

**CHAPTER 9****INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT**

The purpose of this planning element is to identify governmental units whose actions affect Levy County and to suggest methods by which they can communicate with each other during the planning process to coordinate their planning.

**Governmental Units**

The following section identifies governmental units that are located within Levy County or adjacent to Levy County and those units whose jurisdictions encompass Levy County. Table 9-1 provides the nature of the relationship and offices with primary responsibility for coordination.

**Adjacent Jurisdictions**

Levy County is bordered by Gilchrist, Alachua, Marion and Citrus Counties. The impacts of these county's plans upon Levy County were considered in the process of preparing the Levy County Plan.

**Municipalities**

The municipalities within Levy County are: Williston, Yankeetown, Chiefland, Bronson, Cedar Key, Fanning Springs, Inglis and Otter Creek. The County regularly consults with the municipalities, especially in the areas of solid waste and fire protection.

No municipalities are located directly adjacent to Levy County. It has not been necessary to coordinate the Levy County Comprehensive Plan with any municipalities located outside the boundaries of Levy County.

**Regions**

Levy County is located within the boundaries of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council [W.R.P.C.]. The W.R.P.C. is comprised of various officials from five counties; Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Sumter and Levy. The Council is the designated review authority for Developments of Regional Impact. All developments within Levy County considered to be of regional significance are required to be reviewed by the W.R.P.C. County officials grant final development approval based upon the recommendations of the W.R.P.C.

The W.R.P.C. is the designated A-95 review authority for Levy County. The purpose of this review procedure is to insure that federal funds are not allocated for programs that either conflict with or duplicate existing local programs.

The W.R.P.C. also has review authority for the Evaluation and Appraisal Report which formed, along with the 1978 plan, the basis for this 1987 update. The regional comments were considered in developing this plan ... itself also subject to regional review.

**Special Districts**

The Levy County Housing Authority manages all public housing projects within Levy County.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District are responsible for the regulation of water related issues in the county.

Levy County is served by the North-Central Florida Health Planning Council, Health Services Area 2. This agency is headquartered in Gainesville [Alachua County] and is responsible for health programs and the issuance of certificates of need for new medical facilities.

**School Boards**

The Levy County School Board [L.C.S.B.] has taxing authority and runs all the public schools within Levy County. The L.C.S.B. is comprised of elected officials. Presently there is no mechanism by which the Board can coordinate their actions with those of the Levy County Committee.

**State Districts or Agencies**

Levy County lies within the boundaries of the Florida Department of Transportation District Two, headquartered in Lake City.

The Florida Department of State is assisting Levy County in locating and justifying areas of archaeological significance. The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation [Gainesville] have jurisdiction in Levy County. The Florida Division of Forestry [Ocala] maintains offices in Bronson [County Forester] and Chiefland [Fire Prevention].

Levy County also coordinates with the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Soil and Water (LCCP: 9-2).

**Federal Agencies**

Unchanged, except for the merger of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation and the Department of Natural Resources to become the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The United States Department of Agriculture administers two [2] reforestation programs in Levy County, the Forest Incentive Program and the Agricultural Conservation Program.

**Specific Data**

During 1986, every agency which had any known potential for an intergovernmental relationship with Levy County was contacted. Each agency was asked to provide the following information.

1. The governmental entity within Levy County with which they coordinate.
2. The nature of the relationship.
3. The office or person in their agency responsible for coordination.
4. Their assessment of the effectiveness of coordination.
5. Examples or reasons for the response to #4 above.

The data compiled from this survey are presented in a series of tables at the end of this chapter. For each agency, all information returned in response to the questionnaires has been provided to form the basis for the analysis which follows and to fulfill the requirements of 9J-5.015(1)(b). A listing of nonrespondents is also provided, with no malice intended, but to fulfill the requirements of 9J-5.015(1)(a).

**Analysis**

Overall, it would appear that most coordination mechanisms are excellent, very good or good. Only one respondent said "Fair", and one said "relatively successful" when asked to describe the effectiveness of the coordination between their agency and Levy County.

**Special Problems And Needs (9J-5.015(2)(b))**

By individual chapter, this Levy County Comprehensive Plan 1987 update indicates the following potentials or needs for intergovernmental coordination:

1. Coordination with local and regional hurricane evacuation plans.
2. Coordination in regard to development proposals.
3. Discouraging urban sprawl.
4. Coordination with D.O.T. regarding major highway improvements.

