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THE PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 5, 2007 – Public Hearing
Agenda Item: Hillsborough County: Evaluation and Appraisal Report – Based Plan Amendments

SUMMARY

Hillsborough County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) was found "Sufficient" in August 2005 by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The report presents an assessment of the effectiveness of the adopted Comprehensive Plan to address the community's major issues and recommendations to update the Plan. State Statute requires that the County amend its Plan based upon the recommendations of the EAR within a maximum of 24 months of the "sufficiency" determination date.

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission has conducted three workshops to review proposed EAR based Plan amendments to the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments have been incorporated into the respective Plan Elements and will be presented at this public hearing. The proposed changes include both text and map amendments and are intended to address major issues identified in the EAR. In addition, the adoption of a new Livable Communities Element is proposed and is intended to address design, aesthetics and quality of life issues that face our communities. The majority of the Goals, Objectives and Policies were taken from the Future Land Use Element's Community Design Guidelines section, Community and Special Areas section, and key components of the Livable Roadways Report.

Also included in this packet is an Addendum to January, 2006, EPC Staff Report: "Developing Scientifically Based Ecological Buffers to Protect the Watersheds in Hillsborough County, Florida. This is provided as information in support of the wetland buffer amendments proposed in the Conservation and Aquifer Recharge Element.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission approve the attached resolution finding the proposed text and map amendments **CONSISTENT**, with the *Future of Hillsborough Comprehensive Plan* and recommend its **APPROVAL** to the Board of County Commissioners.

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