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CHAPTER INTRODUCTION

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element establishes coordination mechanisms between Baldwin County and its municipalities, governmental units within the County, adjacent counties, and state, regional and federal agencies. The policy framework outlined in this Element provides the principles and guidelines necessary to implement the Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL 1: Baldwin County (the “County”) seeks to improve governmental efficiency and effectiveness as well as resolve conflicts and incompatibilities through cooperation, communication and flexible relationships between Baldwin County and all other forms of government which have issues that affect Baldwin County. Through this Intergovernmental Element, the County seeks to effectively provide coordination of this Comprehensive Plan with the local governments located within and surrounding Baldwin County’s area of concern and other entities providing services in the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County.

Note: The area of concern for Baldwin County is the adjacent areas of Escambia, Monroe, Clarke, Washington, and Mobile counties, as well as the municipalities of:

1. Orange Beach
2. Fairhope
3. Daphne
4. Gulf Shores
5. Spanish Fort
6. Summerdale
7. Magnolia Springs
8. Bay Minette
9. Elberta
10. Foley
11. Loxley
12. Robertsdale
13. Silverhill

Objective 1.1: Coordinate and communicate the Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan and its related impacts to relevant local and private sectors, as well as the above listed municipalities and counties.

Policy 1.1.1: Baldwin County shall provide a copy of the County’s adopted Comprehensive Plan to each municipality within the County. Furthermore, Baldwin County shall submit copies of

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future Comprehensive Plan Updates and proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the municipalities for review and comment.

Policy 1.1.2: Baldwin County shall provide a copy of the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan to each adjacent county: Clarke County (AL), Escambia County (AL), Mobile County (AL), Monroe County (AL), and Washington County (AL), and Escambia County (FL). Furthermore, the County shall submit copies of future Comprehensive Plan Updates and proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the adjacent counties for review and comment.

Policy 1.1.3: Baldwin County shall provide a copy of the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan to the Baldwin County Board of Education. Furthermore, Baldwin County shall submit copies of future Comprehensive Plan Updates and proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Baldwin County Board of Education to the Board for review and comment.

Objective 1.2: Baldwin County will participate in and develop new committees or informal coordination mechanisms which will both further intergovernmental coordination, and the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.2.1: by 2010, Baldwin County Commission shall conduct an intergovernmental coordination collaborative workshop wherein all city councils, mayors, city managers, Baldwin County Board of Education members and constitutional officers shall be invited. The workshop will be designed to enhance intergovernmental coordination among all entities in Baldwin County.

Policy 1.2.2: By 2010, Baldwin County shall facilitate a Planners' Forum to meet on a regular basis to coordinate planning efforts and exchange information throughout the County. Baldwin County shall invite and encourage participation in the Planners' Forum from the Baldwin County Board of Education, South Alabama Regional Planning Council, Transportation Planning Organization and municipalities.

Policy 1.2.3: Baldwin County shall maintain and coordinate local government services through forming one or several Intergovernmental Committee(s) (the "Committee"). The Committee(s) should include, but are not limited to, representatives from the following local governments, agencies, organizations, and private sectors:

- The Baldwin County Board of Education (BCBE)
- The Baldwin County Commission and Planning Commission
- Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
- North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
- Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
- South Baldwin chamber of Commerce

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- Alabama Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce
- Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance
- Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)
- Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR)
- A representative from each of the County's municipalities (mentioned above)
- A representative from each of the counties surrounding Baldwin (i.e., Monroe, Clarke, Mobile, Escambia, and Washington counties)
- Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
- Southern Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC)
- Historical Commission
- Baldwin County Trail Blazers
- Sanitary sewer and water providers located wholly or partially within the county
- Private and/or Public providers of Natural Gas services (e.g., Clark Mobil Gas)
- Baldwin Rural Transportation System (BRATS)
- Baldwin County Utility Advisory Board, Baldwin County Water & Sewer District
- Governmental Utility Services Corporation
- Environmental Advisory Board

Policy 1.2.4: The Committee shall meet at least twice per year, beginning in 2011, to discuss major areas in need of cooperative efforts between the local governing authorities of the County region. These areas of need should involve governmental duties and services that impact the public at large as well as future regional growth including, but not limited to:

- Wetland and Habitat Conservation Plan
- Maintenance of good water qualities
- Minimum stormwater rules
- Public Beach Access
- Public or Mass transit systems and Transportation infrastructure to support growth
- Effective use of waterways
- Wastewater management
- Local Power and Natural Gas systems
- Protection of drinking water
- Access to qualified health care workforce, urgent care facilities and insurance programming
- School facilities and efficiency in operations (e.g., overcrowding issues, staffing, proposed nearby developments, etc.)
- Disaster relief

