

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL #19 - The County shall undertake actions necessary to adequately provide needed public facilities to all residents within its jurisdiction in a manner which protects investments in existing facilities, maximizes the use of existing facilities, and promotes orderly compact urban growth.

Facility Planning

- Objective 19.1 Capital improvements will be provided to correct existing deficiencies, to accommodate desired future growth, and to replace worn out or obsolete facilities, as indicated in the Schedule of Improvements of this Element.
- Policy 19.1.1 The County shall include all non-recurring facility needs identified in the other Elements of this plan and determined to be of relatively large scale and high cost (\$50,000 or greater), as capital improvements projects for inclusion within the Schedule of Improvements of this Element.
- Policy 19.1.2 The County shall, as a matter of priority, schedule and fund all capital improvement projects in the Schedule of Improvements which are designed to correct existing deficiencies listed in the Capital Improvements Element.
- Policy 19.1.3 Proposed capital improvement projects shall be evaluated and ranked in order of priority according to the following guidelines:
- Whether the project is needed to protect public health and safety, to fulfill the County's legal commitment to provide facilities and services, or to preserve or achieve full use of existing facilities
 - Whether the project increases efficiency of use of existing facilities, prevents or reduces future improvement cost, provides service to developed areas lacking full service, or promotes in-fill development
 - Whether the project represents a logical extension of facilities and services within a designated urban service area
- Policy 19.1.4 Reserved.
- Policy 19.1.5 Capital Improvements for potable water supply shall be implemented as outlined in the 10 year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Public Expenditure in Coastal High Hazard Areas

Objective 19.2 Public expenditures for new public facilities in the Coastal High Hazard Area shall be limited to those improvements included in the Coastal, Lakes, and River Management Element.

Policy 19.2.1 Reserved

Policy 19.2.2 Reserved

Proportioned Costs

Objective 19.3 Future development will bear its proportionate cost of facility improvements necessitated by the development in order to maintain adopted Level of Service (LOS) standards.

Policy 19.3.1 The County shall assess its impact fee ordinances to assure that new development pays its pro rata share of the costs required to finance capital improvements necessitated by such development.

Policy 19.3.2 The County shall explore the use of structured impact fees to encourage development and concentration of public facilities within Planned Service Areas.

Provision of Capital Improvements

Objective 19.4 The County will manage its fiscal resources to ensure the provision of needed capital improvements for previously issued development orders and for future development and redevelopment. This will be accomplished by yearly revision of the Capital Improvements Element and implementation of a Capital Improvements Program.

Policy 19.4.1 The County shall adopt a Five-Year Capital Improvements Program and annual capital budget as a part of its budgeting process.

Policy 19.4.2 Efforts shall be made to secure grants or private funds whenever practicable to finance the provision of capital improvements.

Policy 19.4.3 The County shall reserve Enterprise Fund surpluses, whenever practicable, for major capital expenditures.

Coordinated Decision Making

- Objective 19.5 Decisions regarding the issuance of development orders and permits will be based upon coordination of the development requirements included in this plan, the land development regulations, available and projected fiscal resources, the schedule of capital improvements, adopted LOS standards, and the availability of necessary public facilities needed to support such development at the time needed.
- Policy 19.5.1 The County shall use the LOS standards contained in the plan in reviewing the impacts of new development and redevelopment upon public facility provision.
- Policy 19.5.2 Capital Improvement projects shall be evaluated against criteria contained in this Plan and will include, at a minimum:
- The elimination of public hazards as described in the Plan
 - The elimination of existing capacity deficits
 - Generation of public facility demands that may be accommodated by capacity increases planned in the Schedule of Improvements
 - Impact on the County's budget
 - Conformance with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM)
 - Accommodation of public facility demands based upon adopted LOS standards, if the public facilities are developer provided
 - Demonstration of financial feasibility if public facilities are provided by the County in part or whole
 - The project's impact on or furtherance of goals, objectives, and policies of plans of any State agency that provides public facilities in Citrus County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
 - Accommodation of development and new development
- Policy 19.5.3 The issuance of development orders and permits shall be predicated upon the availability of public facilities and services needed to support the development concurrent with the impacts of the development. Public facility and service availability shall be deemed sufficient if these facilities and services for a development are phased, and are available concurrent with the impacts of the development.
- Policy 19.5.4 Reserved.

- Policy 19.5.5 Expenditures for capital improvements shall be evaluated in accordance with the policies of each Element in this Plan.
- Objective 19.6 Public Debt Management will be accomplished according to accepted fiscal constraints.
- Policy 19.6.1 The maximum ratio of debt service as a percentage of General Fund Expenditures target will be less than or equal to 15% (adjusted for inflation).
- Policy 19.6.2 The general government debt per capita target is less than or equal to \$2,500 (adjusted for inflation)
- Policy 19.6.3 The School District Five-Year Facilities Work Plan will be adopted annually as part of the Capital Improvements Element.
- Objective 19.7 Reserved.
- Objective 19.8 Citrus County shall develop strategies to be adopted into the comprehensive plan that will enable the County to correct any transportation level of service deficiencies in a financially feasible manner.
- Policy 19.8.1 The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) shall take the lead in planning for the achievement and maintenance of the adopted level of service standards on major arterial and collector roads within the County.
- Policy 19.8.2 The County shall identify strategies to improve mobility in Citrus County, as outlined further in the Multimodal Transportation Element. Some of the approaches to evaluate include:
- signalization improvements,
 - transportation demand management,
 - turn lane enhancements,
 - coordinated methodology through the MPO for measuring impacts on transportation facilities.