For each of these needs, there is not an apparent need for additional coordinative mechanisms; rather, the need is for improving the existing mechanism. This is seen as an administrative need, but not a problem based upon the positive responses received.

**Other Comprehensive Plans (9J-5.015(2)(c))**

The Levy County Planning staff has reviewed the comprehensive plans of all adjacent political jurisdictions. The growth and development proposed in those plans has been found to be consistent with the Levy County plan. A comparison between the Levy County and Regional [W.R.P.C.] Plan indicates that all Levy County Comprehensive Plan Policies are consistent with the Regional Policies.

**Areas Of Critical State Concern (9J-5.015(2)(d))**

There are no areas of critical state concern in Levy County.

TABLE 9-1

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS OF LEVY COUNTY

AUTHORITY CONTACTED	GOVERNMENT ENTITY WITH WHICH AUTHORITY IN #1 COORDINATES	NATURE OF THE COORDINATING RELATIONSHIP	OFFICE OR PERSON IN #1 RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION	EFFECTIVENESS OF COORDINATION	EXAMPLES AND REASON EXPLAINING EVALUATION IN COLUMN #5- Subject Matter of Relationship
Marion County School Board	Levy County School Board	Formal-Special Legislation	Superintendent	Excellent	No difficulties
Levy County School Board	Levy County Board of County Commissioners	Generally Informal	Will Irby School Superintendent	Good	Coordination and cooperation has always been good between this and other governmental agencies concerned with the public welfare.
	Building and Zoning Department	Between	Assistant Superintendent for Support Services	Good	“
	Clerk’s Office	School	“	Good	“
	Emergency Medical Service	Board	Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	Good	“
	County Farm Forester	Administrative Staff and representatives of other agencies as problems arise.		Good	“

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	Housing Authority	Administrative Staff and representatives of other agencies as problems arise.		Good	Coordination and cooperation has always been good between this and other governmental agencies concerned with the public welfare.
	Mosquito Control	"		Good	"
	City Police Department	"		Good	"
	City Property Appraiser	"		Good	"
	City Supervisor of Election	"		Good	"
	Tri-County Council for Senior Citizens	"		Good	"
Dixie County School Board	Levy County School Board	Formal- NEFEC	James A. Bray	Excellent	Levy Co. provides service for some of Dixie County's ESE students. Student progress is an indication of a good relationship.

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Florida Department of Community Affairs	Board of County Commissioners	Formal	Robert G. Nave Chief, Bureau of Local Planning  Dale R. Eacker Grants & Public	Excellent  Excellent	Review and comment regarding Levy County Comprehensive Plan  State Grant Administration; Planning Notes; Legal Opinions; Revised Rules
Florida Department of Natural Resources	Sheriff's Department	Informal	Anna M. Hartman District Marine Patrol Inspector	Very Good	Marine Patrol-Violation Marine Resource, Boating Laws and Drug Intro
	County Tax Collector	Formal, Semi-Formal	Deputy Director of Law Enforcement	Very Good	Boat registration

	Board of County Commissioners	Formal	Bureau Chief of Office of Recreation Services	Very Good	Grant Programs 1) Florida Boating Improvement Program Registration fees held in escrow for county use for improving boat ramps. 2) Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program County & Cities Recreation facilities- Parks-Blue Springs. 3) Derelict vessel removal 4) Aquatic Weed Grant Program 5) Mosquito Control 6) State Lands
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	Levy Co. Government	la	Ney C. Landrum	-	-
Steve Martin / Office of Policies and Planning	Board of County Commissioners	la, lb	Ney C. Landrum	-	-
		la	Rick Froemke	-	-
		la	Ellison Hardee	-	-
		la	Nevin Smith	-	-
		la	Ed Conklin	-	-
	Building and Zoning Department	la	Mike Bullock	-	-
	Property Appraiser	la	Bobby Jack White	-	-

FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Soil and Water	Building and Zoning	Informal	Bureau of Soil and Water	Excellent	Provides soil maps and interpretation
	Board of County Commissioners	Formal	"	Excellent	Coordinate and conduct countywide soil survey in cooperation with Soil Conservation Service

