

DIVISION 2.300 CONSERVATION

SECTION 2.301 INTRODUCTIONS

The Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is intended to guide the protection and use of the County's natural resources. This document was prepared in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 9J-5, FAC.

Polk County is 2048 square miles of land and water. Its central cities, Lakeland and Winter Haven, form the heart of the developing area as a Standard Metropolitan Area. The majority of the County's land is undeveloped and is the basis of the rural setting for many of its 17 municipalities.

Polk County's natural resources such as surface waters, groundwater, floodplains, wetlands, minerals, soils, air quality, and vegetative communities, have played a large part in the area's development through their abundance and potential for use, in terms of the aesthetic value they provided, or by the constraints to development they necessitated.

The County contains the headwaters of six Florida rivers, and contributes water to those rivers via 22 major streams. Polk County also contains a large portion of the Green Swamp (an Area of Critical State Concern). The groundwater levels measured in the County form the potentiometric high for the state.

Sand Pine Scrub, a rare and endangered vegetative community, endemic to central Florida, is found in significant quantities in Polk County. Air quality is in compliance with Federal standards due to the low level of industrialization for the size of the County as well as the dispersion of motor vehicle traffic. Mineral resources are abundant here and have historically been significant to the local economy.

The goal, objectives, and policies of the Conservation Element are designed to protect the natural resources which make Polk County a special place while preventing degradation of the environment and allowing development and economic expansion to occur.

GOAL: To protect, manage, and enhance the natural resources and environmental quality of Polk County.

SECTION 2.302 AIR QUALITY

OBJECTIVE 2.302-A:

Air quality within Polk County shall continue to meet the minimum air quality levels established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

POLICY 2.302-A1:

During Polk County's review of proposed Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), the County shall review air quality impacts of the project and the air-quality mitigative measures for the project both to be provided by the applicant for the DRI.

POLICY 2.302-A2:

Polk County shall, at least annually, review the existing placement of DEP/EPA ambient air monitoring stations in the County and shall request that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provide for placement of temporary or permanent stations to monitor air quality for specific areas determined by the County to be in need of such monitoring based on population and location of air pollutant emission sources.

POLICY 2.302-A3:

Polk County shall implement development regulations adopted in the Land Development Code to provide for buffer areas between land uses where hazardous air emissions from one land use may adversely affect adjacent land uses.

POLICY 2.302-A4:

At that time when the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) promulgates standards addressing radon gas Polk County shall initiate implementation of the standards within its development regulations.

OBJECTIVE 2.302-B:

Polk County shall assist the FDEP with enforcement of its asbestos control program by ensuring that contractors are informed of the requirements and processes related to the state's asbestos abatement program prior to issuing a demolition or reroofing permit.

POLICY 2.302-B1:

Polk County shall, before issuing a County structure demolition permit, require verification that FDEP has been notified of intent to demolish or remodel buildings containing asbestos, except for those structures exempt from FDEP notification.

SECTION 2.303 SOILS

OBJECTIVE 2.303-A:

Polk County shall require all construction/development sites to implement best management practices in accordance to the Land Development Code.

POLICY 2.303-A1:

Polk County's development regulations shall require all construction/development sites to implement best management practices based on FDEP's Florida Development Manual, Chapter Six.

POLICY 2.303-A2:

Criteria for Polk County's inspection of development sites during construction activities shall include erosion-control standards.

OBJECTIVE 2.303-B:

Polk County shall establish a funding mechanism(s) to support the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District in order for the District to provide technical assistance with the use of best management practices for development (including mining) and agriculture.

POLICY 2.303-B1:

Polk County shall annually review the funding source to the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District to ensure provision of sufficient monies to allow the District to provide consistent technical assistance and development review.

POLICY 2.303-B2:

Polk County shall, through its Legislative Delegation Position Statement, request that the State provide funding to the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District in at least an amount to match the funding provided by the County.

SECTION 2.304 MINERAL RESOURCES

OBJECTIVE 2.304-A:

Polk County shall continue to promote the efficient utilization of mineral resources in a manner which will lend itself to reclamation and limit significant impact to the natural environment.

POLICY 2.304-A1:

Polk County shall require mining operations to submit permits from state and federal regulatory agencies prior to, or concurrent with, final development approval.

