

# **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT**

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. BACKGROUND**

The 2011 Community Planning Act, like the 1985 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, requires that local government comprehensive plans contain an Intergovernmental Coordination Element. The Act states that coordination of the local comprehensive plan with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, among others, shall be a major objective of the local comprehensive planning process. The intent and spirit of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element is of particular importance to the Town of Longboat Key's Comprehensive Plan because the Town unlike most local governments in Florida lies within the jurisdictions of two counties and two regional planning councils.

#### **B. PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of this element is to improve the coordination processes among local governments and with local, regional, state, and federal agencies. Effective planning is impossible without intergovernmental coordination. The establishment, maintenance, and utilization of channels of communication between governmental bodies, for information exchange and problem resolution, are fundamental to the planning process.

Another key purpose of this element is to establish relationships and to provide principles and guidelines for use in the coordination between the adopted Town of Longboat Key's Comprehensive Plan and the governmental bodies with which Longboat Key shares common boundaries and common planning interests. Attention has been given to the Town's dependence on county governments for needed services and its coordination with adjacent municipalities. In addition, discussion concerning the Town's compliance with the two affected regional policy plans is addressed in Section II.C.1.

The element also discusses problems relating to nonexistent, insufficient, or ineffective intergovernmental coordination. Intergovernmental coordination procedures should be continually monitored in order to incorporate modifications that may be warranted by future needs.

## **C. COMMUNITY SETTING**

The Town of Longboat Key lies in both Sarasota County (southern part) and Manatee County (northern part) (Figure 1). The island, a link in the chain of barrier islands along the west coast of Florida, is nestled between Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The island is 10.8 miles long and 4.26 square miles in land area. The key has one main road; Gulf of Mexico Drive (State Road (SR) 789) that links the Town by bridges on the south and north ends to the mainland cities of Sarasota and Bradenton through the City of Bradenton Beach, respectively. The Town is accessed from the south by New Pass Bridge connecting Longboat Key to Lido Key. Longboat Pass Bridge connects Longboat Key with Anna Maria Island to the north.

Longboat Key is an affluent coastal community that is popular among retired professionals and as a second-home community. A warm climate and a location on the Gulf of Mexico has made the key a highly desirable destination for winter visitors. Consequently, Longboat Key had an estimated year 2010 functional population of 17,089 and a permanent resident population of 7,663 people.

The Town operates a commission-manager form of government with the commission constituting the governing body of the Town, with active participation from the townspeople. Longboat Key has no designated areas of critical state concern falling partially or wholly within its jurisdiction. No unincorporated lands border the Town; therefore, annexation of land into the Town's boundaries is not an issue. The unique natural area of the island calls for cooperation with neighboring communities to ensure an orderly, environmentally, and economically sound plans for future needs and growth.

## **II. INVENTORY OF COORDINATING ENTITIES**

In order to effectively implement federal, state, regional, and local planning policies, it is necessary to identify all the agencies with which the Town of Longboat Key must coordinate. Additionally, it is necessary to describe existing coordination mechanisms and their effectiveness, thereby evaluating needs for additional coordination. The following is an inventory of the various governments and agencies that provide service or have jurisdiction over the Town of Longboat Key. Tables 1 through 3 depict the existing coordination between the Town and the various governmental agencies.

### **A. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The federal agencies with which the Town of Longboat Key has ties are the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Homeland Security in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reside.

The Town of Longboat Key's planning processes are primarily affected by federal legislation relating to barrier islands, particularly regarding potential sources of funding for infrastructure and beach renourishment. Therefore, interaction with the various federal agencies, such as COE and EPA, generally concerns the availability of federal funds and the permitting process.

Other federal involvement includes coordination with the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, which is responsible for protection of migratory birds and endangered species. The Town of Longboat Key works with this agency to identify and protect endangered species on the island. The Town also works closely with the USCG regarding the scheduling of drawbridge openings on the Intracoastal Waterway.

The National Weather Service, the branch of the Department of Homeland Security charged with monitoring weather conditions, has established direct contact with the Town of Longboat Key through the National Weather and Emergency Line to assist the Town during severe weather emergencies.

