

Topic Area	Proposed Number	Proposed Language	Status	Adopted Section	Adopted Number	Adopted Language	Status Legend
Energy Conservation	1.0.0	Ensure sufficient, reliable, and clean energy is available to meet the current and future needs of the City's residents, businesses, and government.		Environmental	3.0.0	Have sufficient, reliable and resource efficient energy available to meet the future needs of City of Tampa residents, businesses and government.	Retain
Energy Conservation	1.1.0	Actively participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 's Energy Star for Buildings program, which promotes energy conservation in major public and private structures and facilities.		New Policy			Minor Modification
Energy Conservation	1.1.1	Engage in and promote practices that result in energy conservation and efficiency.		Environmental	3.1.0	Engage in and promote practices that result in energy conservation and efficiency.	Substantive Modification
				Environmental	3.1.4	Continue to pursue energy-saving options for exterior lighting of City buildings and facilities such as parks and ball fields.	Delete
				Environmental	3.3.5	Seek to stimulate economic growth of new business, business expansion and development of technology in alternative energy and alternative fuel that are proven to do no harm to other sectors of the world economy, population or environment, and are secure, resource efficient and sustainable.	
				Environmental	3.3.6	Pursue the incorporation of alternative energy technology and energy saving specifications within its construction bidding documents, for example, on-site generation using micro-turbines, fuel cells, combined heat and power, photovoltaic power or other appropriate technology.	
Energy Conservation	1.1.2	Continue to offer energy conservation and efficiency information to enable residents, businesses, and City employees to reduce electrical loads and demands on the electrical utility system.		Environmental	3.1.1	Offer energy conservation and efficiency information to enable residents, businesses and City employees to reduce electrical loads and demands on the electrical utility system.	
				Environmental	3.1.2	Continue to enhance employee awareness of energy efficiency through education and periodic notifications.	
				Environmental	3.1.3	Educate consumers about the importance of and need for energy conservation and efficiency, for example, running public service announcements.	
Energy Conservation	1.1.3	Conserve energy and become more energy efficient within City operations by continuing to update and implement the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan.		New Policy			
Energy Conservation	1.1.4	Promote energy-efficient and sustainable development practices.		New Policy			
Energy Conservation	1.1.5	Encourage builders and developers to exceed the Florida Building Code's minimum energy efficiency requirements by sharing information on available training tools or literature on resource-efficient development.		New Policy			
Alternative Energy	1.2.0	Support a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy.		New Policy			
Alternative Energy	1.2.1	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the city's operations and facilities' current energy consumption.		New Policy			
Alternative Energy	1.2.2	Develop a roadmap with targets and timelines to transition municipal facilities and operations to 100% clean, renewable energy sources.		Environmental	3.3.0	Support the development of, and engage in the use of, alternative energy and fuels in order to achieve energy supplies that are proven to do no harm to other sectors of the world economy, population or environment, and are secure, resource efficient and sustainable.	
				Environmental	3.3.1	Pursue and support the adoption of federal, state and local polices that foster domestic production of environmentally safe, resource efficient and sustainable energy sources.	

Alternative Energy	1.2.3	Support the production of clean, renewable energy sources.		Environmental	3.3.2	Diversify its fuel supply and reduce its use of fossil fuels by using alternative energy technologies that are proven to do no harm in other sectors of the world economy, population or environment, and are secure, resource efficient and sustainable.
				Environmental	3.3.3	Investigate thermal storage systems and other alternative energy sources for heating and cooling.
				Environmental	3.3.4	Investigate on-site electrical generation using micro-turbines, fuel cells, combined heat and power, renewable, or other technology for City facilities.
Alternative Energy	1.2.4	Transition to alternative energy technology for existing, new, and renovated municipal facilities.	New Policy			
Alternative Energy	1.2.5	Track and monitor greenhouse gas emissions and celebrate strides made in reducing emissions.	New Policy			
Air Quality	1.3.0	Meet and comply with all national and state ambient air quality standards.		Environmental	1.1.0	Take the appropriate actions toward compliance with all national and state ambient air quality standards and local pollution control efforts.
				Environmental	1.1.10	Cooperate with Hillsborough County, as appropriate, in promoting greater coordination, communication and cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies and governments in seeking regional compliance with ambient air quality standards.
Air Quality	1.3.1	Cooperate with the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to encourage techniques and ways to minimize noise pollution to protect, promote and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of City residents and ensure compliance with Chapter 1-10, Rules of the EPC (Noise Pollution Rule) sound level limits.		Environmental	1.1.4	Support the enforcement of the Rules of the EPC relating to air pollution, including Chapter 1-10 Noise Pollution, as amended.
Air Quality	1.3.2	Promote energy conservation measures and alternative energy sources to reduce electricity demand and minimize emissions from burning fossil fuels through City initiatives and collaboration with partner agencies, such as EPC.		Environmental	1.1.7	Continue the existing program to promote energy conservation measures, through techniques such as recommending building orientation that maximizes energy efficiency, to foster the use of alternative energy sources, such as solar, where appropriate, to reduce the demand for electricity, and to minimize power plant emissions from the burning of fossil fuels.
Air Quality	1.3.3	Cooperate with EPC and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in assessing and monitoring any negative air quality impacts associated with waste to energy facilities (e.g., ash and dioxin impacts), as well as hazardous waste transfer, storage, treatment, and disposal facilities.		Environmental	1.1.8	Cooperate with EPC and FDEP in assessing any negative air quality impacts associated with solid waste to energy facilities (e.g., ash and dioxin impacts) as well as hazardous waste transfer, storage, treatment and disposal facilities.
Air Quality	1.3.4	Continue to support EPC's efforts to inventory and regulate stationary sources and facilities which generate regulated air pollutants, including hazardous air pollutants (HAPs).	New Policy			
Air Quality	1.3.5	Promote public education efforts dealing with air quality issues.		Environmental	1.1.9	Promote public education efforts dealing with air quality issues through City-sponsored media activities and facilities.
Air Quality	1.3.6	Continue collaborating with EPC and FDEP to institute the most effective procedure to alert the public of an Air Pollution episode.		Environmental	1.1.12	Cooperate with the National Weather Service and EPC to develop and implement a rapid method of notifying the public of air pollution episodes which endanger public health.
Natural Ecosystems	2.0.0	Support the preservation, conservation, restoration, and management of natural resources while maintaining or enhancing environmental quality.	New Policy			
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.0	Manage flora, fauna, and uplands to ensure a healthy environment, economy, and quality of life.		Environmental	1.3.0	Appropriately use, protect and conserve native vegetative and animal habitat.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.1	Protect and conserve Significant Wildlife Habitat and ensure no net loss		Environmental	1.3.5	In the event of annexations, ensure the protection of identified, significant wildlife habitats.

