



Regional Partnerships & Coordination Element

GOAL: UTILIZE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE THE VENICE COMMUNITY A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE AND ADEQUATE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Objective 1 Development and Public Service Coordination. The City shall collaborate with its intergovernmental partners on the planning and development of public services and infrastructure systems in the Greater Venice Community.

- Policy 1.1 Coordinated Growth and Infrastructure Expansion. The City shall coordinate infrastructure and public utility services in the Joint Planning Area, Extra-Jurisdictional Planning Area, and Future Planning Areas with Sarasota County and private property owners as per the provisions of the adopted Joint Planning Agreement/Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPA/ILSBA) with Sarasota County.
- Policy 1.2 Interlocal Agreements. The City shall continue to execute and administer the interlocal agreements it has established with its regional partners and enter into new agreements as appropriate to implement coordination objectives.
- Policy 1.3 Coordinated Services. Continue to study the possible consolidation of appropriate public services and facilities with other local, regional, or state partners as one means of maintaining consistent service standards and avoiding duplication of services and facilities.
- Policy 1.4 Technical Review Committee. The City shall utilize its established technical review committee structure to coordinate site and development plan reviews with the City's regional planning partners including Sarasota County, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and Sarasota County School Board.
- Policy 1.5 Infrastructure and Facility Improvements. Coordinate the development, expansion, maintenance, and financial feasibility of public services and infrastructure systems needs of the Greater Venice Community. Such



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efforts, as appropriate, shall include:

- A. Parks and public spaces.
- B. Library systems.
- C. Utility systems (potable water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste).
- D. Schools and educational services.
- E. Emergency management services.
- F. Transportation systems including roadways, urban trails, and transit resources.

Policy 1.6 Public Service Needs and Demands. Utilize intergovernmental partnerships to ensure the public services needed to meet the current and future demands of the Greater Venice Community are provided. Such demands include services related to:

- A. Open space conservation and natural resource protection.
- B. Waterway use and regulation compliance.
- C. Historic and cultural resource protection.
- D. Community housing opportunities.
- E. Public education initiatives.
- F. Multi-modal transportation initiatives.

Policy 1.7 City Council Coordination. Foster coordination between the local planning authorities within Sarasota County by working to promote the following intergovernmental planning partnerships:

- A. A member of each local municipality sit on the Sarasota County City Council.
- B. Holding an annual joint meeting of all five local planning authorities: Sarasota County, Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, and Town of Longboat Key.
- C. Including information from intergovernmental staff reviews in project staff reports.

Policy 1.8 Long Range Planning. The City shall coordinate its future development projects and long range planning efforts with its local, regional, and state partners including Sarasota County, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Sarasota County School Board, and State of Florida. Such efforts, as appropriate, shall include:

- A. Review of proposed comprehensive plan amendments.
- B. Development of long range plans for public services and infrastructure systems such as: utilities, transportation, parks, and schools.



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- C. Execution of developer agreements through which private developers construct infrastructure enhancements that meet community needs while limiting public expenditures.
- D. Planning of infrastructure capital improvement and impact fee expenditures with extra jurisdictional planning areas and joint planning areas.
- E. Development of community housing opportunities.

Objective 2 Level of Service Coordination. Maintain an adequate level of service for each of the City’s public service and infrastructure systems in coordination with the City’s local, regional, and state partners.

- Policy 2.1 Level of Service Standards. Ensure that the established level of service standards for parks and recreation, potable water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, schools, and transportation systems are maintained in coordination with the City’s established intergovernmental partnerships and agreements.
- Policy 2.2 New Developments. Utilize the site and development review process and technical review committee structure to ensure the LOS standards adopted by the City Concurrence Management Ordinance are met by each new development project.
- Policy 2.3 Level of Service Planning. As regional master plans are updated, ensure the City’s LOS standards are consistent.
- Policy 2.4 Level of Service Determination. Coordinate the establishment of LOS for public services, facilities, and infrastructure systems with local, regional, or state entities responsible for maintaining, operating, or funding such services, facilities, or systems.

