



INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

**CITY OF PALATKA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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Summary

Efficiency in government can be described as the relationship between the provision of goods and services and the application of basic resources labor, capital goods, and natural resources. This element deals with maintaining and improving governmental efficiency, where necessary, by increasing productivity while holding costs down. Another challenge is to eliminate needless duplication of activities while promoting more cooperation among governmental entities for mutual interests.

As the Putnam County seat and one of five incorporated municipalities in Putnam County, Palatka participates in and maintains several coordinating mechanisms with those other local governments and regional and State agencies. The City has a 154-year history (chartered in 1853) of intergovernmental coordination for effective planning and providing quality services required by the City's citizens.

Each of the previous elements of this Comprehensive Plan has cited planning impacts and interrelationships which imply a need for effective coordination throughout the planning period. This element incorporates all of the Goals, Objectives, and Policies in the other elements of this Comprehensive Plan that recommend continued, expanded, and new interlocal agreements and coordination mechanisms that the City should be implementing.

A continuous review and comprehensive analysis of all formal and informal interlocal agreements conducted by Palatka will better ensure economical and efficient provision of services and facilities for Palatka's citizens.

Introduction

It is the purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element to identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, policies and development proposed in local government comprehensive plans and to determine and respond to the needs for coordination processes and procedures with adjacent local governments, and regional and State agencies. Intergovernmental coordination is to be utilized to the extent required to carry out the provisions of this Element.

The Element is to inventory all interlocal agreements with adjacent governments, school boards, other units of local government, water management district(s), regional planning agencies and State agencies, authorities, regional agencies and utility companies and describe and evaluate any existing coordinating mechanisms.

Existing Conditions

The City of Palatka is located in the eastern part of Putnam County on the west bank of the St. Johns River. The City, with a 2005 population of approximately 11,154, can be characterized as urban and is the county seat. There are no municipalities with adjacent common boundaries. The City of Palatka has an elected Mayor and a City Manager / Commission form of government.

The following is an inventory of all the school boards, other units of local government, water management district(s), regional planning agencies and State agencies, authorities, regional agencies and utility companies which provide services to and within the City of Palatka:

1. The school board serving Palatka is the Putnam County School Board.
2. Palatka is located in the St. Johns River Water Management District.
3. The regional planning agency for Palatka is the Northeast Florida Regional Council.
4. Palatka coordinates with the following State agencies: Department of Community Affairs, Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Labor and Employment Security, Executive Office of the Governor, Department of Transportation, Division of Historical Resources, Department of Education, Department of Revenue and Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Corrections, and the Florida National Guard.
5. The authorities in Palatka are the Palatka Housing Authority, Palatka Gas Authority, and Community Redevelopment Authority. (Putnam County has an Economic Development Authority.)
6. The utility companies in Palatka are Florida Power and Light and the Clay Electric Cooperative.

The following is a brief description of the existing coordination mechanisms for each entity listed above indicating the subject, the nature of the relationship, and the office with primary responsibility for coordination. Each identified office with coordinating responsibility is answerable to the City Commission or the City Manager in accordance with written or unwritten interlocal or interagency agreements. The City Manager and City Commission are aware of various occasional bureaucratic overlapping or lapses in cooperative actions and strive to improve all inadequacies as on-going functions of their offices.