Wildlife Habitat	2.1.1	of Essential Wildlife Habitat occurs.		Environmental	1.3.7	Protect and conserve significant wildlife habitat, and shall prevent any further net loss of essential wildlife habitat in the City.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.2	The Development Review Committee shall consider the presence of Environmentally Sensitive Areas in formulating their recommendations for development.		Environmental	1.2.13	The Development Review Committee shall consider the presence of environmentally sensitive lands in formulating their recommendations for development.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.3	Continue to apply adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures that require the development and implementation of management plans for Significant or Essential Wildlife Habitats determined to provide particularly valuable and manageable habitat qualities.		Environmental	1.3.14	Recommend specific management and recovery strategies for key listed species identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and assist in their implementation. These management techniques shall also be incorporated into the management plans of natural preserve lands owned or managed by the City.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.4	Continue to prohibit unmitigated encroachment into the 100-year floodplain to protect and conserve the functions and natural wildlife habitat attributes where they exist within the 100-year floodplains of rivers and streams as provided under local rules and regulations, including mitigation as required.		Environmental	1.9.5	Through the land planning and development review processes, restrict net encroachment into the 100-year floodplain of significant wetland and riverine systems in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Resource Permit Rules, administered by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
				Environmental	1.9.12	Support the protection of the wildlife habitat attributes of the floodplain of the Hillsborough River through a comprehensive Floodplain Management Program, including measures and procedures to protect the natural flood assimilating capacity.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.5	The abundance and distribution of Listed Species shall be maintained and/or increased.		Environmental	1.3.8	Work to maintain and increase the abundance and distribution of listed species.
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.6	Collaborate with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), FWC, and FDEP to implement protection and recovery programs for Listed Species and Species of Special Concern.	New Policy			
Wildlife Habitat	2.1.7	Collaborate with the FDACS, FWC, SWFWMD, and the FDEP to control and/or eliminate exotic and nuisance species on City-owned or management land and incorporate these efforts into the management plans of natural preserve lands.	New Policy			
Natural Preserves	2.2.0	Manage natural preserves to ensure a healthy environment, economy, and quality of life.	New Policy			
Natural Preserves	2.2.1	Support the Jan K. Platt Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) and seek to acquire ecologically valuable land to ensure maximum diversity of wildlife species.		Environmental	1.3.1	Promote the acquisition, retention and management of natural areas to preserve environmental, recreation and other public benefits.
				Environmental	1.6.0	Continue to seek acquisition of ecologically valuable land through environmental land acquisition programs.
				Environmental	1.6.1	Support the Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) to acquire lands containing a diversity of natural habitat types to ensure maximal diversity of wildlife species.
				Environmental	1.6.3	During the acquisition of natural preserve lands, give priority to acquiring the optimal acreage needed to maintain the integrity of the natural plant communities or ecological units involved, and to establish a countywide system of interconnected wildlife corridors.
Natural Preserves	2.2.2	Seek assistance in the public acquisition of natural preserves under federal, state, and regional programs.		Environmental	1.6.2	Continue to support and encourage public acquisition of natural preserves under federal, state, and regional programs.

Natural Preserves	2.2.3	Provide multiple use opportunities within natural preserve lands consistent and compatible with natural resource protection and conservation.		Environmental	1.6.5	Promote the varied (multiple) use of natural preserves, in a manner compatible with the protection of wildlife habitat, to provide for passive recreation, watershed protection, erosion control, maintenance or enhancement of water quality, aquifer recharge protection, or other such natural functions.
Natural Preserves	2.2.4	Promote, through appropriate signs and information, public education on the benefits of natural preserves, to eliminate the problems of human intrusion into preserves designated for limited public access.		Environmental	1.6.8	Promote, through appropriate signs and information, public education on the benefits of natural preserves, to eliminate the problems of human intrusion into preserves designated for limited public access.
Natural Preserves	2.2.5	Lands dedicated to preserving natural resources shall be preserved and maintained in perpetuity.		Environmental	1.4.5	Lands dedicated for the preservation of natural resources shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity.
Natural Preserves	2.2.6	Cooperate in managing natural resources on publicly owned City lands, as appropriate, with the USFWS, FWC, FDEP, SWFWMD, EPC, and the University of Florida.		Environmental	1.6.4	Cooperate in the management of natural resources on publicly-owned City lands, as appropriate, with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FDEP, SWFWMD, University of Florida, and EPC.
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.0	Identify, enhance, and protect corridors or linkages that maintain a contiguous network of wildlife habitat between public and private lands per local rules and regulations.		Environmental	1.2.11	Design features for wildlife crossings shall be appropriate for the wildlife species expected to utilize the crossing and shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Road reconstruction or widening within significant wildlife habitat shall also incorporate design features for the safe passage of wildlife.
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.1	Protect the County's east/west wildlife corridor greenway, connecting Cypress Creek and the Hillsborough River.		Environmental	1.3.12	Protect the County's east/west wildlife corridor greenway, connecting Cypress Creek and the Hillsborough River.
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.2	Wildlife Corridors within development projects shall be preserved, and fragmentation of natural plant communities shall be restricted, as provided under local rules and regulations, including mitigation as required, and extension/expansion of corridors is encouraged.		Environmental	1.2.4	Through the land planning and development review processes, require the provision of wildlife corridors, and restrict the fragmentation of large natural plant communities which provide significant wildlife habitat.
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.3	Collaborate with private landowners to limit the fragmentation of wildlife movement areas. Analyze the cumulative impacts of development, steps to mitigate, and measures to maintain and enhance native ecosystems.				
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.4	Protect or enhance Wildlife Corridors by minimizing road crossings over wetlands and/or other surface waters and floodplains and designing crossings for unimpeded wildlife passage provided under local rules and regulations, including mitigation as required.		Environmental	1.2.11	Design features for wildlife crossings shall be appropriate for the wildlife species expected to utilize the crossing and shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Road reconstruction or widening within significant wildlife habitat shall also incorporate design features for the safe passage of wildlife.
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.5	Land alteration activities adjacent to viable public Wildlife Corridors shall be regulated in a manner consistent with the continued function of the corridor in accordance with adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures.				New Policy
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.6	Encourage appropriate agencies and private organizations to assist in conserving and preserving public natural area linkages that may function as Wildlife Corridors.				New Policy
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.7	Coordinate with neighboring local governments to identify those lands for public acquisition necessary to preserve vital portions of Wildlife Corridors.				New Policy
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.8	Coordinate with surrounding jurisdictions and private landowners to increase regional Wildlife Corridors and wildlife distribution to link other public and private lands.		Environmental	1.3.2	Cooperate with adjacent local governments to conserve, appropriately use, or protect vegetative communities located within more than one local jurisdiction.
				Environmental	1.3.3	Proposed wildlife corridors will be coordinated with established and planned wildlife corridors in adjacent jurisdictions.

