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Broward County's Comprehensive Plan is a vision of what Broward County is to be in the future. The process of developing this plan was a community-wide effort, and all interested groups had a part in determining what this vision should be. Goals and objectives are developed along with a time frame for implementation.

The first phase of the process was collecting all available data on the element. The second phase was citizen participation. Since the Comprehensive Plan is a document for the community, a series of public meetings take place, to give public comments. After analyzing all existing data and taking input from the citizenry into consideration, goals and objectives are developed. Goals are recommendations and Objectives describes the strategies to address each goal that has been established. The elements in the Comprehensive Plan have a short- and long-range perspective, and again is a policy document that provides a coordinated approach to making many decisions regarding land use and the location of development, the extension of urban services, the placement of community facilities, etc.

Plan Amendment Process

The Plan Amendment process for the elements noted above follows statutory requirements and follows a "twice a year" amendment schedule with adoption dates usually occurring in June and December. The procedures call for an amendment time frame of approximately twelve (12) months from the time an application is submitted to the time the change is adopted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. This involves a review of the request by PSD staff, which prepares a written report with a staff recommendation, and the Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommendation. Applications are available online for **Small-Scale Admendments** and **Regular Amendments**.

All text and future land use map series amendments, concerning 10 acres or more, must be reviewed by the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Text and future land use map series amendments, concerning 10 acres or less must be reviewed by DCA only. The SFRPC is concerned with the amendment's consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the DCA monitors compliance with the requirements of Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes as well as the criteria of Rule 9J-5 of the Florida Administrative Code.