1. Putnam County agrees to provide maintenance to the thoroughfares in the City of Palatka as follows: all of Edgemoor, all of Jr. College Road, St. Johns Avenue west from 19th Street, Husson Avenue south from Crill Avenue, North 19th Street to North of Madison Street, and all of River Street. The City shall maintain all other roads within the City limits.
2. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into an interlocal agreement to establish the Putnam County Solid Waste Collection District. There is a special assessment fee for service. The City and county have entered into a written agreement whereby the City agrees to treat, at their wastewater treatment plant, leachate from the Central Sanitary Landfill. Putnam County adopted an ordinance imposing a six cent local option gas tax upon every gallon of motor fuel and special fuel sold in Putnam County and taxed under the provisions of Chapter 206, Florida Statutes. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office; coordination is effective.
3. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into a written interlocal agreement for the purpose of providing for the division and distribution of the proceeds of the local option gas tax by the county pursuant to Chapter 83-3, Laws of Florida, as amended. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's office; coordination is effective. The City of Palatka receives 19.35% of the shared revenues from the local option fuel tax.
4. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into an interlocal agreement for the county and the City to provide emergency ambulance service for the Citizens of Putnam County and the citizens of Palatka. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office. Coordination is effective.
5. The following governmental agencies entered into an agreement as authorized by Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes: the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, the Putnam County School Board, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, the Putnam County Port Authority, the Putnam County Nursing Home Authority, Supervisor of Elections, the City of Pomona Park, the Putnam County Tax Collector, the Putnam County Property Appraiser, and the City of Palatka. These agencies shall combine their efforts toward centralization of purchasing. The management and terms of this agreement shall be under the direction of the purchasing agent of the Putnam County School Board. Coordination is effective.
6. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into an interlocal agreement to achieve the removal of all sewage effluent discharges to the St. Johns River. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office. Cooperation has been effective.
7. Putnam County, Crescent City, and the City of Palatka entered into a written interlocal agreement which states that Crescent City and Palatka would receive \$5,000 each per year as their share of the proceeds from the leasing of two nursing homes. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office. Coordination is effective and regular.
8. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into a written interlocal agreement whereby

Putnam County assumes control and operation of the Putnam County Library System in its entirety. The City ceased the annual contribution to the library system and the county ceased annual transfers of road and bridge funds to the City. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office. City/county coordination is effective.

9. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into a written interlocal agreement with Alachua County and St. Johns County concerning reciprocal borrowing of library materials. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the Putnam County Administrator's Office. Ongoing cooperation is effective.
10. Putnam County and the City of Palatka entered into a written interlocal agreement to establish the Solid Waste Collection District within the city limits of Palatka. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office. cooperation is effective.
11. The City of Palatka and the Palatka Housing Authority entered into a written interlocal agreement for the Authority to administer Section 8 low and moderate income housing in the City. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's office. City coordination with the Authority is effective. The City has entered into an agreement with the Palatka Housing Authority to provide additional policing within their housing communities.
12. The City, Putnam County and the Florida Department of Corrections have entered into a joint agreement for the utilization of work-release / inmate work program inmates.
13. Any decision by the Putnam County School Board to locate another school facility within the City of Palatka would require the School Board to coordinate with the City of Palatka's Planning and Zoning Commission regarding applicable zoning regulations, building permits, and other required permits. City Commission and School Board coordination is regular and effective.
14. The St. Johns River Water Management District issues permits for the consumptive use of water, well construction, surface water management, and stormwater drainage systems. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the Palatka Building Inspector. Coordination is effective.
15. The Northeast Florida Regional Council reviews local government comprehensive plans for consistency with both the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan and other local government plans; conflicts are noted, if any occur, and local governments are so advised. The Palatka City Commission has the primary responsibility for coordinating with the Regional Council. Coordination is continuous and effective.
16. The Division of Resource Planning and Management of the Department of Community Affairs reviews all comprehensive plans for consistency with the State Comprehensive Plan and functional agencies of the State government. DCA has a contract with Putnam County to provide funds for the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The Division of Housing and Community Development of the Department of Community Affairs also provides technical assistance to local governments through the Bureau of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program, and Operations and Assistance Section. Coordination is regular and effective.