Wildlife Corridors	2.3.9	Promote Wildlife Corridor linkages to lands in adjacent counties to develop a system of interconnected public Greenways and Blue ways.				New Policy
Wildlife Corridors	2.3.10	Review, update, and maintain regulatory adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures to protect the integrity of Shoreline Wildlife Corridors.				New Policy
Wetlands	2.4.0	In collaboration with EPC, apply adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures to manage and maintain wetlands and/or other surface waters for optimum fisheries and other environmental values.		Environmental	1.9.0	Protect and restore wetland communities to preserve Tampa’s rich biodiversity and heritage.
Wetlands	2.4.1	Collaborate with the EPC and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to conserve and protect wetlands and/or other surface waters from detrimental physical and hydrological alteration. Apply a comprehensive planning-based approach to protecting wetland ecosystems assuring no net loss of ecological values provided by the functions performed by wetlands and/or other surface waters authorized for projects in Hillsborough County.		Environmental	1.9.1	Continue to apply a comprehensive planning-based approach to the protection of wetlands which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The protection identification, classification and mapping of significant wetlands ecosystems through the designation of the Environmentally Sensitive Areas on the Future Land Use Plan map; • Application of policies, actions, and other means, such as coordination with the EPC, to protect their function; • No net loss of wetland functions associated with projects located within the City; • Continued efforts to achieve a measurable increase in functionally restored wetland acreage through the restoration of degraded natural wetlands, or recreation of wetlands.
				Environmental	1.9.2	Continue to work with the EPC, SWFWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to achieve a measurable annual increase in restored wetland acreage. It shall be the City’s intent to maintain wetland functions.
				Environmental	1.20.1	Wetlands and wildlife habitat will be protected by the Environmental Resource Permit Rules administered by SWFWMD and FDEP, and the Wetlands Rules administered by EPC, as well as the City’s Code.
Wetlands	2.4.2	Collaborate with EPC and continue to protect wetlands and/or other surface waters per EPC Wetlands Rule, Chapter 1-11, Rules of the EPC.		Environmental	1.9.3	All development shall comply with the provisions of Environmental Resource Permit Rules, administered by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Chapter 1-11, Rules of the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County to achieve a no net loss of wetland or other surface water functions.
Wetlands	2.4.3	Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to implement wetland compensatory mitigation and restoration programs.		Environmental	1.9.6	Cooperate with the EPC, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, to implement wetland compensatory mitigation and restoration programs to ensure no net loss of wetland functions within City limits.
				Environmental	1.20.2	Cooperate with EPC, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the FDEP and SWFWMD, as appropriate, to implement wetland compensatory mitigation and restoration programs as required by applicable laws to ensure no net loss of tidal wetland functions in association with projects located within City limits.

Wetlands	2.4.4	All wetland and/or other surface water mitigation projects must comply with the State Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), as applicable. Mitigation projects must demonstrate the restoration of the ecological values provided by the functions performed by impacted wetlands and/or other surface waters.				New Policy
Wetlands	2.4.5	Minimize the disturbance of wetlands and/or other surface waters and allow their use only as a last resort and for purposes compatible with long-term maintenance of their natural functions and environmental benefits. As feasible, activities that eliminate wetlands shall provide mitigation within the City of Tampa Limits.		Environmental	1.9.7	Minimize the disturbance of wetlands and allow their use only as a last resort and for purposes compatible with long-term maintenance of their natural functions and environmental benefits. Activities that eliminate wetlands shall provide mitigation preferably within City of Tampa Limits.
Wetlands	2.4.6	Continue to protect and preserve hydrologically connected wetlands and/or other surface waters within Environmentally Sensitive Areas designated on the Future Land Use map.		Environmental	1.9.8	Continue to protect and preserve major wetlands within Environmentally Sensitive Areas designated on the Future Land Use map.
Wetlands	2.4.7	Coordinate with EPC for evaluation of sites containing wetlands.		Environmental	1.2.15	Coordinate with EPC for evaluation of sites containing wetlands.
Wetlands	2.4.8	Development is prohibited within designated wetlands and/or other surface waters as delineated by the EPC or SWFWMD, except for the following: 1.Construction of environmentally friendly boardwalks for direct access to water bodies, wildlife management structures, footbridges, observation decks, and similar structures requiring only minimal dredging or filling; shoreline stabilization with rip rap where ongoing erosion is documented or; 2.Activities approved by EPC pursuant to an approved mitigation plan.		Environmental	1.9.9	Development is prohibited within designated wetlands as delineated by the EPC, except for the following: 1. Construction of timber boardwalks for direct access to water bodies, wildlife management structures, foot-bridges, observation decks, and similar structures requiring only minimal dredging or filling; shoreline stabilization with rip rap where ongoing erosion is documented or 2. Activities approved by the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County pursuant to an approved mitigation plan.
Wetlands	2.4.9	Except as provided herein, the filling of wetlands and/or other surface waters for the purposes of development is prohibited. This policy shall not apply to: 1.Man-made Waters Bodies created after July 1, 1994; 2.Projects that have an Overriding Public Interest; 3.Incidental Fill; or 4.Wetland and/or other surface water impacts consistent with the comprehensive plan.		Environmental	1.19.9	Except as provided herein, fill of surface waters for the purposes of development is prohibited. This policy shall not apply to: 1. Man-made Waters Bodies created after July 1, 1994; 2. projects that have an Overriding Public Interest; 3. Incidental Fill; or 4. wetland or other surface water impacts consistent with the comprehensive plan.
Wetlands	2.4.10	Establish setbacks and buffers based on current science to protect the hydrologic and biologic integrity of wetlands/other surface waters, including the Hillsborough County Wetland Ecological Buffers study published in February 2012.		Environmental	1.9.10	All proposed development adjacent to wetlands shall provide adequate buffers to protect wetlands and surface waters.
				Environmental	1.2.2	Monitor the latest research in wetlands management techniques including Hillsborough County Wetland Ecological Buffers: Technical Advisory Group Report of Findings, February 2012, and evaluate its use in the City.
Wetlands	2.4.11	In cooperation with the EPC and SWFWMD, promote using Florida native wetland plant species to create wetland habitat and biologically enhance filtration and treatment of pollutants in newly constructed stormwater retention and detention ponds.		Environmental	1.9.11	Through the land development review process, promote the use of desirable native wetland plant species for the creation of wetland habitat and for biological filtration and assimilation of pollutants in newly constructed stormwater retention and detention ponds. In no case will the use of native vegetation or creation of wetlands diminish the requirements for water quality attenuation or quality treatment.

