Community Planning

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?
WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
Background

- Comprehensive Plan is not specific to neighborhoods
- Citizen discontent; involvement was late in the development process
- Comprehensive Plan provided the broad policy basis for Community Plans

**BACKGROUND**

**Community Plan Program**

- In 1998 the Hillsborough County BOCC established the Community Planning Program
- In 2001 a joint team approach was established
- 21 Plans Adopted
- 3 Plan Updates
- 1 New Plan
An effective way to serve and empower smaller geographic areas

- **Rhode Island**
  - 1,033 square miles
  - 39 cities

- **Hillsborough Co**
  - 1,020 square miles
  - 3 cities
Community Plan Program

• Recognizes what is unique about each community
• Creates community identity
• Identifies community priorities

Community Plan Program

• Resolves conflicts
• Important educational tool to communicate with citizens about county government
• Used to leverage resources
Areas for Improvement

- More proactive, less reactive
- Focus on economic development opportunities versus response to growth management
- J-O-B-S!

Community Plan Program

- Address feasibility of all projects proposed
- Set realistic expectations
- Empower the community to create partnerships to implement their community plan
- Explore alternative funding strategies
GUIDE USE AND FEATURES

Community Plan Program and Guide

WHAT IT DOES

Community Plan Guide

- Standardizes plan format
- Describes a practical, cost-effective, and inclusive planning process
- Ensures plan consistency with the Comprehensive Plan
- Reconciles plan recommendations with County budgetary constraints
**HOW IT’S USED**

*Community Plan Guide*

**APPLICATION:** Create New Plans | Update Approved Plans

**TO BE USED BY:**

- Planning agency staffs
- Community stakeholders

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**ORGANIZATION**

*Community Plan Guide*

**INTRODUCTION**
- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Planning Agency Roles

**PLAN-MAKING FRAMEWORK**
- Chapter 3 Stakeholder Participation
- Chapter 4 Organizing for Action

**PLAN-MAKING PROCESS**
- Chapter 5 New Plans
- Chapter 6 Plan Updates
FEATURES
Community Plan Guide

- Defines planning agency & project team roles
- Maintains an inclusive planning framework & process
- Introduces an Action Plan
- Creates standards for community plan noticing, recommendations & document

The Guide also includes standards...

1. Means & Timing of Public Notice
2. Structure of Goal/Strategy Statements
3. Action Plan (Priority Strategies)
4. Information & Statements
5. Parts adopted in the Comprehensive Plan
CONCLUSION
Community Plan Program and Guide

- Responds to current trends and audit recommendations, and feedback from agencies & stakeholders
- Maintains ability to shape distinct places
- Tool for informing newcomers to the process

ADOPTED COMMUNITY PLANS WITHIN SOUTHSHORE AREAWIDE SYSTEMS PLAN

- Riverview August 2005
- Gibsonton February 2007
- Apollo Beach August 2005
- Ruskin August 2005
- Sun City Center November 2010
- Wimauma November 2007
- Balm Proposed October 2012
- Little Manatee South November 2010
- Sun City Center, November 2010
Ruskin Community Plan
August 8, 2005

Riverview Community Plan
August 8, 2005
Apollo Beach Community Plan
August 8, 2005

Gibsonton Community Plan
February 19, 2007
Wimauma Community Plan
November 10, 2007

Sun City Center Community Plan
November 18, 2010
Little Manatee South Community Plan
November 18, 2010

Southshoire Areawide Systems Plan - 2003

1. Transportation
2. Environmental
3. Cultural/Historical
4. Economic Prosperity (update)
Transportation Vision

- Balanced transportation system
- Planned system of roadways
- Strategically placed activity centers
- Mass transit
- Harmonious integration of roads and communities
- Transportation choices: walk, bike, drive, bus, boat
- Sidewalks, bike lanes, and tree-shaded environments
- Emergency Management Strategies

Environmental Vision

- Achieve harmony between positive development and nature
- Improve the quality of our air, water and soil
- Ensure the Bay and water systems are clean and healthy
- Conserve and manage sensitive lands & species habitats regionally
- Support a network of environmental resources throughout SouthShore
Cultural/Historical Vision

- Diverse Population
- Unique Communities
- Preservation of Natural Heritage, Cultural Identity and Livability
- Sustainable Growth and Development
- Well-Educated Workforce
- Healthy Thriving Economy

Next Steps

Review community plans for consistency with SS Areawide Plan
Begin Winter 2012
- Analyze existing plans

Social/Economic Data Analysis

2013
- Stakeholder engagement
- Economic Development Component
- Data collection
- Preliminary Analysis

Update Areawide Plan

2014
- Scenario Planning for Comp. Plan & LRTP
- Finalize policies with stakeholder input
- PC and BOCC Adoption