17. The Department of Children and Family Services coordinates with the City of Palatka through the Putnam County Health Department which issues septic tank permits. If a septic tank is going to be the method used for waste water disposal, a septic tank permit has to be issued before a building permit can be issued. The Palatka Building Official has primary responsibility for coordination. Coordination is effective.
18. Florida Power and Light and Clay Electric Cooperative have a franchise agreement with the City of Palatka. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's Office and coordination is effective.
19. Comcast has a franchise agreement with the City. City Manager and City Commission maintain effective coordination with the cable franchise.
20. The City maintains regular coordination with the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources on matters relating to the City's two National Register Districts, and for all instances where sites or structures are added to the Florida Master Site File. The office with primary responsibility for coordination is the City Manager's office and coordination is effective.
21. An interlocal agreement established between the City and Putnam County relates to the Barge Port located on the St. Johns River north of the City. A potential utilization of this excess capacity is the City's extending its water / mains to service the Port. The project is being proposed to the City with an understanding that the Barge Port will remain under Putnam County's jurisdiction in accordance with the interlocal agreement.
22. The City and Putnam County have entered into an agreement to create a City / county Community Development Board, which is responsible for administering Community Development Block Grant monies.
23. The City has entered into an agreement identifying the Main Street Agency as the lead organization for implementing the National Main Street approach to downtown revitalization. The agreement also contains mandates for the hiring of a Main Street Manager who will also be responsible for acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency Director for the City of Palatka.
24. There are several Memorandum of Understandings / Agreements (MOU or MOA) pertaining to economic development that the City has entered into, including: a MOU between the City and Putnam County creating the City of Palatka and Putnam County as a Champion Community; an MOA between the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) and the City of Palatka documenting the terms and conditions for the recognition of Palatka as an area of Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; and a MOA between the City, Putnam County, Crescent City, and the Town of Interlachen establishing a collaborative effort to enhance economic development pursuant to Florida's Rural Enterprise Zone designation.
25. There is a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, whereby the City allows the parking of wing vehicles on City property for hurricane evacuation.

26. The City and Putnam County have entered into an interlocal agreement assigning control and operation of the following recreational programs and facilities: all softball programs; all baseball programs; all volleyball programs; all basketball programs; all football programs; all tennis programs; and all equipment association with these programs. In recognition of these new county responsibilities, the county no longer contributes to the City's recreation budget.
27. The City and the Putnam County Port Authority have entered into an interlocal agreement whereby the City agrees to sell water to the Port Authority for use in its central water system.
28. The City, Crescent City, Putnam County, the Town of Interlachen, Pomona Park, Welaka, and the School Board of Putnam County have entered into an interlocal agreement for coordinated Public School Facility Planning.
29. In August 1992 the City entered into an agreement with other municipalities to create the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust.
30. The City has entered into an agreement identifying the Palatka Housing Authority to represent the City for certain S.H.I.P. program activities. The NEFRC administers the S.H.I.P. program on behalf of Putnam County.
31. The City and Putnam County have entered into an agreement to centralize dispatching at the Putnam County Sheriff's facility.

Analysis of Need

This section analyzes the effectiveness of Palatka's existing interlocal and intergovernmental agreements and coordination mechanisms as detailed in the other elements of this Comprehensive Plan. Problems or needs are identified, and recommendations by which the City's intergovernmental coordination-could benefit are presented.

A. Future Land Use Element

Intergovernmental coordination policies in relationship to the Future Land Use Element focus on the development of principles, concepts, and guidelines that can be used in the accomplishment of coordination between the City of Palatka and the various local, county, regional, and State government entities. The primary purpose for coordination activity is to ensure that in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan policies, the possibility of impacts of the Plan on other governmental jurisdictions and agencies is fully considered.

The City should establish regular procedures to review and compare the City's Comprehensive Plan and development policies with those of Putnam County to ensure consistency. A close coordination with the county will enable the City to monitor growth and development along the City's borders and the two local governments can ensure that development is mutually compatible.

The Future Land Use Element's Policy A.1.1.6a and A.1.1.6b require the City to coordinate with Putnam County regarding land use issues that affect the safety of operations at Kay Larkin Airport. Also, Policy

A.1.10.2 requires that the City establish a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the county to arbitrate the siting of "Locally Undesirable Land Uses" (LULUs) within two miles of adjacent local government boundaries and implement procedures for reviewing such cases.