Wetlands	2.4.12	Regulate and conserve wetlands and/or other surface waters by applying local rules and regulations, including mitigation during the development review process.		Environmental	1.9.14	In cooperation with the EPC and other applicable agencies, at a minimum, consider the type, function and condition of wetlands as early as possible in the land development review process to determine the suitability of a site for development.
Wetlands	2.4.13	Channelization or hardening (e.g., paving, piping) of natural Shorelines and natural waterways to include tidal creeks is prohibited, except in cases of overriding public interest as established by the City or where necessary for reasonable use of a property as determined by the EPC or Port Tampa Bay. Encourage Shoreline stabilization with native plant communities, Living Shorelines, or nature-based solutions.		Environmental	1.18.5	Restrict the unmitigated channelization or hardening of natural stream courses and tidal creeks, except in cases of overriding public interest or ongoing demonstrated loss of property due to erosion. Restore streams and creeks where an opportunity presents itself.
Lakes	2.5.0	The ecological integrity of natural lakes and ponds shall be maintained or improved.		Environmental	1.23.0	Maintain or improve the ecological integrity of natural lakes and ponds.
Lakes	2.5.1	Ensure surface water bodies meet or exceed state water quality standards for their use.		Environmental	1.23.1	Strive to achieve water quality consistent with Class III (or better) standards for all natural lakes. (Class III standards provide for the propagation and survival of fish and wildlife and imply good water quality.)
Lakes	2.5.2	Maintain adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures to retain existing natural areas on aquatic Shorelines in as natural a state as feasible.		Environmental	1.23.2	Maintain and manage wetlands associated with lakes for optimum fisheries and other environmental values.
				Environmental	1.23.4	Where present, existing natural areas on lake shorelines shall be retained in a natural state. Minimal encroachment for physical access to the water shall be permitted, such that the landowner retains reasonable beneficial use of the property without degrading the lake's existing environmental quality. Developmental activities should be compatible with the adjacent natural or built environment and sensitive to the need to provide maximum natural/open space proximate to the lake.
Lakes	2.5.3	A development project's potential impact on a lake's existing environmental quality shall be assessed during the planning and development review process. The development shall be compatible with maintaining or improving a lake's environmental quality.		Environmental	1.23.3	In conjunction with EPC, condition land use approvals and regulate activities affecting lakes such that the lake will continue to provide the optimum number and types of uses maintaining or improving the lake's existing environmental quality, in accordance with established development standards and regulations.
				Environmental	1.23.5	A development project's potential impacts on a lake's existing environmental quality shall be assessed during the planning and development review process. Standards ensuring compatibility with maintaining or improving the lake's existing environmental quality shall be developed and applied.
Soil	2.6.0	Conserve soils, discourage erosion to mitigate flooding, and maintain water quality by considering topographic conditions and natural soil characteristics.		Environmental	2.0.0	Conserve and utilize valuable soil resources in a manner best suited to their particular capabilities.
Soil	2.6.1	Soil conservation and protection measures, consistent with best management practices, will continue to be reviewed and required during land alteration or development activities.	New Policy			
Soil	2.6.2	Require site-specific analysis of proposed incompatible land use and identified soil suitability before the commitment of resources.		Environmental	2.1.0	Development orders shall not be issued unless development is compatible with the physical conditions of the land, and development mitigates those adverse impacts that it creates upon the physical conditions of the land that may affect the health, safety and/or welfare of the people who live and work in the area.
Soil	2.6.3	The Land Development Review process shall consider soil capability analyses for flood hazards, stability, permeability, and other relevant soil characteristics.		Environmental	2.1.2	Soil capability analyses for flood hazards, stability, permeability and other relevant soil characteristics shall be considered through the Land Development Review process.

Soil	2.6.4	Require topsoil best management practices during all land alteration activities in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.		Environmental	2.1.1	Development shall utilize appropriate methods of controlling erosion and sedimentation to help minimize the destruction of soil resources.
Urban Forest	2.7.0	Manage the City's urban forest as an environmental, economic, and aesthetic resource to improve Tampa residents' quality of life.	New Policy			
Urban Forest	2.7.1	Enhance the City's tree canopy consistent with the most recent Urban Forest Management Plan for its benefits, including mitigating the heat island effect, expanding its ecosystem services, and serving as carbon storage.		Environmental	1.27.0	Protect and enhance the tree canopy consistent with the Urban Forest Management Plan.
				Environmental	1.27.2	Recognize the Urban Forest Management Plan as the 20-year Strategic Plan for the Management of Tampa's Urban Forest, establishing adaptable, quantifiable, and science-based strategies for maintaining and expanding the Urban Forest.
				Environmental	1.28.2	Develop a "greening" program with a goal of increasing tree cover in areas of concentrated vehicular use where the urban heat island effect could be mitigated through planting trees and shrubs.
				Environmental	1.28.3	Toward reducing the energy requirements of new buildings, the land development review process will incorporate a review of how trees and shrubs could be oriented on a construction site to reduce cooling loads by taking advantage of evapotranspiration and shade.
Urban Forest	2.7.2	Implement the recommendations of the Preferred Alternatives for Action derived from the Urban Forest Management Plan every five years.		Environmental	1.27.3	Implement the recommendations of the Preferred Alternatives for Action derived from the Urban Forest Management Plan every five years.
Urban Forest	2.7.3	Implement the recommendations from the Tree Canopy Analysis to serve as a valuable management tool in retaining an optimum tree canopy.		Recreation & Open Space	1.3.2	Implement the recommendations from the Tree Canopy Analysis to serve as a valuable management tool in retaining optimum tree cover in Tampa.
				Environmental	1.27.4	Continue to conduct the five-year update of the Urban Forest Analysis to support the Urban Forest Management Plan and provide detailed scientific information for the economic and ecological values of the Urban Forest.
Urban Forest	2.7.4	Continue to promote the Tree and Landscape Ordinance as a critical element in retaining and providing private plant materials to support sustainable development principles of tree preservation and minimal impact to the existing site resources.		Recreation & Open Space	1.3.3	Continue to promote the City's Tree and Landscape Ordinance as a key element in retention and provision of private plant materials to support sustainable development principles of tree preservation, and minimal impact to the existing site resources.
				Environmental	1.27.5	Continue to promote the Tree and Landscape Ordinance as a key element in retention and provision of private and public plant materials to support sustainable development principles of tree preservation, and minimal impact to the existing site resources.
Urban Forest	2.7.5	Consider the community's street trees as infrastructure. All efforts will be made to preserve, protect, and maintain these trees as a community and private property asset per the Urban Forest Management Plan.		Environmental	1.27.6	Consider the community's street trees as infrastructure. All efforts will be made to preserve and protect these trees as a community and private property asset in accordance with the Urban Forest Management Plan.
				Recreation & Open Space	1.3.4	Consider the community's street trees as infrastructure and all efforts will be made to preserve and protect these trees as a community and private property asset.
Urban Forest	2.7.6	Continue to plant new trees, manage, and care for all publicly owned trees, and work to retain healthy trees.	New Policy			

