



**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS**

**COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN  
DRAFT AMENDMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY PLANNING**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COORDINATION ELEMENT**

**GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

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## CHAPTER VII – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

### GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

#### GOAL 1: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Establish relationships through intergovernmental coordination with adjacent municipalities, Miami-Dade County, regional and state agencies to identify methods for sharing information and funding and to protect the public health, welfare and safety of its residents.

#### Objective 1.1: Improve Planning Coordination

The City shall continue to improve coordination of planning activities with other agencies including Miami-Dade County agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, the Miami-Dade County School Board, South Florida Regional Planning Council, the South Florida Water Management District, the City of North Miami Beach, the City of Opa-Locka, the State of Florida, and other agencies that have regulatory, supply and/or jurisdictional authority in the City in the areas of land use, sanitary sewer, potable water, drainage, solid waste, funding, environmental protection and other similar and related issues.

*Monitoring Measures: Establish a monitoring system within the City for intergovernmental coordination.*

- Policy 1.1.1:** The Miami Gardens Comprehensive Development Master Plan shall be forwarded to the Miami-Dade School Board, Miami-Dade County, and other governmental agencies pursuant to state statutes, for review.
- Policy 1.1.2:** The Miami Gardens Comprehensive Development Master Plan shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the State of Florida, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and applicable regional plans.
- Policy 1.1.3:** The Local Planning Agency shall be the responsible agency to ensure that governmental coordination is effectively maintained with other local, regional, state and federal agencies that allows for City participation in workshops, meetings, public hearings and facilitation relating to areas affecting Miami Gardens.
- Policy 1.1.4:** The City supports intergovernmental coordination in transportation and mass transit planning through the MPO and Miami-Dade Transit.
- Policy 1.1.5:** Miami Gardens shall strive to improve coordination with Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade School Board and other governmental agencies, to enhance parks and recreation services, per the Parks & Recreation Element of the CDMP.

- Policy 1.1.6:** Miami Gardens shall strive to improve coordination with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) other appropriate governmental, private and non-profit agencies to enhance the provision of affordable housing, per the Housing Element of the CDMP.
- Policy 1.1.7:** Intergovernmental coordination shall be emphasized by the City Manager's office and appropriate communication lines shall be ensured through the development review process for setting levels-of-service, concurrency issues, permitting, and initiating capital improvement projects for various public facilities within Miami Gardens.
- Policy 1.1.8:** The City shall designate a liaison with the Department of State (DCA) and developers to provide monitoring of proposed growth management amendments in a timely fashion. The liaison shall communicate with the affected entities in order to evaluate and coordinate level-of-service and concurrency standards.
- Policy 1.1.9:** In the event that public and/or private partnerships provide a public facility or service within the City for roads, water, sewer, drainage, parks, or solid waste, the City shall ensure that the adopted level-of-service standard is maintained per the Capital Improvement Element of the CDMP.
- Policy 1.1.10:** The City Manager or his designee shall recommend procedures to be undertaken by the Development Services Department in the event that the entity that has maintenance responsibility for a public facility does not plan for the necessary improvements in a timely manner, in order to maintain the City's adopted level-of-service.
- Policy 1.1.11:** The City shall coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District to insure that the City's plans, requirements and related actions are consistent with the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.
- Policy 1.1.12:** The City shall create and adopt a 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan that is updated within 18 months and is consistent with South Florida Water Management District's Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan Update, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Report, and City of North Miami Beach 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and its updates.
- Policy 1.1.13:** The City shall coordinate population projections with Miami-Dade County through a process of data sharing and evaluating projections based on county projections and mid-range projections by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR).
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**Policy 1.1.14:** The City shall coordinate and verify with South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade County, City of North Miami Beach, City of Opa-Locka and related agencies to incorporate the City of Miami Gardens proposed population projections and potable water demands in their respective Water Supply Facilities Work Plans.

**Policy 1.1.15:** The City shall update its 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan within 18 months after the South Florida Water Management District updates the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan Update.

**Policy 1.1.16:** The City shall ensure a meaningful process for collaborative planning and intergovernmental coordination on a continuing and ongoing basis on water supply issues between the City of Miami Gardens, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, the City of North Miami Beach and City of Opa-Locka as follows:

- The City will submit monthly data to MDWASD and participate in the City of North Miami Beach Annual Water Supply Planning Workshop as required by such entity to track the amount of water to be allocated for new use.
- The City shall continue to coordinate with its providers regarding any required expansion of water and wastewater treatment plants per Florida Statutes to meet demand through year 2030.
- The City shall coordinate with South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade County, City of North Miami Beach, City of Opa-Locka and related agencies to incorporate the City of Miami Gardens proposed population projections and potable water demands in their respective Water Supply Facilities Work Plans.
- Promote public information programs sponsored by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, City of North Miami Beach, City of Opa-Locka and related agencies in an effort to increase public awareness and acceptance of water conservation techniques through newsletters, public service announcements, and displays at public awareness events.
- The City shall coordinate with South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, and City of North Miami Beach and City of Opa-Locka through its 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan in order to identify and implement alternative water supply projects (including reuse and other conservation measures).

