

RESILIENT & CONSERVATION PLAN ELEMENTS

Community Concerns and Aspirations

Description of the dominant growth-related conditions that influence land use, development, water quality and other environmental concerns in the planning area

Description of the land use and development topics most important to the future of the planning area, including:

- Land Use Compatibility
- Infrastructure Carrying Capacity
- Natural Hazard Areas
- Water Quality

Existing and Emerging Conditions

Natural Systems

Description of flood and other natural hazard areas

Description of storm surge areas

Description of non-coastal wetlands, including forested wetlands, shrub-scrub wetlands and freshwater marshes

Description of environmentally fragile areas, such as wetlands, natural heritage areas, areas containing endangered species, prime wildlife habitats, or maritime forests

Environmental Conditions

Assessment of water quality and shellfish resources

Assessment of areas subject to recurrent flooding, storm surges and high winds

Assessment of areas facing significant shoreline erosion as evidenced by the presence of threatened structures or public facilities

Assessment of natural resource areas that are being impacted or lost as a result of incompatible development. These may include but are not limited to the following: coastal wetlands, protected open space, and agricultural land.

Existing Land Use and Development

Description and maps of infrastructure and historic, cultural and scenic areas

Future Land Use

Land Use Compatibility Management Goal

Ensure that development and use of resources or preservation of land balance protection of natural resources and fragile areas with economic development, and avoids risks to public health, safety, and welfare.

Infrastructure Carrying Capacity Management Goal

Ensure that public infrastructure systems are sized, located, and managed so the quality and productivity of Areas of Environmental Concern (AECs) and other fragile areas are protected or restored.

Natural Hazard Areas Management Goal

Conserve and maintain barrier dunes, beaches, floodplains, and other coastal features for their natural storm protection functions and their natural resources giving recognition to public health, safety, and welfare issues.

Water Quality Management Goal

Maintain, protect and where possible enhance water quality in all coastal wetlands, rivers, streams, and estuaries.

Future Land Use Map

Depict the policies for growth and development and the desired future patterns of land use and development with consideration given to natural system constraints and infrastructure.

Tools for Managing Development

Action Plan and Implementation Schedule

Actions that will be taken by the local government in each fiscal year, including adoption and amendment of local ordinances, other plans, and special projects.