Urban Forest	2.7.7	Continue to provide trees to City residents to preserve and augment the community's canopy and sustainability.		Environmental	1.27.1	Provide 1000 trees annually to preserve and augment the community's canopy and sustainability.
				Recreation & Open Space	1.3.1	Provide 1,000 trees annually to preserve and augment the community's canopy and sustainability.
Urban Forest	2.7.8	Promote the importance and benefits of trees and the urban forest through awareness, partnerships, and efforts that educate residents on the best planting and maintenance methods.	New Policy			
Urban Forest	2.7.9	Conserve, protect, and maintain the City's mature trees, including those achieving "Grand" status that are of preservation quality or have historical significance; those achieving "Champion" status; and existing native vegetation.		Environmental	1.28.0	Maximize the retention and enhancement of the City's mature native shade tree canopy for the environmental value and for the contribution to quality of life.
Urban Forest	2.7.10	Invest in tree planting and maintenance, especially in low-canopy areas and neighborhoods with under-served or under-represented communities.	New Policy			
Urban Forest	2.7.11	Encourage Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles and continue distributing Florida-Friendly Landscaping public education materials.		Environmental	1.5.1	Require the use of at least 60% native plants in new developments and redevelopments.
				Environmental	1.5.4	Distribute and periodically update a recommended native plant listing and other educational materials to increase public awareness on the benefits of utilizing native plant species in landscape projects. Suggested information can be found at: floridanativeplants.com and fnps.org/plants .
Urban Forest	2.7.12	Utilize Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles in conjunction with the use of native and non-native adaptive plants and trees in public rights-of-way and other public lands to conserve water, improve habitat for urban wildlife, conserve Central Florida flora, and improve the City's aesthetic appeal and environmental quality when feasible.		Environmental	1.5.2	Require that public planting areas feature native and Florida friendly landscaping plants and design in accordance with the Urban Forest Management Plan.
				Environmental	1.5.3	Continue the use of native plant species in landscaping demonstration projects for the purposes of educating the public, on the benefits of maintaining native wildlife populations and conserving water.
Urban Forest	2.7.13	Coordinate efforts to improve tree species diversity and age diversity.	New Policy			
Urban Forest	2.7.14	Promote institutional collaboration and evaluate options for joint urban forest management programs across departments.	New Policy			
Urban Forest	2.7.15	Asses the viability of integrating and implementing a comprehensive urban forest and tree canopy monitoring system.	New Policy			

Urban Forest	2.7.16	Control the spread of exotic and nuisance species on City managed land by at least 90% from previously uncontrolled levels.				New Policy
Development	2.8.0	Promote projects and innovations that integrate the pillars of sustainability: natural resource protection, community health and wellbeing, and economic prosperity.				New Policy
Development	2.8.1	Monitor and mitigate the cumulative impact of future developments.		Environmental	1.2.3	Monitor and mitigate the cumulative impact of future developments.
Development	2.8.2	Where appropriate, require development petitioners to develop and implement habitat management plans as part of their development approval.		Environmental	1.2.9	Require development petitioners to develop and implement habitat management plans as part of their development approval, where appropriate.
Development	2.8.3	Protect natural resources, coastal resources, and publicly owned or managed natural preserves from adverse impacts attributable to adjacent land uses. Continue to require development activities on adjacent properties to comply with adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures to prevent adverse impacts.		Environmental	1.6.6	Through the land use planning process, restrict incompatible development activities adjacent to publicly-owned or managed natural preserves.
Development	2.8.4	Collaborate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in determining the issuance of and conditions to be placed on land development approvals that would impact Listed Species as appropriate.		Environmental	1.3.13	Consult with and consider the recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in determining the issuance of, and conditions to be placed on, land development approvals that would impact upon listed species. Conditions of approval shall ensure the maintenance and, where appropriate, increase the abundance and distribution of populations of such species.
Development	2.8.5	Minimize impacts on open space, environmental resources, and floodplains through adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures, including, but not limited to, clustering and the transfer of development rights to increase contiguous pervious surfaces.		Environmental	1.2.5	Use techniques, which may include clustering and transfer of development rights, to protect environmentally sensitive areas.
Development	2.8.6	Development shall comply with adopted criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures to prevent adverse effects on Essential Wildlife Habitat.		Environmental	1.3.9	In consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, protect and require mitigation for impact to areas identified as essential wildlife habitat.
				Environmental	1.3.10	Restrict development activities that adversely affect areas identified as essential wildlife habitat. Where development activities are proposed in such areas, the City may require site-specific wildlife surveys and other field documentation, as needed, to assist in assessing potential impacts.
Development	2.8.7	Discourage and minimize the removal of natural upland vegetation caused by site filling and clearing.		Environmental	1.3.11	On-site preservation shall be considered the most desirable alternative to protect upland habitat and plant and wildlife species
				Environmental	1.2.6	In the development review process, require the protection of representative stands of upland native plant communities.
Development	2.8.8	Regulate development in areas with the following characteristics: wetlands, 100-year floodplain, and/or habitats for Listed Species as provided under local rules and regulations, including mitigation as required.		Environmental	2.1.3	All development within the 100-year floodplain shall be in strict conformance with applicable development regulations.
Development	2.8.9	Encourage and incentivize the utilization of green spaces beyond the minimum requirement and discourage the consideration of non-natural surfaces as permeable solutions.		Environmental	1.28.4	Investigate ways to provide incentives to property owners who use certified arborists to assess the health of and properly prune existing large-trunk trees.

