

Appendix B: Recommendations for Amendments to Existing Lee Plan Elements

This section provides recommendations for the EAR-based amendments to the Lee Plan. These recommendations are intended to supplement recommendations for EAR-based amendments provided in Chapter 4, identifying revisions on a goal-by-goal basis to be addressed as part of the update to the Lee Plan. In general, there is a need to make changes where goals, objectives, and policies have been accomplished, where references have been changed and are not up-to-date, and where language is inappropriate. Certain opportunities for cross-reference, condensation of provisions, and reorganization are also noted. Specifically, numerous goals, objectives, and policies must be revised to incorporate or modify language to further the implementation of the New Horizon 2035 vision.

FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 1: Future Land Use Map. To maintain and enforce a Future Land Use Map showing the proposed distribution, location, and extent of future land uses by type, density, and intensity in order to protect natural and man-made resources, provide essential services in a cost-effective manner, and discourage urban sprawl.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be consolidated, cross-referenced, expanded, and revised to more directly address the four (4) aspects of the New Horizon 2035 vision; to establish connections between individual communities and land uses; to provide better distinctions between urban, suburban, and rural areas; and to replicate certain policies in the Land Development Code (LDC).
Goal 2: Growth Management. To provide for an economically feasible plan which coordinates the location and timing of new development with the provision of infrastructure by government agencies, private utilities, and other sources.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be consolidated, cross-referenced, expanded, and revised to more directly address the four (4) aspects of the New Horizon 2035 vision; language needs to clarify future development standards; certain objectives should be relocated to other chapters; language relating to corridors will be revised to comprehensively address all corridors; diversified cluster development will be revised to include vertically integrated mixed-use centers and promote those developments.

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Goal 3: Privately Funded Infrastructure. To assist in the provision of a full range of privately funded urban infrastructure in specified Future Urban areas, which have existing or projected deficits in one or more essential services.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issue	No change.
Goal 4: Sustainable Development Design. To pursue or maintain land development regulation which encourage creative site designs and mixed use developments. Using an overlay, locate appropriate area for Mixed Use, traditional Neighborhood Development, and transit Oriented Development		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Community Character issues and indirectly supports the Sustainability Issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to explore opportunities to establish methods to support appropriate development and redevelopment; devote more attention to regulating plans for certain mixed-use overlay areas; promote better integration of Chapter 32 of the LDC to those areas with regulating plans in order to reduce the review and approval time associated with the public hearing rezoning process for development projects that further the county's future development vision.
Goal 5: Residential Land Uses. To provide sufficient land in appropriate locations on the Future Land Use Map to accommodate the projected population of Lee County in the year 2030 in attractive and safe neighborhoods with a variety of price ranges and housing types.		
		The concept is good. Stronger language is needed. It should be updated to reference 2035.
Goal 6: Commercial Land Uses. To permit orderly and well-planned commercial development at appropriate locations within the county.		
		The link to roadway designations in the commercial site location standards need to take transit into account and include a multimodal transportation system into the plans (transit accessibility). In the past, this goal and related objectives and policies were needed for standards on size/limitations, etc. It did this well, but resulted in the existing separation of uses seen throughout the unincorporated county; consider including "office" in commercial uses. Further evaluation may be needed in conjunction with the EAR-based amendments.
Goal 7: Industrial Land Uses. To promote opportunities for well-planned industrial development at suitable locations within the county.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to better address ongoing education of the public on the policies; promote the policy to allow limited light industrial development in the urban community, central urban, and intensive development FLUM areas; further these policies through evaluation of current planned development thresholds in the LDC.

