

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The following GOP's relate to land use and development related issues within the CRA including proposed review and public participation.

Future Land Use

Policy 1.15 The City shall undertake a visioning process, from time to time, of the future physical appearance and qualities of the city, as a component of this Comprehensive Plan. Upon doing so, the City shall review the comprehensive plan, land development regulations and capital improvement program to ensure that these instruments will help to move the city toward its vision. When undertaking a visioning process, the process shall be a collaborative planning process with meaningful public participation; and shall be adopted by the City Commission upon completion.

OBJECTIVE 2: Redevelopment and Renewal of Blighted Areas; Downtown Revitalization

The City shall protect the quality of its neighborhoods through continued code enforcement, site plan reviews, and the Community Development Block Grant program for the renewal and redevelopment of blighted areas. [9J-5.006(3)(b)2& 187.201(17), F.S.]

Policy 2.2: The City of Wauchula shall establish specific programs to be conducted in the elimination of blighted areas, including but not limited to the following: a) applying for Small-Cities Community Development Block Grant Program funds; b) identification of program funding sources to assist persons in relocation during federally-assisted rehabilitation or demolition activity; and c) enforcement of local building and housing codes.

Policy 2.3: The City of Wauchula shall continue to seek out and implement other appropriate federal, state, and private programs for redevelopment and renewal of blighted areas as outlined in the Housing Element of this plan.

Policy 2.4: The City shall develop strategies to rehabilitate those areas targeted for redevelopment activities; which may include, but not be limited to (1) increased code enforcement activities; (2) removal of dilapidated structures to create space for infill development; and (3) coordination of infrastructure improvements with rehabilitation activities.

Policy 2.5: The City shall protect its investment and continue to invest in its

downtown by maintaining a schedule of routine maintenance and enforcing the city's minimum maintenance codes for property owners; and continue revitalization of the urban core through enforcement of the sign ordinance, beautification projects and incentive programs for revitalization of the downtown area.

Policy 2.6: The City will promote infill development and redevelopment as an important mechanism to revitalize and sustain its urban core by maintaining the existing land use map, which clearly identifies vacant parcels.

OBJECTIVE 3: Elimination of Incompatible Uses

The City of Wauchula will work toward the elimination or reduction of existing land uses and zoning designations inconsistent with the Future Land Use Element and Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 3.3: The City shall enforce its Unified Land Development Code that establishes compatibility criteria for adjacent land uses. These criteria will provide adequate separation or protection between existing land uses and proposed land uses of a different type which could have adverse impacts on previously approved development. The City Council shall assess and consider these adverse impacts in its zoning decisions, site plan approvals, and other regulatory actions. Mechanisms for ensuring compatibility between adjacent land uses may include:

- a) setback requirements;
- b) landscape buffering requirements;
- c) walls or fences;
- d) performance standards;
- e) access control; and
- f) other requirements as determined by the City Council.

In implementing its compatibility criteria, the City shall give primary consideration to preserving the integrity of residential neighborhoods, discouraging crime and civil disorder, protection of property values, and preservation of natural resources. However, this policy shall not be interpreted to protect land uses or activities which are illegal or which have been established without proper authorization from the City. In addition, this policy shall not confer special status or protection on land uses which are nonconforming to adopted City codes or otherwise inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.[9J-5.006(3)(c)2]

OBJECTIVE 4: Protection of Historic Resources

As a part of the City's land development regulations, the City of Wauchula shall adopt and enforce standards and programs that protect historically significant resources. [9J-5.006(3)(b)4]

Policy 4.1: Historical properties and archaeological sites shall be designated by City Council. Criteria for local designation shall be included in land development regulations. Following designation as an historical or archaeological site or structure, demolition or alteration of such sites or structures may be granted only by the City Council. A vote by the City Council to permit the alteration or demolition of designated sites must be a majority consisting of no less than five (5) affirmative votes. This procedure does not replace or diminish established procedures for the alteration or demolition of structures or sites in the City, but is an additional safeguard to protect structures and sites designated by City Council as meriting protection. [9J-5.006(3)(c)8]

Policy 4.4: Through the Policies specified in the Housing Element, the City will encourage investment and reinvestment in older neighborhoods, and other areas considered historically significant, to prevent deterioration of these areas and to preserve the historic resources of the community.