POLICY 2.304-A2:

Polk County shall support research to determine uses of phosphate mining and processing waste products such as phosphogypsum and clay, and shall support the use of those materials if such use is determined by Federal and State agencies to not pose a hazard to human health.

POLICY 2.304-A3:

Lands designated as Preservation on the Future Land Use Map Series, and/or through development regulations, shall not be disturbed by mining or mining support operations.

POLICY 2.304-A4:

Polk County shall require that use of reclaimed land be consistent with Future Land Use Element policies and land use designations.

POLICY 2.304-A5:

Polk County's development regulations shall include minimum setbacks for all mining operations between the mine site and adjoining properties not owned by the mine operator.

POLICY 2.304-A6:

Polk County shall protect the availability and mineability of its mineral resources by implementing a Mineral Resource Overlay District, as defined within the Future Land Use Element of this plan. The overlay will delineate areas intended for mining through the time frame of the Comprehensive Plan. (See Objective 2.124-C and accompanying policies.) Mining activities (excluding phosphate) shall be allowed in those areas which are identified on the Mineral Resource Overlay District and/or where the mineral resources occur and where extraction is compatible with the surrounding land uses to be defined in the Land Development Code.

SECTION 2.305 SURFACE WATER

OBJECTIVE 2.305-A:

Polk County shall develop a program of activities to maintain the quality of public waterbodies and their drainage basins and improve the quality of waterbodies determined by FDEP to not be functioning at their designated classification.

POLICY 2.305-A1:

Polk County shall continue to coordinate with FDEP to update through the surface water ambient monitoring program, the 305 (b) list of priority water bodies which is submitted to EPA.

POLICY 2.305-A2:

Polk County shall establish a funding mechanism(s) to maintain or improve existing surface water quality when needed.

POLICY 2.305-A3:

Existing stormwater management systems reconstructed by the County on recommendation of the County Parks and Natural Resources Division, and requiring stormwater permits from a water management district, shall be retrofitted where those systems drain into surface waters on the County's Retrofitting CIP referenced in Policy 2.305-A8.

POLICY 2.305-A4:

The County shall, where applicable, attempt to coordinate stormwater system retrofit activities with municipalities within the County.

POLICY 2.305-A5:

Polk County shall use best management practices determined appropriate for the project to mitigate impacts on surface water.

POLICY 2.305-A6:

Polk County shall continue to ensure proper disposal of waste products as described in Policy 3.102-C3.

POLICY 2.305-A7:

Polk County's development regulations shall require setbacks of septic tanks from waterbodies and setbacks of structures from lakes.

POLICY 2.305-A8:

Polk County shall prioritize the retrofit project list based on problems identified within watersheds in the priority list of impaired water bodies developed by FDEP=s 303(d) report.

POLICY 2.305-A9:

Polk County shall continue to protect the natural flow of streams within the County by enforcing the floodway protection provisions of the Land Development Code.

POLICY 2.305-A10:

The wetlands protection standards shall be enforced through the Land Development Code.

POLICY 2.305-A11:

Polk County shall require:

- A. all new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed so as not to allow infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters;
- B. all new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed so as not to allow infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and
- C. on-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

POLICY 2.305-A12:

Polk County shall implement watershed management plans to address regional flooding and water quality along major water courses.

POLICY 2.305-A13:

The County shall continue to participate in the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program to protect and conserve the Peace River and its tributaries.

POLICY 2.305-A14:

The County will coordinate with the water management districts in their efforts to restore and maintain surface water and aquifer levels.

POLICY 2.305-A15:

Polk County shall Continue acquisition of land for the protection of surface water as part of POLICY 2.309-A5.

OBJECTIVE 2.305-B:

Polk County shall continue and increase its monitoring of surface water quality and investigate for sources of chemical and bacterial pollution in public waterbodies.

POLICY 2.305-B1:

The Polk County Parks and Natural Resources Division shall continue its monitoring of public lakes and shall expand the program to include public lakes determined to be of environmental significance with the voluntary compliance of any landowner adjacent to the lake.

POLICY 2.305-B2:

The Polk County Parks Natural Resources Division shall continue to provide water-quality data to the State's water-quality database.

POLICY 2.305-B3:

Polk County shall continue to implement bacteriological monitoring as needed for surface water quality analysis.

