



Open Space is a broad-based Element that encompasses the City's public spaces, recreational areas, and conservation areas, natural resources, protected species and habitats. Open Space also addresses the City's Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA). This Element also includes provisions for the coordination of open spaces necessary to create and maintain local and regional systems. The City has defined open space as either functional or conservation. It is important to acknowledge there may be areas of the City that provide both

functional and conservation open space activities (e.g. walking trails around water retention facilities). Those areas will be further identified as part of the Land Development Code.

Vision OS 1 - The City of Venice shall effectively preserve, protect, maintain, manage and use open space.

Functional Open Spaces

Intent OS 1.1 - Functional Open Spaces

The City shall use its Functional Open Spaces to provide parks and recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors.

Strategy OS 1.1.1 - Functional Open Spaces - Defined

Functional open spaces include: parks (active and passive), outdoor areas not categorized as part of Conservation Open Space, golf courses, sports fields, playgrounds, public beaches, marinas, lakes, plazas, courtyards, trails, sport facilities, playgrounds, and other areas that meet the recreational, social, and leisure needs of the community.

Strategy OS 1.1.2 - Functional Open Space Level of Service

The City's adopted Level of Service (LOS) Standard is: 7 acres of functional open space for each 1,000-functional population. Functional population is defined to include both full-time resident and seasonal-resident population. The Functional Open Space LOS shall be met with facilities open to the public without admission fee and open during the same primary operating hours as City parks. All new residential development shall provide the required amount of functional open space to maintain the adopted LOS standard.

Strategy OS 1.1.3 - Public Parks

The City shall manage its public parks based on the Venice Parks System Master Plan as may be updated. The Parks System Master Plan shall be consistent with the Functional Open Space LOS Standard and provide additional information including:

1. Identification and maintenance of existing facilities
2. Development of new facilities
3. Criteria for the prioritization of funding for the acquisition, development and enhancement of public parks, with an emphasis on existing parks to facilitate projects to maintain adopted LOS standards for the Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS)



Strategy OS 1.1.4 - Planning Consistency

The City shall maintain consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and the Venice Parks System Master Plan to address specific components of the City's parks system.

Strategy OS 1.1.5 - Park and Public Space Connectivity

The City shall connect parks and public spaces through pedestrian/bike access ways including linear parks, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, trails, blueways (such as kayak trails), and greenways.

Strategy OS 1.1.6 - Universal Design

The City shall develop recreational facilities that are universally accessible to all residents. The City shall update existing facilities when new construction is planned, or when renovations are undertaken to be compliant with then existing City and federal accessibility regulations as they come into effect.

Strategy OS 1.1.7 - Funding

The City shall pursue grants, foundations, and other public/private funding sources for the development, expansion, and maintenance of park and public space resources.

Strategy OS 1.1.8 - Concurrency

The City shall continue to utilize the concurrency management system as provided within the Land Development Code to ensure the requirements for concurrency are met for parks and recreation facilities.

Conservation Open Spaces**Intent OS 1.2 - Conservation Open Spaces**

The City shall use its Conservation Open Space to provide conserved open space for its residents and visitors.

Strategy OS 1.2.1 - Conservation Open Space - Defined

Conservation Open Space includes: protected open spaces (wetland, wetland buffers, coastal and riverine habitats), preserves, native habitats including those of endangered or threatened species or species of special concern, wildlife corridors, natural lands owned and managed by the City, Sarasota County, State (i.e. FDEP, SWFWMD) or a Federal Agency that do not qualify as Functional Open Space; rivers, lakes, and other surface waters, and aquifer recharge areas. Conservation Open Spaces are envisioned to enhance the quality of the environment by preserving native vegetation that helps to reduce greenhouse gas/carbon emissions, positively impacting climate change. It is important to acknowledge there may be open spaces that provide both functional and conservation activities e.g. walking trails around water retention facilities.

Strategy OS 1.2.2 - Environmental Impact Mitigation

The City shall utilize the Land Development Code and review processes to ensure that development projects evaluate potential environmental impacts and provide mitigation for negative impacts. Development shall not adversely impact any threatened or endangered



species or species of special concern without appropriate permitting and/or mitigation.

Wetlands

Intent OS 1.3 - Wetlands

The City shall implement strategies to protect its wetlands, wetland buffers, and aquifer recharge areas.

