
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Goals, Objectives and Policies

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element seeks to establish and maintain efficient, effective procedures of coordinating planning efforts with adjacent counties and cities; the incorporated areas within Martin County; 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 of Sewall's Point can better serve its residents and encourage orderly and balanced growth and development, while protecting and enhancing the Town's existing communities and natural resources.

The Town of Sewall's Point's Intergovernmental Coordination Element will demonstrate how the Town will pursue coordination and work alongside with agencies and other government entities to achieve the overarching goals of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Town intends to develop, maintain, and strengthen coordination with Martin County, adjacent municipalities, the Martin County School Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the South Florida Water Management District, and other State and regional agencies in efforts to improve coordination and reduce duplication of services.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT – GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL IC 1 COLLABORATION

Goal IC 1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall seek collaboration with the appropriate governments and outside agencies to manage growth and development in a way that preserves the quality of life for Town residents, and results in the efficient and cost-effective delivery of services and public facilities.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.1 PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Objective IC 1.1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination of its Comprehensive Plan with other municipalities and agencies so that it complements and supports other planning efforts.

Policy IC 1.1.1 – As a means of assuring consistency of its Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Sewall’s Point shall forward a copy of its Comprehensive Plan or proposed plan amendments to all agencies as required by state law and consider any comments received from such entities prior to the adoption of the Plan or plan amendment.

Policy IC 1.1.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point will request that each adjacent municipality and the county send copies of all proposed comprehensive plans or plan amendments to the Town for review and comment.

Policy IC 1.1.3 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the Florida State Housing Program to ensure that it complements and supports planning efforts regarding Affordable Housing.

Policy IC 1.1.4 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall coordinate its emergency management planning efforts with Martin County and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure the Town is aware of changes to area plans or other technical information that would affect the Town.

Policy IC 1.1.5 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall monitor its stormwater management and flood prevention plans for effectiveness and review at least once every five years. Such ordinances shall be reviewed for consistency with established Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance guidelines, rates, and maps, as well as with the latest South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) stormwater ordinance criteria found in SFWMD Permit Manual.

Policy IC 1.1.6 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination with its stormwater management and flood prevention planning with the plans of Martin County. This may be accomplished through a formal agreement to cooperate, through joint planning efforts, or through mutual review and comment on plans for stormwater management and flood protection.

Policy IC1.1.7 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall establish principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating The Town of Sewall’s Point’s Comprehensive plan with the South Florida Water Management District’s Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan.

Policy IC 1.1.8 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall establish principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating the Comprehensive Plan with the Martin County School District Success Plan.

Policy IC 1.1.9 – The Town of Sewall’s Point’s Land Development Regulations shall include a requirement for a public-school impact statement for the following:

- a) Master site plan applications which include residential units
- b) Final site plan applications which include residential units

Policy IC 1.1.10 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall coordinate its Comprehensive Plan with the Martin MPO’s adopted Long Range Transportation Plan and the Florida Department of Transportation’s adopted Work Program to ensure that it complements and supports other transportation planning efforts.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.2 COMMUNICATION

Objective IC 1.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall ensure the efficient, effective and timely sharing of information among government partners to ensure that the Town has equitable representation in local, state, and federal planning and funding decisions.

Policy IC 1.2.1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point will continue to collaborate with surrounding municipalities regarding regional trends, topics, and developments that impact the Town of Sewall’s Point and the surrounding municipalities.

Policy IC 1.2.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall request an invitation to participate in the quarterly meeting of Martin County Board of County Commissioners, municipalities in the county, and the Martin County School District facilitated by Martin County to discuss locally significant planning and development matters.

Policy IC 1.2.3 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall ensure that local needs for public transit are met through its participation with the Martin MPO.