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Goal 8: Marine-Oriented Land Uses. To designate prime locations for marine-oriented land uses and protect them from incompatible or pre-emptive land uses.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to include incentives to redevelop and get better public access to marine-oriented facilities; look at the water dependent overlays and update the overlay maps; reevaluate strategies to protect working waterfronts revise policy language to discourage or prohibit the conversion of these facilities to non-water dependent uses.
Goal 9: Agricultural Land Uses. To promote existing and potential agricultural lands from the encroachment of incompatible land uses and to discourage the introduction or expansion of agricultural uses in the Future Urban Areas.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	This goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be evaluated and expanded with tools in the rural land and sustainable agriculture tool kit;reevaluate the prohibition on rezoning to agricultural zoning districts in the urban areas in light of developing sustainable agriculture innovations; determine how to incorporate urban agriculture and the farm-to-table movement under this goal.
Goal 10: Natural Resource Extraction. To protect areas containing identified natural resources from incompatible urban development, while insuring that natural resource extraction operation minimize or eliminate adverse effects on surrounding land use and natural resources.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	Changes currently pending.
Goal 11: Water, Sewer, Traffic, and Environmental Review Standards. To insure that appropriate water, sewer, traffic, and environmental review standards are considered in reviewing rezoning applications and are met prior to issuance of a county development order.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the standards that follow it need to be revised to address incorrect references to review authority; some standards can be strengthened to improve implementation.
Goals 12 - 29	These goals variously directly and indirectly support all four issues	The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them will be reestablished in a new Community Planning chapter. There are opportunities to consolidate language that is redundant to apply consistently and eliminate redundancy. This will be accomplished through the EAR-based amendments.

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Goal 30: Burnt Store Marina Village. To promote redevelopment that enhances the existing character of the Burnt Store Marina project, protects natural resources and provides continuing public access to the water via boat ramps and docks while managing the location and intensity of future commercial, residential and commercial marina uses by establishing realisting aesthetic requirements designed to allow Burnt Store Marina Village the ability to develop as a community center.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections and Community Character issues	This future land use map category should be listed under the land use categories.
Goal 31: Destination Resort Mixed-Use Water Dependant (DRMUWD). To establish a land-use category that considers the uniqueness of water dependant land, with existing antiquated zoning, and out-dated uses that will provide a mechanism to create an attractive functioning mixed use destination resort through well planned redevelopment.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	This future land use map category should be listed under the land use categories.
Goals 32-35	[RESERVED]	[RESERVED]

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 36: Maps. Provide and keep current an integrated series of maps, which, when coordinated with the policies and programs in this plan and the plans of other agencies and jurisdictions, will insure a safe, convenient, and energy-efficient multi modal transportation system for Lee County, within the constrains of financial feasibility.		
	This goal indirectly supports both Livability and Strengthening Connections issues	No change
Goal 37: Level of Service Standards. Establish and maintain specified levels of service on state and county roads within unincorporated Lee County and the roads the county maintains within the municipalities, including those level of service standards adopted by Rule by the Florida Department of Transportation for Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) facilities.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be rexamined to determine whether the link-by-link level of service approach currently being used is the best approach for the future from a growth management standpoint; investigate expansion of constrained roads in association with transit and multi-modal transportation systems and transportation concurrency alternatives; identify future transit corridors; determine which existing and future activity centers are more transit oriented; address congestion and greenhouse gases generated in these areas; consider a transit level of service standard and identify areas where such a standard may be appropriate.
Goal 38: Capital Improvements Programming. Provide an objective, predictable, and fully funded program for the construction of roadway improvements, consistent with all portion of this comprehensive plan.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability , Strengthening Connections, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be expanded to address all travel modes and to better address budget priorities that further the four (4) vision issues established through the New Horizon 2035 planning effort.
Goal 39: Development Standards. Maintain clear, concise, and enforceable development regulations that fully address on-site and off-site development impacts and protect and preserve public transportation facilities.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be reevaluated with regard to commercial traffic in and through residential areas as a impediment to mixed use development; the objective revised to direct high-intensity land uses to land proximate to existing and future transit corridors, and the policies revised to further that direction; consider evalutating distinction in connection based on context, adding a complete streets policy, walkability development standards, and property acquisition for transit facilities.