Strategy OS 1.3.1 - Wetland and Aquifer Recharge Areas Protection

The City shall protect its groundwater sources, particularly in wetland and aquifer recharge areas, through its Land Development Code and review processes by:

1. Establishing site plan requirements to ensure developments evaluate natural drainage features, man-made drainage structures, and impact to wetland and aquifer recharge areas
2. Requiring development to first avoid impact to wetlands and aquifer recharge areas
3. Requiring development to minimize impact and then mitigate for impacts to wetlands and aquifer recharge areas when impacts to wetlands and aquifer recharge areas are unavoidable
4. Limiting activities/uses that are known to adversely impact such areas
5. Restoring/mitigating wetlands in connection with new development
6. Maintaining the natural flow of water within and through contiguous wetlands and water bodies
7. Maintaining existing vegetation to serve as buffers to protect the function and values of the wetlands from the adverse impacts of adjacent development
8. Requiring any wetland mitigation be based upon the most current state-approved methodology
9. Prohibiting the dredging, filling, or disturbing of wetlands and wetland habitats in any manner that diminishes their natural functions, unless appropriate mitigation practices are established in coordination with and approved by local, regional, state, and federal agencies
10. Coordinating with Sarasota County, Federal, and State review agencies on wetland designation, mitigation policies, and regulations

Strategy OS 1.3.2 - Wetland Encroachments

The City shall require development to identify and delineate wetland boundaries with final wetland delineations to be reviewed and approved by the applicable federal and state review agencies.

Wetlands of 20 acres or more shall require structures to be located outside of wetlands and wetland buffers except as provided below. Such exceptions are applicable only when the land use designation on the property permits the development of a land use activity listed below; site characteristics are such that wetland impacts cannot be avoided; the impacts are limited to the minimum necessary to allow the permitted use of the property; and the site development or use complies with federal and state review agencies for permitting and mitigation:

1. Residential lots of record existing on or before the adoption of the Comprehensive



- Plan which do not contain sufficient uplands to permit development of a residence without encroaching into wetlands may be developed with one residential dwelling
- 2. Resource-based recreational facilities such as trails, boardwalks, piers, and boat ramps
- 3. Private water-related facilities, such as boathouses, docks and bulkheads
- 4. Essential public services, access roads and appurtenant structures

Native Habitats, Conservation Lands, and Natural Resources

Intent OS 1.4 - Native Habitats, Conservation Lands, and Natural Resources

The City recognizes the importance of its native lands and habitats and shall implement preservation strategies that protect native habitats, conserve environmental lands and natural resources, minimize environmental pollution, and increase public awareness of the harmful effects of non-native species.

Strategy OS 1.4.1 - Native Habitats Inventory and Assessment

The City will coordinate with Sarasota County to inventory and assess significant native habitat remaining within the City limits.

The City will also require development and redevelopment to determine the existence of any significant native habitats and such information will be added to the inventory.

Strategy OS 1.4.2 - Protection of Native Habitats and Natural Resources

The City shall protect significant native habitats through its Land Development Code and review process including the following:

- 1. Preserve existing native vegetation and natural areas including threatened native habitats
- 2. Encourage development forms that provide protection of significant native habitats such as clustered development and alternative roadway designs (i.e., reduced rights-of-way)
- 3. Development shall first avoid impact to significant native habitats
- 4. Mitigate adverse impacts whenever areas of native habitats are involved in the development of property
- 5. Require development to first impact lower quality habitats and resources before impacts to higher quality habitats and resources are considered and used
- 6. Native habitat shall be used whenever possible to fulfill open space requirements
- 7. Protect environmentally sensitive/significant areas (i.e., floodplain, watersheds, water recharge areas, etc).

Strategy OS 1.4.3 - Endangered or Threatened Species

The City shall protect threatened or endangered native species by requiring that proposed new development and redevelopment (where applicable) be examined for location of Listed Species. The City through its Land Development Code and review processes, will:

- 1. Coordinate with Sarasota County, Federal, and State agencies for the identification and protection of endangered and threatened species
- 2. Require applicants to consult with the appropriate agencies, to use recognized



sampling techniques to identify listed species, and to provide documentation of such coordination and compliance prior to City approval to conduct any activities that could disturb listed species or their habitat

- a. If endangered or threatened species, or species of special concern are found, such species' habitat shall be identified on the proposed site plan and a plan for mitigation shall be discussed in the site plan narrative
 - b. Such information shall be addressed through the project staff report
3. Coordinate with Sarasota County Environmental Protection Programs including, but not limited to, those regarding preservation and or permitting requirements
 4. Promote connectivity and minimize habitat fragmentation

Strategy OS 1.4.4 - Non-Native Invasive Species

The City should prevent the spread of non-native invasive vegetation, wildlife, insects, and other species and protect the health and well-being of the native environment through:

