

# Evaluation & Appraisal Report Overview



# Purpose of the EAR

- An effort to address community changes that have occurred over time.
- Serves as a foundation to revise the Comprehensive Plan.
- Process seeks to identify major issues within the Town.
- Required by State Statute to be prepared every 7 years.
- Previous Town of Fort Myers Beach EAR was completed in 2007.

# Legislative Changes

- 2011 Legislative Session brought about significant revisions to the Growth Management Act.
- Evaluation and Appraisal Reports are still required to be conducted every 7 years.
- A letter must be sent to the Department of Economic Opportunity outlining any amendments necessary to address the Town's major issues.
- If such a letter is not submitted, the Town would not be allowed to update its comprehensive plan at a later date.
- Communities can transmit amendments based on the EAR without having to first submit an interim report.
- This approach encourages more community based planning and provides a more streamlined process and timeline.

# Legislative Changes

- Eliminates the mandatory requirement to review data and conduct an analysis of certain planning elements.
- EAR is reviewed by the State Coordinated Review Process.
- Draft Amendment is sent to review agencies which may only comment on “important state resources and facilities” within 30 days.
- The Department of Economic Opportunity will review these comments and compile an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) report within 30 days.
- After the adoption hearing, DEO has 45 days to make a compliance determination based on the Town’s response to the ORC.
- A Notice of Intent (NOI) will only be published to the DEO website. Amendments will go into effect pursuant to the NOI.

# EAR Process

- Public Participation Campaign
- Evaluation of the Comprehensive Plan
- Revise Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Plan
- Present revisions to the Local Planning Agency, Town Council, and the public
- Adjust proposed revisions based on feedback received
- Present amended Comprehensive Plan for recommendations and Town Council for approval and transmittal to DCA

# Public Participation Campaign

- Public Input Survey has been developed and published to the Town Website.
- A Community Visioning Workshop was held at Bay Oaks for June 2, 2011.
- Advertisements of the workshop and survey have been sent to Media Outlets, Stakeholders, Council Members and Advisory Committees.
- A second Community Visioning Workshop is scheduled for July 20, 2011.
- Community Development Department Staff will be organizing meetings with stakeholders to gather additional input.

# Evaluation of Comprehensive Plan

- Data Analysis of survey responses and input gathered through the Visioning Sessions and Stakeholder Meetings.
- Utilize Data to identify major issues and prioritize recommendations.
- Review of existing Goals, Objectives and Policies of Comprehensive Plan.
- Recommend changes to the Comprehensive Plan based on public input received.
- Propose amended Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

# Presentation of Revisions

- Community Development Staff will conduct a series of public workshops.
- Workshops will provide residents, business owners, land owners, and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions.
- Community Development Staff will further refine the proposed amendments based on the input received.
- Staff will develop final amendments to be presented to the LPA and Town Council.

