



Conservation, Sustainability, & Resiliency Element

FLORIDA STATUTES REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 163.3177, REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL ELEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; STUDIES AND SURVEYS.

Requirement	Provided
Subsection (6)(d): A conservation element for the conservation, use, and protection of natural resources in the area, including air, water, water recharge areas, wetlands, waterwells, estuarine marshes, soils, beaches, shores, flood plains, rivers, bays, lakes, harbors, forests, fisheries and wildlife, marine habitat, minerals, and other natural and environmental resources, including factors that affect energy conservation.	See CSR polices and below
Subsection (6)(d)1.: The following natural resources, where present within the local government’s boundaries, shall be identified and analyzed and existing recreational or conservation uses, known pollution problems, including hazardous wastes, and the potential for conservation, recreation, use, or protection shall also be identified:	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)1.a.: Rivers, bays, lakes, wetlands including estuarine marshes, groundwaters, and springs, including information on quality of the resource available.	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)1.b.: Floodplains.	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)1.c.: Known sources of commercially valuable minerals.	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)1.d.: Areas known to have experienced soil erosion problems.	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)1.e. Areas that are the location of recreationally and commercially important fish or shellfish, wildlife, marine habitats, and vegetative communities, including forests, indicating known dominant species present and species listed by federal, state, or local government agencies as endangered, threatened, or species of special concern.	CSR DIA
Subsection (6)(d)2.: The element must contain principles, guidelines, and standards for conservation that provide long-term goals and which:	-
Subsection (6)(d)2.a.: Protects air quality.	CSR Objective 1.1 , 1.2 CSR Policy 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2.1
Subsection (6)(d)2.b.: Conserves, appropriately uses, and protects the quality and quantity of current and projected water sources and waters that flow into estuarine waters or oceanic waters and protect from activities and land uses known to affect adversely the quality and quantity of identified water sources, including natural groundwater recharge areas, wellhead protection areas, and surface waters used as a source of public water supply.	CSR Objective 1.3 CSR Policy 1.3.1
Subsection (6)(d)2.c.: Provides for the emergency conservation of water sources in accordance with the plans of the regional water management district.	CSR Policy 1.3.1
Subsection (6)(d)2.d.: Conserves, appropriately uses, and protects minerals, soils, and native vegetative communities, including forests, from destruction by development activities.	CSR Goal 2 CSR Objective 2.1 CSR Policy 2.1.1, 2.1.2
Subsection (6)(d)2.e.: Conserves, appropriately uses, and protects fisheries, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and marine habitat and restricts activities known to adversely affect the survival of endangered and threatened wildlife.	CSR Objective 2.3 CSR Policy 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.6
Subsection (6)(d)2.f.: Protects existing natural reservations identified in the recreation and open space element.	Not applicable to VOW
Subsection (6)(d)2.g.: Maintains cooperation with adjacent local governments to conserve, appropriately use, or protect unique vegetative communities located within more than one local jurisdiction.	Not applicable to VOW



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Subsection (6)(d)2.h.: Designates environmentally sensitive lands for protection based on locally determined criteria which further the goals and objectives of the conservation element.	CSR DIA CSR Policy 2.2.4, 2.2.6
Subsection (6)(d)2.i.: Manages hazardous waste to protect natural resources.	CSR Policy 2.2.5
Subsection (6)(d)2.j.: Protects and conserves wetlands and the natural functions of wetlands.	CSR Goal 2 CSR Objective 2.2 CSR Policy 2.2.1, 2.2.5, 2.2.8
Subsection (6)(d)2.k.: Directs future land uses that are incompatible with the protection and conservation of wetlands and wetland functions away from wetlands. The type, intensity or density, extent, distribution, and location of allowable land uses and the types, values, functions, sizes, conditions, and locations of wetlands are land use factors that shall be considered when directing incompatible land uses away from wetlands. Land uses shall be distributed in a manner that minimizes the effect and impact on wetlands. The protection and conservation of wetlands by the direction of incompatible land uses away from wetlands shall occur in combination with other principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies in the comprehensive plan. Where incompatible land uses are allowed to occur, mitigation shall be considered as one means to compensate for loss of wetlands functions.	CSR Policy 2.2.1
Subsection (6)(d)3.: Current and projected needs and sources for at least a 10-year period based on the demands for industrial, agricultural, and potable water use and the quality and quantity of water available to meet these demands shall be analyzed. The analysis shall consider the existing levels of water conservation, use, and protection and applicable policies of the regional water management district and further must consider the appropriate regional water supply plan approved pursuant to s. 373.709, or, in the absence of an approved regional water supply plan, the district water management plan approved pursuant to s. 373.036(2). This information shall be submitted to the appropriate agencies.	CSR DIA