## **B. STATE OF FLORIDA**

The state agencies with which the Town of Longboat Key coordinates are the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Department of Economic Opportunity (within which the Division of Community Development is housed) (DEO), Department of State - Division of Historical Resources (DHR), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (FGFWFC), and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) (Table 1). The Town of Longboat Key submits amendments to its Comprehensive Plan as prepared under the Community Planning Act to the statutorily required agencies for review.

Dredge and fill permit applications are submitted to the FDEP, which is considered the major regulatory agency for the state's environment, with responsibilities for air, water, and land protection. The FDEP then submits the application to the appropriate agencies, including COE, for review. The department is also the conservation agency in charge of protecting state lands, regulates submerged sovereign lands, coastal construction, beach erosion, and marine fisheries and patrol. The FDEP has jurisdiction over the "coastal construction control line" (CCCL). Construction permit applications for property seaward of the CCCL are submitted to the department's Bureau of Beaches and Shore division. In addition, the law enforcement branch of FDEP is charged with protecting the natural resources of the state, as well as policing the surrounding waterways for polluters and enforcing motorboat laws.

The DHR is responsible for protecting the historic, archaeological, and architectural resources of the State of Florida. The division also provides technical assistance and grants with regard to inventorying cultural resources and establishing historic districts. The DHR and the Town of Longboat Key are commenting agencies on federal or state aid applications, including Community Development Block Grants, Section 201 Wastewater Treatment Plants, Land and Water Conversation Fund Grants, and Federal Aviation Administration and FDOT funded projects, as well as COE and FDEP permit applications within or adjacent to the Town.

The Town coordinates with FGFWFC, the agency constitutionally charged with managing, regulating, and protecting wildlife and freshwater fish, to identify and protect rare and endangered vegetative communities on the key. Additionally, the Town of Longboat Key's Police Department works with the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) concerning juvenile detention and protective services as needed.

**TABLE 1  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: FEDERAL AGENCIES**

<b>Coordinating Entities</b>	<b>Existing Coordination</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Office with Primary Responsibility</b>	<b>Nature of Relationship/ Effectiveness</b>
Department of Homeland Security	National Weather and Emergency Line (Joint Planning and Work Groups through Disaster Preparedness Committees)	Emergency Planning (National Weather Service)	Police Department	In severe weather only/ Effective
Department of Interior	Legislative Authority	Environmental (Fish and Wildlife)	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective
EPA	Legislative Authority	Environmental Protection	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Legislative Authority	Disaster Response and Relief	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	Legislative Authority	Flood Insurance, Construction Compliance and Mitigation	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Jurisdictional/Effective
U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers	Legislative Authority	Navigable Waterways; Permit Construction; Dredge and Fill in Waterways	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective
U.S. Coast Guard	Legislative Authority	Search and Rescue; Federal Law Enforcement (drawbridge scheduling)	Police Department	Jurisdictional/Effective



**TABLE 1  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: STATE AGENCIES**

<b>Coordinating Entities</b>	<b>Existing Coordination</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Office with Primary Responsibility</b>	<b>Nature of Relationship/ Effectiveness</b>
DEO	Division of Community Development	Growth Management	Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Advisory/Effective
DHR	Legislative Authority	Protection of Historic and Archaeological Resources	Planning, Zoning & Building Department	Advisory/Effective
FDEP	Legislative Authority	Environmental Protection; Permitting; Dredge and Fill	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Jurisdictional/Effective
		Protection of Natural Resources (coastal construction setback line)	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Jurisdictional/Effective
		Protect natural resources of the State of Florida, particularly the marine environment	Police Department	Jurisdictional/Respond on request; Marine Patrol has insufficient resources for routine patrol
FDOT	Representation on the MPO	Transportation	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Jurisdictional/Effective
FFWC	Legislative Authority	Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Public Works/Police Departments	Jurisdictional/Effective
DCF (Juvenile Justice)	Juvenile Services through HRS, Law Enforcement	Juvenile Detention/ Protective Services	Police Department	Juvenile Services/ Effective
SWFWMD	Legislative Authority	Stormwater, Protection of Natural Resources	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective

Source: RS&H, 1988  
Town of Longboat Key updated October 2011

The Town works closely with FDOT concerning traffic circulation planning. The Town contracted with FDOT for the Town's Public Works Department to maintain the GMD (SR 789) right-of-way. The Town currently coordinates traffic circulation planning with the FDOT 5-year transportation plan and the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Plan.

