



November 14, 2008

Ray Eubanks, Plan Processing Administrator
Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Division of Comprehensive Planning
Plan Processing Administrator
2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Re: Letter of Understanding- City of Avon Park's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

On behalf of the City of Avon Park, we are submitting this Letter of Understanding to identify the Major Issues that will be the focus of Avon Park's 2009 Evaluation and Appraisal Report of its Comprehensive Plan. The Major Issues to be addressed are attached. These issues were developed through the meetings listed below:

- ❖ September 8, 2008, Public Workshop held to solicit public input and to identify major issues from interested residents and representatives from the City;
- ❖ October 9, 2008, Agency Scoping Meeting;
- ❖ November 3, 2008, City Council meeting to review major issues identified during the Public Workshop; and
- ❖ Consultation with City staff.

The Central Florida Regional Planning Agency (CFRPC) and the City of Avon Park respectfully request that the Department of Community Affairs concur with the attached list of major issues as the issues by which the City's Comprehensive Plan will be evaluated. Once accepted, the evaluation will focus primarily on these areas of concern. The EAR will also address the shortcomings of the Plan elements, and the changes required to address state laws and required subjects listed in Section 163.3191 (2), Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed issues please contact me at (863)-534-7130 ext 178 or at jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org. We look forward to receiving your letter of agreement regarding these issues and to coordinating with the Department as we prepare the EAR and update the City's comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

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Planning Director

cc: Sarah Adelt, City Manager, City of Avon Park



**CITY OF AVON PARK
EVALUATION & APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR)
LIST OF MAJOR ISSUES**

In its Evaluation and Appraisal Report, the City of Avon Park will review the Major Issues listed below.

Issue: Transportation

- Assess the Comprehensive Plan for provisions to promote sidewalk connectivity between neighborhoods and schools as well as other safety measures such as streetlights. Evaluate the Comprehensive Plan for coordination between the City, County and Florida Department of Transportation for transportation improvements for future developments.

Issue: Housing

- Assess whether provisions of the Comprehensive Plan promote the distribution of affordable housing throughout the City, and assess the Plan for the provision of housing for the elderly in core urban areas rather than more rural, isolated areas.

Issue: Lakes Preservation and Recreation

- Evaluate the Comprehensive Plan to assess policies regarding the treatment of stormwater before discharging in to the Lakes.
- Assess provisions of the Plan for the promotion of public access to lakes including the need for more boat ramps. Review the Plan to address the need for parks on the north and south sides of the City.

Issue: Historic Preservation

- Evaluate the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the encouragement of the preservation of structures and sites that are of historical significance to the City.

Issue: Economic Development /Land Use

- Evaluate the Comprehensive Plan to ensure coordination efforts between the City, the County and the Economic Development Council to promote economic development. Review the Industrial Future Land Use designation and the need for additional Industrial lands.

Issue: Intergovernmental Coordination

- In an effort to improve growth management, identify opportunities to increase cooperation and collaboration between the City and County as well as other local governments.

THE EAR WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT

- This Element was transmitted in November 2008 and will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan revisions.

WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES PLAN

- The 10 year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan was adopted in September 2008 and the amendments will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan revisions.

POPULATION

- Population changes since plan adoption versus those projected in the original plan.
- Future population projections.

ANNEXATION

- Annexations since plan adoption.
- Planned future annexations.

LAND USE

- Locations of vacant land and suitability for development.
- Development patterns which changed since plan adoption and consistency with original plan patterns.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEVELS OF SERVICE

- Current levels of service compared with those at plan adoption.
- Level of service standard changes.
- Commitments for future services including reservation of capacities.

FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

- Financial feasibility of plan reflected in CIE under current requirements.

Changes to State and Regional Requirements and Plans since Plan Adoption:

- Changes to State Comprehensive Plan
- Changes to Central Florida RPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan
- Changes to Chapter 163 F.S.
- Changes to Chapter 9J-5, FAC