

CHAPTER SIX
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element responds to the need for coordination processes between and among local, state and federal governments and entities. It establishes methods for the resolution of conflicts or incompatibilities through intergovernmental coordination.

This Comprehensive Plan, which sets forth the goals, objectives and policies that will guide the development of the Town of Greenwood, represents a major effort in ensuring the coordination of future development in the Town. The Intergovernmental Coordination Element identifies additional measures that should be taken to ensure the coordination of land development activity within the Town and the region.

In addition, there are a number of state agencies whose plans and projects have a major influence on development in the Town. This element establishes policies for coordination between the Town, other local governments, the State Department of Transportation, and other state agencies.

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GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL - To respond to the needs for coordination between the County and local, state, regional, and federal governments and private entities resulting from the implementation of Greenwood's Comprehensive Plan, and any incompatible goals and policies proposed in other comprehensive plans.

Objective 1 - Analysis indicates that there is minimal coordination between Waste Management Inc., the County, and municipalities regarding future growth and anticipated need for disposal of solid waste generated due to this growth. Procedures shall be developed, by 1995, which allow Waste Management Inc. to be made aware of the projected need for solid waste disposal, in order to assure that adequate capacity exists in the County's landfill to accommodate future growth.

Policy 1.1 - The County shall designate an individual to serve as liaison to Waste Management Inc. The liaison will coordinate with Waste Management, Inc. on any proposed expansion of mandatory waste collection and will inform them of major developments that are expected to take place in the County so that adequate planning for landfill capacity can take place. The Town shall coordinate with the County and ensure that the Town's needs are also met.

Objective 2 - There are currently no mechanisms for coordinating the Town's Comprehensive Plan with the plans of Jackson County, school board, water management district, and other regional, state and federal agencies. The Town shall establish appropriate mechanisms for coordination by 1995.

Policy 2.1 - The Town shall establish a liaison with the State Division of Historic Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation, and with Jackson County and seek to identify and protect the Town's historical and archeological resources.

Policy 2.2 - The Town shall request assistance as needed from the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection in coordination for the management of wetlands, natural drainage features, and prime recharge areas.

Policy 2.3 - The County, through the County Administrator, will investigate establishing a liaison

to the school board. The liaison would meet regularly with the board in order to promote joint use and development of recreational facilities associated with existing educational facilities. The Town shall cooperate with the County in this effort, and designate a liaison with the County to ensure that the Town's needs are met.

Policy 2.4 - The Town shall request program assistance from the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority to ensure that the Town is included in any of the Authority's programs that assist low- and moderate-income households.

Policy 2.5 - The County shall request, in writing, assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop a checklist that could be used by the County and the municipalities to ensure that all development complies with stormwater treatment permitting requirements. The Town shall utilize this checklist in its review of land development proposals.

Policy 2.6 - The Town shall request program assistance from the Florida Department of Natural Resources to conserve the Town's existing open space and shall investigate land acquisition funding sources.

Policy 2.7 - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection standards, 62-30, F.A.C., will be followed regarding the transfer and storage of hazardous wastes.

Policy 2.8 - The County shall participate in the Northwest Florida Water Management District Programs that provide a regular formal forum to address the impacts of land use and stormwater runoff.

Policy 2.9 - The Town shall utilize information provided by adjacent local governments and agencies throughout the planning process and make results of any planning research conducted by the Town available to these entities in order to establish the sharing of information.

Policy 2.10 - The Town of Greenwood will coordinate with the incorporated municipalities, adjacent local governments and appropriate state agencies in the implementation of emergency response plans, including, but not limited to, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan, Peacetime Emergency Plan and Hurricane Evacuation Plan.

Objective 3 - As the Town's comprehensive plan is amended, certain conflicts may arise between this plan and other local and regional plans. The Town shall, by 1995, establish a process to ensure full consideration of the impacts of proposed amendments of the comprehensive plan, as well as development orders and development permits, on Jackson County.

Policy 3.1 - The Town shall use the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts that may arise in the amendment and implementation of comprehensive plans, as well as annexation disputes.

Policy 3.2 - The Town shall continue to work with the Department of Community Affairs, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, and other state agencies in order to ensure that the Town Plan remains consistent with the state agency and regional plans.

Policy 3.3 - The Town shall send copies of all proposed plan amendments to Jackson County for review and coordination/comments. When any development is proposed that will impact development in Jackson County, this project must be coordinated between the local governments to be impacted from the development. Coordination shall consist of project plan review, issue identification, and written communication between the County and affected adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy 3.4 - The Town and Jackson County shall meet jointly for discussion of issues such as annexation, comprehensive plan coordination and compatibility of land uses along municipality-county borders.

Objective 4 - The County, the adjacent Florida, Georgia and Alabama counties, the incorporated municipalities in Jackson County, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida Department of Corrections and all other state agencies should coordinate their decisions to ensure that the impacts of development, including but not limited to its effects on traffic, drainage, density and intensity, and water quality are addressed.

Policy 4.1 - The Town shall establish procedures to coordinate the construction or expansion of public facilities and services with the land use decision-making process in order to ensure that the impacts of such construction or expansion are addressed.

Policy 4.2 - The Town of Greenwood and the County should develop the mechanism by 1995 to prepare a joint 5-year schedule of capital improvements.

Policy 4.3 - Concurrency management procedures will be implemented by approximately March 1992 to ensure that required services and facilities will be available concurrent with the impacts of new development.

Policy 4.4 - The Town shall establish an informal agreement with Jackson County and FDOT to seek input from each other concerning future transportation projects in order to assure that such projects are consistent with local government comprehensive plans.

Policy 4.5 - The Town shall review transportation volumes and level of service standards as they relate to state roads. The Town shall monitor proposed roadway improvements and proposed developments of regional impact. The purpose of monitoring shall be the identification of impacted road segments, and the coordination of strategies to remedy such conditions.

Objective 5 - The Town of Greenwood shall notify any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for a public facility or service when establishing or revising the level of service of that public facility or service.

Policy 5.1 - When operations and/or maintenance responsibilities are shared between the Town and another entity, it shall be the Town's policy to coordinate with the entity in order to establish a level of service acceptable to both parties. Negotiations for the establishment of any level of service standard shall be documented.

Objective 6 - In the event of revisions of level of service standards for public facilities, such level of service standards shall be coordinated with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibilities.

Policy 6.1 - In the event that the impact of a planned development from Jackson County may potentially lower an adopted level of service standard within the Town of Greenwood, the issue must be identified and addressed formally through written communication between the Town, the County, and private developer, if applicable.

Policy 6.2 - When any development is proposed that will impact development or levels of service of facilities in Jackson County, that project must be coordinated between the Town and the County. Coordination shall consist of project plan review, issue identification and written communication between the County and affected adjacent jurisdictions.