
Intergovernmental Coordination Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal: Establish and maintain processes to help assure coordination with other governmental entities where necessary to implement this plan.

Objective 1 – Coordination with Miami-Dade County and other agencies: In general, coordinate the Town of Surfside Comprehensive Plan with the plans of the Miami-Dade County School Board, Miami-Dade County and adjacent municipalities. In particular, achieve maximum feasible levels of consistency between the plans for Surfside, the Miami-Dade County School Board, Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach, Bal Harbour, Indian Creek, and Bay Harbor Islands. This objective shall be measured by implementing its implementing policy. [9J-5.015 (3) (b) 1]

Policy 1.1 – The Town shall monitor the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Plan process as the County Plan is updated and revised in conjunction with its Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The Town will also review the comprehensive plans of Miami Beach, Bal Harbour, Indian Creek, and Bay Harbor Islands. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 5]

Policy 1.2 – The Town of Surfside and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall follow the procedures established in the adopted “Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Public Schools Facilities Planning in Miami-Dade County” and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan’s Educational Element and Capital Improvements Element for coordination and collaborative planning and decision making of land uses, public school facilities siting, decision making on population projections, and the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency. The Town shall implement the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County, and other nonexempt municipalities pursuant to Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, and the Comprehensive Plan’s Public School Facilities Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvements Element. Coordination of the Interlocal Agreement, and the Town’s obligations therein, shall be achieved via participation in the established Working Group of the Interlocal Agreement.

Policy 1.3 – The Town shall consider as appropriate the informal mediation process of the South Florida Regional Planning Council in order to try to resolve annexation and other conflicts with other governmental entities; the Town will enter into mediations on a nonbinding basis. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 2 and 4]

Policy 1.4 – The Town will thoroughly review and compare proposed development in Miami-Dade County, Miami Beach, Bal Harbour, Indian Creek, and Bay Harbor Islands with proposed development in the Surfside Comprehensive Plan for consistencies and conflicts between identical elements and between plans as a whole. Where appropriate, Surfside will respond at public hearings, through memoranda, or through the regional planning council's mediation process. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 7]

Policy 1.5 – The Town shall continue to ensure coordination of activities in its Comprehensive Plan with the plans of Miami-Dade County School Board, Miami-Dade County, and other state or

regional entities through regular exchange of information. This information shall include, but not be limited to, building permits, zoning cases, planned land use amendments, engineering plans, demographics, proposed annexation areas, socio-economic information, and utility service areas and capacity. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 7]

Policy 1.6 – The Town will continue participation in the Miami-Dade Planner’s Technical Committee in order to coordinate local comprehensive planning issues and processes.

Policy 1.7- The Town shall coordinate with relevant agencies on planning for sea level rise considering the best available and credible data.

Objective 2 – Comprehensive Plan Impact and Implementation Coordination: Establish mechanisms to coordinate the impact of development proposed in the Surfside Comprehensive Plan with other jurisdictions. [9J-5.015 (3) (b) 2]

Policy 2.1 – Surfside shall maintain and revise where appropriate interlocal agreements generally of the type described below:

Potable Water: An agreement with Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department for potable water service.

Sewers: An agreement with Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department for wastewater treatment.

Solid Waste: An agreement to cooperate and coordinate with the County Solid Waste Management Department for the disposal of solid waste generated in the Town. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 1]

Transit: Miami-Dade Transit bus schedules for routes within the Town.

Schools: “Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County” – pursuant to Section 163.3177 FS and Section 163.3180 (g) FS

Policy 2.2 – The Town shall assist the County in providing information to the residents of the Town about services provided directly or indirectly by the County, e.g., solid waste, potable water, sewers, transit and hurricane response planning. Such information may be disseminated through a Town newsletter, Town Hall counter handouts, notices posted at the Town Hall, and/or other appropriate means. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 3]

Policy 2.3 – The Town shall contribute to the improvement of the water quality of Biscayne Bay through implementation of outfall improvements described in the Infrastructure Element. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 6]

Policy 2.4 – The Town shall cooperate with the regulatory functions of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 6]

Policy 2.5 – As required by the Interlocal Agreement, The Town shall notify the School Board of all new residential development projects or modifications to existing residential developments which increase density as part of the review process for school concurrency.