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- Emergency Assistance Operations Response Times/EMS services and Police aid
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds available from FEMA
- Tourism and Economic Development Services
- Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
- Sanitary Sewer Systems/Sewer Services
- Water Reclamation Systems
- Drainage Systems
- Solid Waste Disposal/Waste management (collection & hauling) and recycling
- Landfill/Borrow Pit operations
- Uniformity in Building Inspections and/or Processing times for building permits (e.g. 5 day period for permitting approvals)
- Uniform Procedures in Land Use Applications/Approvals
- Recreation programs
- Animal control programs and shelters
- Marine patrol services

Policy 1.2.5: Each Intergovernmental Committee shall conduct a comprehensive, local need assessment taken from those needs listed above. If abovementioned comprehensive assessment identifies local needs that cannot be met, or are only partially met, other participating jurisdictions, organizations, or entities may have the resources available, and may therefore satisfy those needs. Relevant Committee(s) shall determine if an inter-local arrangement or agreement will best meet those relevant needs addressed and identified. Baldwin County shall also coordinate with its municipalities, adjacent counties, adjacent municipalities, and other concerned public agencies to establish a joint review Committee(s) for the establishment of facilities with multi-jurisdictional impacts including locally unwanted land uses.

Policy 1.2.6: Through consultation with local counsel, determine if the jurisdiction, agency, or organization willing to enter into an inter-local arrangement has authorization under state or local law to provide the subject government service. So long as such statutory authorization is in place, the involved jurisdictional or organizational agents should arrange special meetings to begin drafting the proposed inter-local agreement(s).

Policy 1.2.7: Once special meetings dates are in place, establish working groups and key staff that will be responsible for and involved in drafting the inter-local agreement or arrangement. Involve those individuals who have the authority and interest to enter into an agreement for that jurisdiction or organization.

Policy 1.2.8: Conduct special meetings and discussions to get input on the agreement so that representatives of the various jurisdictions impacted can identify any concerns or problems.

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Policy 1.2.9: The County will draft a memorandum of understanding to be signed by all involved parties. The agreement should be submitted to the appropriate legal counsel for review and comment. The final version of the inter-local agreement shall be adopted by the Baldwin County Commission and will be binding upon the conditions given therein.

Policy 1.2.10: Any resulting inter-local agreement(s) shall address the following elements: (1) duration; (2) organization or composition and the nature of its separate legal or administrative entity, if one is created (and, if a separate entity is created, the powers delegated by the parties to that entity); (3) purpose or purposes; (4) the manner by which the undertaking will be financed, and how its budget will be established and maintained; (5) the method by which the agreement may be terminated and its property disposed of; and (6) any other necessary and proper matters.

Policy 1.2.11: The County will provide for formal or informal conflict resolution mechanisms when necessary to deal with issues of intergovernmental coordination.

Policy 1.2.12: The County will continue to participate in existing intergovernmental coordination committees and expand some of the functions of these committees to address problem areas identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.2.13: Baldwin County shall work in cooperation with the veterans' organizations, federal, state, and local officials to strengthen the provisions for adequate burial space for veterans in southern Alabama.

Objective 1.3: The County shall ensure that impacts of development and element implementation proposed in the County Comprehensive Plan are coordinated with adjacent municipalities, counties and other relevant local governments, agencies, organizations, and private businesses.

Policy 1.3.1: The County shall establish a regular exchange between the Baldwin County Planning Commission/Planning Department and the Baldwin County School Board agendas for the purpose of providing information to each entity regarding certain issues with potential intergovernmental impacts. The County will amend the Comprehensive Plan by January 2010 to incorporate the coordination mechanisms developed between the County and its Board of Education. In so doing, the County shall provide the School District an opportunity for coordinated, on-going review of the impacts of development.

Policy 1.3.2: By 2011, the County shall establish a consistent and coordinated management system in relation to certain bays, estuaries, and harbors located within its multiple jurisdiction through forming an inter-governmental committee to address such issues. This Committee shall develop a natural resource management system which shall be incorporated by amendment into the County's Comprehensive Plan subsequent to its review and comment period.

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Policy 1.3.3: Establish coordination and operation of the 911 emergency systems for fire districts, police protection, ambulance service and other emergency services. Begin efforts to establish a new mutual aid for disasters agreement with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission. The Commission is a tri-county region comprised of and serving Escambia, Mobile, and Baldwin counties.

