

SUMMARY OF FINAL ACTIONS  
BY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STANDARD AMENDMENTS  
TO THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN  
FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
(Ordinance No. 11-21; April 27, 2011)

Adopted April 2010-11 Cycle Standard Amendments to the  
Comprehensive Development Master Plan

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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the standard amendments to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) which were adopted by Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (Board) on April 27, 2011 (Ordinance No. 11-21) as part of the April 2010-11 CDMP Amendment Cycle.

### Summary of Final Actions

Included in this document is a section titled "Summary of Final Actions by Board of County Commissioners on April 2010-11 Cycle Applications to Amend the CDMP" which lists the final actions taken by the Board on the April 2010-11 Cycle standard amendments to the CDMP.

### Adopted Standard Applications to Amend the CDMP

Following the "Summary of Final Actions" section is a description of the adopted April 2010-11 Cycle standard amendments to the CDMP. Application No. 4 amends the CDMP to include a new Community Health and Design Element. Application No. 5 revises the Open Land Subarea 4 (East Everglades Residential Areas) text on Page I-63 in the Land Use Element of the CDMP to include agriculture production and limited raising of livestock in the list of allowable uses.

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**TABLE 1**  
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**  
**APRIL 2010-11 CDMP AMENDMENT CYCLE**

Pre-application Conference for the Private Sector	March 1- March 30, 2010
Application Filing Period	April 1- April 30, 2010
Deadline to withdraw Application and obtain Return of Full Fee. Notify applicant of deficiencies.	May 7, 2010
Deadline for resubmittal of unclear or incomplete Applications	Seventh business day after Notice of deficiency
Applications Report published by DP&Z	June 7, 2010
Deadline for submitting Technical Reports	June 30, 2010
Deadline for submitting Declarations of Restrictions to be considered in the Initial Recommendations Report	July 28, 2010
Initial Recommendations Report released by DP&Z	August 25, 2010
Planning Advisory Board (PAB), acting as Local Planning Agency (LPA), Public Hearing to formulate Recommendations regarding Adoption of Small-Scale Amendments and Capital Improvements Element update; and Transmittal of Standard Amendment requests to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA)	October 4, 2010 County Commission Chamber 111 NW 1st Street Miami, Florida 33128
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Hearing and Action on Adoption of Small-Scale Amendment and Capital Improvements Element update; and Transmittal of Standard Amendment requests to the DCA	November 18, 2010 County Commission Chamber 111 NW 1 Street Miami, Florida 33128
Transmittal to the DCA and other state agencies for review and comment	January 6, 2011
Deadline for Filing Supplementary Reports by the Public	Forty-five (45) days after Commission transmittal hearing
Receipt of DCA Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) report	March 23, 2011 (Approximately 75 days after transmittal)
Public Hearing and Final Recommendations: Planning Advisory Board (Local Planning Agency)	March 28, 2011 (Within 30 days after receipt of DCA ORC report)
Public Hearing and Final Action on Applications: Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners	April, 27, 2011 (No later than 60 days after receipt of DCA ORC report)

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**SUMMARY OF FINAL ACTIONS  
BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON APRIL 2010-11 CYCLE APPLICATIONS  
TO AMEND THE CDMP  
(Ordinance No. 11-21; Adopted on April 27, 2011)**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant (Representative) Location (Size) REQUESTED CHANGE TO THE CDMP LAND USE PLAN MAP, POLICIES OR TEXT</b>	<b>Final Commission Action</b>
	<b>Text Amendments</b>	
4	Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning/Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP, Director <u>Amendment to the CDMP</u> Add A New Optional Community Health And Design Element	Adopt as Transmitted
5	Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning/Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP, Director <u>Amendment to the Land Use Element</u> Revise the Open Land Subarea 4 (East Everglades Residential Areas) text on Page I-63 of the Land Use Element to include agriculture production and limited raising of livestock in the list of allowable uses.	Adopt as Transmitted
6	Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning/Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP, Director <u>Amendment to the Land Use Element</u> Add a new text section to allow Bed and Breakfast Lodgings in all residential community land use categories.	Withdrawn

**APRIL 2010-11 CYCLE  
STANDARD AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. 4  
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, APRIL 27, 2011**

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**Adopted:** Adopt as Transmitted; Ordinance No. 11-21

**Description Of Amendment As Adopted:**

**Revise the CDMP to include the new Community Health and Design Element as follows:**

Introduction

The purpose of the Community Health and Design Element is to provide the framework for building communities that promote healthier lifestyles. The linkage between design and health has been well documented by numerous sources. Public and private organizations across the disciplines of planning and public health have conducted studies confirming the benefits pedestrian friendly development patterns can have in supporting health-sustaining activities, increasing physical activity and creating environments that are conducive to better health. This research has been the foundation and reference for the goals, objectives and policies advanced within this element.