Policy 2.6 – The Town shall coordinate and cooperate with all applicable local, regional, state and federal agencies relating to the protection and enhancement of the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve.

Policy 2.7 – The Town shall coordinate and cooperate with all applicable local, regional, state and federal agencies relating to the protection of Atlantic Ocean coastal waters and beach renourishment projects.

Policy 2.8 – The Town will utilize the following procedures to identify and implement joint planning areas (JPAs) for the purpose of addressing issues related to joint infrastructure service areas:

- a) Use the South Florida Regional Planning Council’s informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other local governments, when agreed to by all affected parties;
- b) Siting of facilities with county-wide significance including locally unwanted land uses;
- c) Making demographic and social-economic information and services available for county, school board and municipal planning activities.

Policy 2.9 – The Town shall consider and evaluate the establishment of a cooperative interlocal agreement with Indian Creek Village to convert the empty lot on the north side of the 91st Street bridge into a park for general use by both communities, providing additional recreational opportunities along the bay.

Policy 2.10 – The Town shall coordinate with FDOT and neighboring municipalities in its study of reestablishing a two-way traffic flow on Harding Avenue and Collins Avenue.

Policy 2.11- The Towns shall continue coordination with Miami-Dade Transit on energy efficient modes of transportation.

Policy 2.12- The Town shall coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and the South Florida Regional Planning Council in regards to affordable housing.

Objective 3 – Level of service standards coordination: Ensure coordination with Miami-Dade County in establishing level-of-service standards for sewage, and potable water. [9J-5.015 (3) (b) 3]

Policy 3.1 – The Town shall monitor changes to the adopted level-of-service standards of Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Transportation, and Miami-Dade Public Schools, and appropriately adjust its own level-of-service standards accordingly. [9J-5.015 (3) (c) 7]

Objective 4 – The Town shall coordinate with all applicable local, State and Federal agencies regarding implementation of the 20-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Policy 4.1 – The Town shall review the most recently published Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan and coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District staff in projecting the future supply and demand of potable water and alternative sources and preparing amendments to the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan on an as-needed basis by sharing and updating information.

Policy 4.2 – The Town shall participate in continuing and on-going collaborative efforts with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department and other governments and agencies regarding water supply needs, long-term alternative water supply projects, sharing of information and establishing level of service standards. The Town shall participate in, at a minimum, annual meetings with water providers and the South Florida Water Management District to discuss population projections, land use changes and implementation of conservation reuse programs and alternative water supplies.

Policy 4.3 – The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department in the implementation of alternative water supply projects, establishment of level-of-service-standards and resource allocations.

Policy 4.4 – The Town shall coordinate land uses and future land use changes with the availability of water supplies and water supply facilities.

Policy 4.5 – The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County in the implementation of alternative water supply projects, establishment of level-of-service standards and resource allocations and changes in service areas.

Policy 4.6 – The Town shall coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department's Water Use Efficiency Section in the implementation of water conservation efforts and preparation of a Water Conservation Plan through regular and on-going communication and information sharing.

9J-5.0015 Objective and policy requirements not applicable to the Town of Surfside: Rule 9J-5 of the Florida Administrative Code requires communities to adopt as part of their Intergovernmental Coordination Element objectives and policies which address various issues, except where those issues are not reasonably applicable to a particular community. The following objective and policy provisions of Rule 9J-5 are deemed by the Town of Surfside to be inapplicable:

9J5.015 (3) (b) 4 Ensure coordination in the designation of new dredge spoil disposal sites for counties and municipalities located in the coastal area.

9J5.015 (3) (c) 4 Resolving annexation issues.

9J5.015 (3) (c) 8 Involving ...[a variety of agencies and the public] ... in providing for and identifying dredge spoil disposal sites through the Coastal Resources Interagency Management Committee's dispute resolution process.

9J5.015 (3) (c) 9 Resolving conflicts between a coastal local government and a public agency seeking a dredge spoil disposal site through the Coastal Resources Interagency Management Committee's dispute resolution process.