POLICY 2.305-B4:

The Polk County Parks and Natural Resources Division shall maintain and update a list of streams that should be monitored for water quality based on population and the likelihood of pollution and, if necessary, shall implement a monitoring network on those streams

SECTION 2.306 GROUNDWATER

OBJECTIVE 2.306-A: DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Polk County shall develop a groundwater protection program.

POLICY 2.306-A1:

Polk County shall implement land development regulations and performance standards as established in the Land Development Code providing for:

- A. impervious-surface cover requirements,
- B. balanced water-budget requirements,
- C. vegetation preservation,
- D. stormwater-retention design consideration, and

- E. control of point and non-point pollution of ground and surface waters (including but not limited to contact with sinkholes and the use of vegetative buffered and proper design of stormwater management systems).
- F. no reduction by new development and redevelopment within a "high recharge area" in the aquifer recharge quality or quantity (volumes and rates) and for Subsurface storage and flow to simulate pre-development natural conditions.

POLICY 2.306-A2:

Polk County shall continue to implement a wellhead protection program which shall:

- A. provide for coordination with Polk County's local municipalities to identify current and future public-supply wellhead sites; and
- B. implement wellhead protection strategies for those sites and their Wellhead Protection Area where those sites are currently in use or purchased for that purpose to serve Polk County residents. The County shall use FDEP standards for wellhead protection areas within the program.

POLICY 2.306-A3:

The County shall continue coordination with the Health Department, DEP, and other applicable agencies to implement a program where Polk County Health Department staff inspects, identifies, and takes action, within existing regulatory parameters, to correct the deficiencies found in on-site disposal systems (e.g. septic tanks) and private wastewater treatment and disposal facilities that are polluting ground or surface waters or otherwise creating health hazards.

POLICY 2.306-A4:

Polk County shall continue to coordinate with agencies involved with potable water-well and septic-tank permitting and require site inspections of water wells as they are installed to ensure proper setback from on-site disposal systems

POLICY 2.306-A5:

Private on-site disposal systems (e.g. septic tanks) shall be designed and located in accordance to standards established by the Department of Health using USDA Soil Conservation Services' determinations as to the adequacy of each type of soil to support septic tank use and the depth of the wet-season water table level.

POLICY 2.306-A6:

Development shall be limited in accordance to the policies stated within the Future Land Use Element "Aquifer-Protection Areas" Section 2.120-D, and "Wellhead Protection Section 2.121-D.

POLICY 2.306-A7:

All new development and redevelopment within a "high-recharge area" shall not reduce the aquifer recharge quality or quantity (volumes and rates). Subsurface storage and flow shall simulate pre-development natural conditions.

POLICY 2.306-A8: PLAN AMENDMENT AND LAND-DEVELOPMENT CODE REVISIONS

Polk County shall update its Land Development Code according to the Well Head Protection Standards adopted by the State.

POLICY 2.306-A9:

Polk County shall coordinate with the Water Management Districts to obtain completion reports for all new public wells above 100,000 gallons and update the wellhead map when needed.

OBJECTIVE 2.306-B:

Polk County shall continue to implement a water conservation and reuse program for development and redevelopment in accordance with Water Management districts.

POLICY 2.306-B1:

Polk County shall provide for enforcement of water use restrictions declared by applicable water management districts during district-declared water shortages.

POLICY 2.306-B2:

Polk County shall continue to develop and implement water conservation techniques to minimize use or conserve more water. Connection to reclaimed water, and planting of drought tolerant and Florida-friendly plants should be required when available and feasible.

POLICY 2.306-B3:

Polk County's development regulations shall include landscaping requirements for residential, commercial and industrial development that stress water conservation techniques such as Florida-friendly landscaping or use of drought-tolerant native vegetation.

POLICY 2.306-B4:

As part of the County's 10 year Water Supply Plan, potable water conservation measures shall be established in the Land Development Code consistent with the rules and recommendations of the SWFWMD and other members of the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) formerly Central Florida Coordination Area, to include:

- A. Reclaimed and non-potable water systems:
 - 1. To facilitate the use of reclaimed water in new developments, master reclaimed or non-potable water distribution systems shall be installed during the construction of the development in accordance with the Land Development Code.

2. As part of the process for implementing new developments, developers shall be required to identify and use alternative water sources to meet irrigations and aesthetic. Such master systems shall be dedicated to the County in accordance with the Land Development Code.