As cited in the Future Land Use and Housing Elements, the City contains two historical districts and several sites of historical note. The City should request the Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation to conduct an updated survey of the City to identify any additional significant historic or architectural sites in the City, ensure their inclusion on the Florida Master Site File, and request technical assistance in acquiring preservation funding for restoring and preserving such sites.

B. Traffic Circulation Element

Intergovernmental coordination is an important factor in planning for cost-efficient improvements to the traffic circulation system. Since both Putnam County and the Florida Department of Transportation have financial responsibility for maintaining the county and State roads, the City should review the transportation improvement plans and programs prepared by the county and FDOT.

The City's coordination with the State and county should include a review of existing standards addressing traffic flow within the Central Business District and, where necessary, coordinate the adoption of design criteria providing for parking, pedestrian traffic, bicycle use, and loading facilities and accesses which provide safety as well as convenience.

The City shall continue and improve on its coordination with FDOT and Putnam County Department of Public Works in the traffic counting system in order to annually monitor the level of service in the City. The Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Traffic Circulation Element recommend that the City pursue available federal, State, and local funding sources to supplement the Palatka budget for road construction and maintenance. To ensure effective application of available revenue, the City shall coordinate roadway improvements with Putnam County and FDOT.

Any development at Kay Larkin Airport shall be coordinated with the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP), and any such development shall be in accordance with the local Comprehensive Plan.

Although the City of Palatka is located outside jurisdictional limits of any Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Element recommends that intergovernmental coordination and resource planning pursuant to Chapter 380 in north Florida shall be accomplished through the continued cooperation and communication with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and other contiguous councils when and where appropriate.

C. Housing Element

The Housing Element to the City's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and shall be reviewed for compatibility with the Putnam County Comprehensive Plan. A City review of the Comprehensive Plans of the other county municipalities will also be a responsibility of the City.

The predominant housing issue in Palatka is the physical condition of some of the City's subsidized housing. The Palatka Housing Authority and the Northeast Florida Regional Council, which administers the State

Housing Initiatives Partnership (S.H.I.P.) on behalf of the county, have and continue to provide housing units and services.

With the federal role in housing programs continuing to lessen, the State and local governments must take on the responsibility of responding to the growing need for affordable housing. The Housing Element recommends that the City should form an affordable housing task force with the private sector and participate in a Regional Affordable Housing Task Force to promote, facilitate, develop, and finance the creation and maintenance of low and moderate housing units. Any federal, State, and local revenues should be pursued by the City, when they are available.

The City has an interlocal agreement with the Palatka Housing Authority for the latter to administer Section 8 low and moderate income housing in the City. The Housing Element recommends that the City support and assist the Authority in maintaining the condition and appearance of the assisted housing units in the City. With the federal role in housing programs lessening, the City is encouraged to pursue, when available, CDBG and other federal and State housing and infrastructure grants and target those revenues on renovating existing substandard units and improving infrastructure.

D. Public Facilities Element

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services are the regulatory authorities that monitor sanitary sewer facilities and the City maintains good coordination relations with them. A City ordinance regulates the use of publicly-owned wastewater facilities as well as private sewers and drains. The City's solid waste is handled by a county landfill and the City participates in a County Solid Waste Management Board which includes representation from all county municipalities. A major responsibility of this Board is the development of the county's recycling program to meet requirements of Senate Bill 1192.

City Ordinance 19-60(d) requires that all septic tank operations be converted to the central sanitary sewer system when a sewer line reaches within 250 feet of a parcel using a septic tank. As Policy D.1.1.1 states, septic tank systems shall not be constructed until an application form from the Department of Health (HRS 4016) is submitted to the City. The City will continue close coordination with HRS in the phasing out of septic tanks throughout the City.

The City coordinates closely with the St. Johns River Water Management District on issues relating to drainage and storm water management in the City. Permitting and related activities are also coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Department of Transportation also has a role in drainage and storm water management.