## **C. REGIONAL**

Table 2 identifies the existing coordination between the Town of Longboat Key and the various regional agencies. The following more fully addresses that coordination.

### **1. Regional Planning Councils**

Municipal governments are not mandated to participate in or become members of a regional planning council. However, each county is a member of the regional planning council created within the comprehensive planning district encompassing that county. Since the Town of Longboat Key is uniquely situated within the boundaries of two counties, Manatee and Sarasota, it falls within the jurisdictions of two regional planning councils, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) (Figure 2). Currently, communication between the Town and both regional planning councils is satisfactory. Although the Town of Longboat Key is not a member of either planning council, Town members and staff attend meetings and monitor the actions of both councils. In addition, the Town has received technical assistance and advice on planning-related matters from both planning councils.

The Florida Regional Planning Council Act, passed in 1980 and subsequently amended, requires that each regional planning council prepare and adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). The Act also requires that once the SRPP is adopted it must be utilized by the regional planning council as "the basis for review of developments of regional impact, regional review of federally assisted projects, and other regional overview and comment functions". Local government comprehensive plans are required to be consistent with appropriate regional policy plans. A major concern in preparing the Town's Comprehensive Plan has been the issue of consistency with two regional policy plans. The Town of Longboat Key is the only municipality in the state to fall under the jurisdiction of two regional planning councils and, thereby, subject to two regional policy plans.

Comments from the regional planning council as to most local comprehensive plan amendments are limited by the Community Planning Act to the adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. The Town's amendments to its Comprehensive Plan therefore will focus on these issues.

A local plan is considered consistent with the regional comprehensive policy plan if it is compatible with and furthers the regional comprehensive policy plan. Compatibility will be determined through the inclusion of related goals. In order to be consistent with the regional comprehensive plans of both planning councils, the Town's Comprehensive Plan must further and implement the goals and policies of the regional plans of the two involved regional planning councils.

**TABLE 2  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN**

Coordinating Entities	Existing Coordination	Subject	Office with Primary Responsibility	Nature of Relationship
<b>REGIONAL</b>				
SWFRPC	Technical Advisory Committee meetings/ Informal discussions	Planning-related regional issues	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Consultants to local governments/Underutilized
TBRPC	Limited communication/ Informal discussions	Planning-related regional issues	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Consultants to local governments/Underutilized
SWFWMD	Through the Manasota Basin Board/Local Government Coordination Department, District's subdistrict office	Water resources		Water regulations for the region/Effective
PRMRWA	Committees to identify water-related issues	Water supply	Public Works	Regional water authority/Effective
WCIND	Special Taxing District	Navigable Inland Waterway	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Agent for submission of local grant applications for funding the region
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>				
SBEP	Membership	Sarasota Bay management	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Management Board and Technical Advisory Committee
Manatee County Health Department		Water and Wastewater (safety regulations)	Public Works Department	Jurisdictional/Effective
MPO	Membership	Transportation Planning	Public Works/Planning, Zoning & Building Departments	Technical Advisory Committee

Source: Town of Longboat Key, October 2011

The Town prepared the Town of Longboat Key's Comprehensive Plan in compliance with the strategic regional policy plans of the two involved regional planning councils, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). However, priorities, goals, and policies differed between regions, which may create occasional conflicts in the coordination and implementation of Longboat Key's Comprehensive Plan.

A closer alliance currently exists with SWFRPC on coastal issues because of the joint effort between Longboat Key and SWFRPC to address the issues surrounding Sarasota Bay, a priority issue to Longboat Key residents. Town staff will continue to participate in public forums with both regional planning councils and will strive to identify those issues relevant to Longboat Key. It is the Town's intent to continually promote formal and informal agreements with various governmental entities associated with both regional planning councils.