Policy 1.3.4: Coordinate and communicate the County's Comprehensive Plan and its related impacts with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC). The County shall provide a copy of the adopted Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan to SARPC and subsequent copies of future Comprehensive Plan Updates and proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments that could potentially impact the SARPC and its constituents for review and comment.

Policy 1.3.5: The County shall meet with the area convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce and other tourism development agencies at least annually to discuss areas having the ability to boost the County's economic development through tourism and/or areas within the County that warrant special capital improvement(s) so as to boost such economic development.

Policy 1.3.6: The County shall annually review the master plans of the County School Board, other units of local government, the SARPC, and the State in the comprehensive planning process and shall advise the respective bodies concerning inconsistencies.

Policy 1.3.7: The County shall coordinate with utility providers to ensure that service capacity is in place to serve new development.

Policy 1.3.8: Baldwin County shall coordinate with the Baldwin County Board of Education (BCBE) to improve the County's education system.

Policy 1.3.9: Baldwin County shall coordinate with the BCBE to ensure sufficient land is available for new and expanded school facilities.

Policy 1.3.10: For school projection purposes, a maximum scenario, based upon build out of residential uses within the Future Land Use Map adopted with this comprehensive plan has been estimated and is provided in Volume II, Data, Inventory and Analysis. As of the date of the adoption of this plan, the Baldwin County School Board of Education has tracked an approximate 2% annual growth rate. The actual location of future school sites is to be coordinated with the Baldwin County Board of Education, as also described in the Future Land Use Element.

Objective 1.4: Coordinate the Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan, and its related impacts with the plans and goals of the State's regulatory agencies, including but not

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limited to: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and Alabama Historical Commission (AHC).

Policy 1.4.1: Baldwin County shall provide a copy of the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan to applicable state agencies, including those listed above. Furthermore, Baldwin County shall submit copies of future Comprehensive Plan Updates and proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments that could potentially impact state agencies to the affected agency for review and comment.

Policy 1.4.2: Baldwin County shall maintain and enhance regional partnerships with state agencies to address growth and other related issues in connection to efficient public transportation and roadway planning.

Policy 1.4.3: The County Planning Department, in conjunction with the Archives and History Department, shall enact regulations that designate specific road rights-of-way or portions thereof as scenic routes and control the placement of signs along them.

Objective 1.5: Ensure coordination and uniformity in establishing level of service standards for public services and facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Policy 1.5.1: As level of service standards for public facilities are established in Baldwin County, the County shall coordinate with affected state, regional and/ or local entities by including them in the review and comment process.

Policy 1.5.2: The County will continue to participate in the Florida/Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), the Technical Advisory Committee, and subcommittees of the TPO Board, to ensure coordination regarding transportation issues affecting Baldwin County.

Policy 1.5.3: The County shall coordinate with municipalities within the County, ALDOT, utility companies and other service providers to establish joint review processes for those projects with multi-jurisdictional impacts.

Policy 1.5.4: The County shall coordinate with ALDOT and municipalities within the County to establish uniform levels-of-service for the County's roadway network wherever practical.

Objective 1.6: Coordinate land development regulations/activities and departmental responsibilities with other local governments, agencies, and entities.

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Policy 1.6.1: By 2010, the County shall seek uniformity of building codes, permitting, approval, and inspection standards throughout all incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County. To accomplish this policy, coordination must occur between the County and its municipalities that choose to issue building permits within their Police Jurisdiction.

Policy 1.6.2: By 2013, the County shall have regional/county water authorities in place, regulatory authority over sewer companies, and a contingency plan for sewer services for all unincorporated County regions.

Policy 1.6.3: By 2010, improve customer service and departmental efficiencies through improved coordination with Planning, Highway, and the State Health Department so that customers can fulfill permit conditions within 7 business days for minor projects and 14 business days for major projects.

Policy 1.6.4: By 2016, there is expected to be an approximate 180% increase in the number of elderly persons residing in Baldwin County. In order to respond to this trend, the Council on Aging will work with agencies and other providers to ensure that a full continuum of services is created to address the rapidly changing needs of the senior population.

Policy 1.6.5: Ensure the coordination of land use activities with the availability of facilities and services to serve development. Such facilities and services include (but are not limited to) those provided by the following entities: Baldwin County Utility Advisory Board, Baldwin County Water & Sewer District, East Central Baldwin County Water Authority, Governmental Utility Services Corporation, North Baldwin Water Authority, Ono Island Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority, Orange Beach Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority, Park City Water Authority, Perdido Bay Water, Sewer & Fire Protection District, Perdido Water Service Authority, and Tensaw Water Authority.