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Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 40: Safety, Energy-Efficiency, Acquisition, Preservation, and Protection Measures for a Multimodal Transportation System. Establish strategies for safe, convenient, and energy-efficient operations for roads and the development acquisition, preservation, and protection of a multi-modal transportation system that is aesthetically-pleasing and furthers the efficient movement of commerce.		
	This goal directly supports the Strengthening Connections and Community Character issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reevaluated in regard to a policy promoting on-street parking; update provisions on roadway landscaping; the safety of pedestrians and how this relates to “complete streets”; other modes of transportation on major roadways.
Goal 41: Community and Environmental Impacts. Develop and maintain a transportation system that protects community and neighborhood integrity and that preserves critical environmental habitats and significant aesthetic values.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issue and indirectly supports the Community Character issue	No Change.
Goal 42: Intergovernmental Coordination. Cooperate with other governmental entities in the planning, funding, construction, operations and maintenance of transportation improvements within or affecting Lee County.		
		Standard.
Goal 43: Mass Transit Service. In a effort to minimize the number of automobile trips on Lee County roads, the county will provide high quality public transit services to residents and visitors in and between the concentrated population centers of Lee County, and ensure that this service is integrated with other modes of transportation.		
	This goal directly supports both the Livability and indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to appropriate references to revenues; new policies added to address accessibility of new development to public transportation and adequate service to the transportation disadvantaged population; provision of sidewalks and “complete streets”; consistency of new development with transportation plans; intergovernmental coordination of transportation planning and public transportation funding in lieu of construction projects.
Goal 44: Transit Development Plan. To continue the development of a Transit Development Plan (TDP) for the county.		
	This goal directly supports both the Livability and Strengthening Connections issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to provide that the county will continue to maintain the Transit Development Plan (TDP); continue to involve the citizens and affected agencies in the development and implementation of the TDP.

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Goal 45: Marine Navigation Management. Develop and implement a comprehensive marine access program.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	Revisions to the goal and the objective and policy that follow it need to be coordinated with DOT and Natural Resources.
Goal 46: Coordinated System of Railways, Aviation, Ports, and Roads. Develop and maintain a coordinated system of railways, aviation, ports, roads, and related facilities to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of commerce, consistent with community values and economic objectives.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reviewed with the Port Authority; need clarification regarding the Port Authority role in integrating the multi-modal transportation system.
Goal 47: Coordinated System of Aviation Facilities. Develop and maintain a coordinated system of aviation facilities to facilitate the safe, cost-effective, and efficient movement of commerce consistent with community values and economic objectives.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to appropriately reference the Port Authority or Lee County; development compatibility should be reviewed in light of the aftermath of Homeland Security; assure appropriate budgetary and CIP policies are in place.
Goal 47 - Goal 52: [RESERVED]	[RESERVED]	[RESERVED]

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 53: Potable Water Infrastructure. To ensure that public health, welfare, and safety by the provision of high-quality central potable water service throughout the future urban areas of unincorporated Lee County, and to ensure that the costs of providing facilities for the supply of potable water are borne by those who benefit from them.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to address the Water Management District's lower west coast plan; review what appear to be low water pressures as a potential public safety issue; pressure requirements for high-rise buildings; update certain dates; reexamine the standard development requirements for potable water; take into consideration the water policy legislation at state and federal levels
Goal 54: Conservation. To ensure that future populations have access to potable water supplies and services at a reasonable price by using and encouraging conservation and resource management measures to reduce consumption of potable water.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue (4.2-b)	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to address cost associated with Florida Friendly landscaping; references to xeriscaping; review landscaping requirements and assessment of a policy on turf that coincides with the Water Management District; establish policies relating to capturing rainwater in the wet season and keeping it from going to tide; update references to irrigation restrictions.
Goals 55: Organization of Service and Facility Delivery, 56: Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure, 57: Resource Management, and 58: Organization of Service and Facility Delivery		
	These goals directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them need to further consider changes in legislation at the state level that will require revisions to the Lee Plan; address concerns with lot dimensions and setbacks in conjunction with septic and water well systems in coordination with the health department; uniformity of installation for resource management and organization of service delivery.
Goal 59: Protection of Life and Property. To reduce the hazards to life, health, and property created by flooding due to rainfall in a manner consistent with the community's criteria for the preservation of environmental values and the conservation of natural resources.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to consider regulating plans for certain mixed use overlays; update dated policies and references.
Goal 60: Coordinated Surface Water Management and Land Use Planning on a Watershed Basis. To protect or improve the quality of receiving waters and surrounding natural areas and the function of natural groundwater aquifer recharge areas while also providing flood protection for existing and future development.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to address the North Fort Myers Surface Water Master Plan; readdress dedicated funding sources; determine how to proceed with necessary studies in the absence of budgeted funds; improve

