



GOAL 1: Continue to strengthen relationships through intergovernmental coordination with adjacent municipalities, the Miami-Dade County planners technical committee, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County public school system, regional, state and other governmental entities and service providers that have regulatory, supply and/or jurisdictional authority to identify methods for information sharing and funding, assistance and support in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and to ensure consistency between the local, county, regional and state policies and plans when implementing the Town's growth management plan. The Town will offer to provide guidance and assistance to future municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

Objective IC-1

The Town shall continue to coordinate with the Village of Palmetto Bay (Village) and Miami-Dade County (Unincorporated Municipal Service Area) in the area of planning or other activities in order to achieve mutual goals. The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town's liaison.

Monitoring Measures IC-1

Establish a formal monitoring function within the Town government for intergovernmental coordination with the Village and Miami-Dade County (UMSA).

Policy IC-1A: The Town shall continue to coordinate its Growth Management Plan with the comprehensive plans of the Village of Palmetto Bay and Miami-Dade County.

Policy IC-1B: The Town shall formally notify the Village and Miami-Dade County of Growth Management Plan Amendments or Zoning District Boundary changes which may impact the Village and strive to avoid conflicts.

Policy IC-1C: The Town shall utilize the South Florida Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process when necessary to mediate the resolution of conflicts with the Village of Palmetto Bay and/or Miami-Dade County. The Town may use alternative procedures whenever appropriate for the matter of imminent dispute, including agreements authorized by section 163.3171(4), F.S., or other non-judicial approaches.

Policy IC-1D: The Town, Village and Miami-Dade County shall enter into and maintain mutual aid agreements, as necessary.

Policy IC-1E: The Town, the Village and Miami-Dade County shall identify other areas in which to cooperate.



Objective IC-2

The municipalities of Cutler Bay, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, South Miami, Homestead and Florida City, (and any areas which may incorporate in the future) which make up the South Miami-Dade County Region municipalities and have inherently the same issues, shall coordinate on mutual issues such as: planning, residential density increases in unincorporated South Miami-Dade County; population projections; annexations; public facility planning; level-of-service standards; siting of facilities of countywide significance; and/or, the reuse of the Busway for heavy rail.

The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town's liaison.

Monitoring Measures IC-2

Maintain regular communication channels by meeting at least quarterly with coordinating governmental agencies and communities and maintain a high level of participation in reviewing land use plans and the development processes of adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy IC-2A: The Town and the other South Miami-Dade County Region municipalities shall identify other areas in which to cooperate and strive to be unified on issues.

Policy IC-2B: The Town shall utilize the South Florida Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process when necessary to mediate the resolution of conflicts with the Village of Palmetto Bay and/or Miami-Dade County. The Town may use alternative procedures whenever appropriate for the matter of imminent dispute, including agreements authorized by section 163.3171(4), F.S., or other non-judicial approaches.

Policy IC-2C: The municipalities shall meet at least semi-annually to discuss issues and find solutions to these issues that impact the South Miami-Dade Region.

Policy IC-2D: The municipalities shall share information which is deemed mutually beneficial.

Policy IC-2E: The municipalities shall enter into and maintain mutual aid agreements as necessary.

Policy IC-2F: The municipalities will seek to coordinate with Miami-Dade County to create an overlay district in order to promote development through the use of air rights over the South Dade Busway.

Objective IC-3

The Town will coordinate with Miami-Dade County wholly, and the following agencies individually, in order to ensure the adequate provision of services: Police, Fire, Water and Sewer, DERM, Solid Waste, Planning and Zoning, Emergency Management, Public Works, MPO and Transit, Housing, Parks or any other agency which is determined to be necessary for the provision of services.

The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town's liaison.

Monitoring Measures IC-3

Maintain regular communication channels and a high level of participation with Miami-Dade County when mutual cooperation and coordination is necessary.



Policy IC-3A: The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County for the provision of local and specialized police services pursuant to Town Master Interlocal Agreement and the subsequent Agreements for Local and Specialized Police Services. In addition, the Town may expand the relationship with the Miami-Dade County Police Department to increase the levels of assigned officers within budget constraints.

Policy IC-3B: The Town shall continue to coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department for the provision of additional services to the Town and to cooperate with the Department in its efforts to expand Fire Station 34 and create a redesigned facility that will be in keeping with the design guidelines as set forth in the Urban Center District.

Policy IC-3C: The Town shall coordinate the planning of potable water and sanitary sewer facilities and services and level-of-service standards with the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, the South Florida Water Management District and the 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update.

