

# Role in Growth Management



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- **Growth Management**
- **Process and Authority**
- **Discussion of Future Direction**

## Statutory Authority

- **Growth Management Act, Chapter 163, F.S.**
- **Uniform Special District Accountability Act, Chapter 189, F.S.**
- **Water Resources Act, Chapter 373, F.S.**
- **Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Rules (9J-5)**



## What is a comprehensive plan?

- **Blueprint of the future growth of the community**
- **Key elements**
  - **Future land use**
  - **Water/sewer/drainage/natural groundwater recharge**
  - **Infrastructure and capital improvement**
  - **Conservation (protection of natural resources)**
  - **Recreation**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Housing**
  - **Public Education**
  - **Intergovernmental coordination**



# Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- **Small-scale amendments**
  
- **Large-scale amendments**
  - **Map and text amendments**
  - **Evaluation and Appraisal Reports (EARS)**
  
- **Water supply facilities work plans**
  - **Water supply demands**
  - **Alternative water supply projects**

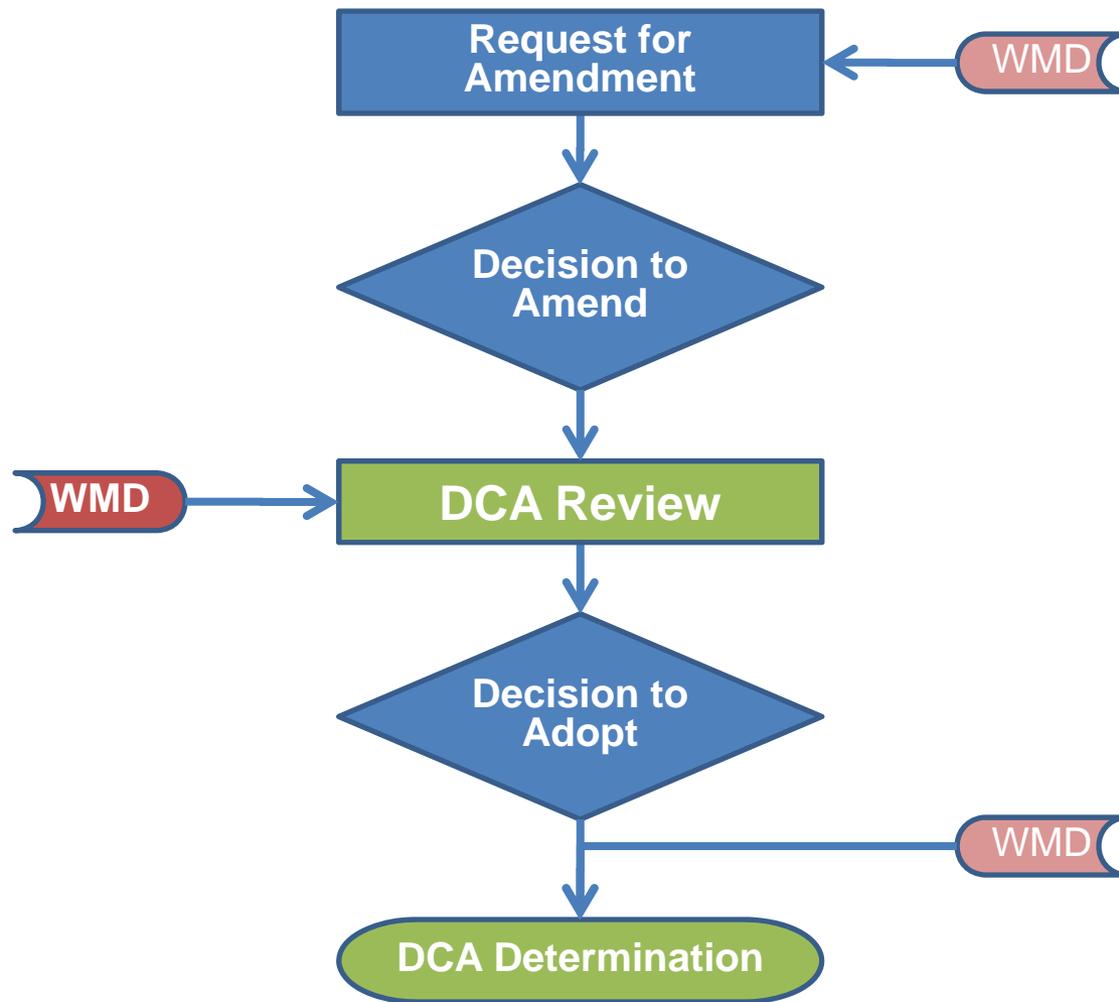


## District's Role

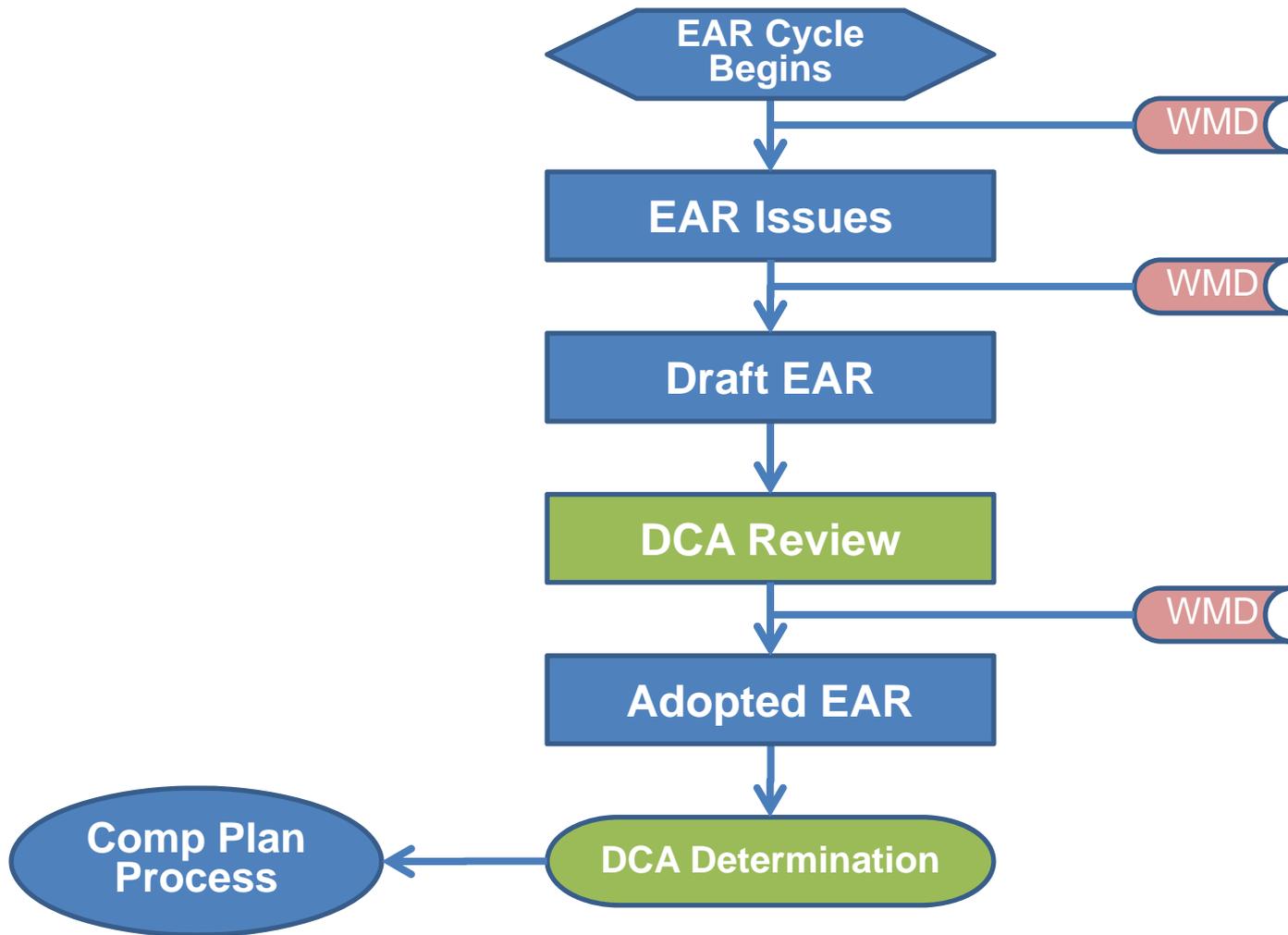
- **Review comprehensive plan amendments and other growth documents to ensure that they are not inconsistent with the District's mission**
- **Provide technical assistance**
- **Respond as a landowner to proposed amendments or other actions that may be adjacent to or on District-owned lands or projects**



# Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process



# Evaluation and Appraisal Reports (EAR) Process



# Opportunities in Local Government Processes

## Counties/Cities

- Local Government Comprehensive Plans
- Evaluation and Appraisal Reports (EARs)
- Land Development Regulations
- Technical Assistance

## Regional Planning Councils

- Rural Land Stewardship Program
- Regional Visioning Programs
- Special Initiatives
- Development of Regional Impacts



# Policy Concepts

## Five Key Areas

- Ecosystem Restoration
- Natural Systems
- Flood Protection and Floodplain Management
- Water Quality
- Water Supply