OBJECTIVE 6: Land Development Regulations and Urban Growth

The City of Wauchula will promote innovative land development techniques. The City's land development regulations shall set forth the criteria for utilizing such development techniques. [9J-5.006(3)(b)3, 9]

Policy 6.2: The City of Wauchula's land development regulations shall provide for mixed-use developments and land uses which: a) maximize the use of public facilities and services, and b) protect environmentally sensitive lands, including wetlands and floodplains. [9J-5.006(3)(c)5]

Policy 6.4: The City of Wauchula will promote land development techniques such as planned development projects, zero lot line patio home subdivisions, and cluster housing techniques that increase development within higher density areas where public facilities are available. [9J-5.006(3)(c)7]

Policy 6.5: New development shall be consistent with the City's land development regulations for stormwater management, open space, safe and convenient on-site traffic flow, and parking. [9J-5.006(3)(c)4]

Policy 6.6: The City shall locate future land uses at densities and intensities

that will discourage urban sprawl and leap frog development patterns. [9J-5.006(3)(c)7]

Policy 6.7: The City shall promote compact urban growth through the location of public facility expansions contiguous to existing developed areas. [9J-5.006(3)(c)2,3]

OBJECTIVE 8: Availability of Utility Facilities

The City shall ensure the availability of suitable land for utility facilities necessary to support proposed development. [9J-5.006(3)(b)9]

Policy 8.2: The City shall review and amend its zoning, subdivision, and other Land Development Regulations to ensure that adequate land for the provision of public facilities is available concurrent to the impacts of new development. [9J-5.006(3)(c)3]

Transportation Element

GOAL: The City of Wauchula shall insure the availability of safe, and convenient and efficient multi-modal transportation systems, both motorized and non-motorized. [9J-5.019(3)(a)]

Objective 1: *Convenient and Efficient Transportation System*
Provide safe and energy efficient multi-modal facilities at or above the level of service established in this element; and, coordinate the transportation system with future land uses. [9J-5.019(3)(b)1,2]

Policy 1.2: Improvements to the multi-modal transportation system shall be coordinated to accommodate the land uses indicated on the Future Land Use Map at the level of service established in Policy 1.1. [9J-5.019(3)(c)4]

Policy 1.4: For all municipal streets under City jurisdiction, the City will continue to add the yearly maintenance schedule to the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) of the Comprehensive Plan's Capital Improvements Element. [9J-5.019(4)(c)7.]

Objective 2: Sidewalks, Bikeways and Trails

The City will continue to increase the amount of sidewalks and bikeways within the City limits. [9J-5.019(4)(b) 1.]

Policy 2.1: The City will analyze the existing sidewalk network annually and identify key gaps in pedestrian routes, including near schools, parks, and trails; and in the future, transit stops. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 5.]

Policy 2.2: Funding priorities for correcting existing deficiencies and for future sidewalk improvements shall first be directed to locations where a critical public safety concern or an emergency exists; and second, serve pedestrian needs within ¼ mile of all schools, parks, and trails; and in the future, transit stops, aviation and rail facilities. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 6, 8, 14.]

Policy 2.4: Sidewalks and bikeways shall be combined where practical and feasible to keep the cost of improvements and maintenance to a minimum. The City will incorporate sidewalk and bikeway features into intersection projects and resurfacing projects to keep the cost of such projects to a minimum.

Policy 2.5: Support the acquisition of right-of-way or easement for a bike path/walkway along the Peace River connecting Wauchula's Peace River Park with Paynes Creek Park to the north in Bowling Green and Pioneer Park to the south in Zolfo Springs.

Objective 3: Downtown Parking Strategy

The City shall promote and invest in a safe and efficient system of parking with the proper quantity of spaces for customers and employees in the historic downtown commercial area. [9J-5.019(b) 1 & 2.]

Policy 3.1: The historic downtown commercial area shall be the focus of continued analysis of parking needs, vehicular traffic flow, pedestrian circulation patterns and overall traffic safety.

Policy 3.2: The City shall maintain and promote the alley system in the downtown for loading purposes in order to reduce conflicts between delivery trucks and pedestrian traffic. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 2.]

Policy 3.3: As development occurs within the historic downtown commercial area, the City will promote and allow on-street parking within the public right-of-way, which shall meet the parking needs of the business sector in accordance with City and FDOT standards. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 3.]

