

## **TRANSMITTAL PROCEDURES**

The process for adoption of local comprehensive plan amendments is outlined in Section 163.3184, F.S., and Rule 9J-11.011, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Within ten working days of the date of adoption, the County must submit the following to the Department:

- Three copies of the adopted comprehensive plan amendment;
- A copy of the adoption ordinance;
- A listing of additional changes not previously reviewed;
- A listing of findings by the local governing body, if any, which were not included in the ordinance; and
- A statement indicating the relationship of the additional changes to the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report.

The above amendment and documentation are required for the Department to conduct a compliance review, make a compliance determination and issue the appropriate notice of intent.

In order to expedite the regional planning council's review of the amendment, and pursuant to Rule 9J-11.011(5), F.A.C., please provide a copy of the adopted amendment directly to Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Please be advised that the Florida legislature amended Section 163.3184(8)(b), F.S., requiring the Department to provide a courtesy information statement regarding the Department's Notice of Intent to citizens who furnish their names and addresses at the local government's plan amendment transmittal (proposed) or adoption hearings. In order to provide this courtesy information statement, local governments are required by the law to furnish to the Department the names and addresses of the citizens requesting this information. This list is to be submitted at the time of transmittal of the adopted plan amendment (a sample Information Sheet is attached for your use).

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following objections, recommendations and comments are based upon the Department's review of the Lee County proposed comprehensive plan amendment, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

The objections relate to specific requirements of relevant portions of Chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. The objections include a recommendation of approaches that might be taken to address the cited objections. Other approaches may be more suitable in specific situations. Some of these objections may have initially been raised by one of the other external review agencies. If there is a difference between the Department's objection and the external agency advisory objection or comment, the Department's objection would take precedence.

The County should address each of these objections when the amendment is resubmitted for our compliance review. Objections that are not addressed may result in a determination that the amendment is not in compliance. The Department may have raised an objection regarding missing data and analysis items that the Town considers not applicable to its amendment. If that is the case, a statement, justifying its non-applicability, pursuant to Rule 9J-5.002(2), F.A.C., must be submitted. The Department will make a determination on the non-applicability of the requirement, and if the justification is sufficient, the objection will be considered addressed.

The comments that follow the objections and recommendations are advisory in nature. Comments will not form the basis of a determination of non-compliance. They are included to call attention to items raised by our reviewers. The comments can be substantive, concerning planning principles, methodology or logic, as well as editorial in nature dealing with grammar, organization, mapping, and reader comprehension.

Appended to the back of the Department's report are the comment letters from the other state review agencies and other agencies. These comments are advisory to the Department and may not form the basis of Departmental objections unless they appear under the "Objections" heading in this report.