## 2. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)

SWFWMD is a regional agency assigned the tasks of stormwater control and potable water regulation for all or part of 16 counties stretching from Levy County to Charlotte County, including the counties of Manatee and Sarasota. This region is subdivided into nine basin boards, with the Manasota Basin Board the governing board for the Town of Longboat Key. Through its governing board, Longboat Key coordinates with SWFWMD to identify water-related problems and issues such as water quality improvement, protection, management of Sarasota Bay, and aquatic weed control. After identifying the water-related problems, a budget is adopted to resolve the problems and the necessary taxes are levied. In addition, SWFWMD has a Sarasota Resource Regulation Director who provides a liaison with the Town through the District's office in Sarasota.

The mission of SWFWMD involves the management and conservation of surface and groundwater resources within the District. Major regulatory programs include permitting the consumptive use of water, construction of wells, stormwater discharge, and the management and storage of surface waters. In addition, SWFWMD also monitors hydrologic conditions around the District and implements a water shortage plan when shortages occur.

Another key program is the District's Quality of Water Improvements Program, which coordinates plugging of abandoned wells. In addition, SWFWMD encourages water conservation through educational programs, demonstration projects, and water conservation documents.

SWFWMD has begun its implementation of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act. Legislation requires that the District develop plans to clean up Tampa Bay and prioritize other bays, lakes, and rivers in its 16-county area in need of restoration and preservation. The Town of Longboat Key, working through Sarasota and Manatee Counties, obtained inclusion of Sarasota Bay on the district's priority list.

The Town adopted in 2011 a 10-year Potable Water Supply Work Plan as part of the Potable Water sub-element of the Comprehensive Plan Infrastructure Element. The Public Works Department will update and maintain the 10-year Water Supply Work Plan and will use the work plan to prioritize projects to ensure the adopted LOS is met. The Town will update the 10-year

water plan within 18 months after the water management district approves an updated regional water supply plan. The Town also adopted policies to support intergovernmental coordination regarding water supply and the 10-year Water Supply Work Plan, as appropriate, with SWFWMD, the Peace River Water Supply Authority, Manatee County, Sarasota County, and local governments in both counties.

### 3. Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Authority

The Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Authority (PRMRWA) was created for the purpose of developing, recovering, storing, and supplying water for county or municipal purposes in such a manner as will give priority to reducing adverse environmental effects of excessive or improper withdrawals of water from concentrated areas. The PRMRWA service area includes the counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota. The Town of Longboat Key works with PRMRWA to identify and address issues of the region to ensure a dependable and adequate water supply. For instance, the Town participated in the study for the Master Plan for Emergency Interconnects for the region. The PRMRWA represents an opportunity for cooperation among local governments in addressing future water supply needs and issues.

### 4. West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND)

The coastal counties in which the inland waterway is located, Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and Lee, comprise the WCIND, a special taxing district. The prime function of the District is the assurance of a continued navigable waterway. WCIND acts as an agent for the submission of local grant applications to state and federal agencies for the dredging of inlets and passes and the utilization of spoilt material for beach restoration. The Town of Longboat Key participates with Manatee and Sarasota counties through WCIND to obtain funding for inland waterway projects.

## **D. METROPOLITAN**

Table 2 identifies the existing coordination between the Town of Longboat Key and the various metropolitan agencies. The following more fully addresses that coordination.

### 1. Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

In order to qualify for federal transportation funds in the urban area, an ongoing transportation study must be conducted. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) currently directs an ongoing federally-assisted transportation planning process study in Longboat Key. The study is directed by the MPO, which is comprised of elected officials from the counties of Sarasota and Manatee and the municipalities of Longboat Key, Bradenton, Palmetto, Sarasota, North Port, and Venice. In addition, FDOT is represented on the MPO by nonvoting members. Longboat Key is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the MPO.

Two annual documents, a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and a 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), are produced by the study. The UPWP estimates costs, man-hours, etc., and the TIP considers highway and bicycle improvement projects programmed for the

following five years. The findings of the study influence the local member governments' transportation plan elements.

## 2. Sarasota Bay Estuary Program (SBEP)

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program established seven goals to restore the water quality of Sarasota Bay. The goals were then translated through action plans using objectives and policies. The program stresses cooperation among agencies and citizens, and is guided by committees for policy, management, citizens advisory, and technical advisory.