1. Removal of existing non-native invasive species in coordination with City initiated work projects and replacement with native Florida plant species
2. Prohibition of the use of non-native invasive species
3. At the time of development, require the developer to remove non-native invasive species through conditions of approval for the project area subject to the site and development review; property owners shall continue to prevent the existence of non-native invasive species in perpetuity
4. Public awareness about the harmful impacts of non-native species into the environment
5. Regional, state, and federal partnerships on efforts to eradicate invasive species

Strategy OS 1.4.5 – Floodplain and Flood prone areas

The City will not issue any development order which would permit unmitigated development in 100 year floodplains, as designated on Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps or adopted County flood studies, or on floodplain associated soils, defined as Soils of Coastal Islands, Soils of the Hammocks, Soils of Depressions and Sloughs, and Soils of the Floodplains that would adversely affect the function of the floodplains or that would degrade the water quality of water bodies associated with said floodplains in violation of any local, State, or federal regulation, including water quality regulations.

Unique Habitats

Intent OS 1.5 - Unique Habitats

The City recognizes the importance of its unique habitats and shall implement preservation strategies that protect and conserve their environments consistent with applicable laws and regulations

Strategy OS 1.5.1- Marine Habitats

The City shall partner with local, regional, state, and federal marine environmental agencies to maintain or increase the amount of native marine habitats, particularly those located within the Coastal Planning Area, by:

1. Maximizing retention and reestablishment of marine habitats



2. Maintaining the City's natural shorelines
3. Preventing the intrusion of invasive species which provide inferior habitat
4. Protecting and mitigate mangrove habitats; priority shall be to protect mangrove habitats first
5. Providing water quality treatment to minimize runoff pollutants before they enter water bodies with the City

Strategy OS 1.5.2 - Manatee Habitat Protection Zones

The City shall coordinate with Sarasota County, West Coast Inland Navigation District, and other state and federal agencies to ensure that areas of critical manatee habitat are posted and maintained as manatee protection zones pursuant to state law.

1. New and expanded motorized boating facilities shall not be in or adjacent to areas of significant manatee habitat
2. New and expanded motorized boating facilities shall not adversely impact the manatee

Strategy OS 1.5.3 - Sea Turtle Habitats

The City, through its Land Development Regulations, shall protect sensitive sea turtle habitats and coordinate with Sarasota County, and public and private environmental organizations to ensure:

1. Nests are identified, monitored, and protected
2. Nest protection devices are installed and maintained
3. Public is made aware of dangers to sea turtle nesting habitats through appropriate education programs
4. Directional and turtle friendly lighting is utilized during nesting season

Strategy OS 1.5.4 - Beach and Dune Habitats

The City shall maintain, restore, and preserve the health of beach and dune natural habitats. Beach area projects should include continuing, maintaining, and expanding the City's efforts to:

1. Re-nourish beach areas and natural shore features
2. Provide dune walkovers for pedestrian traffic
3. Prohibit vehicular traffic on all beach areas
4. Protect sea turtle habitats and nest monitoring
5. Restore and preserve the dune line by planting appropriate coastal vegetation

Strategy OS 1.5.5 - Florida Scrub-Jay, Gopher Tortoise, and Other Sensitive Habitats

The City shall continue to coordinate with Sarasota County on the implementation of a county-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), including scrub-jay, gopher tortoise, and other sensitive habitats.

Open Space Corridors

Intent OS 1.6 - Open Space Corridors.

The City will establish open space corridors to facilitate the movement of people and wildlife.



Strategy OS 1.6.1 - Open Space Corridors - Defined

The City's open space corridors shall provide habitat for wildlife that are able to live within urban development areas and coexist with human populations.

Strategy OS 1.6.2 - Open Space Corridor System

Through the land development review process, the City shall continue to identify opportunities to:

1. Create an interconnected open space corridor system that links existing open spaces, greenways, public right of ways, and trails including new open space corridors
2. Provide connections from adjacent development to existing or planned open space corridors
3. Connect parks and civic resources (i.e., Community Center)
4. Provide low-impact natural activities such as walking trails, benches, picnic areas, and canoe launches
5. Connect the City and Sarasota County's open space corridors
6. Require that open space corridors minimize the fragmentation of significant wildlife habitat. Corridors widths shall be defined based on their targeted habitat/species; however, are generally considered to be a minimum of 25 feet in width

Strategy OS 1.6.3 - Open Space Crossings

The City shall require road construction, reconstruction or other similar improvements encroaching or crossing an open space corridor incorporate crossing design features and provide for alternative roadway design standards.

Crossings shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Mining Considerations**Intent OS 1.7 - Mining Considerations**

The City shall minimize potential negative activities and impacts from mining operations. Negative impacts shall include but not be limited to negative impacts on public health, welfare, and safety, and environmental preservation.