Hillsborough River	3.0.0	Recognize its status as both a Class I and Class III water body; make the Hillsborough River cleaner, safer, and more attractive; protect its natural ecological functions, which support plant and animal wildlife and promote the enhancement of the River as a recreational and aesthetic asset to the surrounding community. This section shall serve as the Hillsborough River Master Plan, pursuant to Chapter 86-335, Laws of Florida.		Environmental	1.10.0	In cooperation with Hillsborough County and the City of Temple Terrace, preserve the water quality and quantity of the Hillsborough River, maintain its potability as a Class I water body as designated by the FDEP and conserve its use under all future supply and demand scenarios.
Hillsborough River	3.1.0	Improve and maintain the character, retain the natural functions, and maximize the public benefits of the river corridor. Apply the following principles to all development/ redevelopment projects proximate to the Hillsborough River during the land development review process.		Environmental	1.14.0	In order to maintain or improve the character, retain the natural functions, and maximize the public benefits of the river corridor, the following principles will be applied to all development/ redevelopment projects proximate to the Hillsborough River during the land development review process.
Hillsborough River	3.1.1	All proposed development and redevelopment projects with Hillsborough River frontage will follow the following principles: 1.Development must be sensitive to and consistent with the unique character of the urban core, lower, middle, and upper River, as defined in the River Corridor Overlay Study. 2.Strict environmental performance standards will be applied to: a.Eliminate activities that will pollute the River or require mitigation thereof in accordance with applicable stormwater and environmental regulation; b.Reduce or eliminate the need for a seawall or other hardened shoreline (except within the urban core) by providing alternative erosion control designs or making the control structure environmentally friendly; c.Promote visual access to scenic aspects of the corridor; d.Promote Florida-Friendly Landscape™ principles, the use of native and non-native adaptive, prohibit noxious invasive species in landscaping; e.Require site plan approval; f.Minimize adverse environmental and/or aesthetic impacts, provide technical standards and guidelines consistent with the unique character of the urban core, lower, middle, and upper River for, or otherwise restrict, certain uses, i.e., parking lots, parking structures, truck service roads, loading docks, warehouses, manufacturing plants, shipbuilding and repair, dredging equipment operators, and heavy uses.		Environmental	1.14.1	The following principles shall be applied by the City to all proposed development/ redevelopment projects that have frontage along the Hillsborough River: • Development must be sensitive to and consistent with the unique character of the urban core, lower, middle and upper river, as defined in the River Corridor Overlay Study • Strict environmental performance standards will be applied to: o Eliminate activities that will pollute the river or alternatively, Require mitigation thereof in accordance with applicable stormwater and environmental regulations; o Reduce or eliminate the need for a seawall or other hardened shoreline (except within the urban core) by providing alternative erosion control designs, or making the control structure environmentally-friendly; o Promote visual access of scenic aspects of the corridor; o Promote Florida Friendly Landscape principles and prohibit noxious exotic species and minimize and restrict non-native species in landscaping; o Require site plan approval; and o Minimize adverse environmental and/or aesthetic impacts, provide technical standards and guidelines consistent with the unique character of the urban core, lower, middle and upper river for, or otherwise restrict, certain uses i.e., parking lots, parking structures, truck service roads, loading docks, warehouses, manufacturing plants, ship building and repair, dredging equipment operators, and heavy uses.
Hillsborough River	3.1.2	Maintain the requirement of a local specialty license for contractors involved in marine construction projects to ensure the proper placement, methods, and materials are used in the construction of seawalls, docks, ramps, and other marine-related structures.		Environmental	1.13.1	The Building Department shall only permit construction on the river by contractors licensed and bonded for marine construction.
Hillsborough River	3.1.3	Continue to support the multi-jurisdictional distribution of a pamphlet detailing proper marine construction by Port Tampa Bay, EPC, FDEP, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, local building departments, and other appropriate entities that can effectively provide the pamphlet to contractors and the public.		Environmental	1.13.2	Participate in the distribution of a pamphlet detailing proper marine construction. This effort is to be in cooperation with the Tampa Port Authority, EPC and the building departments of the City of Temple Terrace and Hillsborough County.
Hillsborough River	3.1.4	Coordinate with Port Tampa Bay, EPC, and the Hillsborough River Board to ensure new construction does not adversely impact the River or its use and enjoyment.		Environmental	1.13.3	Except for ramps, docks, seawalls, rip rap, improvements to existing bridges or projects that provide a public benefit, coordinate with the Tampa Port Authority and EPC to restrict all new construction that would extend waterward beyond the banks, over the river.

Hillsborough River	3.1.5	Support concentrating future public and commercial marinas in the urban core downstream of Columbus Drive to enhance river traffic control, reduce the effects of boat traffic to the River, and provide nearby access to the bay.		Environmental	1.13.4	Support concentrating future public and commercial marinas in the urban core, downstream of Columbus Drive, to enhance the control of river traffic, to reduce the effects of boat traffic to the river and to provide nearby access to the bay.
Hillsborough River	3.1.6	The number of docks in single-family zoning districts is limited to one per zoning lot. Shared ownership of docks is encouraged in all new subdivisions adjacent to the River. Shared ownership may be accomplished by construction on the property line or establishing the dock(s) as common property.		Environmental	1.13.5	The number of docks in single family zoning districts shall be limited to one per zoning lot. Shared ownership of docks is encouraged in all new subdivisions adjacent to the river. Shared ownership may be accomplished by construction on the property line or by establishing the dock(s) as common property.
Hillsborough River	3.1.7	Multifamily zoning districts are permitted one dock per zoning lot and one additional dock for every 100 feet of linear river frontage over 100 feet. Where multiple docks are permitted, they must be clustered with a maximum separation of 30 feet between docks. Each dock is limited to no more than two berths.		Environmental	1.13.6	In multi-family zoning districts the number of docks permitted shall be calculated by dividing the zoning lot's linear feet of river frontage by 100. Where multiple docks are permitted, they shall be clustered with a maximum separation of 30 feet between docks. Each dock shall contain no more than two berths.
Hillsborough River	3.1.8	Continue to recognize the Alan Wright Hillsborough River Blueway and the State designated Hillsborough River Canoe Trail and ensure no action is taken that would impair its use.		Environmental	1.12.11	In recognition of the designation of a portion of the Hillsborough River that flows within or along the City's jurisdictional limits as the Alan Wright Hillsborough River Blueway and a state recreational trail (canoe), recognize the special character of that part of the river and shall not take any action which will impair its use as designated by the City or the State.
Hillsborough River	3.1.9	Pursuant to Chapter 86-335, Laws of Florida, cooperate with the Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board and Technical Advisory Council to perform its mission by providing information and staff coordination and participation.		Environmental	1.17.14	Pursuant to Chapter 86-335, Laws of Florida, cooperate with the Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board and Technical Advisory Council in the performance of its mission by providing information and staff coordination and participation.
Hillsborough River	3.2.0	Continue to protect this significant source of drinking water and promote the improvement of water quality in the Hillsborough River, where it does not meet or exceed State Water Quality Standards for its designated use.	New Policy			
Hillsborough River	3.2.1	Regularly inspect surface water management systems to ensure permit conditions are met.		Environmental	1.10.1	Continue to inspect surface water management systems to assure permit conditions are met.
Hillsborough River	3.2.2	Continue to retrofit stormwater outfalls to the River to replace concrete conduits with vegetated detention facilities.		Environmental	1.10.2	Continue to retrofit stormwater outfalls to the river to replace concrete conduits with vegetated detention facilities.
Hillsborough River	3.2.3	The City will not allow new urban stormwater management systems to discharge into the Hillsborough River that violate state-mandated water quality treatment standards.		Environmental	1.10.3	The City will not allow new urban stormwater management systems that discharge into the Hillsborough River that violate state mandated water quality treatment standards.
Hillsborough River	3.2.4	Prevent further destruction of desirable natural vegetative buffers along the Hillsborough River and its tributaries.		Environmental	1.10.4	Through the land development review process, prevent the further destruction of desirable natural system buffers on the Hillsborough River and its major tributaries, unless found to be in the overriding public interest. The overriding public interest test, found in the Definitions section of this plan, provides criteria to guide City Council in the decision-making process.
Hillsborough River	3.2.5	Develop a contingency plan to eliminate or mitigate the adverse impacts of any wastewater discharge to the Hillsborough River. The plan shall include a public notification system for public health and welfare threats.		Environmental	1.10.5	Develop a contingency plan to eliminate or mitigate the adverse impacts of any discharge of raw sewage to the Hillsborough River. The plan shall include a system of public notification in the event of a threat to public health and welfare.
Hillsborough River	3.2.6	Assist in preventing potential contamination by wastewater disposal systems within the Hillsborough River's drainage basin, prevent incidental discharges by maintaining redundancy systems where appropriate, and prioritize maintaining wastewater lines that would directly impact the River.		Environmental	1.10.7	Assist in preventing potential contamination by the effluent disposal system within the Hillsborough River's drainage basin, and prevent incidental discharges by maintaining redundancy systems where appropriate and give budget priority to maintaining sewer lines that would directly impact the river.