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		the incorporation of green infrastructure into the surface water management system and other infrastructure systems.
Goal 61: Protection of Water Resources. To protect the county’s water resources through the application of innovative and sound methods of surface water management and by ensuring that the public and private construction, operation, and maintenance of surface water management systems are consistent with the need to protect receiving waters.		
		The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reviewed for opportunities to coordinate with the Water Management District on the use of underground exfiltration systems; include TDS reference on stormwater pollution and prevention plan; address removal as well as installation of erosion control devices.
Goal 62: Solid Waste. To ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Lee County by protecting the quality of the environment through the proper management and disposal of solid waste.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to make accurate references to new ordinances; complete references on all recyclable items; update pounds per capita standards; references to new landfill.
Goal 63: Groundwater. To protect the county’s groundwater supplies from those activities having the potential for depleting or degrading those supplies.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to clarify certain problematic references to ordinances and positions; address minimum flows and levels in accordance with state and water management district plans and rules; whether to continue including provisions requiring the plugging of certain artesian wells in the absence of funding for the program.
Goal 64: Libraries. To increase the availability of information services throughout Lee County by increasing the size and quality of the Lee County library system and by ensuring that library services are provided in a manner that is responsible to the needs of the community and of specific targeted constituencies.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Community Character issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be discussed with the library administration.
Goal 65: Fire Protection. To assist fire districts in providing appropriate levels of high-quality cost-effective fire prevention and suppression services throughout the unincorporated county.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be addressed regarding concerns with the impact of fire service; any unnecessary tax burden; address the need for standardized security of the system of fire hydrants.

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Goal 66 : Education and Goal 67:Public School Facilities		
	These goals directly support the Livability issue and indirectly support the Community Character issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to address joint development of school and recreation facilities and should cross-reference those of existing goal 83;
Goal 68: Service Provision. To ensure the efficient provision of public services to health care facilities.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability issue	No change.
Goal 69: Pollution Control. To ensure a safe and healthful environment for all Lee County residents.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to address current conditions and to comply with the requirements of House Bill 697; cost recovery from spills on private property; establish criteria for residential clean-up; pollutant source recovery on abandoned property; issues with businesses.
Goal 70: Police and Justice and Goal 71: Energy Conservation		
	These goals directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	No change.
Goal 72 – Goal 78 [RESERVED]	[RESERVED]	[RESERVED]

