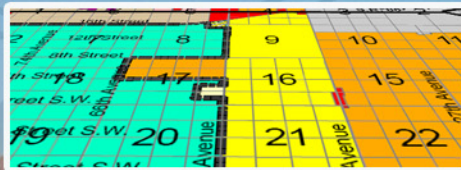
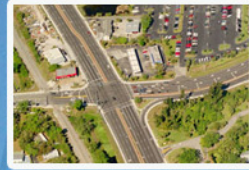


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PREFACE

This Plan was prepared in accordance with Chapter 163, Part II of the Florida Statutes, The Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act of 1985 (hereafter referred to as “the Act”) and Rule 9J-5 of the Florida Administrative Code, Minimum Criteria for Review of Local Government Comprehensive Plans and Determination of Compliance. The County Plan as adopted on February 13, 1990. On June 18, 1991, the Florida Department of Community Affairs found the county Plan to be “In Compliance” with Chapter 163, F.S. and Rule 9J-5, F.A.C.. On December 17, 1996, Indian River County adopted its first Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). On November 18, 2008, Indian River County adopted its second Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The EAR identified many changes necessary to update the plan to reflect new data, changes in state law, and new circumstances in the community. Those changes were incorporated into an EAR based plan amendment which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 12, 2010, and resulted in a major update of the county’s comprehensive plan.

It is the intent of the Plan to encourage the most appropriate and efficient use of land, water, and natural resources consistent with the public interest; to correct present deficiencies; to effectively and efficiently resolve future problems that may result from the use and development of land within the unincorporated areas of Indian River County; to facilitate the adequate and efficient provision of transportation, potable water, sanitary sewer, parks, recreational facilities, solid waste disposal, stormwater management, public schools, housing, and other services; and to protect, conserve, and utilize natural resources within the unincorporated areas of Indian River County. Furthermore, mechanisms to encourage intergovernmental coordination between the county, its municipalities, regional agencies, and state agencies for planning and development activities are presented.

Section 163.3171(2) of the Act states that a county shall exercise authority under this Act for the total unincorporated area under its jurisdiction. Rule 9J-5.005(4), F.A.C., Planning Timeframes, states that each local government comprehensive plan shall include at least two planning periods; one for at least the first five-year period subsequent to the plan’s adoption and one for at least an overall ten year period. Given that the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2010, the planning timeframes are 2015 and 2030.

The 1985 Growth Management Act mandated that local governments engage in a continuous planning process. This process is cyclical, involving plan preparation and adoption, plan implementation, and plan evaluation and appraisal. Then, the cycle starts again with amendment of the plan based on evaluation and appraisal results. With adoption of its EAR-based comprehensive plan amendments, Indian River County has completed the second phase of the second planning cycle under the 1985 Growth Management Act.