

# Board of County Commissioners

Hernando County



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## Via Federal Express

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Re: **DCA No. 05-2ER**  
**Hernando County's adoption of its EAR Plan Amendments (CPAM-05-05-EAR)**

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

To fulfill the requirements of s.163.3184, Fla. Stat., Rule 9J-11.011, Fla. Admin. Code., and the Florida Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") submission instructions, the following attachments are provided:

- Attachment A:** Three copies of the adopted amendments with underline and strike through text, as applicable, together with copies of all updated maps and cumulative table of contents. Three copies of the accompanying staff reports are also included as part of Attachment A.
- Attachment B:** Copy of the Hernando County Ordinance #2005-23 adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment DCA No. 05-2ER (CPAM-05-05-EAR) with the amendments attached thereto.
- Attachment C:** Comprehensive Plan Citizen Courtesy Information List.
- Attachment D:** Copies of letters to agencies - Letters addressed to applicable review agencies pursuant to Rule 9J-11.011, Fla. Admin. Code.

## **PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW**

On July 14, 2004, Hernando County adopted its *Evaluation & Appraisal Report of the Comprehensive Plan, Hernando County, FL* ("EAR") following significant public participation and input and including conducting numerous community meetings, workshops and public hearings. On October 8, 2004, DCA issued its notice of sufficiency finding the County's adopted EAR sufficient under the Act. Pursuant to s. 163.3191, Fla. Stat., the County began preparing its EAR-based Plan Amendments and holding public hearings in connection therewith.

On August 30, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners approved the EAR-based Plan Amendments (essentially in the form attached) and authorized their transmittal to DCA for compliance review. The Plan Amendments were assigned DCA No. 05-2ER. Thereafter, DCA reviewed the Plan Amendments and issued an Objections, Recommendations and Comments ("ORC") Report which contained one lone objection to Plan Policy 1.01F(8). In response to DCA's objection, the County revised this policy.

The attached amendments (DCA No. 05-2ER, CPAM-05-05-EAR) were adopted by Ordinance No. 2005-23 on December 14, 2005 and are the adopted EAR-based amendments for Hernando County, Florida. They are adopted with modifications, as noted below, and are the final version of the Plan Amendments previously transmitted to DCA as noted above.

There has been no change to the supporting data and analysis for the amendments. These EAR-based amendments are not exceptions to the twice per year limitation on comprehensive plan amendments, but are being processed as one of Hernando County's regularly scheduled comprehensive plan amendment cycles for 2005. A new cumulative table of contents that includes all comprehensive plan amendments with revision dates and ordinance numbers is included.

## **RESPONSE TO ORC REPORT**

DCA raised an objection to language in Policy 1.01F(8) which has been modified to address the objection. An ORC response document is attached.

## **ADDITIONAL CHANGES NOT PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED, CHANGES RELATED TO ORC REPORT**

The following changes have been made to the amendments since they were reviewed as proposed amendments. The change in response to the ORC (Policy 1.01F(8)) and the addition of text and map supporting designation of the Suncoast Parkway as a scenic corridor (Objective 2.02B with two policies and Limits of Scenic Corridor Map) are considered substantive. All other changes are considered "housekeeping."

### **Future Land Use Element**

Policy 1.01F(8) has been revised in response to the ORC.  
Goal 1.12 - Objective statement 1.12A has been added.  
Typographical errors have been corrected.

### **Transportation Element**

Objective 2.02 and two policies have been added to support designation of the Suncoast Parkway as a scenic corridor.

Policy 2.04A(3) has been revised to indicate that traffic volumes on the listed backlogged facilities are Bi-directional Peak Hour trips.

Goal 2.05 - Objective statement 2.05D has been added.

### **Coastal Management Element**

Typographical errors have been corrected.

### **Section D - Future Land Use Map Mapping Criteria and Land Uses Allowed**

References to the Bayport Planned Development District (PDD) have been deleted due to acquisition of the property by SWFWMD. This is a housekeeping change that was not included in the Proposed Amendments, although other deletions regarding the Bayport PDD were included.

### **Section E - Special Features Maps of Hernando County, FL**

Added a map showing the location of the Suncoast Parkway Scenic Corridor.

### **FINDINGS OF LOCAL GOVERNING BODY**

There are no findings by the local governing body which were not included in the adoption Ordinance 2005-23.

### **COPIES TO OTHER AGENCIES**

One copy of the adopted comprehensive plan amendment packet is being submitted directly to the Executive Director of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, to the Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, to the Florida Department of Transportation - District 7, to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, to the Florida Department of State, to The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission, and to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at their addresses indicated on DCA's internet web site.

This letter also serves to certify that copies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan, Technical Support Documents and subsequent adopted amendments and related documents were sent to other state and regional agencies pursuant to s. 163.3184(7), Fla. Stat., and Rule 9J-11.011, Fla. Admin. Code.

### **NO ADDITIONAL DATA AND ANALYSIS REQUIRED**

The data and analysis contained in the EAR supports the adopted amendments. In accordance with Rule 9J-11.011(5)(b)5, submission of additional data and analysis is not required.

### **NOTATIONS**

- ✓ Currently, the County utilizes the St. Petersburg Times newspaper for legal advertising. The St. Petersburg Times address is: St. Petersburg Times, 15365 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613 and their listed telephone number is (352) 754-6100.
- ✓ There are no other amendments in the current cycle, and therefore no amendments in the current cycle which have been previously reviewed by the Department but not adopted.
- ✓ Finally, we note that DCA No. 05-1 (CPAM 05-01 and 05-02) was recently found "in compliance" by DCA. These amendments are not shown in the strike-through and underlined text in Exhibit A to Ordinance 2005-23; however, they are included as part of the cumulative Comprehensive Plan, as amended, by operation of s. 163.3189, Fla. Stat. Copies of this amendment are included as part of Attachment A for ease of reference.

The local government contact is: Lawrence Jennings, Director of Growth & Development Services, 20 North Main Street, Room 262, Brooksville, Florida; phone (352) 754-4057, FAX (352) 754-4420; email address: [LarryJ@co.hernando.fl.us](mailto:LarryJ@co.hernando.fl.us). Copies of the Plan Amendment are available for public review in the Hernando County Planning Department and the Hernando County Library System.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2005-23, the undersigned has been authorized to transmit this Plan Amendment package to DCA and make the certifications contained herein.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Lawrence Jennings  
Director of Growth & Development

Attachments

pc w/attachments: Michael R. Moehlman, Executive Director, Withlacoochee Regional  
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