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Southwest Florida and Suwannee River Water Management Districts	Sheriff's Department	Informal	Planning Director	Fair	Water Shortage
	Building and Zoning	Informal	Mapping and Graphic Manager	Good	Aerial photos
	Building and Zoning	Formal & Informal	Planning Director	Good	Planning; Development Review
	Commission / Building & Zoning	Formal	Planning Director Governing Board	Good	Project Proposals
	Citizens / Commission	Formal	Environmental Section Manager	Good	Lake Levels
	County Commissioners	Informal	Planning Director Public Communications	Good	Water Conservation
	Property Appraiser	Informal	Real Estate Director	Good	Save Our Rivers
	County Engineer	Formal	Director Regulation	Good	Permits
Municipalities in Levy County	Board of County Commissioners Road Department Health Department Building & Zoning Department	Formal	Chief Elected Official	Good	Formal contracts for solid waste disposal and county financial support for fire departments.

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Ron Miller Marion County Planning					
Vincent Cantero Citrus County Planning	Nobody	None			No relationship
Maria Zifou Alachua County Planning	Police & Fire Department	Informal	No Answer	No Answer	Coordinating crime, fire and rescue operations for or near county.
Jackie Barron Gilchrist County Planning					
Dr. Douglass Magann Alachua City School Superintendent					

TABLE 9-2

LEVY COUNTY/WRPC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

LEVY COUNTY CHAPTER NUMBER

Regional Issue #	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	(TR)	(HO)	(CO)	(CON)	(RE)	(UT)	(LU)	(IG)	N/A	(CA)
5.1 Housing		X		X			X	X		X
6.11 Health	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6.14 Health	X	X		X			X			X
7.2 Public Safety	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
8.1 Water Resources	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
8.2 Water Resources	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
8.3 Water Resources	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
9.1 Coastal Resources	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
9.2 Marine Resources			X	X	X	X	X	X		X
9.3 Public Safety	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
10.1 Natural Systems & Rec. Lands	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
10.2 Endangered Species		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
10.3 Land Use Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X

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10.4 Parks & Rec.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
11.1 Air Quality	X	X		X	X		X	X		X
12.1 Energy	X	X		X			X	X		X
12.2 Energy	X	X		X			X	X		X
13.1 Hazardous Wastes				X		X	X	X		X
13.2 Wastewater & Solid Waste				X		X	X	X		X
14.1 Mining Recl.			X	X			X	X		X
14.2 Mining Reg.		X	X	X			X	X		X
14.3 Mining Env.		X	X	X			X	X		X
15.1 Property Rights	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
16.1 Land Use Development	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
16.2 Land Use Resource Protection	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X

17.2 Downtown Revitalization	X	X				X	X	X		X
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18.1 Public Facility Use	X	X			X	X	X	X		X
18.2 Public Facilities Planning	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
19.1 Cultural & Historical Resources Access		X		X	X	X	X	X		X
19.2 Cultural & Historical Resources Development		X		X	X	X	X	X		X
20.2 Transportation Growth Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
21.1 Government Efficiency						X	X	X	X	X
21.2 Government Efficiency						X	X	X		X
22.1 Stability						X	X	X		X

22.2 The Economy, Jobs						X	X	X		X
23.1 Agriculture				X			X			X
24.1 Tourism				X	X	X	X	X		X

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24.2 Tourism				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25.1 Employment	X	X				X	X			X
26.1 Plan Implemen- tation						X	X			X

Source: Central Florida Planning & Development Corporation

TABLE 9-3

LEVY COUNTY/STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Issue #</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Objective #</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
5		Housing				
	(b)3		3	3-47	1	1.9
				3-50	3	3.1&3.2
				8-53	2	2.1
				8-57	8	9.2
8		Water Resources				
	(b)1		7	7-96	3.4	3.4.a-c