The Element mandates that the City ensure the provision of potable water, sanitary sewer, drainage, and solid waste collection facilities and services to meet the existing and projected demands of the City. Interlocal agreements and coordination mechanisms will remain vital in satisfying this major goal and the accompanying objectives and policies of the Public Facilities Element.

E. Conservation Element

The Lower St. Johns River Basin (LSJRB) is that portion of the St. Johns River that extends from the confluence of the St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers near Welaka, north to the mouth of the St. Johns River at Mayport in Jacksonville. Within the St. Johns River Water Management District, the LSJRB Management

Section of the Environmental Sciences Division is responsible for conducting the research projects and implementing management plans intended to protect, restore and properly manage the surface water resources of the basin. Collectively, these projects and activities comprise the LSJRB Management Program.

Although restoration and protection of the St. Johns River has been a major goal of the District since its inception in 1972, it was not until 1987 when the Florida Legislature, through the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act, recognized the Lower St. Johns River Basin as a priority area in need of surface water restoration and protection, that a program totally dedicated to this end was established by the District. The program, initiated in 1988, is guided by the LSJRB SWIM Plan, a document originally drafted in 1989 and revised every three years.

The LSJRB SWIM Plan describes the water and related resources of the basin and identifies the various water management issues facing resource managers within the basin. It also contains a description of the strategies for restoring and protecting the water body and of the research and feasibility studies which will be performed to determine new strategies to restore or protect the river. The plan addresses point and nonpoint sources of pollution, destruction of natural systems, the need for coordination of agency activities and the need for increased public awareness of the issues facing the St. Johns River.

This Element identifies a need to continue participation and promotion of the SWIM program. As SWIM monitoring and enforcement activities reach the Palatka area of the St. Johns River, the St. Johns River Water Management District and its delegated monitoring agencies will be coordinating more closely with the City, which is in a discharge area. Since much of the City's quality of life is dependent on the St. Johns River, the City needs to seek guidance from the District on how better to help meet the objectives established by the District for the River. In the interim, the City should query the SJRWMD to ascertain the status of the SWIM program as it pertains to that portion of the River at Palatka and the priority status of that area.

The City shall continue coordination with the St. Johns River Water Management District for management of groundwater quality and supply. The City is also encouraged to cooperate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the county in developing a manatee protection management plan which would include such issues as marina locational criteria, educational displays, manatee warning signs, and designated no wake zones where needed.

F. Recreation and Open Space Element

Within the Palatka City limits are the Ravine Gardens State Park and a County Sports Complex requiring close coordination with State DEP and Putnam County. The Recreation and Open Space Element describes some expressed desires on the part of the City for specific recreation facilities that are not required to meet the level of service to be adopted in the Plan. These, a swimming pool and riverfront park facilities, will require Application for recreation grant and/or CDBG grant revenues.

The element's objectives and policies require the City to work with local civic groups in sponsoring recreational activities for the City's youth and elderly citizens. The City also needs to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce, other service organizations and private businessmen to assist the private sector in meeting recreational / open space needs of City residents.

G. Comprehensive Plan Recommendations

The recommendations in this Intergovernmental Coordination Element repeat the Goals, Objectives, and Policies contained in all of the other elements that relate to interlocal agreements or coordination mechanisms with other government entities, regulatory agencies, authorities, and private service or facility providers. An overall goal and accompanying objectives and policies recommend that the City continue and expand coordination with Putnam County in order to ensure the compatibility of development activities and to facilitate services needed to accommodate the City's growth.

The City is encouraged to appoint a special intergovernmental coordination committee to review all interlocal agreements, including all those identified in the inventory section of this Element, to ensure that they are adequately responsive to the City's needs, to eliminate duplication of efforts and resources, and to evaluate for cost effectiveness.

H. Strategic Regional Policy Plan

The Elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan were developed to ensure that growth, development and proposed land use be consistent and further the policies of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.



