

COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

GOAL 10.0. Manage development activities in Broward County's coastal area to maximize aesthetic, environmental, recreational, and economic values.

Objective 10.1. Protect and conserve remaining wetlands, living marine resources, coastal barriers, and wildlife habitat, as applicable in the coastal area.

Policy 10.1.1. The County shall limit the specific and cumulative impacts of development or redevelopment upon wetlands, water quality, water quantity, wildlife habitat, living marine resources and the beach dune system through the review of developments by Broward County.

Policy 10.1.2. Broward County shall maintain the guidelines for local government implementation of sea turtle conservation programs developed in conjunction with the Florida Bureau of Marine Research.

Policy 10.1.3. The Building Code Services Division shall implement Article LXXIX, Section 39-1280: Beach Area Lighting Restrictions, Broward County Zoning Code, for the Unincorporated Area.

Policy 10.1.4. Broward County shall continue to maintain the artificial reef program in order to contribute to the enhancement and restoration of local fisheries and hard bottom communities. Studies shall be undertaken to aid in the understanding of artificial reef function, determine impacts to natural reefs, develop more environmentally effective designs and to define the economic impact to Broward County.

Objective 10.2. Protect and enhance dunes and coastal biological communities, monitor state-mandated construction standards which minimize the impacts of man-made structures on dunes, and restore altered dunes.

Policy 10.2.1. Assist State agencies in the enforcement and monitoring of compliance with the DEP Coastal Construction Control Line regulations.

Policy 10.2.2. Monitor development in the coastal areas to ensure proper compliance with state and local regulations.

Policy 10.2.3. Development and redevelopment in the coastal area shall not degrade or destroy existing natural beaches or berm areas.

Policy 10.2.4. Continue to encourage local governments and property owners to

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protect existing beach vegetation, to revegetate the beach, where appropriate, and to encourage landscaping with native trees, shrubs, and ground covers in areas of historic beaches or berm communities through the distribution of educational pamphlets.

Policy 10.2.5. Broward County shall initiate a study to find alternative sources of sand for beach nourishment projects.

Objective 10.3. Maintain or improve estuarine environmental quality in Broward County.

Policy 10.3.1. The County shall provide for restoration or enhancement of disturbed or degraded natural resources including estuaries, and programs to mitigate future disruptions or degradations through the Broward County Land Development Code.

Policy 10.3.2. Coordinate efforts and existing resources protection plans where possible to protect estuaries within the jurisdiction of more than one local government.

Policy 10.3.3. The County shall monitor for potential development impacts on estuaries through the development review processes, including site plan and plat applications.

Policy 10.3.4. The County shall coordinate with existing resources protection plans of other agencies through participation in the development review process.

Objective 10.4. Protect beaches and restore altered beaches to the extent possible.

Policy 10.4.1. Maintain Broward County's beaches to a width of approximately 150 feet.

Policy 10.4.2. Continue to support Broward County's Beach Nourishment Program as a means of conserving the barrier island's resources.

Policy 10.4.3. Renourish Broward County's eroded beaches in accordance with the Broward County Beach Nourishment Program.

Policy 10.4.4. Broward County shall update an economic benefit study of beach renourishment projects by the next Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

Post Adoption Revisions

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1. This Element was amended through Ordinance No. Ordinance 2001-26 on June 26, 2001.
2. This Element was amended in Cycle 2006-2 through Ordinance No. Ordinance 2006-60 on December 12, 2006.

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