Policy IC 1.2.4 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall continue to engage in effective intergovernmental coordination with service providers from local, regional, state and federal governments and agencies through the following means:

1. Attend regional Mayor/Manager meetings.
2. Participation on the MPO.
3. Participation in the Florida League of Cities, Treasure Coast Division.
4. Request an invitation to attend quarterly joint meeting with Martin County, Martin County School Board, and other Martin County municipalities.
5. Interlocal agreements with Martin County and other local, state and federal agencies.
6. Ongoing communications with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), Martin County, and State and local agencies and institutions.
7. Continued adherence to state requirements pertaining to transmittal of comprehensive plan amendments to the TCRPC and other prescribed agencies.
8. Continued exchange of planning data with Martin County Growth Management Department, and other agencies such as the SFWMD or utility/telephone companies.
9. Continue to post information on Town website including, but not limited to, meeting agendas, agenda item materials, Town’s Code of Ordinances, Town’s Land Development Regulations, Future Land Use and Zoning maps, and Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

~~seek to establish formal, specific means of coordination with adjacent municipalities, the county, state, and federal agencies who have permitting and regulating authority and quasi-public entities which provide services.~~

Policy IC 1.2.5 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall utilize a voluntary regional dispute resolution process (RDRP) to reconcile differences on planning, growth management, and other issues with other local governments, regional agencies, and private interests facilitated by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC). When the Town’s efforts fail to resolve a dispute with these entities, the Town will notify the TCRPC in writing about the dispute, requesting the Council’s mediation. The Town shall also notify the local government that the Town has requested mediation assistance. (Reference Florida Administrative Code 29K-4.010)

Policy IC 1.2.6 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination with surrounding municipalities regarding changes to levels of service standards.

Policy IC 1.2.7 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall notify Martin County of proposed annexations as required by Chapter 171 Florida Statutes.

Policy IC 1.2.8 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall coordinate with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to develop processes for collaborative planning and decision making on locally unwanted land uses.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.3 FACILITIES

Objective IC 1.3 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall establish intergovernmental processes, agreements, and programs which result in effective intergovernmental coordination of facilities.

Policy IC 1.3.1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall seek to facilitate efficiency with public facilities by establishing joint use agreements with Martin County and other local partners.

Policy IC 1.3.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall develop joint processes for collaborative planning and decision making on the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency and siting county wide significance.

Policy IC 1.3.3 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall promote processes to coordinate the location of educational facilities, including planning functions, and the reuse of existing buildings when possible.

Policy IC 1.3.4 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination with Martin County and the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure efficient maintenance of state and county owned roads located in The Town.

Policy IC 1.3.5 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination with Martin County regarding countywide traffic performance standards.

Policy IC 1.3.6 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue coordination with Martin County Board of County Commissioners, the Martin MPO, and the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the expansion of any roadway network through the Town to determine the impacts of these activities upon Town neighborhoods.

Policy IC 1.3.7 – The Town will protect the established neighborhoods from any undue disruption from roadway expansions. The Town will coordinate with Martin County and FDOT to ensure public input on roadway design. If this results in an unresolved issue with the County or FDOT, the Town will request mediation assistance from the TCRPC.

Policy IC 1.3.8 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall coordinate with Martin County the municipal utility provider to encourage the continued proper maintenance of the water utility infrastructure and to ensure that local needs for drinking water continue to be met. This will be accomplished through regular meetings with Martin County Utilities and the monitoring of the Martin County 10-year schedule of Capital Improvements to inform the Town Commission of projects aimed to correct any deficiencies in the potable water system.

Policy IC 1.3.9 ~~—The~~ The Town of Sewall's Point shall contact Martin County Utilities when there is an application for a Future Land Use change which would result in additional residential or commercial units to pursue coordination of ensure the timing, location, and capacity of public facilities ~~to ensure required services will be~~ available when needed.

Policy IC 1.3.10 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall pursue coordination with Martin County's School District to achieve the desired level of service for public school facility capacity.

Policy IC 1.3.11 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall coordinate with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to facilitate processes for collaborative planning and decision making on the locations and extension of public facilities.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.4 SERVICES

Objective IC 1.4 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall pursue collaboration with local, state, federal and nonprofit agencies that results in the effective delivery of services to the community.