Strategy OS 1.7.1 - Mining Oversight

The City shall coordinate with local, regional, state, and federal mining regulatory agencies to ensure that new and existing mining operations meet all governmental requirements. Dust, noise, illumination, air and ground pollution (including ground water pollution), and truck/heavy equipment traffic should be minimized to avoid unnecessary impacts to the City and adjacent properties. Extreme well stimulation (fracking), injection wells, and waste water sludge/pits, shall be prohibited.

Strategy OS 1.7.2 - Reclamation Plan

Prior to the approval of a mining plan or activity, the City shall require mining operations to



prepare a reclamation plan that addresses the elimination or mitigation of post-mining environmental concerns to be implemented upon the discontinuation of mining activity. Such plans shall be incorporated into the development approval.

Coastal Waterway Conservation and Protection

Intent OS 1.8 - Coastal Waterway Priorities

The City will develop strategies in the Land Development Code for protecting and preserving marine/beach access, water-based facilities, and natural resources.

Strategy OS 1.8.1 - Natural Shoreline Systems

The City shall promote natural shoreline systems by utilizing the site and development process to:

1. Discourage the hardening of the Gulf of Mexico and other natural waterway shorelines; this would include requiring an environmental impact study and a special City Council variance for any sea wall construction
2. Encourage the softening of the shorelines
3. Promote the installation of native vegetation and removal of existing hardening structures

Strategy OS 1.8.2 - Docks, Marinas, and Boat Ramps

The City shall require that public docks, marinas, and boat ramps be preserved and allowed where appropriate.

Strategy OS 1.8.3 - Public Access to Waterfront Areas

The City shall encourage developers to provide public waterfront access adjacent to the waterfront. Such access may include walkways, bikeways, water taxis, canoeing/kayaking, public spaces, dining areas, and the like.

Strategy OS 1.8.4 - Conservation Easements

The City shall work with private property owners to implement conservation easements to protect sensitive natural resources such as mangroves, dune systems, and coastal tidal areas.

Strategy OS 1.8.5 - Florida Native Vegetation and Features

The City shall promote the use of native Florida vegetation and protection of natural features in coastal and waterfront development.

Strategy OS 1.8.6 - Publicly Owned Lands

The City shall identify opportunities to increase public ownership of the City's coastal and waterfront resources and to utilize such resources to improve the City's quality of life and community character and to preserve and protect natural resources and sensitive habitats.

Strategy OS 1.8.7 - Harbor Management Plan

The City shall consider developing and implementing a Harbor Management Plan to expand and enhance boating and protect marine resources in Roberts Bay and surrounding areas.



The plan should address:

1. Navigation on the City's waterways
2. Boating accessibility
3. Improved boating facilities at Higel Park
4. Roberts Bay mooring field
5. Economic considerations of transient boaters
6. Hurricane safe harbor
7. Identification, protection, and restoration of seagrass beds and marine ecosystems

Strategy OS 1.8.8 - Marine and Boating Facilities

The City shall utilize the Land Development Code review process to require that existing and new marine and boating facilities receive and maintain the Florida Clean Marina designation from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Strategy OS 1.8.9 - Boat Discharge

The City shall utilize the marine police patrol to prevent boats from discharging in City waterways to protect natural habitats and environmental conditions.

Strategy OS 1.8.10 - Fill and Dredging Activities

The City shall require that fill and dredging activities comply with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements.

Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) Development

Intent OS 1.9 - Coastal High Hazard Area Development

The City aims to minimize the impact of natural hazards to the community by directing development away from coastal high hazard areas as defined by State Statute and in doing so, also address land use planning, evacuation, and disaster preparedness within the community.

Strategy OS 1.9.1 - Coastal High Hazard Area Defined

As identified in Strategy LU 3.1.3, the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) is hereby defined as the area below the elevation of the category 1 storm surge line as established by a Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) computerized storm surge model. The CHHA is identified on the Future Land Use Map Series - Map OS 1 Coastal High Hazard Area. (Note: CHHA areas within the respective Neighborhoods are provided in the Neighborhood's Map Series.)

Strategy OS 1.9.2 - Public Infrastructure

1. The City shall limit public funds for infrastructure expenditures in the CHHA except as necessary to protect public health, welfare, and safety, and provide adequate evacuation in the event of an emergency including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Provide minimum LOS to existing and/or future development densities and



- intensities depicted in the Future Land Use Map
 - b. Provide adequate evacuation in the event of an emergency
 - c. Restore and enhance natural resources common within the City
2. The City will not accept operation and maintenance responsibility for private roads or facilities located within the CHHA

Strategy OS 1.9.3 - Population

The City shall not increase densities or intensities in the CHHA beyond those depicted on the Future Land Use Map except for those areas determined to be legally non-conforming uses.