Policy 3.4: The City will partner with businesses for the development of off-street parking that will be shared by customer and employee traffic within the downtown; and encourage informal agreements between public and private partners for shared parking between daytime and night time users, and between weekend and weekday users. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 3.]

Policy 3.5: The City will continue to support traffic calming and landscaping to improve the appearance of the historic downtown commercial area. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 7.]

Objective 4: Coordination with Future Land Uses

The City will continue to improve and construct a transportation system that will meet the adopted levels of service standards, support the goals, objectives and policies of the Future Land Use Element, and support the uses shown on the Future Land Use Map. [9J-5.019(4)(b)2.]

Policy 4.3: The City will promote mixed use developments with multi-modal provisions in order to have sidewalks, bikeways and trails linkages between commercial areas and residential areas. [9J-5.019(4)(c) 9.]

Policy 5.7: Land development regulations shall establish standards for on-site traffic flow and parking needs for motorized and non-motorized traffic. [9J-5.019(3)(c)3]

Housing Element

GOAL: Provide decent, safe and sanitary housing of the appropriate type, size, location and cost to meet the needs of present and future residents of the City of Wauchula. [9J-5.010(3)(a)]

Objective 1: Creation and/or Preservation of Affordable Housing

The City of Wauchula shall ensure the provision of adequate and affordable housing for the City's current and anticipated future residents and households, and households with special needs including rural and farmworker housing through infill of its existing platted subdivisions, and the application of its zoning and other land development regulations. [9J-5.010(3)(b)(1)]

Policy 1.3: The City will continuously review land development regulations and the permitting process in order to streamline the permitting process and minimize housing costs and delays for housing, especially affordable housing. Possible improvements may include, but shall not be limited to:

- elimination or modification of conflicting or excessive regulations;
- time limits for the review of development proposals;
- consolidation of multiple public hearings; and
- waiving of processing fees for affordable housing projects.

[9J-5.010(3)(c)2]

Objective 3: Elimination of Substandard Housing

Actively pursue the rehabilitation, elimination and or replacement of substandard housing while seeking to improve the structural and aesthetic conditions of existing

housing. [9J-5.010(3)(b)2]

Policy 3.1: Increase enforcement of the City's building code, particularly in those neighborhoods where code violations appear to be more prevalent. [9J-5.010(3)(c)4]

Policy 3.2: Assist neighborhood improvements by providing assistance, through the proposed joint housing program, as outlined in Policy 2.1, to property owners in meeting code regulations, and by concentrating capital budget improvements in these neighborhoods. [9J-5.010(3)(c)4]

Policy 3.3: Develop an active partnership with the private sector and citizens in which the rehabilitation of existing substandard housing is encouraged through financial and technical assistance. [9J-5.010(3)(c)4]

Objective 5: Conservation of Existing Housing

The conservation, rehabilitation or demolition of housing will be ensured through federally-assisted housing and community development programs, technical assistance, and interagency coordination. In this process, historically significant units will be identified and given special consideration. [9J-5.010(3)(b)5]

Policy 5.1: Concentrate public facility and service improvements in existing neighborhoods in order to upgrade their quality.

Policy 5.2: Encourage individual property owners to increase private reinvestment in housing through technical assistance. [9J-5.010(3)(c)4]

Policy 5.3: The City of Wauchula shall continue to enforce its adopt a housing code and standards which address the quality of housing, stabilization of neighborhoods, and identification and improvement of historic housing. The City of Wauchula will adopt housing quality standards no less stringent than those of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Existing Housing Program. [9J-5.010(3)(c)3]

Infrastructure Element

GOAL 1 It shall be a goal of the City of Wauchula to provide its citizens public services in such a manner that the delivery of these services protects investments through fiscal responsibility, promotes orderly growth and redevelopment of the City, and ensures the protection and preservation of the environment.