Longboat Key residents are members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and Town staff provides agency input through the Technical Advisory Committee. The Town participated in several SBEP sponsored interagency projects, as identified in the Town's Conservation/Coastal Zone Management Element. The Town will continue to coordinate with the SBEP and assist with implementation of the program's action plan.

## **E. COUNTIES (MANATEE AND SARASOTA)**

The Town's unique natural location on an island creates a dependence on county governments for needed services and requires coordination with adjacent municipalities. This section describes the various services the Town receives from the two counties, Manatee and Sarasota. Table 3 identifies the existing coordination between the Town and the counties.

### 1. Library Services

The Town of Longboat Key has a self-supporting private library, which is not connected with the Town, County, or State governments. Residents of Longboat Key pay annual membership fees to use the facility. The nearest public library is located in Manatee County on Anna Maria Island. Sarasota County's nearest library site is Selby Library in the City of Sarasota. Sarasota County has shown an interest in providing bookmobile services to those residents of the Town of Longboat Key who live in Sarasota County. However, an agreeable location for a stop for the bookmobile has not been found. Manatee County discontinued bookmobile services to Longboat Key when the Anna Maria Island branch library was constructed.

Residents of Longboat Key receive free library services in their respective county of residence. A nonresident of the county can use county library services for a one-time fee or an annual fee.

**TABLE 3  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES**

Coordinating Entities	Existing Coordination	Subject	Office with Primary Responsibility	Nature of Relationship/ Effectiveness
<b>COUNTY</b>				
<b>Manatee</b>	Interlocal Agreements	Sanitary Sewer; Potable Water; Solid Waste and Recyclables	Public Works Department	Effective
	Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection and Ambulance Services	Emergency Services/Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
	Operational and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement	Police Protection	Police Department	Effective
	Working Agreement with Manatee County Law Enforcement Agencies and HRS	Child Protection Investigation	Police Department	Effective
	Mutual Aid Agreement	FDLE – coordinate planning, operations, mutual aid, dispatch, and use of law enforcement personnel and equipment	Police Department	Effective (until 07-31-2010)
	Agreement with W.C.I.N.D. Longboat Key re: Greer Island	Greer Island Dredging	Public Works Department	Effective
	Numerous Interlocal Agreements Regarding Taxes	Collection Disbursement of Non-Ad Valorem Taxes	Finance Department	Effective





**TABLE 3  
(continued)  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES**

Coordinating Entities	Existing Coordination	Subject	Office with Primary Responsibility	Nature of Relationship/ Effectiveness
<b>COUNTY</b>				
<b>Manatee (continued)</b>	Manasota Council of Planning Directors	Growth Management/Bay Management Practices	Planning, Zoning & Building Department	Staff level/Effective
<b>Sarasota</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Emergency Services/Fire Protection/EMS	Fire Department	Effective
	Municipal Uniform Assistance Program	Police Protection	Police Department	Effective
	Manasota Council of Planning Directors	Growth Management/Bay Management Practices	Planning, Zoning & Building Department	Staff Level/Effective
	Numerous Interlocal Agreements Regarding Taxes	Collection Disbursement of Non-Ad Valorem Taxes	Finance Department	Effective
	Mutual Aid Agreement	FDLE – coordinate planning, operations, mutual aid, dispatch, and use of law enforcement personnel and equipment	Police Department	Effective (until 07-31-2010)
	Agreement	Disaster debris volume reduction and disposal	Public Works Department	Effective
	Disaster recovery assistance contract	Prestorm Activities	Emergency Debris Management Services	Effective
	NPDES Permit EPA/FDEP	Pollution Control	Public Works Department	Effective

**TABLE 3  
(continued)  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES**

Coordinating Entities	Existing Coordination	Subject	Office with Primary Responsibility	Nature of Relationship/ Effectiveness
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>				
<b>City of Venice</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
<b>City of North Port</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
<b>City of Bradenton</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
<b>West Manatee Fire-Rescue District</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
<b>Cedar Hammock Fire-Rescue District</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	Fire Protection	Fire Department	Effective
<b>Police Departments of Bradenton, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach, New College of Florida, Palmetto, Sarasota, and Sarasota/Manatee Airport</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement	FDLE – coordinate planning, operations, mutual aid, dispatch, and use of law enforcement personnel and equipment	Police	Effective

Source: RS&H, 1988  
Town of Longboat Key, October 2011

## 2. Public Safety

On an emergency response basis, both counties provide police protection to their respective residents on Longboat Key. Mutual aid agreements exist between the Town and other local governments in both counties. Further, mutual agreements for police department services, both for crisis assistance and for special expertise are in effect with both counties and the municipalities within them.