**GOAL**

**TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH DESIGN AND FOOD ACCESS POLICIES THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS BY INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, ASSURING SAFETY, PROVIDING A NUTRITIONAL FOOD ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTING NATURAL SYSTEMS.**

**Objective CHD-1**

**Miami-Dade County shall apply design standards to the public domain to encourage physical activity.**

**Policies**

CHD-1A. Miami-Dade County shall create a network of sidewalks, trails, accessible parks and recreation facilities that establishes a pedestrian-friendly environment, which

encourages physical activity and links destinations, such as restaurants, shops, work places and neighborhood-based retail to each other and residential areas.

CHD-1B. Encourage all citizens to participate in physical activity by designing public space to universal access standards (ability of all people to have equal opportunity and access to services).

CHD-1C. Design and develop neighborhoods that provide a comfortable environment conducive for programs that integrate physical activity in the daily lives of children and adults.

CHD-1D. Design communities to support children's daily routines by establishing proximity among uses (e.g. schools, daycare, community centers, recreation facilities, open space, etc.).

CHD-1E. Designate locations for carpooling and bus stops that encourage residents to maintain a daily level of walking as part of their commute, and are designed in a manner that reflects the character of the community or district where the stops are located.

CHD-1F. Adopt and implement by 2014 high-quality streetscape design standards and façade treatments to reflect the character of the community to attract pedestrian activity.

CHD-1G. Promote coordination between jurisdictions in the planning and implementation of bicycle, trail, transit, pedestrian and other alternative transportation modes to establish continuous networks that support healthy communities.

CHD-1H. Adopt and implement by 2014 a signage and way-finding program within the public realm that is an aesthetic enhancement to the community. It should inform visitors of key locations, corridors and pedestrian/bicycle routes to destinations and amenities.

CHD-1I. Create walkable environments between tourist destinations through design guidelines that take measures to enhance the public realm and encourage pedestrian/bicycle activity.

CHD-1J. Apply guidelines from the Aesthetic Master Plan and Urban Design Manual to new and existing gateways, corridors and civic facilities.

## **Objective CHD-2**

**Miami-Dade County shall apply design standards to private development projects to encourage physical activity.**

## **Policies**

CHD-2A. Miami-Dade County will encourage land development to incorporate community design principles that encourage physical activity through the promotion of strategies, when appropriate, but not limited to:

1. Utilization of non-motorized transportation modes;
2. Location of public facilities accessible by multiple transportation modes;

3. Availability and maintenance of quality pedestrian paths or sidewalks;
4. Provision of street furniture and lighting enhancements;
5. Provision of civic and recreational facilities;
6. Establishment of interconnectivity between similar development projects through vehicular and/or pedestrian/bicycle cross access; and
7. Provision of pedestrian and bicycle linkages between existing residential and non-residential land uses.

CHD-2B. Encourage well designed infill and redevelopment to reduce vehicle miles traveled and improve air quality.

CHD-2C. Continue to conduct Area Plan studies and urban center rezonings that concentrate new population growth in areas with a mix of land uses, adequate infrastructure services and higher densities as a means of promoting healthy communities.

### **Objective CHD-3**

#### **Institute safety measures through urban design and material standards.**

##### **Policies**

CHD-3A. Design and develop neighborhoods that can facilitate children walking safely to Miami-Dade County Schools.

CHD-3B. Encourage walking and bicycle riding as a means of transportation to and from school, by implementing capital projects that support the development of safe routes to school.

CHD-3C. Prepare design standards for lighting as a pedestrian safety measure along streets, paths, crosswalks and other points of vehicular conflict, as well as within public spaces.

CHD-3D. Update street design standards to incorporate traffic-calming measures, such as special paved crosswalks at key intersections and/or mid-block crossings, where applicable to promote pedestrian safety.

CHD-3E. Miami-Dade County shall consider the use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies in site design by integrating CPTED strategies into the zoning code and Urban Design Manual.

CHD-3F. Miami-Dade County shall consider the use of CPTED strategies to address the safety of pedestrians in parking lots, transit terminals, parks and other public areas.

### **Objective CHD-4**

#### **Promote local food production and improve access to healthy food products for all residents of Miami-Dade County.**

## **Policies**

CHD-4A. Promote increased production and expand the availability of agricultural goods and other food products produced in Miami-Dade County.

CHD-4B. Promote the local sale and consumption of agricultural goods and other food products produced in Florida and specifically Miami-Dade County.

CHD-4C. Promote opportunities to obtain fresh foods in Miami-Dade County neighborhoods by encouraging the development of community gardens; fresh produce stands, farmer markets; small businesses such as vegetable and fruit markets, butcher shops, fish markets; and grocery markets by providing flexibility in the zoning code and other regulations.