Strategy OS 1.9.4 - Coastal High Hazard Area Application

1. The following shall apply for purposes of evaluating applications for development within the City of Venice, specifically comprehensive plan land use amendments, map and text, and rezoning:
 - a. If 50 percent or more of a parcel of land is located within the Coastal High Hazard Area, then the entire parcel shall be considered within the Coastal High Hazard Area
 - b. Isolated areas that are defined by the SLOSH model to be at higher elevations, and are surrounded by the CHHA or by the CHHA and a body of water, shall be considered within the CHHA
 - c. For purposes of evaluating development proposals or site plans, if any portion of the proposed building footprint is in the CHHA, then the entire parcel shall be considered within the CHHA

Strategy OS 1.9.5 - Coastal High Hazard Area Mitigation

The City of Venice shall continue to mitigate against the impacts of coastal hazards on human life and property by:

1. Directing population concentrations away from known CHHAs
2. Establishing community neighborhood standards for coastal residential areas
3. Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy
4. Administrating building and rebuilding regulations consistent with local, state, and federal regulations
5. Prohibiting beach sand dune alteration

Strategy OS 1.9.6 - Coastal Area Developments

The City of Venice shall manage development of the City’s coastal areas along the Gulf of Mexico, Roberts Bay, Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), and other waters by implementing the following coastal area development practices:

1. Restrictions on residential density and height for properties lying within the CHHA
2. Use of the State’s Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) and Mean High Water Line (MHWL) 50-Foot Setback, defined by Sections 161.052 and 161.053, F.S. and Chapter 62B-33, F.A.C., as the City’s Land Development Code setback requirement for coastal properties



3. Regulation of new buildings through the City building code, as well as local, state, and federal coastal construction regulations
4. Ensuring public access to coastal areas
5. Minimizing obstructions to views of coastal areas
6. Administering coastal excavation permits in conjunction with the FDEP and other applicable agencies
7. Requiring construction standards to meet wind loads, wave loads, erosion impacts, and other structural forces

Strategy OS 1.9.7 - Coastal Development Practices

The City shall utilize the Land Development Code and review processes to ensure that proposed coastal development projects minimize the influences of man-made structures, reduce the impacts of people, and, as possible, restore altered beach areas and dune systems to predevelopment conditions. Specifically, the City shall:

1. Require new development and redevelopment in areas that are at high risk of flooding due to storm surge, high tide events, flash flood, stormwater runoff, and the related impacts of sea level rise, incorporate building design specifications, engineering solutions, site development techniques, and management practices that may reduce risk and losses due to flooding
2. Examine and evaluate potential best practices development and redevelopment principles, strategies, and engineering solutions that may result in the removal of coastal real property from flood zone designations established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
3. Require new development and redevelopment in areas with a high risk of flooding due to storm surge, high tide events, flash floods, stormwater runoff, and sea level rise, meet or exceed the flood-resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code and applicable flood plain management regulations set forth in 44 C.F.R. part 60
4. Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System to achieve flood insurance premium discounts for City residents
5. Place a high priority on acquiring and/or preserving open space lands for purposes of recreation, habitat protection and enhancement, flood hazard management, public safety, and water resources protection

Strategy OS 1.9.8 - Coastal Setbacks and Planning Areas

The City shall reduce the impact of natural events by enforcing the gulf-front set-back line and utilizing a Coastal High Hazard planning area.

Strategy OS 1.9.9 - Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan

The City shall coordinate with Sarasota County for post disaster redevelopment planning. The City should develop a post-disaster recovery and redevelopment plan which minimizes or eliminates the future risk to human life, including public and private property from natural disasters. Priorities shall be given to the following:

1. Reestablish public infrastructure service delivery first to those areas where it will serve the most people and/or to areas where there may be significant threats to health, safety, and welfare (e.g. contaminated potable water)



2. Suspend local government development review/permitting fees, and implement abbreviated development review procedures to expedite rebuilding in accordance with state law and Florida Building Code
3. Permit the development of temporary, modular housing that meets City codes to serve displaced residents
4. Open public buildings and grounds to provide shelter for the homeless and distribution centers for goods and services
5. Permit rebuilding pre-existing, conforming uses back to the original densities/intensities and uses only if it can be done to meet current FEMA flood damage control regulations and Florida Building Code

Strategy OS 1.9.10 - Hurricane Shelter Space

The City shall coordinate with Sarasota County, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and other communities to identify hurricane shelter space. Proposed development and redevelopment in the Coastal Planning Areas, including the CHHA and similar areas that increase the number of residential units, shall mitigate the impact on shelter space demands based on the shelter space LOS. The LOS standard for shelter space shall be 20 square feet per person seeking public shelter. Populations seeking public shelter shall be calculated at 20 percent of the total potential evacuees.