Objective 1: Correcting Existing Facility Deficiencies and Maximizing Current Facilities

The City of Wauchula shall correct any existing deficiencies in the municipal water and wastewater systems, through a continued program of regular inspection, maintenance, renovation, and replacement. [9J-5.011(2)(b)1]

Policy 1.1: The City shall continue a program to replace or repair segments of the water and wastewater systems as necessary to maintain the level of service standards established in this plan. [9J-5.011(2)(c)1]

Policy 1.2: The City shall continue its current program to prioritize necessary replacement, correct any deficiencies, and provide for future needs of the City for all municipal services. [9J-5.011(2)(c)1]

Policy 2.3: The City will continue to ensure, through land development regulations and the City's concurrency management system, that no development order will be issued that would result in a level of service deficiency. [9J-5.001(2)(c)1]

Objective 3: Design/Operational Criteria and Level of Service Standards

The City shall design/operate and maintain Level of Service standards for all municipal services, as established by this Comprehensive Plan. [9J-5.011(2)(b)2]

Policy 3.1: The City establishes the following Levels of Service:

Sanitary Sewer	170 gallons of treatment per person per day
Potable Water	Residential: 138 gallons per person per day Non-residential: 380 gallons per day per equivalent residential unit
Solid Waste	Disposal of 4.28 pounds per person per day
Stormwater Management Facilities for <i>existing</i> development	Designed for a 3-year, 24-hour storm event
Stormwater Management Facilities for <i>new</i> development	Designed for a 25-year, 24-hour storm event

[9J-5.011(2)(b)(2)a]

Policy 3.3: Stormwater management facilities shall be designed to accommodate the 25-year, 24-hour design storm to meet the water quality and quantity standards that follow:
a: Water Quantity: Peak post-development runoff shall not exceed peak pre-development runoff rates.

b: Water Quality: Treatment of stormwater runoff shall be required for all development, redevelopment and, when expansion occurs, existing developed areas. The stormwater treatment system or systems can be project specific, serve sub-districts within the City or be a system to serve the entire City. Regardless of the area served and in accordance with Chapter 62-25, F.A.C., the stormwater treatment systems must provide a level of treatment for the runoff from the first one (1) inch of rainfall for projects in natural drainage basins of 100 acres or more, or as an option, for projects or project subunits in natural drainage basins of less than 100 acres, the first one-half (1/2) inch of runoff, from the design storm in accordance with Rule 62-25, F.A.C. in order to meet the receiving water quality standards of Rule 62-302, section 62-302.500, F.A.C. Stormwater discharge facilities shall be designed so as to not lower the receiving water quality or degrade the receiving water body below the minimum conditions necessary to maintain their classifications as established in Chapter 62-302, F.A.C. It is intended that all standards in these citations are to apply to all development and redevelopment and that any exemptions or exceptions in these citations, including project size thresholds, do not apply for concurrency determinations.

Infill residential development within improved residential areas or subdivisions existing prior to the adoption of this comprehensive plan, must ensure that its post-development stormwater runoff will not contribute pollutants which will cause the run-off from the entire improved area or subdivision to degrade receiving water bodies and their water quality as stated above. [9J-5.011(2)(c)2.c]

Objective 6: Protection of Natural Drainage Features and Man-made Drainage Structures

Protect natural drainage features, man-made drainage structures and the Peace River from receiving stormwater runoff that could degrade water quality in the City or downstream from the City. [9J-5.011(2)(b)5]

Policy 6.4: The City shall regulate stormwater run-off for new development through the enforcement of performance standards for design

and treatment of stormwater facilities at least as stringent as those specified in Section 62-25, F.A.C. [9J-5.0011(2)(c)4]

Policy 6.5: The City shall continue to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

Policy 6.8: The City shall only extend stormwater management facilities to new areas if such an extension will not exceed the present ability of the City to provide protection from flooding to presently served areas, consistent with the established level of service standard for new stormwater management facilities. [9J-5.011(2)(c)1]

Objective 7: Provision for Collection of Solid Waste

The City of Wauchula will provide for the environmentally sound collection and disposal of solid waste to meet the needs of the residents of the City. [9J-5.011(2)(b)1,2,5]

Policy 7.1: The City of Wauchula shall ensure that all solid waste within the City limits is collected. [9J-5.011(2)(c)1]

GOAL 2: Ensure the provision of adequate water resources to meet the needs of all residents, businesses, and visitors in Wauchula.

Objective 2.1: The City of Wauchula shall provide sufficient amounts of safe, high quality water to meet the needs of current and future users through the year 2018.

