

**EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY OF FELLSMERE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
CHAPTER THREE – SUCCESS & SHORTCOMINGS OF THE
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT**

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The Public Schools Facility Element (PSFE) contains four objectives under one goal statement. The objectives address primarily two of the major issues facing the community: Maintaining the Historic Character of the City and Codes to Meet Vision. A review of each objective is provided below including an assessment as to whether the plan objectives as they relate to major issues have been achieved. In addition, the review of each objective will identify, as appropriate, any unforeseen or unanticipated changes in circumstances that have occurred resulting in problems or opportunities with respect to the major issues and the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the issue.

OBJECTIVE PSFE 1: ADEQUATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

The City of Fellsmere will work with the IRC School District toward eliminating existing deficiencies and meeting future needs within the Indian River County Public School System.

Has the plan objective, as it relates to the major issues, been achieved?

The Objective, as written, is an ongoing affair and its achievement is relative. Currently, Fellsmere Elementary is operating below the level of service standard. Intergovernmental coordination activities are underway to identify and fund a capacity expansion project. If level of service is maintained and unsafe conditions are mitigated, the objective can generally be considered to be achieved. However, since new development is continually occurring, achievement of the objective is continually being sought. In relation to the major issues, achievement of the objective will not directly result in resolution of the major issues; however, adequate educational systems are a prerequisite for economic development. The objective and implementing policies do not address the major issues directly.

Has there been any unforeseen or unanticipated changes resulting in problems or opportunities?

The annexation of vast amounts of vacant lands will benefit from the enhanced coordination that now occurs in relation to school planning. During the planning for schools to serve the annexed areas, special considerations should be undertaken to ensure schools serve broad community purposes.

Required Actions for Objective PSFE 1:

- None.

OBJECTIVE PSFE 2: SCHOOL CONCURRENCY REVIEW

The City, County and School District shall work cooperatively on assuring that adequate capacity exists within the school system to accommodate projected development at the adopted level of service within each 5-year planning period.

Has the plan objective, as it relates to the major issues, been achieved?

The Objective, as written, is an ongoing affair. Similar to Objective 1, the primary focus is on achieving the defined level of service for public schools. The methodology set forth in Objective 2 has been utilized successfully in development review and should be considered achieved. The objective and implementing policies do not address the major issues directly.

Has there been any unforeseen or unanticipated changes resulting in problems or opportunities?

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Required Actions for Objective PSFE 2:

- Revise Policies to reflect actual coordination means such as reporting periods (Policy 2.10).

OBJECTIVE PSFE 3: COORDINATION

After 2008 all new public schools built within the City will be consistent with the future land use map, will be co-located with other appropriate public facilities, and will have needed supporting infrastructure, and when possible will serve as community focal points.

Has the plan objective, as it relates to the major issues, been achieved?

The objective, as written, is an ongoing affair achieved through proper location and design of new schools. Achievement of the objective will help to maintain the character of the City and to develop codes to meet vision. As no new schools have been located or planned at this time, this objective will be achieved over time as newly annexed areas develop.

Has there been any unforeseen or unanticipated changes resulting in problems or opportunities?

The annexation of vast amounts of vacant lands will benefit from the enhanced coordination that now occurs in relation to school planning. During the planning for schools to serve the annexed areas, special considerations should be undertaken to ensure schools serve broad community purposes and meet the intent of this objective. Intergovernmental coordination should commence now, prior to development of the large annexed land areas, to address the development of future schools to ensure their compatibility with the character of the City and ensure that codes meet the vision of the City.

Required Actions for Objective PSFE 3:

- Develop policies to set forth a timeframe to coordinate with the school district to develop prototypical school forms for urban settings.

OBJECTIVE PSFE 4: Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements

The 5-year schedule of capital improvements will include those projects necessary to address existing deficiencies and future needs.

Has the plan objective, as it relates to the major issues, been achieved?

The objective, as written, is an ongoing affair achieved through the annual CIE/CIP update. The topic is addressed elsewhere in the plan and its deletion here would not reduce the regulatory control of the Plan. The objective and implementing policies do not address any of the major issues directly.

Has there been any unforeseen or unanticipated changes resulting in problems or opportunities?

None.

Required Actions for Objective PSFE 4:

- Delete objective and underlying policies.