

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.

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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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