Policy 2.1.3 Through its concurrency review process, sufficient sources of water shall be in place, or scheduled to be in place to serve new development. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the City shall verify concurrence that its water system can provide an adequate supply of potable water to serve a new development or construction by the anticipated date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy or its functional equivalent signifying that the impact of the development may occur.

Policy 2.1.4 The City shall conserve water sources by continuing to require all new development and redevelopment to utilize native drought tolerant landscaping, water conserving plumbing fixtures, and efficient irrigation design.

Recreation and Open Space Element

GOAL: To provide and maintain a sufficient number of recreational sites and facilities and open space areas to meet current and future needs of the residents of Wauchula.

Objective 1: Ensure Public Accessibility to Recreation Facilities

The City of Wauchula shall ensure access to all City-owned recreational sites and facilities

Policy 1.2: The City of Wauchula shall add bicycle racks to all city parks lacking them in order to improve accessibility via bicycle.

Policy 1.3: The City of Wauchula shall maintain the quality of its public access point to the Peace River through continued implementation of its park maintenance program.

Policy 2.2: The City shall support continued public access to recreation facilities owned or maintained by the School Board.

Policy 2.3: The City will coordinate with the School Board to co-locate public recreation facilities.

Policy 2.4: The City of Wauchula shall continue to require future development to contribute to the recreation inventory of the City by the construction of recreational facilities, land donation, fees, or other methods.

Policy 2.5: The City will work with the Hardee County Parks and Recreation Division regarding the location and development of future county community and regional parks.

Policy 3.3: The City will add recreation equipment to sites that need additional recreation facilities; based on service area needs, age of equipment, etc., and these needs shall be programmed into the Five Year Schedule of Capital Improvements.

Objective 4: Provision of Open Space

The City of Wauchula shall ensure that open space, and any future natural reservation areas are protected from incompatible land uses and are preserved to retain the natural attractiveness and character of the City

Objective 5: Provisions for Access to The Peace River

The City of Wauchula will identify and provide additional public access points to areas of natural beauty and scenic importance along the Peace River.

Policy 5.1: The City will pursue acquisition of appropriate parcels of land through the Preservation 2000 Program or other appropriate City/State partnerships for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands, which protect unique, rare and or endangered habitat, assure survival of listed wildlife species, protect scenic water corridors and their shoreline ecosystems and provide public access and open

space.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

GOAL: Provide for the coordination and cooperation among all pertinent public, quasi-public and private entities to ensure efficient and effective use of available resources.

Objective 1: Coordination With Other Units of Government

Consider the plans of other agencies, special districts and all levels of governments.

Policy 1.1 The City will review the plans and independent special district facility reports of any future transit authorities, the Hardee County School Board, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), any airport master plans and any college and/or university master plans presented to the City, and identify and resolve conflicts with the *City of Wauchula Comprehensive Plan*, including concurrency related items.

Policy 1.2 The City will coordinate with other agency staff and governing boards in order to resolve issues raised in Policy 1.1.

Policy 1.3 The City will consider amending its Comprehensive Plan based upon the review of plans and discussions identified in Policy 1.2.

Capital Improvements Element

GOAL: The goal of this element is the provision of public facilities and services in a timely, efficient, and fiscally sound manner in order to meet current and future needs of the community.

Objective 1.1: The Capital Improvement Element will serve as a means to correct existing deficiencies in public facilities or services, to provide those facilities and services in order to meet the needs of future growth, and to replace obsolete or worn out facilities. A five-year schedule of Capital Improvements will be maintained. The schedule will meet concurrency requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, that require public facilities and services be available, at levels of service consistent with those adopted in the Comprehensive Plan, when the impacts of development occur.

Policy 1.1.3 Prioritization of capital improvements projects will be based on several criteria, including: financial feasibility; the elimination of

public hazards; and the elimination of capacity deficits.

Objective 1.3 Construction, improvement, or replacement of public facilities shall be provided at a level that maintains level of service standards as adopted in the Comprehensive Plan. Facilities necessary to maintain the level of service standards will be included in annual updates of the 5 Year Capital Improvements Plan.