	(b)2			7-93	1.1	1.1.b
	(b)5			7-97	3.6	3.6.a&b
	(b)9&10			7-92	1.1	1.1.a-c
				7-93	1.2	1.2.a-c
				7-96	3.3	3.3.a&b
				7-97	3.6	3.6.a&b
				7-98	4.2	4.2.1&4.2.2
10		Natural Systems & Recreation				
	(b)1		8	8-49	1	1.3.7
				8-54	4	4.1
			5	5-84	5.1	5.1
	(b)2		5	5-83	3.8	3.8a&b
			6	6-20	3.8	3.8a&b
	(b)3&4		5	5-81	3.3	3.3
			5	5-84		5.1
			5	5-86	7.1	7.1
11		Air Quality				
	(b)1		5	5-75	1.1	1.1.a-c
<u>Plan</u>	<u>Issue #</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Objective #</u>	<u>Policy #</u>
12		Energy				
	(b)3		2	2-18	1.1	1.1.b
				2-19	1.2	1.2.b
				2-20	1.4	1.4
13		Waste				
	(b)1&4		7	7-84	2.2	2.2
				7-84	2.3	2.3
				7-95	2.4	2.4
14		Mining				
			8	8-57	9	9.1

	(b)1,5&6		8	8-49	1	1.1&1.2
			5	5-82	3.6	3.6.a a-e
16		Land Use				
	(b)2		8	8-49	1	1.3.1-1.3.3
				8-55	7	7.1-7.5
				8-57	7	7.7
				8-57	9	9.1&9.2
			7	7-95	3.2	3.2
				7-97	4.1	4.1.a-c
			5	5-79	2.2	2.2
	(b)3		8	8-53	2	2.1-2.2
				8-54	4	4.1
				8-55	7	7.1
			2	2-18	1.1	1.1.b-1.1.c
				2-19	1.2	1.2.a-1.2.b
				2-20	1.4	1.4
			5	5-84	4.3	4.3.a-4.3.b
			6	6-15	1.1	1.1
				6-17	3.1	3.1
	(b)4		8	8-57	8	8.1
				8-55	6	6.1
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			9	9-5	2	2.1-2.6
			8	8-49	1	1.1-1.9
				8-54	4	4.1-4.4
				8-55	7	7.7
18		Public Facilities				
	(b)1		8	8-54	4	4.3

				8-55	7	7.1
			7	7-95	3.2	3.2
				7-97	4.1	4.1.c
	(b)2		8	8-54	4	4.3
			3	3-48	2	2.8
				3-51	5	5.2
	(b)5		11	11-20	1	1.1-1.2
	(b)6		11	11-21	3	3.1-3.4
	(b)7		11	11-24	6	6
19		Historical Resources				
	(b)3		8	8-54	4	4.2
			3	3-51	5	5.1&5.2
20		Transportation				
	(b)3		8	8-55	6	6.1
				8-55	7	7.1
			2	2-18	1.1	1.1.b
				2-19	1.2	1.2.a a&b
				2-19	1.3	1.3.a a-c
21		Governmental Efficiency				
	(b)1		8	9-4	1	1.1
				9-5	2	2.1-2.6
				9-5	3	3.1&3.2
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23		Agriculture				
	(b)9		8	8-55	7	7.2&7.3
				8-57	9	9.2
			7	7-93	1.2	1.2.a
			5	5-76	1.3	1.3.a, d&e
				5-81	3.5	3.5

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**Summary of Intergovernmental Coordination and the Time of the EAR****Inventory of Existing Entities****Adjacent Jurisdictions**

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**Municipalities within Levy County**

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**Regional Planning Council**

Unchanged, except that the Withlacoochee Region was designated as a federal Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1995, offering potentials for intergovernmental coordination for economic development.

**Special Districts**

The Withlacoochee Private Industry Council split into two agencies. Levy, Marion and Sumter are now served by the Workforce Development Authority (formerly the Withlacoochee Private Industry Council); Citrus and Hernando Counties formed their own private industry council.

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Federal Agencies

Unchanged, except for agency name changes within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Other agencies Having Intergovernmental Relationships with Levy County Not Listed Above

Unchanged.

Description of Existing Coordination Mechanisms

Unchanged. The intergovernmental coordination mechanisms specified in the goals, objectives and policies of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element in the 1990 Levy County Comprehensive Plan were not implemented between 1990 and 1996. See Part 3, Chapter 9.

Effectiveness of Existing Coordination Mechanisms

Unchanged

Coordination With Any Designated Area of Critical State Concern

There are no Areas of Critical State Concern within Levy County at the time of the preparation of the EAR.