
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Data, Inventory and Analysis

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INTRODUCTION

This Intergovernmental Coordination Element will describe the Town's relationships with local government and community partners as well as state and federal agencies. It will define the principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of the Martin County School District, South Florida Water Management District, Martin County, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and other entities which provide vital services to the Town of Sewall's Point. The Town recognizes that this local plan influences the development of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, and will consider and be consistent with the state comprehensive plan.

The Town of Sewall's Point believes that a well-developed communication network among applicable public and quasi-public entities will enhance the long-range growth and prosperity of the Town. The effective implementation of federal, state, regional and local planning policies requires:

1. The identification of all agencies with which the local government must coordinate.
2. A thorough understanding of the roles of each agency; and
3. The creation of adequate intergovernmental coordination mechanisms to carry out policies.

This element seeks to accomplish these objectives through a systematic identification and analysis of current and future intergovernmental coordination issues. Each analysis addresses deficiencies and determines actions to improve coordination. Ultimately the refinement of this process should allow Sewall's Point to coordinate comprehensive planning with other entities, assuring compatible development and adequate public services across jurisdictional boundaries. The coordination process is continuous and should provide for effective monitoring systems.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, as identified by Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, F.S. is to identify relationships and procedures with local, regional, and state agencies to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The Intergovernmental Coordination Element solidifies and formalizes relationships among community partners. As the case may require, the intergovernmental coordination element provides procedures for identifying and implementing joint planning areas, especially for the purpose of annexation, municipal incorporation, and joint infrastructure service areas. The Intergovernmental Coordination Element will also provide a process for timely closure to intergovernmental disputes, as established pursuant to FSS 186.509. In addition, it provides for interlocal agreements as established in FSS 333.03(1)(b). The Intergovernmental Coordination Element will establish and maintain efficient, effective strategies to coordinate planning efforts with Martin County; cities within Martin County; adjacent counties; regional, state, and federal agencies; and other agencies and entities that provide services but do not have regulatory authority over land. Through coordination and cooperation among the various entities affecting planning and land use, the Town can better serve its residents and ensure orderly and balanced growth and development, while protecting and enhancing the Town's existing communities and natural resources. The Town of Sewall's Point recognizes the important role those intergovernmental partnerships play in meeting the community's needs. Through these collaborations, the Town and its partners can avoid duplication of services and address regional issues in an efficient way.

The Intergovernmental Coordination element facilitates continued coordination that is essential for the community’s future as it seeks to manage growth, maintain an adequate level of facilities and services, establish community linkages, provide a healthy environment for people and native species, and preserve a high quality of life.

It is essential that the Town of Sewall’s Point partner with local, regional, and state partners, particularly Martin County and the City of Stuart, to ensure that the community’s residents and businesses can receive the most efficient and effective delivery of services. Important issues to address in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element include but are not limited to:

- Interlocal agreements and regional partnerships for expanded service capacity and capability
- Improved planning and growth management of new development and redevelopment projects
- Adequate public facilities which ensure transportation, public/private utilities, and other public services can meet existing and increased service demands
- Balancing natural habitat, passive open space, and active recreation areas
- Creating healthy environments for both people and native species
- Public school siting

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Florida Statutes (Statute 163.3177) requires the Intergovernmental Coordination Element describe relationships and coordination with other government agencies and to be consistent with each of their plans.

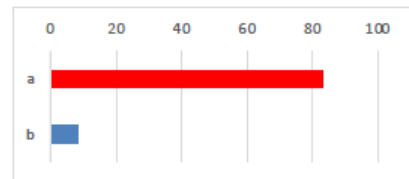
PUBLIC WORKSHOP DATA

The majority of residents polled believe the Town has a good working relationship with Martin County and the surrounding communities.

GRAPH IC 8-1 PUBLIC WORKSHOP COUNTY RELATIONSHIP POLL

12/29/21
The Town has a good working relationship with Martin County and the surrounding communities.

a	True	83
b	False	8
		91



COORDINATION FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES

Facility	Coordination With			
	State	Regional	County	School
NE Ocean Blvd	X	X	X	
SE Ocean AIA Blvd	X	X	X	
N Sewall's Point Rd			X	
Water and Sewer Utilities			X	
South Florida Water Management District		X		
Blake Library			X	
Felix Williams Elementary				X
Stuart Middle School				X
Martin County High School				X
Jensen Beach High School				X
Stuart Middle School				X
Beaches			X	

