

DRAFT GOALS - FROM FEBRUARY-MARCH CPAC EXERCISES

GOALS (LISTED IN ORDER OF COMMUNITY PRIORITY) AND STRATEGIES

This community plan demonstrates Hillsborough County's commitment to use the community plan vision, goals, and strategies when evaluating and deciding on matters pertaining to the community plan area. The Community Plan does not legally obligate the County to implement or commit public funds for any of the goals or strategies represented. (NEW LANGUAGE)

Infrastructure and Utilities

Goal 1: The Greater Palm River Area Community recognizes that current and future growth requires urban-level services to spur economic growth and an improved standard of living. Affordable and dependable water and wastewater services should be made available to current and future residents.

Strategies

1. Water services shall have higher priority over wastewater services and if necessary, timed first.
2. Although there is sufficient water and wastewater capacity to support expected growth, the City of Tampa has no plans for distribution lines to improve or extend service within unincorporated Hillsborough County. Therefore, the community supports:
 - a. The coordination of the County and City of Tampa, per the most recently approved Interlocal Agreement, in efforts to unify water and wastewater services under one jurisdiction.
 - b. Ongoing coordination of local efforts with Federal, State, and other agencies, to expedite improvements and the expansion of services, when feasible.
 - c. The continued safeguarding of existing water and sewer connections.
3. The community recognizes the flood-prone nature of the area and supports:
 - a. Continued improvements to and monitoring of the drainage systems in the area such as Delaney Creek and Palm River Road, by applicable government agencies.
 - b. The improvement of County drainage standards to enhance aesthetics.
 - c. The promotion of natural and attractive stormwater retention facilities that discourage hard surfaces and exposed chain link fencing.
 - d. The monitoring of potential drainage impacts from new development built with a higher elevation on surrounding development.
 - e. The creation of master stormwater facilities.

Parks and Recreation

Goal 4: The Greater Palm River Area community seeks the expansion of and supports the maintenance of parks and recreation opportunities.

Strategies

1. As development occurs, connections to parks, public lands, waterways, public spaces are desired, encouraged and supported by the Greater Palm River Area community.
 - a. Intergovernmental cooperation is necessary to ensure access and interface of recreational opportunities.
2. The community encourages the placement of parks around areas of natural wetlands or upland areas within neighborhoods, as new development occurs.

Environment and Natural Resources

Goal 7a: The Greater Palm River Area community seeks to build resiliency, protect, and enhance the natural environment and resources of the area.

Strategies

1. The County shall support the continued restoration and maintenance of Palm River/Tampa By-pass Canal and Delaney Creek (and its canals and tributaries) through enforcement and evaluation of regulations.
2. The Greater Palm River Area community supports initiatives that correct or mitigate pollution, water quality, bank erosion, drainage systems, stormwater, and road runoff to improve the environmental health and aesthetics of the area.
3. Continue the acquisition and restoration of environmental land by public agencies and where possible and feasible, desires public access and use to publicly owned property for passive and low-impact access to waterfronts and shorelines.
4. The community supports the implementation of the Hillsborough County Greenways Master Plan within the Greater Palm River area, especially the implementation of publicly accessible recreational trails.

5. The Greater Palm River Area community supports the transfer of development rights to encourage preservation of agricultural and environmental lands.

Historic Preservation

Goal 7b: The Greater Palm River Area community seeks to recognize and protect their heritage and the historic built environment through the identification, evaluation, and designation of the area's significant historic and archaeological resources.

Strategies

1. Consider voluntary County Landmark Designation for significant archaeological sites, buildings and structures, and historic and conservation districts, as defined by the County's Criteria for Landmark Designation. Resources potentially eligible for Landmark designation may include those identified in the County's Historic Resources Inventory such as the Campoamor Silo and Maydell Villa, and resources identified by the community that have not yet been documented, such as:
 - a. The Progress Village, Clair Mel, and Adamo Acres neighborhoods
 - b. Bell Shoals Baptist Church of Palm River (FBC Palm River), First Baptist Church of Progress Village (FBC Progress Village) and Victory AME (St. James).
 - c. Progress Village Middle School, Palm River Elementary School, and Clair Mel Elementary School.
2. The community supports the pursuit of grants available to community organizations and public entities to survey, preserve, and educate people about Greater Palm River Area's historic and archaeological resources.
3. Encourage education about the history of Palm River and its neighborhoods through the placement of historic markers, brochures, and partnerships with local schools, museums, and historical societies.
4. Encourage financial incentives for historic preservation including conservation easements on properties containing significant archaeological resources, and historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions, matching grants, and transfer of development rights for designated Landmarks.