Policy IC 1.4.1 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall collaborate with the Martin County Health Department to ensure adequate healthcare is provided to the community with a particular focus on the uninsured and underinsured.

Policy IC 1.4.2 – The Town of Sewall's Point shall pursue collaboration with Martin County Parks and Recreation, the YMCA, and other non-profit organizations to ensure there are adequate recreation programs for the community.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.5 LEVERAGE FUNDING

Objective IC 1.5 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall establish intergovernmental processes, agreements and programs which result in effective intergovernmental coordination of funding sources.

Policy IC 1.5.1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall pursue collaboration with the Martin MPO and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to ensure the funding of vital, eligible transportation projects in the Town are included the in the FDOT’s Citizens Report and ultimately in the MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program.

Policy IC 1.5.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall continue to collaborate with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to pursue state grants for Community Planning studies, projects, and programs.

Policy IC 1.5.3 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall collaborate with the Department of Elder Affairs to secure program funding for citizens more than 60 years old.

Policy IC 1.5.4 – The Town of Sewall’s Point shall collaborate with state and federal agencies to secure funding for projects, developments, and programs that benefits disabled citizens in the Town of Sewall’s Point.

OBJECTIVE IC 1.6 JOINT PLANNING AREAS

Objective IC 1.6 – The Town of Sewall’s Point, together with appropriate agencies, seeks to establish joint planning area(s) that extend beyond jurisdictional and political boundaries.

Policy IC 1.6.1 – The Town of Sewall’s Point seeks to ensure proper planning and coordination of applications for annexation and de-annexation. This will be accomplished through ongoing communication with Martin County and efforts to develop and maintain Interlocal Agreements that clearly define the methods for accomplishing this.

Policy IC 1.6.2 – The Town of Sewall’s Point seeks to ensure the efficient use of infrastructure and its proper maintenance. This will be accomplished through support of Utility Service Area(s), Interlocal Agreements and Maintenance Agreements with surrounding municipalities and state agencies.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) – Short-range plan, which identifies capital projects, provides a planning schedule and identifies options for financing the plan. The CIP is a coordinated effort to determine what services the Town will provide, what facilities are needed to provide those services and how the Town will pay for the facilities. Coordination among staff, the public, the federal and state governments is essential in preparing the CIP.

Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) – Provides home and community-based services to seniors who are at risk of being placed into a long-term care facility because of their degree of frailty. Ultimately, the goal is to efficiently use resources to ensure that the greatest number of elders possible get to choose where they live while living healthy, active, and fulfilling lives in their communities.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Provides a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the environment and communities; Primary purpose to plan and develop (either directly or indirectly) Florida's robust transportation system.

Interlocal Agreement – Collaborative contract between public bodies aiming to provide more efficient, less costly public services. Interlocal agreements between public agencies should result in mutual benefits for all of the parties involved. The Town of Sewall's Point may utilize interlocal agreements to provide for coordination and planning and the division of duties and responsibilities among the Town, the County, other municipalities and other agencies.

Level of Service (LOS) – A qualitative measure examining operational conditions.

Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Designated and funded through Federal legislation mandating the coordination of plans and improvements in areas with a population of 50,000 or more. The Martin MPO works to coordinate the improvement of all facets of the transportation network throughout Martin County. This effort includes the monitoring and evaluation of existing conditions, the development of improvement strategies, the facilitation of meaningful public input, and the implementation of evaluated and funded strategies.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – List of upcoming transportation projects covering a period of at least four years. The TIP must be developed in cooperation with the state and public transit providers. The TIP should include capital and non-capital surface transportation projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other transportation enhancements, Federal Lands Highway projects, and safety projects included in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The TIP should include all regionally significant projects receiving FHWA or FTA funds, or for which FHWA or FTA approval is required.

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) – Organization created by and for local governments to provide planning and technical assistance services and assist in carrying out Florida's growth management programs. TCRPC was established in 1976 through an interlocal agreement between Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach counties.