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Goals, Objectives and Policies**

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

Goal G.1 9J-5.015(3)(a)

The City shall improve coordination with Putnam County and with local, regional, State, and federal agencies in order to improve development activities and to facilitate the services needed to accommodate the needs of the City's existing and future growth.

Objective G.1.1 9305.015(3)(b)1

At the time of Plan implementation, the City shall review the comprehensive or development plans of Putnam County, the Putnam County School Board, and other entities providing services to the City to ensure interlocal consistency.

Policy G.1.1.1 9J-5.015(3)(c)1

As part of the Comprehensive Plan process, the City continues to compare the City's Comprehensive Plan with the county's Comprehensive Plan and other development plans of authorities and agencies with which the City shares interlocal agreements.

Policy G.1.1.2

The City will work with the Department of Transportation to ensure that amendments to the Future Land Use Map series are consistent with the FIHS criteria established by FDOT.

Policy G.1.1.3 9J-5.015(3)(c)3

The City shall promote affordable housing through: active participation in the NEFRC Affordable Workforce Housing Taskforce; encouraging the Economic Development Council of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce to address affordable housing as a function of job creation; encouraging higher wage industrial and commercial office employers to relocate or expand within the City; and by fostering partnerships between the Public Housing Authority, State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) administrators, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administrators, and the private sector housing organizations such as local and national home builders.

Policy G.1.1.4 9J5.015(3)(c)12&14, Ch. 163.3177

The City shall annually review the interlocal agreement with the School District of Putnam County to ensure inclusion of: coordination of public school facilities element; review of population projection figures; corroboration on public school facilities siting, infrastructure and safety needs of schools; adoption of level of service standards; creation of a public school capital facilities program; definition of the geographic application of school concurrency; the use of schools by the public, including use as emergency shelters; and for outlining public school concurrency requirements for future development.

Policy G.1.1.5 9J-5.015(3)(c)2

The City shall coordinate all land use amendments to its Comprehensive Plan that impact on development sites that abut the City/county boundary with the Putnam County Planning, Building and Zoning Department. The City shall provide written notification to the county of all amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, including text amendments and amendments to the Future Land Use Map series.

Objective G.1.2 9J-5.015(3)(b)2

At the time of Plan implementation, the City shall institute regular review procedures with planning and regulatory agencies, the Putnam County School Board, as well as Putnam County and any local governments providing services to the City.

Policy G.1.2.1 9J-5.015(3)(c)1

The special intergovernmental coordinating committee shall monitor and evaluate all interlocal agreements, including those inventoried in the Data Section of this Element, and assess the provision of adequate facilities and services concurrent with the impacts of City development programs. The City Manager and the City Commission are responsible for all interlocal agreements. The City Manager is responsible for negotiations of interlocal agreements, and the City Commission is responsible for adopting or ratifying interlocal agreements.

Policy G.1.2.2

The City shall request the Northeast Florida Regional Council to provide technical assistance to resolve conflicts with other local governments.

Policy G.1.2.3 9J5.015(3)(c)12 & 14, Ch. 163.3177

The City of Palatka shall coordinate with the School District of Putnam County to identify deficient Levels of Services for public school facilities, and to mitigate for those deficiencies through the development process when applicable.

Policy G.1.2.4 9J5.015(3)(c)12 & 14, Ch. 163.3177

The City of Palatka shall participate in regularly scheduled joint meetings with all participants identified in the Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Land Use and Public School Facility Planning.

Objective G.1.3 9J-5.015(3)(b)1 & 9J-5.007(3)(b)3

The City shall coordinate with related local, State, regional, and federal agencies for an integrated, cost effective transportation system.

Policy G.1.3.1 9J-5.015(3)(c)1 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)1

The City shall coordinate roadway improvements with Putnam County and the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure

effective application of available revenue.

Policy G.1.3.2 9J-5.015(3)(c)2 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)1

Although Palatka is located outside the jurisdictional limits of any Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), intergovernmental coordination and resource planning pursuant to Chapter 380 in north Florida shall be accomplished through the continued cooperation and communication with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and other contiguous councils when and where appropriate.