Because of Longboat Key's unique position within two counties, its location in a hurricane-prone area, and the lack of direct bridges from the key to the mainland, emergency planning is critical. Both counties address Longboat Key in their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). In the event of severe weather, each county will operate an Emergency Operations Center, manned by county personnel and representatives of the Town of Longboat Key. In addition, each county provides a series of shelters to be used in the event of necessary evacuation. Ongoing emergency planning is coordinated with each county. Sarasota County has an Evacuation Committee and Manatee County maintains a Disaster Preparedness Committee. The Town has full radio coverage with the Manatee County system (Maccorn) and limited radio coverage with the Sarasota County system (Motorola). The Town is represented on both committees by designated liaisons.

## 3. Sanitary Sewer and Potable Water

The Town of Longboat Key has an agreement with Manatee County to pump the Town's wastewater to the county to be treated by the Manatee County Utilities System (MCUS). In addition, Longboat Key is provided water from the MCUS. The Town purchases water from Manatee County at wholesale prices and sells it to its residents, including those residing in Sarasota County. The potable water service agreement is for a 30-year term and became effective on February 6, 2007, and expires on September 30, 2031.

## 4. Solid Waste

The Town of Longboat Key granted a franchise to Waste Management of Manatee County for removal of solid waste. The franchise agreement is for a 5-year period. The franchisee disposes of the solid waste at a Manatee County landfill, located on Lena Road. The expected remaining life of the landfill is 24 years.

## 5. Other County Services

Manatee and Sarasota counties administer the tax collection/assessment and election registration for Longboat Key townspeople residing in their respective counties. The City Road and Bridge Fund is also collected by each respective county for the Town of Longboat Key. The Town of Longboat Key is a member of the Florida League of Cities.

## **F. MUNICIPALITIES**

Table 3 identifies the existing coordination between the Town of Longboat Key and the various municipalities. The following more fully addresses that coordination.

The Town of Longboat Key's northern neighboring municipalities are Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach, and Anna Maria. To the south lies the City of Sarasota. The Town of Longboat Key has established and maintains an ongoing relationship with the above-mentioned municipalities, as well as with the cities of Bradenton, Venice, and North Port. Coordination concerning disaster preparedness has fostered the communication between the municipalities. The Town of Longboat Key works closely with its neighboring municipalities to provide for the smooth and rapid evacuation of the residents and visitors on the key in the event of an emergency.

The Town has a combined agreement with the Sarasota Sheriff's Department, and Sarasota-Manatee County Airport Authority Police, New College Police, Sarasota Police, North Port Police, Venice Police, and University of South Florida Police Departments. Additionally, the Town is in the process of renewing the existing Operational and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement with the Manatee County Sheriff's Department. In addition, mutual aid agreements with all municipalities for fire protection and emergency service are in effect.

## **G. SPECIAL AUTHORITIES**

The existing coordination between the Town of Longboat Key and the various special authorities are described below.

### **1. Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority**

The Sarasota-Bradenton Airport is located on the northern perimeter of Sarasota County. The Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA) constituted by statute of the State of Florida, governs the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport's functions related to acquisition, operation, maintenance, and expansion of its facilities for the primary purpose of serving the citizens of Sarasota and Manatee counties. The Town of Longboat Key works closely with SMAA through representation on the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee for the development of a Noise Compatibility Program. The primary focus of that committee has been on resolution of the noise compatibility problem that has arisen as a result of the direction of airplane departures. Generally, the committee meets on a quarterly basis.

