plan review process which addresses the need for permits of the various agencies related to wetlands and lakes. The Department of Environmental Regulation, US Army Corps of Engineers, Southwest Florida Water Management District and Department of Natural Resources may be contacted to provide assistance to the City in regards to their permitting requirements.

LAND USE ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 9:

The City shall initiate by 1992 a series of meetings for the purpose of establishing joint policies coordinating annexation issues, future land uses, school expansion, preventing urban sprawl outside City boundaries and potential conflict between local governments on issues regarding the future use of land.

Policy 9-1: The City shall continue existing coordination mechanisms with the Marion County School Board to ensure provision of land and infrastructure for future school expansion or new construction.

Policy 9-2: The City and Marion County shall meet jointly for discussion of issues such as annexation, preventing urban sprawl, comprehensive plan coordination and compatibility of land uses at the city-county border. Prevention of urban sprawl shall be coordinated with the County through implementation of policies in the Infrastructure Element, which require central sewer and water for all new development, except agricultural use.

Policy 9-3: The City shall enter into an informal agreement whereby the County will notify the City of proposed land development activity adjacent to City limits, which is undergoing development review by the County.

Policy 9-4: The City shall provide current information on amendments to its adopted Future Land Use Map to the County, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and other local municipalities to aid those local governments in review of proposed developments for potential incompatibilities with the City's plan. Dunnellon should request that those local governments reciprocate by providing similar information to the City.

Policy 9-5: When conflict between the City and adjacent jurisdictions cannot be resolved through normal negotiations, the City will employ the assistance of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council informal mediation process.

Policy 9-6: The City shall communicate with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council during any proposed Development of Regional Impact which may impact the City.

OBJECTIVE 10:

The City shall ensure that the plans of Dunnellon remain consistent with the resource management plans of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, regional planning councils and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through coordination procedures implemented by 1992.

Policy 10-1: The City will maintain informal communication with Department of Natural Resources, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, regional planning councils and Southwest Florida Water Management District in order to remain informed of any resource management plans which may be initiated by those agencies.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 11:

Establish coordinating mechanisms by the adoption of a FY 1993 budget for notification of concerned citizens and all other interested parties of proposed improvements to the infrastructure or services in the community.

Policy 11-1: The City will notify the public regarding the availability of documents used when decisions regarding capital facilities are discussed.

Policy 11-2: The City will coordinate with the County to allow for joint actions on projects which affect Dunnellon.