Policy 1.6.6: Continue to share land development plans, regulations and related information with other relevant governmental entities including, but not limited to information regarding: building permits; zoning cases; engineering plans; planned annexation; the comprehensive plan and amendments; Geographic Information System information; demographics; socio-economic information; utility service areas and capacity; and other concurrency related data.

Policy 1.6.7: Incorporate all development regulations and review processes into a single, unified development review system, consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.6.8: Create a Development Review Committee (DRC) to review and comment on development proposals. At a minimum, the DRC should be composed of representatives of the

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following departments: Planning & Zoning, Highway and the Building Department. Other departments should be consulted when development proposals necessitate their involvement.

Policy 1.6.9: Where central sanitary sewer facilities are not available in unincorporated areas of the County, building permits will not be issued until the applicant has obtained a septic tank permit from the Baldwin County Health Department. Where a sewer utility system exists or will exist upon completion of any approved development within one-half mile of the subject site, a central collection system to serve the development shall be installed by the developer for connection to the sewer utility system. Variances to the above provisions may be allowed if the cost of constructing the sewer system extension to the utility involves extraordinary costs such as water way crossing, wetlands crossing, extensive land clearing, etc.

Policy 1.6.10: Ensure the County and other elected officials develop performance information systems and management tools to promote communication, improve efficiency and establish shared accountability throughout County government.

Objective 1.7: Coordinate with local, regional, and state organizations to increase economic development and employment opportunities for Baldwin County residents.

Policy 1.7.1: Coordinate with area Chambers of Commerce to increase employment and business opportunities for skilled and professional positions by:

- Working with the City of Mobile and the State of Alabama on NG/ EADS;
- Exploring containerization opportunities with Port of Mobile;
- Increasing visibility with federal and state officials to obtain legislation and regional projects;
- Reviewing proposed economic development opportunities as they emerge to provide appropriate County information, support and/ or resources.

Objective 1.8: The County Commission shall provide leadership for the County government to ensure efficient and effective collaboration within all, or most levels of local government.

Policy 1.8.1: The County Commission shall develop an annual legislative agenda to address specific issues related to the adopted Comprehensive Plan and other related, emerging issues.

Policy 1.8.2: By 2010, County citizens will enjoy enhanced customer services as a result of a well-trained workforce through a coordinated training program.

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Policy 1.8.3: By 2010, upgrade technology and provide access to GIS software for mapping of voting precincts in order to improve efficiency of the voter registration process and ensure uniformity and standardization.

Objective 1.9: Baldwin County shall continue to coordinate with appropriate government entities, all municipalities within the county, adjacent counties and adjacent municipalities to maintain and improve intergovernmental coordination and collaborative planning.

Policy 1.9.1: Baldwin County shall establish a library of all formal agreements using a uniform classification system.

Policy 1.9.2: In order to keep current all inter-local agreements, as well as track each respective renewal and/or expiration date, Baldwin County shall continue to maintain and update accordingly its database of all relevant inter-local agreements.

Policy 1.9.3: Baldwin County will continue to work with its municipalities and other governmental entities to identify potential opportunities for joint planning areas to thereby implement inter-local agreements in connection to:

- Future annexations – the County Planning Department will be responsible for the coordination and timely exchange of information concerning annexed properties between the County and the affected municipality.
- Infrastructure service areas for all franchised, municipal, and County owned or maintained potable water treatment systems and sanitary sewer treatment systems.
- Coordination for the provision of the following services:
 - a. Fire protection
 - b. Law enforcement
 - c. Emergency medical
 - d. Animal control
 - e. Emergency management
 - f. Libraries
- Collection and mitigation of hazardous and solid waste.
- Development within, and maintenance of, stormwater drainage systems.
- Water quality and quantity studies.
- Coordination for the provision of establishing and maintaining transportation systems.
- Recreational and open space efforts including:
 - a. Location and maintenance of new facilities
 - b. Provision of services.
 - c. Establishing greenway systems.

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Policy 1.9.4: The County shall encourage municipalities and areas considering municipal incorporation within its boundaries to meet with County officials prior to annexation or incorporation to discuss joint planning issues regarding pertinent services relating to:

- Land-uses
- Impacts on infrastructure systems
- Permitting

Policy 1.9.5: Where relevant, Baldwin County will formalize all intergovernmental agreements within two years of the adoption of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 1.9.6: Within two years of adoption of this element, the County Planning Department shall identify and implement all planning activities mandated in this Comprehensive Plan that affect County agencies and other governmental entities.

