

February 17, 2025

**RESPONSE VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Ms. Chanda Bennett, AICP  
Comprehensive Planning Administrator  
Polk County, Land Development Division  
Post Office Box 9005, Drawer GM03  
Bartow, Florida 33831-9005

RE: LDCPAL 2024-15 ILE Text

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Thank you for submitting the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for Polk County. This amendment package will be reviewed pursuant to the Expedited State Review process. The reference number for this amendment package is 25-01ESR.

The proposed submission package will be reviewed pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes. Once the review is underway, you may be asked to provide additional supporting documentation by the review team to ensure a thorough review. You will receive FloridaCommerce's Comment Letter no later than March 16, 2025.

Pursuant to 163.3184(3)(c)1. If the local government fails, within 180 days after receipt of agency comments, to hold the second public hearing, and to adopt the comprehensive plan the comprehensive plan amendments, the amendments are deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with notice to the state land planning agency and any affected person that provided comments on the amendment.

Pursuant to 163.3184(3)(c)2. All comprehensive plan amendments adopted by the governing body, along with the supporting data and analysis, shall be transmitted within 10 working days after the final adoption hearing to the state land planning agency and any other agency or local government that provided timely comments under subparagraph (b)2. If the local government fails to transmit the comprehensive plan amendments within 10 working days after the final adoption hearing, the amendments are deemed withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 717-8491 or by email at [donna.harris@commerce.fl.gov](mailto:donna.harris@commerce.fl.gov). You may also contact Scott Rogers, Regional Planning Administrator, who will be overseeing the review of the amendments, at (850)717-8510.

Sincerely,



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Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

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cc: External Agencies

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## LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

February 14, 2025

Scott Rogers, Regional Program Administrator  
State Land Planning Agency  
Caldwell Building  
107 East Madison – MSC 160  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Polk County Comprehensive Plan Amendment Transmittal (Expedited Review) for LDCPAL 2024-15 ILE Text Amendment

Mr. Rogers:

The enclosed information is transmitted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.) and in accordance with the desires of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, as expressed at the transmittal hearing conducted on February 4, 2025. This adoption package contains the following items:

1. Using Department's electronic amendment submittal portal 'Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload' to The State Land Planning Agency.
2. An **Action Matrix** showing the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) action on the requested amendment.
3. A copy of the **staff report** for the CPA considered by the Board for the adoption amendment. The CPA report includes:
  - a. A description of the proposed amendment,
  - b. A summary analysis of applicable Plan policies including staff recommendation,
  - c. A technical staff report,
  - d. Exhibits, and
  - e. The ordinances for the adopted Plan Amendments.
4. A copy of the **Legal Notice** of the Public Hearing, which was placed in the January 22, 2025, edition of the Polk Sun and the Florida Public Notices website.
5. A copy of the Department of Florida Commerce review letter of proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Polk County will be provided with the package.

Additional copies of this adoption package are being sent, in accordance with Section 163.3184, F.S., to the:

- Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC),
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP),
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT),
- South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD),
- Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD),
- Florida Department of State
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, and
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

In compliance with 163.3184, F.S., please note the following:

- The Transmittal Public Hearing was held on February 4, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.; and
- Polk County's Plan **is** applicable to the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern. The proposed amendment **DOES NOT IMPACT** the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern.
- Polk County's Plan and Florida Commerce "Statement and Notice of Intent," once received, will be available for public inspection at the Polk County Land Development Division located at 330 W. Church Street, Bartow, Florida.
- The contact person for the Polk County Comprehensive Plan is:

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As always, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning this amendment submittal. Please advise me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Chanda Bennett, AICP, Comprehensive Planning Administrator  
Land Development Division

cc: Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)  
Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)  
South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)  
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)  
Florida Department of State  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
File: LDCPAL 2024-12 Coordinated Review Adoption Packet  
File: Digital Case File