

**Comprehensive Plan Large Scale Text Amendment
Infrastructure Element
P24-124**

SUMMARY

Applicant’s Request:	Approval of a city-initiated text amendment to the Infrastructure Element of the City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan.
Applicant:	City of Port St. Lucie
Project Type	Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment
Project Planner:	Bridget Kean, AICP, Deputy Director

Project Description

This application is a city-initiated comprehensive plan text amendment to update the Infrastructure Element of the City’s comprehensive plan. The proposed amendment will revise Policy 4.D.2.1.1 of the potable water sub-element to recognize the City’s 2022 update to its Water Supply Facility Work Plan. The City of Port St. Lucie is required to maintain a potable water supply facility work plan to strengthen coordination of water supply planning with land use planning. The City’s water supply facility work plan is overseen by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

The City is located within the SFWMD Upper East Coast Water Supply Planning Area which encompasses Martin and St. Lucie counties as well as the northeastern portion of Okeechobee County. State law mandates that the City’s potable water supply facility work plan be updated within 18 months of the South Florida Water Management District’s update to the Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan. The Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan was updated in November 2021.

The City’s Utility Systems Department submitted the update to Water Supply Facility Work Plan 2022 to the South Florida Water Management District in May 2023. Following receipt of comments and additional revisions, the City of Port St. Lucie Water Supply Facility Work Plan 2022 was approved by the South Florida Water Management District in July 2024.

Analysis

In 2005 the Florida Legislature passed legislation to require local governments subject to a regional water supply plan to prepare a 10-year water supply facility work plan and adopt it into the local comprehensive plan by January 12, 2008. The City of Port St. Lucie prepared and adopted the 10-Year Water Supply Facility Work Plan (Work Plan) in December 2008. The Work Plan projected water demands for at least a 10-year period and demonstrated that the current and planned water supply facilities and source(s) of water met the projected demands. The plan was updated in 2013 and 2018 following the updates to the Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan. The 2022 Update will serve as the City’s Five (5) Year update to its 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work.

Under Policy 4.D.2.1.1, the City’s water supply plan is adopted by reference. This amendment will update the policy as follows as shown below and under the attached Exhibit “A” with additions shown as underline and deletions shown as ~~strikethrough~~.

Policy 4.D.2.1.1: The City shall adopt by reference and implement the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Water Supply Facility Work Plan 2017, ~~revised December 4, 2018-2022~~, in accordance with the SFWMD Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan, as amended.

The Water Supply Facility Work Plan 2022 Update is attached as Exhibit “B”.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Department finds the proposed text amendment to be consistent with the intent and direction of the City’s comprehensive plan and recommends approval of attached Exhibits “A” and “B”.

Planning and Zoning Board Action Options:

- Motion to recommend approval to the City Council
- Motion to recommend approval to the City Council - with conditions
- Motion to recommend denial to the City Council

Please note: Should the Board need further clarification or information from either the applicant and/or staff, it may exercise the right to *table* or *continue* the hearing or review to a future meeting.