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
General Notes		Add cross references where there are redundancies (Goal 66 and Objective 83.4); change all references of “School Board” to “School District”; drop Map 11 from Lee Plan; utilize the parks user survey conducted by Klages that was analyzed to create Community Park Generalized Service Area Boundaries based on user travel time and road network; include language that requires development adjacent or contiguous to existing conservation/preserve areas to coordinate preserve/conservation areas to create larger preserve or conservation areas that are contiguous.
Goal 76: Distribution of Facilities. To provide, maintain and preserve a diverse park, recreational, and open space system which provides equitable access and distribution to all residents of unincorporated Lee County regardless of interest, age, sex, income, race, handicap, or location of residency within unincorporated Lee County.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be updated to replace outdated references; provide for community education on the location of existing campsites and neighborhood parks; address issues regarding the maintenance of neighborhood parks by neighborhood residents and condominium and homeowners associations.
Goal 77: Development Design Requirements. To require new development to provide adequate open space for improved aesthetic appearance, visual relief, environmental quality, preservation of existing native trees and plant communities, and the planning of required vegetation.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthening Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be expanded to include neighborhood parks; address development preservation and conservation areas being made contiguous to public preservation and conservation areas.
Goal 78: Landscape/Wayside Parks. To improve the aesthetics of the community by providing Landscape/Wayside Parks where feasible and appropriate.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to replace outdated or inadequate language; clarify the county’s policy regarding the provision of parks for the traveling public; provisions addressing concurrency; and financing with regard to constrained roads; relocate certain provisions.
Goals 79, 80, and 82	These goals indirectly support the Livability and Strengthening Connections issues	The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them need to be considered for combination, clean-up, deletion, and revision as part of a revised overall organizational structure for the element; clarify policies that are “non-regulatory”; clarify boat ramp classification system; address adequate distribution of water accesses.

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Goal 83: Community Parks. To provide for the active recreational needs of the residents of unincorporated Lee County by providing adequate community park facilities appropriately located.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Community Character issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to consider language addressing appropriately defined community park impact fee districts; review and clarify the community park and recreation center standards; create a single objective to deal with recreation centers and pools.
Goal 84: Regional Parks. To preserve a portion of the county’s natural environment to augment that which is set aside by the state of Florida and the federal government, in order to preserve natural habitats, protect the water supply, and preserve the natural heritage; and to make these natural resources available to the general public for resource-based recreational activities, enjoyment of natural, and educational enrichment.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability issue and indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to address issues associated with the county’s inability to control the access, availability, and fees associated with municipal parks; update definitions; expand cooperation provisions.
Goal 85: Park Planning and Design. To plan, design, and construct parks, trails, and greenways as identified in the Lee County Greenways Master Plan, and recreation sites to comply with the best professional standards of design, landscaping, planning, and environmental concern.		
		The goal and the objectives and policies that follow them need to be revised to address best professional standards; provisions for buffers; including Florida Yards and Neighbors principles; evaluate design and development standards in public transportation corridors.
Goal 86: Environmental and Historic Programs, To provide programs and information to promote knowledge and understanding of Lee County’s unique environmental and cultural heritage.		
	This goal directly supports Livability, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them need to be updated and revised regarding continuing cooperation provisions, specific park references; and expanded to address cultural programs.
Goal 87: Capital Planning. To plan, budget, and fund a comprehensive park system that properly meets the needs for the future of Lee County.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to establish a capital budget process with specific steps that is clear to manage public expectations; remove completed policy language; clarify provisions relating to the Matanzas Harbor Plan and Boat Ramp.
Goal 89 – Goal 94 [RESERVED]	[RESERVED]	[RESERVED]

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 95. To provide public facilities and services in Lee County adequate to serve the needs of both existing and future development.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to address the fact that the Capital Improvement Plan is the financial blueprint to implement the physical improvements contained in the other elements and to establish priorities; update language; expand to identify public safety areas; provide needed definitions; clarify “annual analysis” requirements; clarify provisions relative to reserves; consider increasing stormwater detention and retention rates; revise dates; update references to Florida Gulf Coast University; review impact fee provisions; establish financing priorities.
Goal 96 - Goal 100: [RESERVED]	[RESERVED]	[RESERVED]