Hillsborough River	3.2.7	In conjunction with the EPC and other appropriate agencies, identify pollution sources that adversely affect the River and develop strategies to mitigate or eliminate such sources and their effects.		Environmental	1.10.8	In cooperation with EPC, where possible, identify pollution sources and develop policy by which to eliminate or mitigate the effects of such sources.
Hillsborough River	3.2.8	Continue to prohibit solid waste landfills, hazardous waste facilities, and other potentially hazardous uses that may adversely affect the River and its tributaries.		Environmental	1.10.6	Continue to prohibit any solid waste landfills and hazardous waste dumps and other potentially hazardous uses that may adversely affect the river and its tributaries.
				Solid Waste	3.2.3	Prohibit any solid or hazardous waste landfills or dumps which might adversely affect the Hillsborough River or its tributaries.
Hillsborough River	3.2.9	The City will continue to prevent pollution of the receiving waters by: 1.Restrict the introduction of any foreign matter (including, but not limited to, trash, debris, garbage, fill, construction materials, organic or inorganic pollutants, pesticides, fertilizers, acids, medical wastes, and petroleum products), whether by action or inaction, to any public drainage system; 2.Certify that damaging, obstructing, or interfering with the operation of any public drainage system qualifies as a "public nuisance"; and 3.Lead by example and prevent pollution from City-owned land.		Environmental	1.10.9	Continue to prevent pollution of the receiving waters. Among other things, the City will 1) Restrict the introduction of any foreign matter (including, but not limited to, trash, debris, garbage, fill, construction materials, organic or inorganic pollutants, pesticides, fertilizers, acids, medical wastes, and petroleum products), whether by action or inaction, to any public drainage system; 2) Certify that damaging, obstructing or interfering with the operation of any public drainage system qualifies as a "public nuisance"; and 3) the City shall lead by example by preventing pollution from City owned land.
Hillsborough River	3.2.10	Continue to provide trash receptacles and restrooms at public boat launching facilities to minimize floating debris and water quality problems.		Environmental	1.17.8	Continue to provide trash receptacles and restrooms at public boat launching facilities to minimize floating debris and water quality problems.
Hillsborough River	3.2.11	Coordinate with local environmental organizations to hold periodic river clean-ups.		Environmental	1.17.9	Continue to hold periodic river clean ups.
Hillsborough River	3.2.12	Continue to pursue technologies that limit the influx of debris, oil, and other runoff from storm drainage and increase dissolved oxygen.		Environmental	1.17.12	Continue to pursue technologies that limit the influx of debris, oil, and other runoff from storm drainage and that increase dissolved oxygen.
Hillsborough River	3.2.13	Promote environmental sustainability within neighborhoods by educating and encouraging residents to adopt environmentally friendly ways of living, such as recycling, water conservation, use of renewable resources, and low-impact transportation methods.		Environmental	1.17.13	Promote environmental sustainability within neighborhoods by educating and encouraging residents to adopt environmentally friendly ways of living, such as recycling, water conservation, use of renewable resources, and low-impact methods of transportation.
Hillsborough River	3.3.0	Control erosion and the propagation of nuisance vegetation in and along the Hillsborough River to maintain and restore natural shorelines.		Environmental	1.11.0	Control erosion and the propagation of nuisance vegetation in the Hillsborough River. In order to maintain and restore natural shorelines, a minimum of 300 feet of natural shoreline shall be restored or permanently protected annually.
Hillsborough River	3.3.1	Continue to implement a program of shoreline improvement and restoration on publicly owned or controlled riverfront lands, including: 1.The creation or restoration of vegetated shorelines on public lands; 2.Removal of exotic nuisance plant species from natural and filled shorelines; and 3.The replacement of existing seawalls and riprap with naturally sloped and vegetated shorelines.		Environmental	1.11.1	Continue to implement a program of shoreline improvement and restoration on publicly-owned or controlled riverfront lands including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation or restoration of vegetated shorelines on public lands; • Removal of exotic nuisance plant species from natural and filled shorelines; and • The replacement of existing seawalls and rip-rap with naturally sloped and vegetated shorelines.
Hillsborough River	3.3.2	Continue to update and distribute a homeowner's guide to shoreline management to instruct property owners in properly maintaining riverfront property.		Environmental	1.11.2	Continue to update and distribute a homeowner's guide to shoreline management to instruct property owners in the proper care and maintenance of riverfront property.

Hillsborough River	3.3.3	Prohibit the construction of new vertical seawalls along the upper Hillsborough River, upstream from Fletcher Avenue, and shall promote the replacement of vertical seawalls with naturally sloped and vegetated shorelines in the middle and lower River unless found to be in the overriding public interest. The overriding public interest test, located in the Definitions Section of this plan, provides criteria to guide City Council in the decision-making process.		Environmental	1.11.3	Prohibit the construction of new vertical seawalls along the upper Hillsborough River, upstream from Fletcher Avenue and shall promote the replacement of vertical seawalls with naturally sloped and vegetated shorelines in the middle and lower river unless found to be in the overriding public interest. The overriding public interest test, found in the Definitions section of this plan, provides criteria to guide City Council in the decision-making process.
Hillsborough River	3.3.4	Cutting trees and significant natural vegetation along the shoreline shall be discouraged except for non-native invasive species.		Environmental	1.11.4	Except for exotic nuisance species, the cutting of trees and significant natural vegetation along the river shoreline shall be minimized through the Land Development Code.
Hillsborough River	3.4.0	Continue to preserve and enhance wildlife habitats and preserve archaeological resources within the river corridor.		Environmental	1.17.0	Continue to preserve the wildlife habitats and archaeological resources within the river corridor and to identify and protect new archaeological resources.
Hillsborough River	3.4.1	Wetlands and/or other surface waters and uplands with Significant Wildlife Habitat or unique environmental features such as springs or sinkholes shall be preserved through permitting processes and public education programs and balanced with other areas of overriding public interest.		Environmental	1.17.1	Wetlands and uplands with significant wildlife habitat or unique environmental features such as springs or sinkholes shall be preserved through permitting processes and public education programs and balanced with other areas of overriding public interest.
Hillsborough River	3.4.2	Coordinate with FWS, FWC, & EPC to prevent or mitigate potential development impacts on fish and wildlife resources.		Environmental	1.17.3	Support the recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission received for consideration during plan review processes, for preventing or mitigating potential development impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
Hillsborough River	3.4.3	To obtain permits for development on the river corridor, specific site reviews must be conducted to identify essential and significant habitats and plans to preserve habitat. Encourage Hillsborough County, the City of Temple Terrace, and other permitting agencies to coordinate such activities in the permitting process.		Environmental	1.17.4	To obtain permits for development in the river corridor, specific site reviews must be conducted to identify essential and significant habitat and plans for preservation of habitat. Encourage Hillsborough County, City of Temple Terrace and other permitting agencies to coordinate such activities in the permitting process.
Hillsborough River	3.4.4	Prohibit future development and activities that destroy or endanger fish, wildlife, or game populations or affect their ability to thrive unless other objectives override public interest exist. In cooperation with other local governments and agencies, participate in a coordinated effort to educate the public concerning wildlife protection.		Environmental	1.17.5	Prohibit future development and related activities that destroy or endanger fish, wildlife, or game populations or affect their abilities to thrive unless there are other objectives of overriding public interest. In cooperation with other local government and agencies, participate in a coordinated effort to educate the public concerning the protection of wildlife.
Hillsborough River	3.4.5	Continue to pursue federal and state funds and permits to improve water quality conditions in the lower River. Ensure dredge spoil is disposed of in an environmentally safe manner and that natural resources in Tampa Bay are not adversely impacted.		Environmental	1.17.6	Continue to pursue federal and State funds and permits to improve water quality conditions in the lower river. This program will ensure that dredge spoil is disposed of in an environmentally safe manner, and that living resources in Tampa Bay are not adversely impacted.
Hillsborough River	3.4.6	Continue establishing and implementing local ordinances to prevent or control public disturbances and destruction of fish and wildlife populations related to recreational activities in the river corridor.		Environmental	1.17.7	Continue to establish and implement local ordinances that relate to identified recreational activities to prevent and control public disturbances and destruction of fish and wildlife populations in the river corridor.
Hillsborough River	3.4.7	Preserve and conserve archaeological sites.		Environmental	1.17.10	Archaeological sites along the Hillsborough River shall be evaluated in terms of State of Florida or federal criteria to determine eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Eligible sites shall be preserved or excavated and documented prior to destruction.
Hillsborough River	3.4.8	Continue cooperating with SWFWMD and FDEP to meet or exceed the minimum flows established for the lower Hillsborough River.		Environmental	1.17.11	Work in cooperation with SWFWMD expeditiously in implementing the Minimum Flows and Levels and the Lower Hillsborough River Recovery Policy.