COORDINATING ENTITIES

Coordinating Entity	Description
Adjacent and Nearby Counties	
Martin County	Routine Communication of common concerns (Quarterly Joint meeting with Martin County; School Board and all municipalities within Martin County)
St Lucie County	Communication as needed
Palm Beach County	Communication as needed
Adjacent and Nearby Municipalities	
City of Port St. Lucie	Communication as needed
City of Stuart	Ongoing communication with regard to Fire Rescue Services IIA. Routine Communication of other common concerns (Quarterly Joint meeting with Martin County; School Board and all municipalities within Martin County)
Ocean Breeze Park	Routine Communication of common concerns (Quarterly Joint meeting with Martin County; School Board and all municipalities within Martin County)
Town of Jupiter Island	Routine Communication of common concerns (Quarterly Joint meeting with Martin County; School Board and all municipalities within Martin County)
Village of Tequesta	Communication as needed
Town of Jupiter	Communication as needed
Regional Entities	
South Florida Water Management District	Coordinate when drafting alternate water supply plan (18 months after an update to the regional water supply plan)
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	Coordinate as required for regional plans; utilize for informal mediation prior to using dispute resolutions in FSS Chapter 164.
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Routine coordination for roadway projects. Sewall's Point has one voting member on MPO Board.

COORDINATING ENTITIES (CONTINUED)

Coordinating Entity	Description
Martin County Entities	
Martin County School Board	Routine Communication of common concerns (Quarterly Joint meeting with Martin County; School Board and all municipalities within Martin County)
Martin County Housing Program	Coordinate as needed to provide Affordable Housing and Housing Assistance
State Entities	
Florida Department of Transportation	Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization is the liaison for FDOT. Routine coordination for roadway projects. Sewall's Point has one voting member on MPO Board.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Coordinate with on project review as appropriate
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Coordinate with adoption of Comprehensive Plan adoption and with grant opportunities.
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Communication as needed
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Communication as needed
Florida Department of Children and Families	Communication as needed
Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development	Communication as needed
Florida Public Services Commission	Communication as needed
Florida Department of Revenue	Communication as needed
Florida Department of State	Communication as needed

COORDINATING ENTITIES (CONTINUED)

Coordinating Entity	Description
Federal Entities	
United States Army Corps of Engineers	Communication as needed; especially regarding Lake Okeechobee discharges into the St. Lucie River
United States Federal Aviation Commission	Communication as needed
United States Wetlands Reserve Program	Communication as needed; especially regarding development that includes potential wetlands.
United States Department of Interior	Communication as needed
United States Office of Environmental Quality	Communication as needed
United States Department of Environmental Protection	Communication as needed
United States Department of Agriculture	Communication as needed
United States Drug Enforcement Agency	Communication as needed
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	Communication as needed.
United States Department of Commerce	Communication as needed
United States Federal Highway Administration	Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization is the liaison for Federal Highway Administration. Routine coordination for roadway projects. Sewall's Point has one voting member on MPO Board.
Florida Department of Revenue	Communication as needed
Florida Department of State	Communication as needed

MARTIN COUNTY UTILITIES – UTILITY PROVIDER

The Town of Sewall's Point does not own a public utility. Its residents and business owners are served by Martin County Utilities which provides potable water, reclaimed water, and sewer services. The Comprehensive Plan will include policies to facilitate ongoing communication with Martin County to ensure the needs of its residents and business owners continue to be met. The Town will collaborate with the County on its Connect to Protect Program in efforts to make sewer connections where homes' wastewater is currently being processed with septic tanks.

MARTIN COUNTY UTILITIES – SOLID WASTE PROVIDER

The Town of Sewall's Point has an Interlocal Agreement with Martin County for solid waste services. This service is included as a line item on the annual tax assessment.

CITY OF STUART – FIRE-RESCUE SERVICES

The Town of Sewall's Point has an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stuart to provide Fire-Rescue Services. These collective services include Fire-Rescue Protection, Fire Inspection and Emergency Medical Services.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ANALYSIS

This element provides an Intergovernmental Coordination which identifies relationships and procedures with local, regional, and state agencies to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

In Summary:

- The Town has long-term, established, and positive relationships with its federal, state, regional and local partners.
- The Town has programs and policies in place that facilitate regular communication with its federal, state, regional and local partners.
- The Town will continue to collaborate with Martin County in its Connect to Protect Program to eliminate the use of septic tanks.
- The Town will continue to communicate with Martin County as needed with relation to its Interlocal Agreement to provide Solid Waste Services.
- The Town will continue to communicate with the City of Stuart as needed with relation to its Interlocal Agreement with the City to provide Fire Rescue Services.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - The state's lead agency for environmental management and stewardship, protecting our air, water, and land. DEP is divided into three primary areas: Land and Recreation; Regulatory and Ecosystem Restoration.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - A decentralized State agency charged with the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of public transportation in the state of Florida.

Level of Service (LOS) - Qualitative measure used to relate the quality of public facilities.

Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - Coordinates the improvement of all facets of the transportation network in Martin County.

South Florida Water Management District - A regional governmental agency that oversees water resources from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) - A not-for-profit organization created by and for local governments to provide planning and technical assistance services and contribute to carry out Florida's growth management programs.