

# Consistency with South Florida Regional Planning Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

## **Goal 1) Invest in the youth and workforce of the Region by providing quality education, workforce training, and targeted job creation.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a strong supporter of the public and private educational systems, and a leader in the creation of employment opportunities, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

## **Goal 2) Increase employment opportunities and support the creation of jobs with better pay and benefits for the Region's workforce.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a leader among municipalities in its efforts to attract business and high quality employment opportunities, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

## **Goal 3) Protect the health, safety and welfare of South Florida's residents.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is second-to-none in the protection and care of its residents, via top-rated police and fire services and quality healthcare opportunities, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

## **Goal 4) Enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of the Region by ensuring the adequacy of its public facilities and services.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables takes great pride in its commitment to superior public facilities and services for all of its citizens, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2 and 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

## **Goal 5) Overcome school overcrowding in the region.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is committed to addressing the overcrowding of its public schools, via land use controls and inter-local efforts, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2 and 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

## **Goal 6) Ensure the availability and equitable distribution of adequate, affordable housing for very low, low and moderate income households within the Region.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables has worked diligently over the past couple of years in developing strategies to address its affordable housing needs, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 3 and 4 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 7) Protect, conserve, and enhance the Region's water resources.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables, while not a water supplier, is committed to the protection and conservation of its water resources, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2 and 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 8) Enhance the Region's mobility, safety, quality of life, and economic health through improvements to road, port, and public transportation infrastructure.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a leader in its efforts to address multi-modal mobility concerns, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 9) Develop clean, sustainable, and energy efficient power generation and transportation systems.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables, while not an energy provider, is committed to the protection, conservation, and sustainability of the region's energy resources, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 10) Increase awareness of the Region's green infrastructure, its significance to the Region's economy, and the public's role in access and use that is compatible with long-term sustainability.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is known throughout the state for its vast and beautiful green infrastructure and its award-winning parks and recreation system, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 11) Encourage and promote the implementation of development proposals that conserve the region's natural resources, rural and agricultural lands, green infrastructure, and:**

- **Utilizes existing and planned infrastructure where most appropriate in urban areas;**
- **Enhances the utilization of regional transportation systems;**
- **Incorporates mixed land use development;**
- **Recycles existing developed sites, and;**
- **Provides for the preservation of historic sites.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a model for other cities in the region in its "smart growth" approach to development, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 12) Encourage the retention of the Region's rural lands and agricultural economy.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables does not contain any agriculture or agriculturally designated lands. Nevertheless, the City is committed, through its growth and development efforts, to continue encouraging appropriate redevelopment opportunities within the City, which will help to alleviate some of the impacts to agricultural lands and activities in other parts of the County.

Please see response to Goal 11 above.

**Goal 13) Preserve, restore, and rehabilitate South Florida’s historic structures, landmarks, districts, neighborhoods, and archeological sites.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables, which contains a wealth of historic structures, landmarks, districts, and neighborhoods, is a national leader in its efforts to protect, restore, and rehabilitate its historical resources, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City’s EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 14) Protect, preserve, and restore Natural Resources of Regional Significance.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is committed to the protection, preservation, and restoration of Natural Resources of Regional Significance, particularly the Biscayne Aquifer and Biscayne Bay, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City’s EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 15) Restore and protect the ecological values and functions of the Everglades ecosystem by increasing habitat area, increasing regional water storage, and restoring water quality.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is not located in or near the Everglades. Nevertheless, the City is committed, through its growth, development, public facilities, and conservation efforts, to protect and enhance the natural and environmental resources within its control, which will help in the protection and restoration of the greater South Florida ecosystem.

Please see responses to Goals 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14 above.

**Goal 16) Enhance and preserve natural system values of South Florida’s shorelines, estuaries, benthic communities, fisheries, and associated habitats, including but not limited to Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, tropical hardwood hammocks, and the coral reef tract.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is committed to the protection, preservation, and restoration of the natural aquatic system, particularly the Coral Gables Waterway and Biscayne Bay, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City’s EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 17) Maintain a competitive, diversified, and sustainable regional economy.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a leader among municipalities in its efforts to attract business and high quality employment opportunities, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City’s EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 18) Ensure regional coordination, preparation, and response to emergencies.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is committed to excellence, efficiency, and effectiveness in its emergency response, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City’s EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 19) Direct future development away from areas most vulnerable to storm surges.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables' coastal areas are composed entirely of low density (i.e., single-family) residential, and are essentially built-out. There are no opportunities for future development in these areas, and the City is committed to preserving the existing character of these neighborhoods.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 20) Achieve long-term efficient and sustainable development patterns that protect natural resources and connect diverse housing, transportation, education and employment opportunities.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a model for other cities in the region in its "smart growth" approach to development, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

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**Goal 21) Enhance regional cooperation, multi-jurisdictional coordination, and multi-issue regional planning to ensure the balancing of competing needs and long-term sustainability of our natural, developed and human resources.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables has a strong record of inter-local coordination and cooperation, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

Please see Chapter 3 of the City's EAR for associated analysis, comments and recommended EAR-based amendments.

**Goal 22) Create a regional environment that is aware of, and sensitive to, cultural diversity, and that provides opportunities for all to become successful regional citizens.**

**Response:** The City of Coral Gables is a proudly international community, and a strong proponent of multicultural activities and opportunities, and will continue to work towards the enhancement of this goal.

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