Policy G.1.3.3 9J-5.015(3)(c)3 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)1

The City shall work with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways & Trails, in securing abandoned rail corridors for alternative multi-modal corridors and/or recreational purposes.

Policy G.1.3.4 9J-5.015(3)(c)3 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)1

The City shall establish a public information program to inform residents of action taken under this element by December 1, 2007. The City shall incorporate into the Land Development Regulations by June 30, 2008, public notification procedures for transportation related items such as, but not limited to, fair share agreements and development agreements.

Objective G.1.4 9J-5.015(3)(b)3 & 9J-5.007(3)(b)3

Within one year of plan implementation, the City shall review and revise appropriate local airport zoning ordinances, advise and assist other governmental entities in the enactment of reciprocal ordinances or interlocal agreements to ensure protection of the municipal airport and the airspace system.

Policy G.1.4.1 9J-5.015(3)(c)1 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)1

Kay Larkin Airport development should be coordinated with the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP) and in accordance with the local government comprehensive plan.

Policy G.1.4.2 9J-5.015(3)(c)1 & 9J-5.007(3)(c)2

In cooperation with the DOT Bureau of Aviation and the FAA, the City shall develop a program to evaluate the impact of tall structures and aviation noise upon air system safety and capacity.

Objective G.1.5 9J-5.015(3)(b)3

The City shall ensure that public facilities are planned and allocated equitably, through effective coordination with the appropriate federal, State, and local government departments and regulatory agencies.

Policy G.1.5.1 9J-5.015(3)(c)3

The City shall review and improve, where necessary, interlocal agreements and coordination mechanisms with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of

Children and Family Services, The Putnam County Health Department, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the County Solid Waste Management Board, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and State and federal Departments of Transportation. The City Manager shall be responsible for negotiation of the agreements, which shall be subject to approval by the City Commission.

Policy G.1.5.2

The City shall establish a coordinating relationship with the Putnam County Board of Commissioners to discuss future development plans adjacent to City borders and to discuss the City supporting development beyond their border with water/sewer service. Properties serviced by City water shall annex into the City when they become sufficiently contiguous. Properties serviced by septic shall be annexed into the City.

Policy G.1.5.3

The City shall continue to coordinate with the FDOT to seek means of improving maintenance of drainage facilities along State roads.

Policy G.1.5.4 9J-5.011(2)(c)4

The City shall continue its recycling activities as specified under its joint agreement with the county concerning a cooperative recycling effort. The City will reduce its solid waste by 30 percent consistent with s.187.201(13)(b)(1), F.S.

Objective G.1.6 9J-5.015(3)(b)3

The City shall conserve and protect the natural resources of Palatka through effective coordination with appropriate federal, State, and local government departments and regulatory agencies.

Policy G.1.6.1

The City shall request a joint review with Putnam County of the interlocal agreement between the two local governments regarding the removal of all sewage effluent discharges into the St. Johns River, to ensure that the two local governments are in agreement on policies to achieve this goal. The City manager shall initiate an amendment to the interlocal agreement noting that the City's goal will be to eliminate wastewater effluent discharge to the river whenever possible.

Policy G.1.6.2

The City shall request the SJRWMD to provide the City with the latest technical assistance and guidance on the management of groundwater quality and supply.

Policy G.1.6.3

The City shall request the county to enter into coordination to ensure that the St. Johns River and unique vegetative

communities that are shared between the two jurisdictions are protected from degradation or intrusion by development. Beginning in 2008, at least once every five years the City shall supply to the SJRWMD for their review and comment those portions of the Ordinance Code and Comprehensive Plan that relate or pertain to, or affect, or govern natural vegetative communities, open space, or development adjacent or contiguous to the St. Johns River, its estuaries, or vegetative communities.

Policy G.1.6.4

The City shall request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the City with technical guidance in cooperating in DNR manatee protection activities.