

Quality Community Objective	Notes on consistency with Comprehensive Plan for Lowndes County and the City of
<p>3. Efficient Land Use Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.</p>	<p>The land use element and infrastructure-related goals and policies of this plan are consistent with this objective. Recommended best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive reuse • Infill development program • Preserve agriculture land use • Urban redevelopment plan • Cluster Development • Flexible Parking Standards • Land Assembly for Redevelopment
<p>4. Local Preparedness Identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, and sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges; or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.</p>	<p>Projects and policies in this plan, and local ordinances, are consistent with this objective. The community also has a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan that is consistent with this objective, and capable leadership and staff. Recommended best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-hazards strategy • Evaluate ordinances for consistency • Professional development-planning staff
<p>5. Sense of Place Protect and enhance the community’s unique qualities. This may be achieved by maintaining the downtown as focal point of the community; fostering compact, walkable, mixed-use development; protecting and revitalizing historic areas of the community; encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community; or protecting scenic and natural features that are important to defining the community's character.</p>	<p>Projects and policies in this plan, and local ordinances, are consistent with this objective. Recommended best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code enforcement • Design guidelines • Aesthetic Overlay • Downtown Planning • Historic Preservation Program • Flexible Subdivision Standards • Landscaping Ordinance • Small Area Plans
<p>6. Regional Cooperation Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.</p>	<p>There is a high level of cooperation and collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions. Recommended best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional roundtables • Shared service agreements • Regional Commission • Shared service agreements • Regional Economic Development Efforts