

October 12, 2023

The Honorable George Lindsey, III  
Chairman, Polk County  
Board of County Commissioners  
330 West Church Street  
Bartow, Florida 33831-9005

Dear Chairman Lindsey:

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) has completed its review of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for Polk County (Amendment No. 23-08ACSC), which was received on August 15, 2023. We have reviewed the proposed amendment in accordance with the state coordinated review process set forth in Sections 163.3184(2) and (4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. FloridaCommerce does not identify any objections or comments to the proposed amendment and this letter serves as the Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report. Review comments received by the Department from the appropriate reviewing agencies, if any, are enclosed.

The County should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes, or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, we have enclosed the procedures for final adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment.

**The second public hearing**, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt one or more comprehensive plan amendments, **must be held within 180 days** of your receipt of FloridaCommerce's attached report, or the amendment will be deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with notice to FloridaCommerce and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment pursuant to Section 163.3184(4)(e)1., F.S. **The adopted amendment must be transmitted to FloridaCommerce within ten working days after the second public hearing pursuant to Section 163.3184(4)(e)2., F.S.**

If you have any questions related to this review, please contact Matthew Preston, Planning Analyst, by telephone at (850) 717-8490 or by email at [matt.preston@commerce.fl.gov](mailto:matt.preston@commerce.fl.gov).

Sincerely,



Scott Rogers, Regional Planning Administrator  
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

SR/mp  
Enclosure: Procedures for Adoption  
Agency Comments

cc: Chanda Bennett, AICP, Comprehensive Planning Administrator, Polk County  
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, AICP, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council

**SUBMITTAL OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**  
**FOR STATE COORDINATED REVIEW**

**Section 163.3184(4), Florida Statutes**

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:** Please submit electronically using FloridaCommerce's electronic amendment submittal portal "**Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload**" (<https://fldco.my.salesforce-sites.com/cp/>) **or** submit three complete copies of all comprehensive plan materials, of which one complete paper copy and two complete electronic copies on CD ROM in Portable Document Format (PDF) to the State Land Planning Agency and one copy to each entity below that provided timely comments to the local government: the appropriate Regional Planning Council; Water Management District; Department of Transportation; Department of Environmental Protection; Department of State; the appropriate county (municipal amendments only); the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (county plan amendments only); and the Department of Education (amendments relating to public schools); and for certain local governments, the appropriate military installation and any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request.

**SUBMITTAL LETTER:** Please include the following information in the cover letter transmitting the adopted amendment:

\_\_\_\_\_ Florida Department of Commerce identification number for adopted amendment package;

\_\_\_\_\_ Summary description of the adoption package, including any amendments proposed but not adopted;

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance number and adoption date;

\_\_\_\_\_ Certification that the adopted amendment(s) has been submitted to all parties that provided timely comments to the local government;

\_\_\_\_\_ Name, title, address, telephone, FAX number and e-mail address of local government contact;

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter signed by the chief elected official or the person designated by the local government.

**ADOPTION AMENDMENT PACKAGE:** Please include the following information in the amendment package:

\_\_\_\_\_ In the case of text amendments, changes should be shown in strike-through/underline format;

\_\_\_\_\_ In the case of future land use map amendment, an adopted future land use map, **in color format**, clearly depicting the parcel, its existing future land use designation, and its adopted designation;

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of any data and analyses the local government deems appropriate.

**Note:** If the local government is relying on previously submitted data and analysis, no additional data and analysis is required;

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of executed ordinance adopting the comprehensive plan amendment(s);

Suggested effective date language for the adoption ordinance for state coordinated review:

"The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be the date the state land planning agency posts a notice of intent determining that this amendment is in compliance. If the amendment is timely challenged, or if the state land planning agency issues a notice of intent determining that this amendment is not in compliance, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance."

\_\_\_\_\_ List of additional changes made in the adopted amendment that the Florida Department of Commerce did not previously review;

\_\_\_\_\_ List of findings of the local governing body, if any, that were not included in the ordinance and which provided the basis of the adoption or determination not to adopt the proposed amendment;

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement indicating the relationship of the additional changes not previously reviewed by the Florida Department of Commerce to the ORC report from the Florida Department of Commerce.

**From:** [Plan Review](#)  
**To:** [Powell, Barbara](#); [DCPexternalagencycomments](#)  
**Cc:** [Plan Review](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Polk County 23-08ACSC Proposed  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:21:44 PM  
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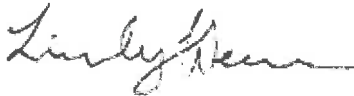
To: Barbara Powell, Deputy Bureau Chief, Plan Review and Processing

Re: Polk County 23-08ACSC – State Coordinated Review of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The Office of Intergovernmental Programs of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced amendment package under the provisions of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. The Department conducted a detailed review that focused on potential adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities, specifically: air and water pollution; wetlands and other surface waters of the state; federal and state-owned lands and interest in lands, including state parks, greenways and trails, conservation easements; solid waste; and water and wastewater treatment.

Based on our review of the submitted amendment package, the Department has found no provision that, if adopted, would result in adverse impacts to important state resources subject to the Department's jurisdiction.

Please submit all future amendments by email to [Plan.Review@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Plan.Review@FloridaDEP.gov). If your submittal is too large to send via email or if you need other assistance, contact Lindsay Weaver at (850) 717-9037.





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September 1, 2023

Ms. Barbara Powell, Plan Processing Administrator  
State Land Planning Agency  
Caldwell Building  
107 East Madison – MSC 160  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120

Subject: Polk 23-8ACSC

Dear Ms. Powell:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has reviewed the proposed amendment. It does not appear that the proposed amendment will result in any adverse regional water resource-related impacts. Therefore, we are not forwarding any comments for consideration.

We appreciate this opportunity to participate in the review process. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (352) 269-6937 or [james.golden@watermatters.org](mailto:james.golden@watermatters.org).

Sincerely,

James J. Golden, AICP  
Senior Planner

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cc: Chanda Bennett, Polk County