- B. requiring low-water demand landscaping;
- C. requiring low-volume plumbing fixtures as outlined by State Law;
- D. maintaining and implementing a water-conservation educational program;
- E. requiring development to be consistent with the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA);
- F. implementing a water-conservation program (Policy 3.105-D2);
- G. implementing conservation rate structures designed to promote water conservation by all customer types;
- H. adoption of watering restrictions and requirement that reclaimed (non-potable) water be used by all customers when made available by the water utility;
- I. enforcement of water restrictions by customers, monitoring of excessive water uses and other active measures to ensure that water is conserved and noncompliance is corrected; and
- J. coordination between Polk County and its municipal partners to develop county-wide initiatives that efficiently incentivizes water conservation efforts in the region.

SECTION 2.307 FLOODPLAINS

OBJECTIVE 2.307-A:

Polk County shall continue its floodplain protection measures.

POLICY 2.307-A1:

The Polk County Engineer shall prioritize floodplains associated with watercourses, based on the floodplains' development potential, and shall routinely perform hydrologic studies of selected floodplains to determine floodplain and floodway limits. The results of these studies shall be submitted to FEMA for review and revision of existing FIRM and floodway maps.

POLICY 2.307-A2:

Polk County shall continue to enforce floodplain regulations to ensure the protection of floodplains' natural functions.

POLICY 2.307-A3:

Polk County shall require that new development in the form of structures and structural improvements be placed one foot or more above the 100-year flood elevation.

POLICY 2.307-A4:

Polk County shall continue to request inclusion of County public lakes in SWFWMD's Minimum Flows and Lake Levels Project

POLICY 2.307-A5:

Development within floodplains shall be limited in accordance to the policies stated in the Future Land Use Element "Floodplain-Protection Areas" Section 2.123-B.

SECTION 2.308 WETLANDS

OBJECTIVE 2.308-A:

Polk County shall continue its protection of natural wetlands.

POLICY 2.308-A1:

Polk County shall use a combination of the best available information to develop a wetlands database and shall revise that database regularly as additional information becomes available.

POLICY 2.308-A2:

Polk County shall, to the greatest extent that is financially feasible, enhance degraded wetland systems found on the site of any County public works project undertaken.

POLICY 2.308-A3:

Polk County's development regulations shall encourage wetland species diversification and re-vegetation by natural or cultural means.

POLICY 2.308-A4:

Polk County shall enforce its existing wetlands regulations through the implementation of the land development code.

POLICY 2.308-A5:

Development within wetlands shall be limited in accordance to the policies stated in the Future Land Use Element "Wetland-Protection Areas" Section 2.123-C.

POLICY 2.308-A6:

Application for development near wetlands shall include a wetland delineation report to identify if a wetland is either isolated or within a wetlands system and provide for a mitigation strategy.

SECTION 2.309 ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

OBJECTIVE 2.309-A:

Per Section 163.3202(1), FS, Polk County shall continue to promote conservation of wildlife and native vegetative communities.

POLICY 2.309-A1:

Polk County's development regulations shall:

- A. include design criteria and provide incentives to conserve native vegetative communities, as defined;
- B. allow for an on-site density transfer to preserve native vegetative communities;
- C. implement the policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element for protection of such communities; and,
- D. require development to conserve or mitigate damage to endangered and threatened species through the development review process.

POLICY 2.309-A2:

Polk County shall coordinate with applicable local governments, water management districts, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other state and local agencies to identify and protect unique environmental resources.

POLICY 2.309-A3:

Polk County shall protect the natural functions of fisheries by maintaining and improving surface water quality as described in the policies of the Surface Water, Floodplains, and Wetlands Sections of this element.

POLICY 2.309-A4:

Polk County shall coordinate with other governments or governmental agencies to preserve the PolkGreen Districts, as defined in the Future Land Use Element of this plan.

POLICY 2.309-A5:

Development within areas that contain listed species, shall conform to the following criteria:

- A. all permits for an agency with jurisdiction shall be approved prior to, or concurrently with, the County issuing a final development order.
- B. impacts to areas containing listed species shall first be avoided; secondly, where they cannot be avoided, impacts shall be minimized and shall be mitigated by compensation and/or enhancement.