COASTAL AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
General Comments		The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them need to be reorganized and updated to revise outdated language.
Goal 101: Planning, Coordination, and Implementation. To protect the public from the effects of natural and technological hazards through county emergency plans and programs.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be updated to reflect current conditions; revised in terms of a local mitigation strategy.
Goal 102: People with Special Needs. To assist in the emergency preparedness requirements of the county’s elderly, frail, infirmed, or handicapped (people with special needs).		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Strengthening Connections issues	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to address outdated language.
Goal 103: Hazardous Materials. To protect the public and the environment from accidental contact with hazardous materials.		
		The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to update references; describe coordination with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).
Goal 104: Coastal Resource Protection. To protect the natural resources of the coastal planning area from damage caused by inappropriate development. (See also Goal 113.)		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be updated to address changes to the Coastal High Hazard Areas; better address protection for rare and unique uplands; address site conditions; and provisions broadened to comprehensively protect natural resources—not just coastal resources.
Goal 105: Protection of Life and Property in Coastal High Hazard Areas. To protect human life and developed property from natural disasters. (See also Goal 110.)		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to refer to the Coastal Construction Control Line; to be consistent with language in the LDC; expanded to address the Coastal A zone.
Goal 106: Limitation of Public Expenditures in Coastal High Hazard Areas. To restrict public expenditures in areas particularly subject to repeated destruction by hurricanes, except to maintain required service levels, to protect existing residents and to provide for recreation and open space uses.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to reevaluate the extent of the Coastal High Hazard Area; the location of new and existing facilities; applicability to the Coastal A zone.

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Goal 107: Resources Protection. To manage the county’s wetland and upland ecosystems so as to maintain and enhance native habitats, floral and faunal species diversity, water quality, and natural surface water characteristics.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised with consideration for merging it with Goal 104; language updated for current consistency; address restoration of all county-owned conservation and mitigation lands; clarify responsibilities-federal, state, and local.
Goal X: Sustainability (New)	This new goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lee County will incorporate sustainable practices into all its projects and operations. ▪ Policy- All trees planted on all county property shall be native or non-invasive as indicated in the current Florida Exotic Pest Plant List. ▪ Policy- All landscaping projects shall use the principles of Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, be Waterwise, cold tolerant and low maintenance. ▪ Policy- All County projects, whether new or maintenance, shall use recycled or “green” products to the greatest extent possible and shall use environmentally friendly construction techniques which emphasize reduction of waste and recycling.
Goal 108: Water Quality. To manage estuarine ecosystems so as to maintain or improve water quality and wildlife diversity; to reduce or maintain current pollution loading and system imbalances in order to conserve estuarine productivity; and to provide the best use of estuarine areas.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to provide for water quality improvements associated with all county projects; revise language to clarify desired outcomes.
Goal 109: Evacuation and Shelter. To provide evacuation and shelter capabilities adequate to safeguard the public against the effects of hurricanes and tropical storms.		
	This goal directly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reviewed to update references; remove or revise completed policy provisions; and revisit policies that are not presently being pursued.
Goal 110: Hazard Mitigation. To provide through county plans, programs, and regulations means to minimize future property losses from natural disasters such as flooding, tropical storms and hurricanes. (See also Goal 105.)		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to address threats from wildfires, oil spills, etc.; date references should be revised to follow the EAR cycle.
Goal 111: [No change]		
Goal 112: [No change]		

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Goal 113: Coastal Planning Areas. To conserve, maintain, and enhance the natural balance of ecological functions in the coastal planning area, with particular emphasis on the protection of beach and dune systems so as to retain their contribution to storm protection, natural resources, and economic development.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised in conjunction with the reorganization of this element to eliminate internal conflicts and conflicts with other goals, objectives, and policies; revise language as necessary to update plan.
Goal 114: Wetlands. To maintain and enforce a regulatory program for development in wetlands that is cost-effective, complements federal and state permitting process, and protects the fragile ecological characteristics of wetland systems.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to include further staff evaluation by Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources.
Goals 115: Water Quality and Wastewater. To ensure that water quality is maintained or improved for the protection of the environment and people of Lee County.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objective and policies that follow it need to be revised to merge with Goal 114; to address water resources and water quality; reference the fertilizer and landscape ordinances; more effectively address wastewater; qualify data monitoring needs; clarify purpose of wellfield protection program.
Goal 117: Water Resources. To conserve, manage, and protect the natural hydrologic system of Lee County to insure continued water resource availability.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to reference other state requirements; minimum flows and levels; consistency with the lower west coast water supply plan; improvements to existing conditions; reference the Water Conservation Ordinance; updates for Florida Friendly Landscapes or Florida Gardens.
Goal 118: Air Quality. To maintain the best possible air quality, meeting or exceeding state and federal air quality standards.		
	This goal directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	No change.
Goal 119 – Goal 120: [RESERVED]		
Goal 121: Fisheries Management. To preserve the ecosystem that nourishes and shelters the commercial and sport fisheries in Lee County.		
	This goal directly supports the Community Character	The goal and the objective and policies that follow need to be combined with those of Goal 122.

