



STATE OF FLORIDA

Paula

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

"Dedicated to making Florida a better place to call home"

2010 MAR 16 P 12:33

CHARLIE CRIST
Governor

PLANNING & ZONING
THOMAS G. BELHAM
METROPOLITAN PLANNING SECRETARY

March 10, 2010

Mr. Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP
Miami-Dade County
Planning and Zoning Department
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1210
Miami, Florida 33128-1902

Dear Mr. LaFerrier:

The Department of Community Affairs reviewed your Letter of Understanding dated February 2, 2010 outlining the major issues that will be the focus of the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Department agrees to the scope of issues identified in your letter, and this letter serves as confirmation of our agreement. I would like to offer two comments to further clarify the Letter of Understanding.

First, Appendix B, page 5, includes a section titled "Evaluation of Major Issues". Paragraphs 1-3 refer to the major issues in Appendix B. The reference appears to be mistaken and should be changed to Appendix A. Second, I would like to highlight that the type of analysis the Department believes would be most useful for laying a foundation for the County's future planning activities is a retrospective evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan's policies and programs in achieving infill and redevelopment, creating activity centers, and fostering transit and other alternative modes of transportation. The more effective these policies and programs have been, the less need there will be to expand the urban development boundary, which in turn will strengthen the County's goals of preserving agriculture, maintaining wetlands, and protecting aquifer recharge areas. The results of such an assessment should help guide the County in proposing changes as part of the EAR to make the policies and program more effective.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the important planning issues identified in the Letter of Understanding will be addressed in the EAR. If you or your staff has any questions or if we can be of further assistance as you proceed with the EAR work, please contact Bill Pable, AICP, at (850) 922-1781.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

MM/bp

cc: Carolyn Dekle, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Jim Jackson, South Florida Water Management District
Chris Stahl, Department of Environmental Protection
Phil Steinmiller, Department of Transportation

Susan Harp, Department of State
Tracy Suber, Department of Education
Mark Woerner, Miami-Dade County
Paula Church, Miami-Dade County

2555 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD ♦ TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-2100
850-488-8466 (p) ♦ 850-921-0781 (f) ♦ Website: www.dca.state.fl.us

♦ COMMUNITY PLANNING 850-488-2356 (p) 850-488-3309 (f) ♦ FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST 850-922-2207 (p) 350-921-1747 (f) ♦
♦ HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 850-488-7956 (p) 850-922-5623 (f) ♦