Policy IC-3D: The Town shall coordinate the planning of water and environmental resources, maintenance of the County's Secondary Canal System, enforcement of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and programs delegated to Miami-Dade County by the State of Florida, Stormwater Management Permit Administration, National Flood Insurance Program and any other issues as necessary with Miami-Dade County.

Policy IC-3E: The Town shall coordinate, as necessary, with Miami-Dade County for the continued provision of solid waste collection services to existing and future customers and for the review of level-of-service standards as maintained by the Department.

Policy IC-3F: The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County on planning and zoning matters including Growth Management Plan amendments, issues relating to Levels-of-Service standards, concurrency issues, and capital improvements projects. Additionally, the Town shall coordinate population projections with the County through data sharing and evaluating projections based on County and mid-range projections by the State.

Policy IC-3G: The Town shall coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security concerning current or future land use or zoning matters or population changes that would impact hurricane shelters or emergency evacuation routes, hurricanes or other emergencies, hazard mitigation planning, or on other issues, as necessary.

Policy IC-3H: The Town shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation on the maintenance of Rights-of-Way; the analysis, design, installation, maintenance and replacement of traffic signs, pavement markings, and traffic signals; and, Level-of-Service standards and monitoring.

Policy IC-3I: The Town shall coordinate with and support the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Miami-Dade Transit in its efforts toward multi-modal transportation planning. The Town shall also seek to improve existing service in order to meet the transportation needs of all of its citizens.

Policy IC-3J: The Town shall encourage Miami-Dade Transit to evaluate established transit routes on an annual basis.

Policy IC-3K: The Town shall support the implementation of a countywide transit impact fee.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Policy IC-3L: The Town shall request to be consulted by all agencies planning, designing, or constructing transportation facilities within the Town boundaries, so as to have local input in the decision making process.

Policy IC-3M: The Town shall coordinate with and support the efforts of Miami-County to expand affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, stimulate the construction and rehabilitation of multi-family housing and assist in the creation of housing ownership opportunities. The Town will further work with the County to administer the state and federal funding that supports the development of viable urban neighborhoods.

Policy IC-3N: The Town and the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department shall coordinate for the provision of parks (including regional facilities) and support the County in its mission to create outstanding recreational, natural and cultural experiences.

Policy IC-3O: The Town and County shall continue working together to ensure adequate delivery of services to the Town and to implement any state policies that impact the Town and County.

Objective IC-4

The Town shall continue to coordinate with and support Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the joint effort to implement the “Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning” in Miami-Dade County and for public schools facilities planning. As further enumerated in the Educational Facilities Element of this Plan, the Town and Miami-Dade County Public Schools will remain consistent and compliant with Sections 1013.33 and 163.31777, F.S., as amended.

Furthermore, the Town, other nonexempt cities, Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall execute and follow the procedures established in the adopted “Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning in Miami-Dade County” for coordination and collaborative planning and decision making of land uses, public school facilities, siting, decision making on population projections, location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency, and siting of facilities with a countywide significance. The Town shall abide by all of its obligations as set forth in the adopted agreement, Florida Statutes, and the Growth Management Plan’s Educational Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvement Element. Coordination of the Interlocal Agreement, and the Town’s obligations therein, shall be achieved via participation.

The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town’s liaison.

Monitoring Measures IC-4

Maintain a high level of participation in school system planning and open regular communication channels for information sharing as required by the Interlocal Agreement.

Policy IC-4A: The Town, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and other signatories of the Interlocal Agreement shall continue to hold joint meetings to formulate and recommend policies regarding educational facilities planning.

Policy IC-4B: The Town shall grant Miami-Dade County Public Schools the opportunity to review and comment on proposed Growth Management Plan amendments, land use or zoning decisions which would, if approved, increase residential densities.

Policy IC-4C: Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall coordinate with Miami-Dade County and other signatories to the adopted Interlocal Agreement establish Level-of-Service Standards for public school facilities and any amendments affecting public school concurrency.



Policy IC-4D: The Town, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and other signatories of the Interlocal Agreement shall assure the timely provision of new student stations by sharing information on student enrollment and projections and by the tracking of development for the collection of impact fees in order to ensure funding availability.

Policy IC-4E: The Town, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and other signatories of the Interlocal Agreement shall strive to maintain and/or improve the Level-of -Service for school concurrency.

Policy IC-4F: The Town and Miami-Dade County Public Schools shall also collaborate on traffic impacts of new schools and developments, to identify potential joint use facilities, and on any other issues that would be beneficial or required.

Policy IC-4G: If, in the future, a new high school is warranted for the south Miami-Dade County region, the Town shall encourage Miami-Dade County Public Schools to consider locating the school within the Town.

