



## EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT MAJOR ISSUES

### SUMMARY

The Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan will lay the groundwork for undertaking a global update of the plan for the 2010 - 2030 planning period, and offers a categorical evaluation and assessment of the current comprehensive plan.

The EAR process provides the opportunity to identify and analyze major issues for the community that is related to the comprehensive plan. Staff began by categorizing each comment received through the public and agency workshops by subject, and then gave each group of comments a heading, creating the 15 major issues below; staff has consolidated the comments into primary topics to be evaluated during the EAR process.

The following section identifies the updated *List of Major Issues* which includes the comments presented by reviewing agencies at both the Scoping Meeting (held May 13, 2010), and during the subsequent open comment period. The list below is not in priority order.

This updated list of major issues is the initial step to accommodate other suggestions, additions and deletions. A final and complete list of the major issues shall be transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) after the BOCC Public Hearing on September 15, 2010.

### LOCAL MAJOR ISSUES

#### I. County-wide Visioning and Planning

1. *Capitalize upon and protect the uniqueness (sense of place) of the various communities within the planning areas; implement the recommendations within the existing visioning plans.*

#### II. Economic Sustainability

2. *Promote economic sustainability, in a manner consistent with environmental stewardship, with a special focus upon existing businesses.*

#### III. Land Use/Mobility

3. *Promote attractive, well-planned development adjacent to services, and existing commercial "hubs", with an emphasis on redevelopment.*



## **Land Use/Mobility (cont'd)**

4. *The County should meet or exceed hurricane evacuation requirements as required by 9J-5 F.A.C.*
5. *Support historic preservation.*
6. *Assure continued public waterfront access; protect and expand water dependent/water related uses.*
7. *Increase availability and use of alternative modes transportation.*
8. *Support and promote "green" initiatives.*

## **IV. Natural Resource Protection**

9. *Preserve and protect natural resources, including water, habitat and species.*
10. *Complete waste water and drainage upgrades.*

## **V. Climate Change/Hazard Mitigation**

11. *Monroe County should address climate change and implement hazard mitigation/adaptation best practices.*

## **VI. Financial Feasibility**

12. *Assure adequate capital funding to complete necessary improvements or purchase lands for conservation or affordable housing purposes.*

## **VII. Affordable Housing**

13. *Promote the development of affordable, attainable and senior living housing that is well-planned, attractive and energy efficient.*

## **VIII. Public Involvement/Information**

14. *Promote robust public involvement and information sharing regarding land use issues throughout the planning and development process.*

## **IX. Intergovernmental Coordination**

15. *Provide effective and efficient intergovernmental, interdepartmental and interagency coordination.*