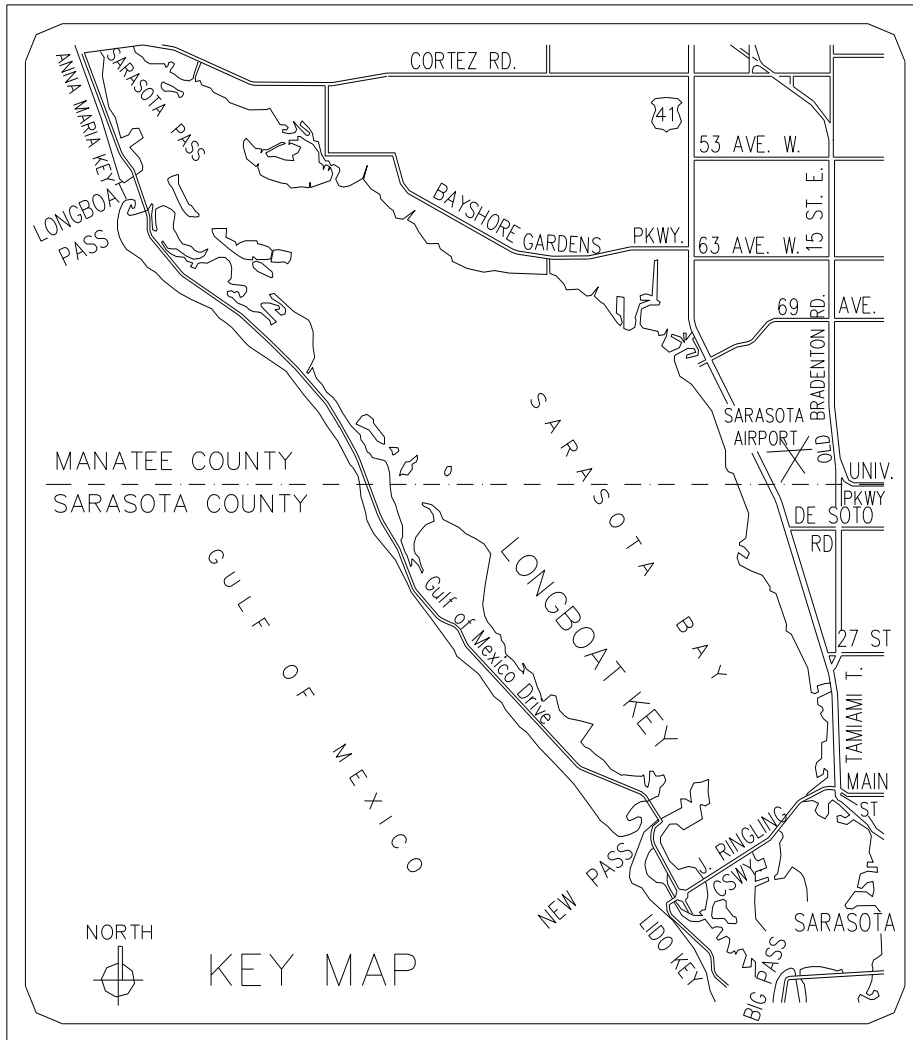
## 2. Sarasota and Manatee School Boards

Children are bused to grade and high schools on the mainland, depending on their county of residence. Input to either school board can occur through placement of an item on the agenda and appearing before either a regular or a special meeting. Because of the Town's large affluent retirement population, there are very few school-age residents on the key. In fact, according to the 2010 Census there were 223 persons under the age of 19 residing in Longboat Key. Representatives from the Town appear before the respective school board when an issue of relevance to Longboat Key is on the school board agenda. The Town regularly receives agendas and meeting notices from both school boards. The Town is represented by staff on both boards' Staff Working Groups.

## 3. Housing Authorities

Longboat Key is an affluent community with no demand for subsidized housing development. None of the public housing authorities or local governments in the area operate any subsidized housing programs within the Town. If a need were determined for federally-owned and subsidized public units, the Town would coordinate with the appropriate housing authorities or local government's community development divisions.

**APPENDIX: FIGURE 1 – GENERAL LOCATION MAP**



**APPENDIX: FIGURE 2 – REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL BOUNDARIES**