Objective IC-5

The Town shall continue to improve the coordination of planning activities with the agencies that have regulatory, supply or jurisdictional authority within the Town; such as, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation – District 6, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, the U.S. Department of Interior – Biscayne National Park, the Bureau of the Census and any other entity where coordination would be beneficial to the Town.

The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town's liaison.

Monitoring Measures IC-5

Maintain regular communication channels with coordinating governmental agencies, communities and the public in general. Update contact lists and other information to remain current.

Policy IC-5A: The Town shall coordinate planning activities, as needed, with the South Florida Regional Planning Council and utilize the professional resources and services it offers. To further this Objective, the Town Growth Management Plan shall maintain consistency with the goals and policies of the 2004 Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida and, more specifically Goal 21. Coordinated Planning & Regional Cooperation, in developing a regional approach to planning, regional transportation, inter-regional cooperation and affordable housing and promoting awareness of the impacts of decision-making.

Policy IC-5B: The Town will coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District concerning its jurisdictional authority as necessary and support its efforts concerning the 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update, ACCELER8 Everglades and CERP and the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project to protect an Outstanding Florida Water – Biscayne Bay. The Town hereby adopts by reference the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan Amendments adopted February 4, 2015, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department 20-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (2014-2033) Support Data (November 2014), the 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update (LEC) approved by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on October 10, 2013 and additional information found within Water Use Permit 13-00017-W are herein incorporated by reference. The Water Use Permit which was modified and approved by the SFWMD on February 9, 2015, will now expire on February 9, 2035.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Policy IC-5C: The Town will coordinate planning activities with the Florida Department of Transportation when Department (HEFT, US 1 and SW 112 Avenue) facilities are impacted and for sharing information relating to roadway Level-of-Service.

Policy IC-5D: The Town shall request to be consulted by FDOT when planning, designing, or constructing transportation facilities within the Town boundaries, so as to have local input in the decision making process.

Policy IC-5E: The Town shall coordinate planning activities, as needed, with the State planning agency and utilize the professional resources and services it offers. The Town Growth Management Plan shall maintain consistency with the goals and policies of the State Comprehensive Plan and more specifically with the goals pertaining to coastal, marine and natural resources, land use, urban revitalization, public facilities, transportation and plan implementation.

Policy IC-5F: The Town shall coordinate planning and permitting activities, as needed, with the Department of Environmental Protection which has jurisdictional authority over environmental issues and natural resource protection.

Policy IC-5G: The Town shall coordinate with the Florida Department of State, as needed. The Department's Division of Historical Resources will address planning issues surrounding historic and archaeological sites of significance.

Policy IC-5H: The Town shall coordinate with, provide support and assist the U.S. Department of Interior – Biscayne National Park in its mission to protect this important national resource.

Policy IC-5I: The Town shall coordinate with the Bureau of the Census and Miami-Dade County to ensure, if possible, that all Census Tract and Traffic Analysis Zone boundaries correlate with the Town boundaries.

Policy IC-5J: The Town will improve coordination with other utility or service providers or with any special independent district staff that have no regulatory authority over land use.

Policy IC-5K: The Town shall utilize South Florida Regional Planning Council's dispute resolution process when necessary to mediate the resolution of conflicts with other local governments and regional regulatory agencies. The Town may use alternative procedures whenever appropriate for the matter of imminent dispute, including agreements authorized by section 163.3171(4), F.S., or other non-judicial approaches.



Objective IC-6

The Town will commit to work with and participate in the Miami-Dade County Planners Technical Committee.

The Town Manager or his designee shall act as the Town's liaison.

Monitoring Measure IC-6

The number of monthly meetings that are attended either in person or electronically by Town staff is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Policy IC-6A: The Town shall continue to actively participate as a member of the Miami-Dade County Planners Technical Committee to share information and to communicate with other Miami-Dade County municipal and county planners, as appropriate.

Objective IC-7

Support climate change and sea level rise initiatives.

Monitoring Measure IC-7

The Town shall enact legislation supporting the efforts of the MDWASD and SFWMD to evaluate climate change and its impacts.

Policy IC-7A: Support the M-D Water and Sewer Department and South Florida Water Management District in any efforts to evaluate the consequences of sea level rise, changing rainfall and storm patterns, temperature effects, and cumulative impacts to existing structures and existing legal uses.

Policy IC-7B: Participate in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to support regional planning efforts and initiatives to adapt to rising sea level in the LEC Planning Area.

Policy IC-7C: Work collaboratively with the M-D Water and Sewer Department, other utilities and South Florida Water Management District to identify the utility wellfields and other users at potential risk of saltwater intrusion within the LEC Planning Area.