POLICY 2.309-A6:

Polk County shall continue to implement a land acquisition program. This program shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. development and solicitation of funding sources from various local, state, and federal funding source(s) such as the Polk County Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management ad valorem tax and matching funds;
- B. site selection and management based on the recommendations of the Conservation Land Acquisition Selection Advisory Committee (CLASAC); and
- C. coordination with other acquisition programs.

OBJECTIVE 2.309-B:

Polk County shall coordinate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to prevent loss of endangered or threatened species.

POLICY 2.309-B1:

Polk County shall continue to implement the following:

- A. as part of the PolkGreen District, maintain and update the inventory of areas supporting endangered or threatened plants or wildlife species. The inventory shall be maintained using data available from local, State and Federal agencies.
- B. require development, excluding individually owned single-family dwelling units, that contains property identified in the inventory to conserve or mitigate damage to areas supporting endangered or threatened plants or wildlife species.
- C. require mining operations to demonstrate compliance with this policy by submitting all applicable regulatory agencies' permits and/or exemptions.

POLICY 2.309-B2:

Polk County shall, at least annually, prioritize those areas identified according to Policy 2.309-B1 and shall continue to submit those areas for inclusion in state acquisition programs.

POLICY 2.309-B3:

Polk County shall coordinate with state and other governmental agencies in the conservation of endangered plant and wildlife species.

POLICY 2.309-B4:

Polk County shall continue to protect federally or state listed endangered or threatened plants as part of the Objective 2.124-E2 of the PolkGreen District and POLICY 2.309-A5. In addition, development regulations shall provide for transfer of density to protect endangered or threatened wildlife. Purchased

land shall be coordinated with the purchase of land for recreational and open space when appropriate. Funding shall be solicited from various local, state, and federal funds.

POLICY 2.309-B5:

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SECTION 2.310 HAZARDOUS WASTE/MATERIALS

OBJECTIVE 2.310-A:

Polk County shall continue to implement mechanisms to minimize the risks associated with hazardous materials.

POLICY 2.310-A1:

Polk County's hazardous-materials inventory shall be updated annually to identify locations where hazardous materials are used, processed, stored, or transported as required by EPA.

POLICY 2.310-A2:

Polk County shall require all commercial and industrial operations that handle hazardous materials to report their storage and usage of such materials annually. The County shall randomly inspect facilities to determine their compliance with the reporting requirements. The information received from these reports shall be used to annually update the Hazardous Materials Plan prepared by the Polk County Emergency Management Division.

POLICY 2.310-A3:

Polk County shall investigate the potential for implementing a County occupational license fee or other fees to be paid to the County by industrial and commercial organizations that are known to handle hazardous materials and for which the County would need to develop emergency procedures within the Hazardous Materials Plan. This fee would be in an amount to cover the cost of compiling the annual reports, the inspections required in Policy 2.310-A2, and any extraordinary measures the County would have to take to implement emergency procedures.

POLICY 2.310-A4:

The County's development regulations shall include standards for the location and relocation of commercial and industrial facilities which use, handle, or store hazardous materials in excess of 1000 kilograms or as established by the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 40, Part 355, Appendix A, such as:

- A. access from the site to major transportation routes for ease and safety of transporting hazardous materials;
- B. access and response time to the site for properly-trained and equipped personnel to service potential hazardous materials accidents;
- C. the nearness and degree of sensitivity of surrounding land uses;

- D. the compatibility of the proposed use with respect to the nature of hazardous materials stored or used on adjacent sites;
- E. the existence of surface water features, including drainage patterns and basin characteristics;
- F. the location of potable water supplies, private wells, public well fields, sinkholes and other conduits for potential migration of contaminants; and
- G. atmospheric conditions, including but not limited to, prevailing wind patterns.

OBJECTIVE 2.310-B:

Polk County shall maintain and update as necessary a mechanism to provide for the proper management of hazardous wastes produced within Polk County.

POLICY 2.310-B1:

A hazardous wastes inventory shall be conducted which identifies locations where hazardous wastes are produced, stored, or transported. Once the inventory is compiled a random sample of the identified locations will be inventoried regularly.