- Establish and adopt level of service standards consistent with Miami-Dade County, City of North Miami Beach and City of Opa-Locka's Water Supply Facilities Work Plans.

### **Objective 1.2: Development Impacts**

The City of Miami Gardens shall notify the adjacent jurisdictions and regional agencies of any changes to the CDMP or proposed developments that may have an impact on such jurisdictions and agencies.

*Monitoring Measures: Regular communication and coordination with affected governmental agencies, public entities and developers.*

- Policy 1.2.1:** Continue to participate in intergovernmental programs related to land planning, transportation, public facilities and such other impact related issues.
- Policy 1.2.2:** Identify and develop new interlocal agreements with adjacent governmental agencies for mutual notification and coordination on issues such as land use planning, level-of-service standards, public facility planning.
- Policy 1.2.3:** Extend support and assistance in the development of goals, objectives and policies of surrounding municipal, county, regional and state comprehensive plans.
- Policy 1.2.4:** Ensure the coordination of planning activities pursuant to Elements of the CDMP with affected communities within the City through appropriate public notification measures.
- Policy 1.2.5:** The City shall coordinate and communicate with the Miami-Dade County School Board to comply with and implement the adopted "Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning in Miami-Dade County" for planning public school facilities. It is recommended that the agreement address the following issues:
  - Joint meetings between the City of Miami Gardens and the School Board to discuss and formulate policies and recommendations regarding school planning;
  - Coordination and sharing of information;
  - Periodic review of the educational facilities impact fee ordinance to ensure that capital costs associated with the development of public school capacity are identified appropriately;
  - Student enrollment and population projections;

- Traffic impacts;
- Assessment and upgrading of school infrastructure;
- Dispute resolution process;
- Selection of appropriate school sites and site plan review;
- Coordination of population projections;
- Comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, development approvals;
- Representation from the School Board at City Council and Zoning public meetings that address residential projects and affect school capacity issues;
- School concurrency;
- Level of service (LOS) standards.

### **Objective 1.3: Reviewing Land Use Plans of Adjacent Jurisdictions**

Miami Gardens shall participate in reviewing land use plans of adjacent jurisdictions, and shall continue to pass formal resolutions objecting to inconsistencies and/or conflicts with the City CDMP.

*Monitoring Measure: Level of participation by the City and resolutions by the City Land Planning Agency in the review and development process.*

**Policy 1.3.1:** All resolutions objecting to any actions by an adjacent jurisdiction shall be transmitted to that government agency

**Policy 1.3.2:** Any major objections not resolved by the jurisdictions working together will be resolved through a mediation process, as established by the South Florida Regional Planning Council pursuant to F.S. 186.509, or any other method of intergovernmental conflict resolution.

**Policy 1.3.3:** The City shall identify any proposed annexation areas on the Future Land Use Map if and when annexations are being considered in the future.

**Policy 1.3.4:** The City shall maintain formal and informal means of communication with adjacent jurisdictions for the purpose of addressing and resolving issues of mutual interest that arise from the local government's comprehensive plan and plans of others.

### **Objective 1.4: Stormwater Drainage Master Plan**

Miami Gardens shall participate in a regulatory, technical and political capacity in preparing, planning, funding and implementing a stormwater drainage master plan with other public agencies such as the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and other agencies.

*Monitoring Measure: Number of meetings held with related agencies and degree of implementation achieved through the process.*

**Policy 1.4.1:** The public works department shall continue to coordinate and oversee the preparation of Stormwater Drainage Master Plan.

**Policy 1.4.2:** Miami Gardens shall participate in interlocal agreements with SFWMD, FDEP and other government agencies to implement and fund stormwater management plan improvements.

### **Objective 1.5: Transportation Master Plan**

Miami Gardens shall actively participate in planning, finding and implementing a Transportation Master Plan consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements and other agencies.

*Monitoring Measure: Number of meetings held with related agencies and degree of implementation achieved through the process.*

**Policy 1.5.1:** The planning department and public works department will coordinate the planning and implementation of the Transportation Master Plan with Miami-Dade County MPO, FDOT and DCA and other agencies.

**Policy 1.5.2:** Miami Gardens shall participate in interlocal agreements with Miami-Dade County MPO, FDOT and other agencies to implement and fund Transportation Master Plan improvements.

**Policy 1.5.3:** The City shall continue to cooperate with F.D.O.T. in all matters of traffic signal access requests that affect the State highway system and shall seek to obtain access permitting authority on State roads.

**Policy 1.5.4:** Miami Gardens shall provide F.D.O.T. with annual reports that document concurrency management efforts on State roads.