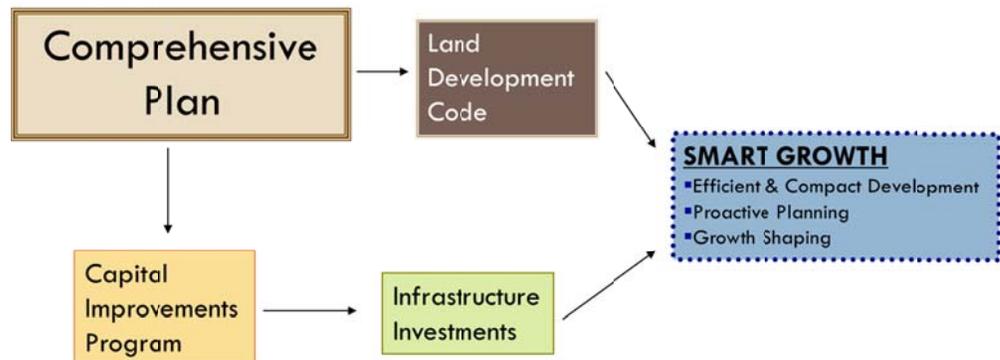


## Executive Summary

The *Comprehensive Plan* is the City's growth management roadmap, adopted by the City Commission, to identify a shared-vision and to guide economic growth, development of land, resource protection and the provision of public services and facilities in Fernandina Beach. The *Comprehensive Plan* serves as the basis for the City's regulations by directing anticipated growth. The framework of the *Comprehensive Plan* is regulated by the State of Florida, which requires it to have long-range **goals** (10-25 years), short term **objectives** (1-10 years), and implementation strategies through **policies** that establish levels of service and measurable outcomes. Guidance provided within the *Comprehensive Plan* through its adopted goals, objectives, and policies enables the City to focus its decision-making in the interest of arriving at its desired future destination.

The *Comprehensive Plan* is the driving legislative policy link between the City's general vision for growth and its regulatory vehicle known as the Land Development Code (LDC). Additionally, the *Comprehensive Plan* facilitates the



prioritization of public infrastructure improvements as identified in the annually adopted Five (5)-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Collectively, the *Comprehensive Plan*, LDC, and CIP illuminate a pathway for the City to achieve the desired smart growth development form and to empower both current and future commissions, administrations, and staff to be innovative and proactive in achieving the City's vision of its future.

Each element contained in the *Comprehensive Plan* communicates topics involved with the physical development of land within the City. The format of each element provides a purpose (summary) for the element, level-of-service standards (where applicable), a listing of goals, objectives and policies, and a listing of planned improvements for inclusion in the annual CIP. The following eleven elements are included in the City's *Comprehensive Plan*:

1. **Future Land Use**
2. **Multi-Modal Transportation**
3. **Housing**
4. **Public Facilities and Services**
5. **Conservation and Coastal Management**
6. **Recreation and Open Space**
7. **Intergovernmental Coordination**
8. **Capital Improvements**
9. **Port**
10. **Public School Facilities**
11. **Historic Preservation**

## Vision Statement

The City's *Comprehensive Plan* is the basis for decision making as it relates to the growth and development of Fernandina Beach.

*Fernandina Beach strives to achieve a safe, livable and sustainable community for our present and future citizens by partnering with the community to plan and promote a vibrant and balanced City; by managing the movement of people, goods, and services in an integrated multimodal approach; by maintaining a healthy and diverse economy while improving its social and natural environment; by improving the affordable housing stock and revitalizing older neighborhoods; by encouraging community outreach while promoting excellence in citywide urban design; and by preserving or enhancing its natural, historic, and cultural resources so that they may be enjoyed by future generations.*