



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 21-039

Date: May 7, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan

The Broward County Planning Council granted provisional certification of the Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan on April 22, 2021, making it the effective land use plan for the City of Fort Lauderdale. To receive full certification from the Broward County Planning Council, minor amendments will be made to the Future Land Use Element in Summer 2021.

Background:

The City's Comprehensive Plan provides the blueprint for orderly and sustainable land development over the next decade and beyond. It provides the City with long-term direction through goals, objectives, and policies for future land use and serves as the basis for the City's zoning and land development regulations. An important component of the Comprehensive Plan is identifying the infrastructure and growth demands needed to support existing needs and future growth. The Comprehensive Plan also contains elements that address housing, transportation, infrastructure, water supply, coastal management, community health and safety, conservation, parks and recreation, historic preservation, public school facilities, intergovernmental coordination, and capital improvements.

The update process included broad stakeholder input through numerous public workshops including the Planning and Zoning Board, City advisory boards, and the City Commission. The City amended the Comprehensive Plan in a two-phase process. In Phase I, the Department of Sustainable Development, with assistance from the consultant team, The Corradino Group, Inc., prepared the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the City's existing 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The EAR, adopted by the City Commission in February 2016, addressed changes in Florida State requirements since the last update of the Comprehensive Plan and made a recommendation to update the plan based on the City's vision.

Phase II included the preparation of Volume I of the Comprehensive Plan, which includes Goals, Objectives and Policies based upon the EAR and the updated Data Inventory and Analysis. The City Commission adopted the updated Goals, Objectives, and Policies in November 2020.

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