## Policy Concepts - Ecosystem Restoration

- **Identify ecosystem restoration initiatives**
  - Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Plan
  - Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
  - Everglades Construction Project
  - River of Grass Initiative
  
- **Examples of recommended policies**
  - Protect project footprints and District restoration facilities
  - Ensure future plan amendments are not inconsistent with the restoration goals
  - Avoid impacts from offsite requirements of land use, such as transportation infrastructure

## Policy Concepts - Natural Systems

- **Identify water resources within or near local jurisdictions**
  - **Wetlands, Estuaries, Lakes and Streams**
  
- **Examples of recommended policies**
  - **Encourage buffers around the water resources**
  - **Promote reconnections of historic flow ways**
  - **Support policies related to protecting or enhancing natural systems**
  - **Protect fish and wildlife values**



## Policy Concepts - Flood Protection and Floodplain Management

- **Identify floodplains, flood control systems and drainage basins**
- **Examples of recommended policies**
  - **Preserve functions of floodplains, including natural storage**
  - **Protect integrity of the Regional Water Management System**
  - **Ensure adequate local drainage facilities**
  - **Protect aquifer recharge areas**
  - **Avoid flooding impacts to adjacent land owners and communities**



## Policy Concepts – Surface Water Quality

- **Identify surface waters with water quality challenges**
  
- **Examples of recommended policies**
  - **Implement Basin Management Action Plans to achieve total maximum daily loads**
  - **Recognize requirements of special initiatives (i.e. Northern Everglades)**
  - **Encourage stormwater master planning**



## Policy Concepts – Groundwater Quality

- **Identify groundwater resources**
  
- **Examples of recommended policies**
  - **Minimize activities increasing saltwater intrusion**
  - **Manage connate water**
  - **Protect groundwater quality**

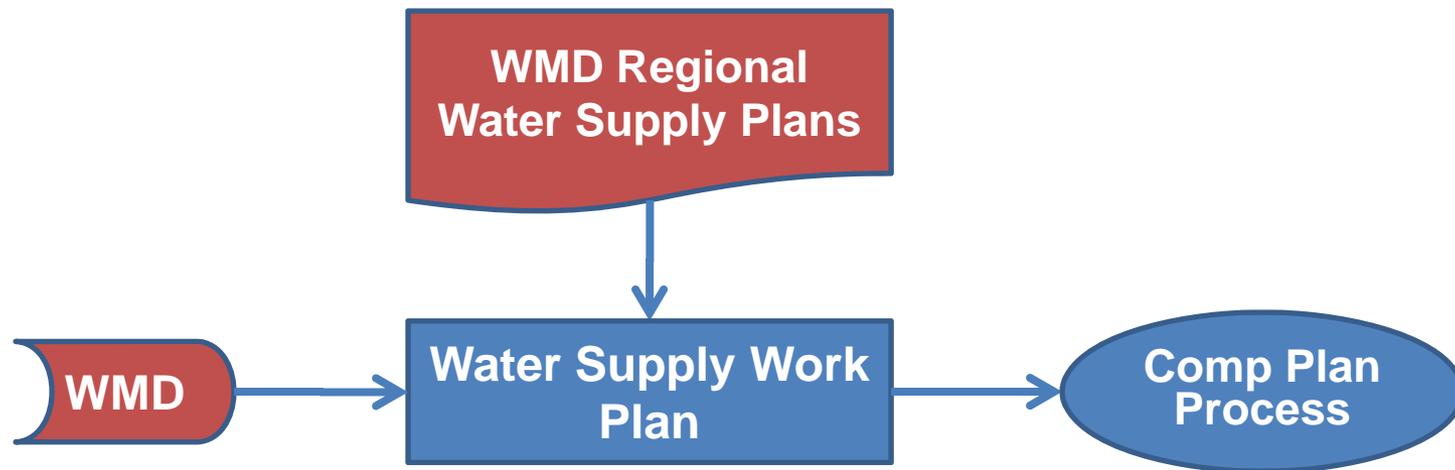


## Policy Concepts - Water Supply

- **Identify adequate water supply sources and facilities to meet future demands**
  
- **Examples of recommendations**
  - **Use best available population and demand projections**
  - **Identify suitable water sources, including alternative water sources**
  - **Encourage development of appropriate treatment facilities to meet growth**
  - **Promote water conservation and wastewater reuse**



# Water Supply Planning Process



## Board Direction and Next Steps

- **November** – Workshop sample comments on policy concepts
- **December** – Review draft growth management policy position paper(s)
- **January** – Finalize policy position paper(s)
- **January and onward** – workshop and outreach with local governments