POLICY 2.310-B2:

Polk County shall review continually the State and Federal regulations pertaining to handling, transportation, and storage of hazardous wastes to determine the adequacy of these regulations and their enforcement. Polk County will continue to monitor new regulations pertaining to hazardous waste to assure continued adequacy and compliance with the new regulations.

POLICY 2.310-B3:

Polk County shall investigate the potential for implementing a County occupational license fee to be paid to the County by industrial and commercial organizations for those operations that are known to produce hazardous waste, as determined by their SIC code. Inspections shall occur at least annually and shall be used to determine if the facilities are disposing of hazardous wastes in the proper manner. The fee would be in an amount to cover the cost of compiling the annual reports, the inspections required in Policy 2.310-B1, and any extraordinary measures the County would have to take to monitor hazardous wastes.

POLICY 2.310-B4:

Polk County shall, in conjunction with applicable agencies or organization's, develop an educational program concerning the proper management of hazardous waste produced by households, small-quantity commercial and industrial generators, and large-quantity commercial and industrial generators.

POLICY 2.310-B5:

Polk County shall levy and collect taxes on the annual gross receipts of privately-owned commercial hazardous waste treatment facilities as specified in Chapter 403.7315 FS, and shall use that tax to meet public safety needs and other costs arising from existence of such a facility.

POLICY 2.310-B6:

Polk County shall continue to evaluate the costs and benefits associated with:

- A. the biannual mobile collection event;
- B. providing permanent collection points to residents for household hazardous waste; and
- C. other possible hazardous waste collection programs.

POLICY 2.310-B7:

Polk County shall not allow hazardous wastes to be disposed of within County landfills.

POLICY 2.310-B8:

If a hazardous waste incinerator for the State of Florida were to be located in Polk County, the Board of County Commissioners should press FDEP to provide full time personnel for the purpose of monitoring aforesaid facility. If FDEP fails to perform in this manner, Polk County will secure funds from County budget to maintain necessary monitoring personnel.

SECTION 2.311 GENERAL CONSERVATION

OBJECTIVE 2.311-A:

Polk County shall continue to support enforcement of all local, state and federal air and water quality regulations.

POLICY 2.311-A1:

Polk County shall coordinate with state agencies to determine which agency regulations are not being adequately enforced and shall determine and implement a method(s) to support those state agencies.

POLICY 2.311-A2:

The County shall study the financial requirements, potential funding sources, and practical results of developing and implementing a County Environmental Protection Program or other means of better enforcing air and water quality standards.

POLICY 2.311-A3:

The following areas have the potential of being environmentally sensitive and the County shall identify them by designating the areas on overlay maps within the Future Land Use Map Series and/or through policies of the Future Land Use and/or Conservation Elements of this plan:

- A. wetlands,
- B. floodplains,
- C. areas supporting endangered or threatened plant or wildlife species,

- D. areas supporting unique vegetative communities,
- E. areas providing prime and/or high recharge to the Floridan Aquifer,
- F. Wellhead Protection Area of public water wells,
- G. waterbodies, and
- H. the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern.

SECTION 2.312 IMPLEMENTATION

OBJECTIVE 2.312-A:

Polk County shall implement the objectives and policies of the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A1:

The County Manager, or designee, shall be responsible for implementing the conservation objectives and policies included in the Polk County Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY 2.312-A2:

Polk County shall implement development regulations as adopted in the Land Development Code to implement the objectives and policies of the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A3:

Polk County shall establish appropriate funding mechanisms to finance the capital, operational, and maintenance costs related to the implementation of objectives and policies of each Conservation section.

POLICY 2.312-A4:

Polk County shall maintain intergovernmental agreements with other local governments in order to attain common objectives within the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A5:

Polk County shall establish contact with other governmental agencies, as needed, to carry out Conservation objectives and policies.

POLICY 2.312-A6:

Polk County shall revise permitting or permit-related procedures, as necessary, to carry out the objectives and policies of the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A7:

Polk County shall abide by the objectives and policies within the Conservation Element which specifically affect County operations.

POLICY 2.312-A8:

Polk County shall develop and implement programs or methodology, and conduct any studies required by the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A9:

Polk County shall maintain the inventories required by the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A10:

Polk County shall continue to enforce existing regulations where specified within the Conservation Element.

POLICY 2.312-A11:

Polk County shall coordinate with the South Florida Water Management District the local implementation of the Lake Okeechobee SWIM Plan.

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