Objective 3 Cooperative Work Efforts. The City shall coordinate work efforts with its local, regional, state, and federal partner agencies in order to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services and use of community resources. Coordinated work efforts shall address coordination of the following public services and infrastructure systems:

- A. Parks and recreation.
- B. Conservation and natural resource protection.
- C. Coastal and waterway management.
- D. Utility service delivery (potable water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste).
- E. Public service delivery.



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- Policy 3.7 Solid Waste Coordination. Coordinate the disposal of solid waste by continuing to implement solid waste interlocal agreements with Sarasota County. Add additional locations as needed and monitor tipping fees.
- Policy 3.8 Shared Facilities. Identify opportunities for co-locating programs and creating multi-use facilities with other private and public partner entities including: Sarasota County, Sarasota County School Board, YMCA, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, and Boys and Girls Club.
- Policy 3.9 Emergency Management Coordination. Coordinate with Sarasota County, State of Florida, FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers, Red Cross, and other emergency management partners on all aspects of emergency management preparedness, mitigation, and response.
- Policy 3.10 Library Services. Coordinate with Sarasota County on providing library services to the Venice community. Considerations should include:
- A. Neighborhood needs assessment.
 - B. Computer access.
 - C. Meeting space.
 - D. Technology improvements.
 - E. Facility location.
 - F. Cost effectiveness.
- Policy 3.11 School Facilities and Educational Services. Coordinate the provision of educational services and development of school facilities with the Sarasota County School Board by implementing the interlocal agreements with the School Board, Sarasota County, City of North Port, City of Sarasota, and Town of Longboat Key.
- Policy 3.12 Regional Linear Trail System. Provide multi-modal transportation alternatives by participating in the development of a regional linear trail system that includes urban trails, bikeways, footpaths, blueways, and sidewalks. Coordinate such efforts with local, regional, and state organizations through the Sarasota County Master Trail Program.
- Policy 3.13 Transit Access. Coordinate with Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) to ensure bus service is available to appropriate public facilities and properties. In achieving this policy the City will:
- A. Support land use policies that promote a viable transit system.
 - B. Coordinate the expansion of routes with SCAT.
 - C. Pursue other innovative transit and multimodal services.



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- Policy 3.14 Historic Preservation Coordination. Expand the City's historic preservation resources by participating in and partnering with local, regional, state, and federal organizations including: Venice Historical Commission, Venice Area Historical Society, Venice MainStreet, Sarasota County, State Office of Cultural and Historical Programs, National Trust, and United States Department of Interior.
- Policy 3.15 Coordinated Housing Solutions. Participate in local, regional, state, and national housing initiatives to inventory, monitor, and maintain the quality and quantity of the region's community housing supply. Coordinate such efforts with local, regional, state, and federal housing partner entities including Sarasota County, State of Florida, and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Policy 3.16 Planning and Development Coordination. Coordinate the planning and development of land, transportation, public facilities, and infrastructure systems with Sarasota County, SWFRPC, SWFWMD, Florida Department of Community Affairs, and other local, regional, state, and federal entities.
- Policy 3.17 Cooperative Grant Efforts and Funding Opportunities. Maximize public fiscal resources by coordinating grant funding opportunities with other local, regional, and state entities.
- Policy 3.18 Intergovernmental Conflict Coordination. The City shall continue to utilize the SWFRPC as an informal mediator in the event of a conflict with other government entities.

Objective 4 Regional Agencies. The City shall continue to utilize the services, expertise, and leadership of the designated regional agencies to assist in the review, administration, and execution of local services and development efforts.

- Policy 4.1 Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. Continue to coordinate with the SWFRPC on the review and counsel of land development and transportation related issues.
- Policy 4.2 Southwest Florida Water Management District. Continue to coordinate with the SWFWMD in the preservation of the regional water supply.
- Policy 4.3 West Coast Inland Navigation District. Continue to coordinate with the WCIND in the preservation and conservation of the Intracoastal Waterway.



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Policy 4.4 Sarasota-Manatee MPO. Continue to participate as a member and coordinate with the Sarasota-Manatee MPO in transportation planning matters.



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