Objective 1.10: Baldwin County shall establish and implement mechanisms to ensure uniform and timely coordination of planning and development issues with municipalities within the County, adjacent counties, the Board of Education, independent special districts and other governmental entities.

Policy 1.10.1: The County will identify and describe joint processes for collaborative planning on population projections, school sites, facilities with countywide significance, opportunities for sharing facilities, unwanted land uses and other issues of mutual concern.

Policy 1.10.2: The County shall appoint a non-voting member from the Board of Education onto the Planning Commission for school planning coordination.

Policy 1.10.3: Baldwin County shall forward copies of applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments or major development applications that fall within a municipality's planning area to the affected community to allow the municipality time to review and comment on proposed changes with regards to consistency with their comprehensive plan.

Policy 1.10.4: County Planning Department shall implement procedures for the review of comprehensive plan amendments. Reviews shall include:

- Identifying intergovernmental issues and conflicts.
- Identifying the impacts on capital projects.
- Determining the relationship of development proposed within the Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan to development proposed in the comprehensive plans or comprehensive plan amendments of the following entities:

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- a. Municipalities within Baldwin County.
- b. Adjacent counties.
- c. Adjacent municipalities
- d. Baldwin County Board of Education
- e. Special districts

Policy 1.10.5: The staff report for zoning change requests and other development applications shall include a section for other entities' comments including: the Baldwin County Board of Education; affected municipalities within Baldwin County; and other entities which provide services but do not have regulatory authority relating to the use of the land.

Policy 1.10.6: Baldwin County will coordinate with the Board of Education and municipalities within the County to develop countywide demographics including population projections and expected growth for both incorporated and unincorporated areas. The County shall forward population projections and other pertinent information used in the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Education so they can consider projected growth and development as it relates to the future need for schools in the Board of Education's facility plans.

Policy 1.10.7: Baldwin County shall coordinate with the plans of the Baldwin County Board of Education to address issues pertaining to the siting and development of schools and school facilities. Furthermore, the County shall coordinate with the Board of Education to determine the feasibility of co-locating public facilities such as parks, recreation opportunities and others with existing or new school facilities.

Policy 1.10.8: Neighborhood parks shall be addressed through County coordination with the municipalities, Baldwin County Board of Education, and Baldwin County Land Development Regulations. Neighborhood or community parks (as appropriate for the neighborhood and school size) should be located within one-half mile of schools, and, if practical, should be developed as adjoining or joint-use facilities.

Objective 1.11: Baldwin County shall coordinate with the local municipalities in the County, adjacent counties, and other agencies to ensure stable, compatible, and contiguous ecologic systems.

Policy 1.11.1: Baldwin County shall coordinate with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Interior, Geologic Survey of Alabama, and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to acquire potential tracts of land such as the, Live Oak Landing, Weeks Bay Tract, Upper Weeks Bay Tract, IP Perdido River Tract, Lillian Swamp, and Perdido River Delta.

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GOAL 2: Baldwin County shall work effectively with and coordinate with local governments to ensure a comprehensive approach to planning is achieved in Baldwin County.

Objective 2.1: Baldwin County shall strive to create joint planning areas outside of municipal limits where land use may have influence on city planning or development.

Policy 2.1.1: Baldwin County shall initiate discussion with municipalities and identify issues with local governments in joint planning areas.

Policy 2.1.2: When both the County and a municipality wishes to coordinate activities within a joint planning area, a joint planning agreement must be utilized to effectuate procedures, rules and regulations which will be implemented within the joint planning area.

Policy 2.1.3: Joint planning area agreements shall establish boundaries, land use plans, densities and intensities of land use.

Policy 2.1.4: Joint planning agreements shall include a mechanism for formal exchange of information and data, including comprehensive plan amendments, rezoning requests, demographic projections and regulatory changes.

Policy 2.1.5: Joint planning area agreements shall identify service and facility providers for development within the joint planning area.

Policy 2.1.6: Baldwin County shall attempt to establish wetland and environmental regulations which would be utilized throughout each municipality and the county through the use of joint planning agreements.

Policy 2.1.7: Joint planning agreements shall establish mechanisms to resolve conflicts resulting from multi-jurisdictional land development regulations.

Policy 2.1.8: As joint planning agreements are adopted, maps depicting the joint planning agreement area boundaries shall be incorporated into this comprehensive plan.

Policy 2.1.9: Joint Planning agreements may be amended as necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this objective.