Figure (Map) OS-1: Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA)

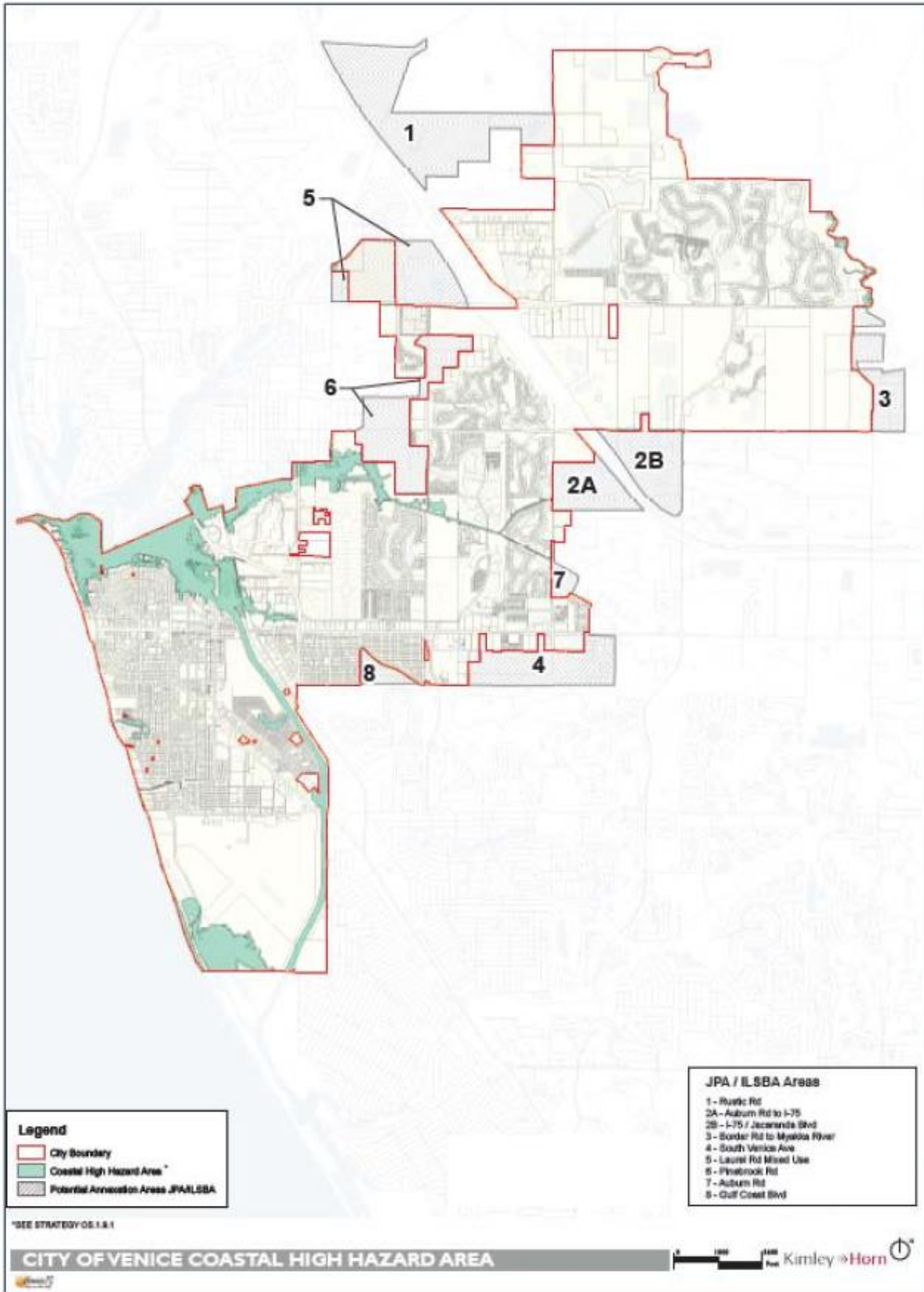
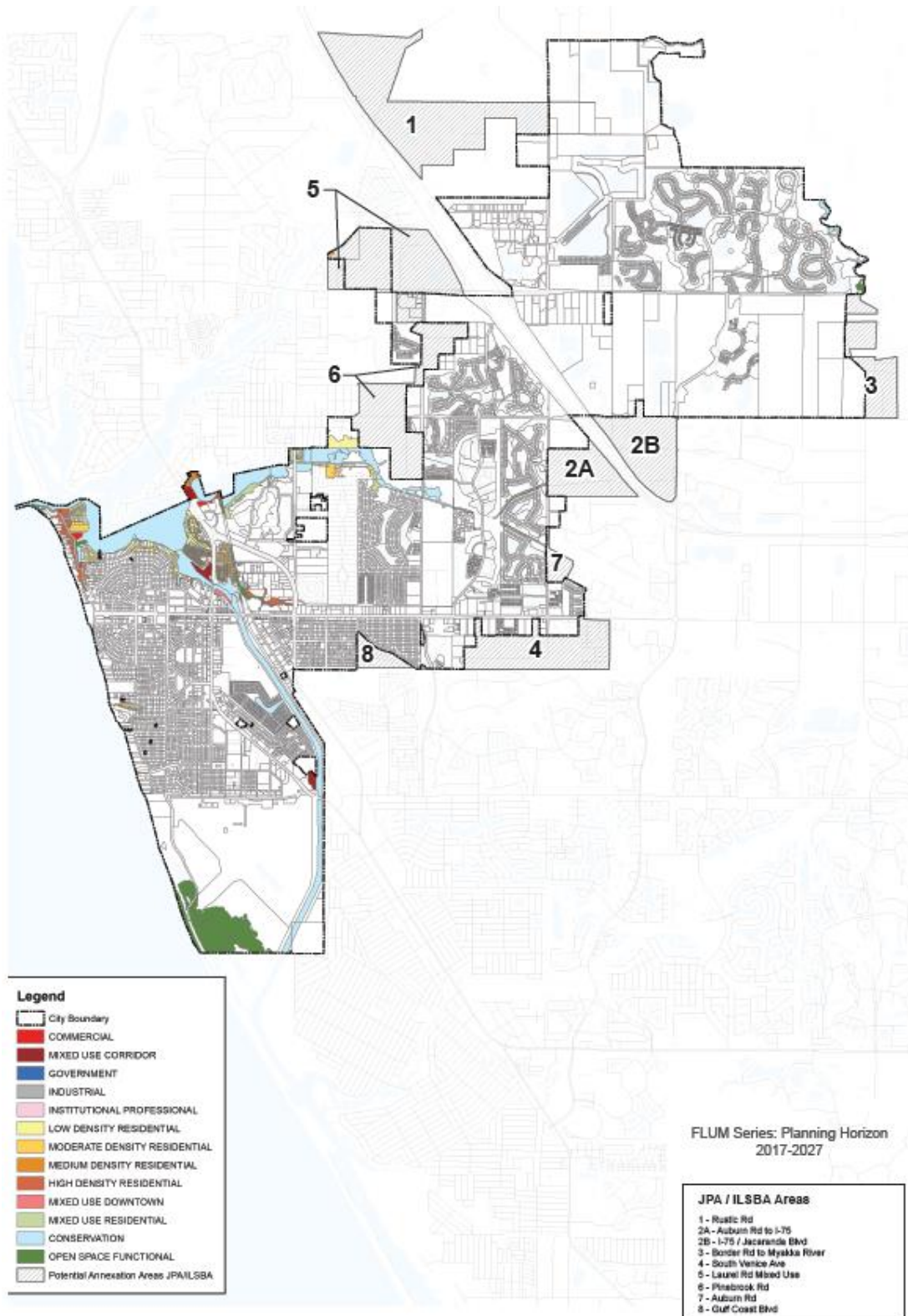