Hillsborough River	3.5.0	Continue to develop a "green" river corridor, as identified in the Hillsborough River Master Plan and Hillsborough River Study, by implementing the following policies.		Environmental	1.15.0	Continue to develop a "green" river corridor, as identified in the Hillsborough River Master Plan and Hillsborough River Study, through the implementation of the following policies.
Hillsborough River	3.5.1	Give priority to acquiring vacant riverfront parcels through fee simple purchase or other alternatives including, but not limited to, conservation easements, transfer of developments rights, and post-acquisition disposition mechanisms.		Environmental	1.15.1	Give priority to acquiring vacant riverfront parcels through fee simple purchase or other alternatives including, but not limited to, conservation easements, transfer of developments rights, and post-acquisition disposition mechanisms.
Hillsborough River	3.5.2	Carefully consider vacating petitions involving dead-end riverfront or waterfront roads. Evaluate all vacating petitions on a case-by-case basis for passive, open space, stormwater retention, and controlled access for specific development types.		Environmental	1.15.2	Continue to ensure careful consideration of vacating petitions involving dead end roads on the riverfront and evaluate them on a case-by-case basis for using these rights-of-way for passive, open space, stormwater retention and controlled vehicle access for specific development.
				Recreation & Open Space	1.8.2	Continue to ensure careful consideration of vacating petitions involving dead-end roads on the riverfront or waterfront and begin evaluating them on a case-by-case basis for passive, open space, stormwater retention and controlled access for specific development.
Hillsborough River	3.5.3	Continue to implement the plan to link all publicly owned or controlled land within the river corridor into a linear greenbelt system to include limited pedestrian ways and bicycle paths, where appropriate.		Environmental	1.15.3	Continue to implement its plan to link all publicly owned or controlled land within the river corridor into a linear greenbelt system to include limited pedestrian ways and bicycle paths, where appropriate.
Hillsborough River	3.6.0	Continue to manage the Hillsborough River as an essential community asset and provide appropriate public access to this valuable natural amenity.		Environmental	1.16.0	Maintain public access to the river in appropriate areas.
Hillsborough River	3.6.1	Ensure that an equitable share of the Boating Improvement Trust Fund is available to fund the repair and improvement of existing public boat ramps.		Environmental	1.16.1	Ensure that its fair share of the Boating Improvement Trust Fund is available to fund the repair and improvement of existing public boat ramps.
Hillsborough River	3.6.2	Require any new riverfront development or redevelopment in the urban core to incorporate public riverfront access in the site plan design.		Environmental	1.16.3	Encourage new riverfront development or redevelopment in the urban core to incorporate public riverfront access in the site plan design.
Hillsborough River	3.7.0	Continue to cooperate with state and federal programs to provide for improved boat traffic control in the Hillsborough River and minimize public use conflicts and nuisances by promoting the enforcement of water safety laws.		Environmental	1.12.0	Continue to cooperate with State and federal programs to provide for improved boat traffic control in the Hillsborough River, and shall minimize public use conflicts and nuisances by promoting the enforcement of water safety laws.
Hillsborough River	3.7.1	Cooperate with the U.S. Coast Guard, FWC, and Hillsborough County to establish, post, and enforce proper boating safety and marine speed zones, where appropriate. Establish and enforce appropriate speed limits to promote public safety and protect the Hillsborough River's ecological characteristics, including areas where West Indian Manatees are known to inhabit.		Environmental	1.12.1	To enhance public safety and natural resources, continue to establish and post marine regulatory speed zones, where appropriate, including in the vicinity of marinas, bridges, marine structures, navigable constricted areas and in areas of the river where manatees are known to inhabit.
				Environmental	1.12.4	In cooperation with the U. S. Coast Guard, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Hillsborough County ensure proper enforcement of boating safety and speed laws.
				Environmental	1.12.5	To promote public safety and to protect the Hillsborough River's environmental attributes, establish appropriate speed limits on the river downstream of the City of Tampa dam. A general speed limit on the river upstream of Fletcher Avenue, within the City of Tampa, shall be Slow Down/Minimum Wake, which is consistent with the craft speed established by Hillsborough County for that area of the river.

Hillsborough River	3.7.2	Due to shallow water, blind curves, and hardened shores, water skiing and related activities are prohibited between the Hillsborough Avenue Bridge and the City dam (Tippin Water Treatment facility).		Environmental	1.12.2	Due to shallow water, blind curves and hardened shores, prohibit water skiing and related activities between the Hillsborough Avenue Bridge and the City dam.
Hillsborough River	3.7.3	Provide information on river conditions and regulations at public access points.		Environmental	1.12.6	Post informational signs providing relevant information to users of public access points regarding river conditions and regulations.
Hillsborough River	3.7.4	Take actions necessary to protect conditions essential to the survival of the vulnerable West Indian Manatee.		Environmental	1.12.8	The City recognizes the Hillsborough River as providing manatee habitat and will take action necessary to protect conditions important to the survival of this endangered species in the river. Such actions may include but are not limited to information/educational signs, marine craft speed regulations, protection of known food sources, the maintenance of fresh water flow from springs and the dam and the sensitive operation of existing water control structures and the sensitive design/operation of any new water control structures.