2010 EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR)

ISSUE 3: DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT /ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Evaluate the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Plan in promoting economic development, recognizing that the City of Wauchula is located within the designated South Central Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.		
Future Land Use Element	Objective 2: Redevelopment and Renewal of Blighted Areas Redevelopment The City shall protect the quality of its neighborhoods through continued code enforcement, site plan reviews, and the Community Development Block Grant program for the renewal and redevelopment of blighted areas.	This objective is being implemented. Hardee County Housing Department has assisted many homeowners through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the rehabilitation and demolition of substandard housing. The City shall actively seek federal, state and private funding to provide new housing, or rehabilitate or conserve existing housing for low or moderate income families.
Future Land Use Element	Policy 2.4: The City shall develop strategies to rehabilitate those areas targeted for redevelopment activities; which may include, but not be limited to (1) increased code enforcement activities; (2) removal of dilapidated structures to create space for infill development; and (3) coordination of infrastructure improvements with rehabilitation activities.	The policy has been achieved. The CRA funds have been committed to infrastructure and beautification projects in the City's core area. The City will continue to partner with the public and private sectors to implement this policy.

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Future Land Use Element	Policy 2.5: The City shall protect its investment and continue to invest in its downtown by maintaining a schedule of routine maintenance and enforcing the city's minimum maintenance codes for property owners; and continue revitalization of the urban core through enforcement of the sign ordinance, beautification projects and incentive programs for revitalization of the downtown area.	This policy has been achieved. In February 2008, the City added landscaping and brick pavers to US 17 north and southbound lanes (Oak Street to Bay Street) and Main Street (4th Avenue to 8th Avenue). On Main Street parking spaces were outlined within bulb-outs. All improvements were completed with enhancement funds from the FDOT through the Local Agency Program and has aided in the revitalization of the City's core area.
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B. MAJOR ISSUES MATRIX

ISSUE 1: TRANSPORTATION		
Assess strategies in Comprehensive Plan to address the need for improvements to roads, sidewalks, and street lighting. Evaluate the Traffic Circulation Element for effective coordination with Hardee County and the Florida Department of Transportation, especially regarding the widening of US 17 south of Wauchula.		
PLAN ELEMENT	OBJECTIVES/POLICIES PERTAINING TO ISSUES	ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS (IMPACTS, CHANGES, AND REQUIRED ACTIONS)
Transportation Element	Policy 1.1: The City of Wauchula hereby establishes the following peak season/peak hour level of service standards for each listed facility type as established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): 1. Principal Arterial Roadways: C 2. Minor Arterial Roadways: D 3. Collector Roadways: D 4. Local Roads: D	This policy has been achieved. The City should maintain the policy for ongoing implementation. No roadway segment in the City of Wauchula operates below its level of service standard currently, or is projected to through the year 2013.
Transportation Element	Policy 1.4: For all municipal streets under City jurisdiction, the City will continue to add the yearly maintenance schedule to the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) of the Comprehensive Plan's Capital Improvements Element.	This policy has been achieved. The City's adds the yearly improvement maintenance schedule for local roads in the 5-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) of the Comprehensive Plan's Capital Improvements Element.

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Transportation Element	Objective 2: Sidewalks, Bikeways and Trails: The City will continue to increase the amount of sidewalks and bikeways within the City limits.	This policy has been achieved; maintain for ongoing implementation. Recently though a grant, the City added brick pavers to the US 17 north and southbound lanes (Oak Street to Bay Street) and Main Street (4th Avenue to 8th Avenue). All improvements were completed with enhancement funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the Local Agency Program and has aided in the revitalization of the City core area.
Transportation Element	Policy 2.1: The City will analyze the existing sidewalk network annually and identify key gaps in pedestrian routes, including near schools, parks, and trails; and future transit stops.	The City will need to determine a process for assessing the needs for new sidewalk construction and repair.
Transportation Element	Policy 2.5: Support the acquisition of right-of-way or easement for a bike path/walkway along the Peace River connecting Wauchula's Peace River Park with Payne Creek Park to the north in Bowling Green and Pioneer Park to the south in Zolfo.	This policy has been partially achieved. The Peace River Park has a trail where residents may walk or bike along the path. However, the trail does not connect to Bowling Green, Pioneer Park or Zolfo Springs.
Transportation Element	Policy 2.6: The City will work with the FDOT and Hardee County in the identification of locations for sidewalks and bikeway on State and County highways.	On a continuing basis, the City coordinates with the FDOT and Hardee County in the identification of locations for sidewalks and bikeways on State and County highways.

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