Figure (Map) OS-2: Coastal High Hazard Area with Future Land Use



Conservation Design and Development Considerations

Intent OS 1.10 - Conservation Design and Development Considerations

The City will implement design and development strategies in the City’s Land Development Code and review processes that reduce the negative effects of development on water, energy, natural resources, global, and climate impact.

Strategy OS 1.10.1 - Land Development Code Considerations

The Land Development Code and review processes will include the following conservation design and development considerations:

- 1. Green Building Strategies
- 2. Tree resources
- 3. Landscaping
- 4. Low impact site and development practices
- 5. Water and groundwater resource protection and conservation
- 6. Natural drainage channel protection
- 7. Location, control, and monitoring of pollutants and hazardous substances
- 8. Runoff filtration and treatment
- 9. Impervious surfaces

Mixed Use Residential Districts

Strategy OS 1.11.1 - Mixed Use Residential District Requirements

The City shall require open space components in Mixed-Use Residential designated areas. Within the Land Development Code, the City shall require:

- 1. A minimum of 50 percent of the gross land area, on a per property (development) basis shall be provided as Open Space. Open spaces shall not be less than a minimum 10 percent conservation or a minimum 10 percent functional. These percentages may vary based on site conditions.
- 2. Functional open spaces
 - a. Amenities/recreation
 - b. Design characteristics consistent with the architectural character and landscape features
 - i. Type and function of resources
 - ii. Location of resources in relationship to other amenities, residential dwelling units, and park or public space facilities both within the development and the surrounding area
 - iii. Resource plan that incorporates the facility design, types, size, location, and sidewalk access, into an overall development plan; issues to be addressed by this plan include mobility features, pedestrian accessibility and connectivity, architectural standards, and landscaping/hardscaping components
 - iv. Accessibility to open spaces
- 3. Conservation open spaces
 - a. Design characteristics consistent with the landscape features
 - b. Conservation initiatives



- c. Environmental considerations
- d. Accessibility to open spaces
- e. Wildlife corridors and interconnectivity

Intergovernmental Coordination (the following is provided consistent with Chapter 163.3177(4)(a) and (h)(1))

Intent OS 1.12 - Interagency Coordination

The City shall utilize intergovernmental partnerships to expand the City's ability to protect, enhance, and maintain its open spaces and natural resources including coastal areas and those areas included in this Element. This coordination extends to the siting, land acquisition, co-location, programming design, and construction opportunities of functional and conservation open spaces.

Strategy OS 1.12.1 - Coordinated Management

The City will continue to coordinate with Sarasota County on interlocal agreements concerning the operation and maintenance of new parks and preservation of sensitive habitats within the City.

Strategy OS 1.12.2 - Coordinated Functional Open Space Development

The City shall coordinate with Sarasota County to ensure that functional open spaces including parks and recreational facilities are available and maintained to accommodate the City's growth and demand for parks and public spaces consistent with the City of Venice Parks Master Plan and the Sarasota County Parks Master Plan.

Strategy OS 1.12.3 - Shared Facilities Cooperative Agreements

The City shall continue to develop cooperative agreements with private developments, recreational organizations, and other county-based organizations for the use, promotion, and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities by the community-at-large.

Strategy OS 1.12.4 - Resource Co-location

The City shall coordinate with local, regional, and state organizations, including the Sarasota School Board on the collocation, siting, and design of compatible public resources, including Functional and Conservation Open Spaces.

Strategy OS 1.12.5 - Regional Linear Park System

The City shall participate with local, regional, and state organizations in the development and maintenance of a regional linear park system that includes trails, bikeways, footpaths, blueways (such as kayak trails), and sidewalks. The City shall coordinate such efforts with the Sarasota County Master Trail Program and the Venice Parks System Master Plan.

Strategy OS 1.12.6 - Resource Funding

The City shall continue to pursue funding from county, regional, state, or federal sources to maintain the marine areas of the City. Specific areas in need of funding include:

1. Beach re-nourishment
2. Revegetation of the dune system



3. Outfall maintenance
4. Acquisition of potential sites for public coastal and waterfront access
5. Marine facilities

Strategy OS 1.12.7 - Myakka River Coordination

The City will participate as a member of the Myakka River Management Coordinating Council to address issues related to the Myakka River Area, per the Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act, Section 258.501, F.S.

Strategy OS 1.12.8 - Air Quality

The City shall support all local, state, and federal efforts to maintain a comprehensive air quality monitoring and analysis program including the U.S. Conference of Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement and Florida’s Energy and Climate Change Action Plan.

Strategy OS 1.12.9 - Emergency Water Conservation

The City shall continue to implement emergency water conservation practices in accordance with the SWFWMD. Such directives include the implementation of water management plans and emergency conservation- including those identified within the City of Venice Water Supply Work Plan, Prepared By: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., ~~May 2019.~~ January 2023.

Strategy OS 1.12.10 - Estuarine Environment

The City shall continue to coordinate with the local, regional, state, and federal entities for the protection of the estuarine environment and water quality.

Strategy OS 1.12.11 - National Estuary Program Partnerships

The City will continue to coordinate with the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program and the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program on the development and implementation of regional environmental water policies and programs.

Strategy OS 1.12.12 - Boating Use Coordination

The City will continue to coordinate the boating use of Venice’s waterways with local, regional, state, and federal entities. Issues to be addressed include:

1. Implementation of navigational systems
2. Maintenance and enforcement of manatee protection zones
3. Enforcement of no wake areas
4. Public safety and boating laws

Strategy OS 1.12.13 - Red Tide Mitigation

The City shall coordinate with local, regional, and State organizations to reduce red tide impacts on coastal communities. Such organizations include Sarasota County, the Florida Department of Health, and other public and private agencies.

Strategy OS 1.12.14 - JPA/ILSBA Planning Areas.

The City shall continue to review and implement the environmental standards set forth in the Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPA/ILSBA) between the City of



Venice and Sarasota County.



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