CHD-4D. Ensure that all neighborhoods have multi-modal access to fresh food products.

CHD-4E. Encourage the establishment of farm-to-school initiatives and community supported agriculture programs.

## **Objective CHD-5**

### **Enhance natural systems through performance criteria for capital improvements.**

## **Policies**

CHD-5A. The County shall investigate onsite stormwater management alternatives, such as bio-swales and green roofs, which reuse stormwater and reduce the rate of runoff from impervious surfaces.

CHD-5B. Enhance street cross section design standards to incorporate planting strips for both stormwater percolation and tree planting to provide shade.

CHD-5C. Implement and maintain the Miami-Dade Street Tree Master Plan to ensure an adequate urban forest and street tree coverage to reduce localized heat island effect.

CHD-5D. Encourage parking structures and increase tree plantings in surface parking lots to reduce the heat island effect attributable to exposed, impervious surfaces.

## **Monitoring Program**

In order to enable the preparation of the periodic Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) as required by Section 163.3191, F.S., the Minimum Criteria Rule (Rule 9J-5, F.A.C.) requires that local comprehensive plans contain adopted procedures for monitoring and evaluating the Plan and its implementation (Sections 9J-5.005[1][c][3], and 9J-5.005[7], F.A.C.). The section of Rule 9J-5, F.A.C. pertaining to minimum standards for optional elements was repealed in 2001, XI-10 but the general requirements for comprehensive plan elements still apply. Hence, a Monitoring Program is included. There are no Level of Service standards for this element. This section outlines the substantive features of Miami-Dade County's monitoring program pertinent to the objectives, policies, and parameters referenced in this Element. It should be understood that the proposed program might be refined over time, as more experience is gained. Undoubtedly, by

the time that the next EAR, which would include this Element, is prepared the measures and procedures outlined herein will have been modified somewhat to reflect practical considerations. The administrative requirements for monitoring and preparation of the EAR as outlined in Section 9J-5.005(7), F.A.C. are not repeated here. They are outlined only in the Land Use Element to avoid redundancy. The reader is referred to that Element for a summary of those procedural requirements.

For the purpose of evaluating and assessing the implementation of the Community Health and Design Element in approximately Year 2017, each objective will be reviewed as follows to monitor the degree to which it has been reached.

**Objective CHD-1: Miami-Dade County shall apply design standards to the public domain to encourage physical activity.**

Mode split between car trips and other forms of transportation.

**Objective CHD-2: Miami-Dade County shall apply design standards to private development projects to encourage physical activity.**

Shift in development density patterns to infill areas, transit-oriented developments, and overall vehicle miles travelled per-capita.

**Objective CHD-3: Institute safety measures through urban design and material standards.**

Vehicular/pedestrian accidents – ratio compared to population.

Bicyclist/pedestrian accidents – ratio compared to population.

**Objective CHD-4: Promote local food production and improve access to healthy food products for all residents of Miami-Dade County.**

Percentage of locally grown products consumed in Miami-Dade County.

Number of markets within walking distance to residential development.

**Objective CHD-5: Enhance natural systems through performance criteria for capital improvements.**

Number of trees planted.

**APRIL 2010-11 CYCLE  
STANDARD AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. 5  
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, APRIL 27, 2011**

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**Adopted:** Adopt as Transmitted; Ordinance No. 11-21

**Description Of Amendment As Adopted:**

**Revise the text of the Open Land Subarea 4 (East Everglades Residential Areas) on Page I-63 of the Land Use Element to include agriculture production and raising of livestock in the list of allowable uses as follows:**

**Open Land Subarea 4 (East Everglades Residential Areas).** This subarea is bounded on the north, west and southwest by Everglades National Park, on the east by Levee 31N, and on the south by SW 168 Street. Uses which may be considered for approval in this area are seasonal agriculture production and limited raising of livestock<sup>1</sup> nurseries and tree farms and rural residences at a density of 1 dwelling unit per 40 acres, or 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres if ancillary to an established agricultural operation, or 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres, after such time as drainage facilities become available to protect this area from a one-in-ten-year flood event in keeping with the adopted East Everglades zoning overlay regulation (Section 33B, Code of Miami-Dade County) and compatible and necessary utility facilities. Uses that could compromise groundwater quality shall not occur in this area.

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<sup>1</sup> Miami-Dade County shall formulate and adopt amendments to Miami-Dade County Code Section 33B Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Article II. East Everglades, and adopt land development regulations applicable to land designated Open Land Subarea 4 (East Everglades Residential Areas) to specifically address the type of agriculture production uses and the limited raising of livestock uses that may be allowed; that considers water quality and that there is no flood protection provided in this Subarea.

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