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Goal 122: Commercial Fishing. To maintain, support and expand commercial fishing in the county.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	No change.
Goal 123: [RESERVED]		
Goal 124: Marine and Navigation Management. To develop and implement a comprehensive marine resources management program.		
		The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to modify language to update references; expand financially feasible to include environmentally feasible; clarify the commercial activities being regulated; address derelict and abandoned vessels.
Goal 125: Water Access. To develop and implement a public water access program.		
	This goal directly supports the Strengthening Connections issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reviewed further and revised to be consistent with the LDC
Goal 126 – Goal 127: No Change		
Goal 128: Shoreline Management. To encourage the maintenance and development of water-dependent shoreline uses and to avoid their displacement by non-water-dependent uses.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be reviewed and revised to determine if required rezonings have been accomplished; revise dates; if the county is implementing the policies; effectiveness of enforcement practices; consider marina operating permit program.
Goal 129 – Goal 134: [RESERVED]		

HOUSING ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 135: Meeting Housing Needs. To provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in suitable neighborhoods at affordable costs to meet the needs of the present and future residents of the county.		
	This goal directly supports the Sustainability issue	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to define affordable housing; reorganize objectives and associated policies; ensure consistency among very low, low, and moderate incomes; eliminate redundancies; clarify policies; combine policies where appropriate.
Goal 136 – Goal 140 [RESERVED]		

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Staff Recommendations
Goal 141: Identification and Evaluation. To provide for the identification and evaluation of the historic resources of Lee County		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Community Character, and Sustainability issues.	The goals and the objectives and policies that follow them need to be revised to provide one overarching goal with the various objectives and polices merged, reorganized, and revised; update roles and responsibilities, and revise policies where they have been completed; clarify language and terms.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 151: Service Coordination. To promote for efficient and effective coordination of provision of public services by Lee County and its special districts, bodies, boards, and other entities.		
		The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to address incorrect language; to meet statutory requirements, state rules and county policy and planning practice; remove unnecessary language; consider metrics and standards for intergovernmental coordination; broaden objectives; clarify what coordination level is desirable with special districts.
Goal 152: Growth Management. To coordinate the plans and policies of Lee County, its municipalities, and adjacent local governments so as to guide, manage, and regulate urban growth in a compatible fashion.		
	This goal indirectly supports the Livability, Strengthened Connections, Community Character, and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to reorganize the priorities of the goal; expand on the roles of other agencies, e.g., Florida Gulf Coast University, Edison State College, the School District; ensure that Natural Resources Conservation Service program is operational.

ECONOMIC ELEMENT		
Goals, Objectives, Policies	Relevant Issues	Recommendations
Goal 158: Lee County will achieve and maintain a diversified and stable economy by providing a positive business climate that assures maximum employment opportunities while maintaining a high quality of life.		
	The goal directly supports the Livability and Sustainability issues	The goal and the objectives and policies that follow it need to be revised to reorganize policies with appropriate objectives and possibly new objectives; address business expansion and retention; establish an objective and policy series to address the regional activity center in the Tradeport area; reinforce regional coordination of economic development activities; acknowledge completed economic development studies and monitored activities; increase emphasis on import and export activities; address target industries to expand the economic base; clarify terms and relationships, particularly to agriculture.

