

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element provides local governments an opportunity to inventory existing intergovernmental coordination mechanisms and processes with other local governments and governmental entities that can have profound impacts on the success of implementing the local government's comprehensive plan. The purpose of this element is to assess the adequacy and suitability of existing coordination mechanisms to serve the current and future needs of the community and articulate goals and formulate a strategy for effective implementation of community policies and objectives that, in many cases, involve multiple governmental entities. The Intergovernmental Coordination element is intended to identify points where additional coordination may be needed in order to plan for more orderly development that is consistent with the desires of Harris County and the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall.

INVENTORY

Adjacent Local Governments

Harris County and the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall have updated their Service Delivery Strategy and will continue to provide adequate and reliable services to their citizens (see Service Delivery Strategy for delivery agreements and provisions). The Joint Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed by both responsible governing bodies and has been found to be consistent with the land use plan and strategies of all concerned parties. All negotiations and agreements are directly conducted between the Harris County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall, Mayor and Councils. If these bodies are unable to reach a resolution, an independent mediator will be hired to facilitate the proceedings.

Harris County and Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh, Waverly Hall and West Point provide numerous services to their residents. Services provided include:

- Animal Control
- Business Licenses
- Cemeteries
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspections
- Communications
- Cooperative Extension
- County Airport
- County Coroner
- Court/Judicial Services
- E-911
- Fire Protection
- Elections
- Indigent Defense
- Jail Services

- Law Enforcement
- Library Services
- Mapping/GIS
- Parks/Recreation
- Planning/Zoning
- Public Health Services
- Public Housing
- Public Sewer
- Public Water
- Public Works/Roads
- Senior Services
- Social Services
- Solid Waste
- Storm Water Management
- Records Management
- Recycling
- Tax Assessment
- Tax Collection
- Tourism
- Voter Registration

The above listed services are either provided by Harris County for both unincorporated residents and city residents, or through an intergovernmental services agreement agreed to by the county and the cities. The municipalities also provide services that are utilized by city residents only.

The services provided by Harris County to both the unincorporated residents and city residents include: Communications (except West Point), Cooperative Extension, Airport, Coroner, Court Judicial Services (except city court services), E-911 (except West Point), Economic Development (except West Point), EMA, EMS (except West Point), Indigent Defense, Jail Services (except West Point), Library Services (except West Point), Mapping GIS (except West Point), Public Health Services (except West Point), Senior Services, Social Services (except West Point), Tax Assessment, Hotel/Motel Tax Collection (except West Point and Pine Mountain).

Harris County and the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh, Waverly Hall and West Point also have entered into intergovernmental service agreements to provide various services. Those services are Animal Enforcement/Building Inspections, Fire Protection, Planning Zoning and Public Housing. In each case agreements have been reached with each government to provide services for the aforementioned listed governmental services with the following exceptions: The City of West Point has an agreement with Troup County for Animal Control, and provides its own building inspections and code enforcement, fire protection, planning and zoning services. Shiloh does not participate in the code enforcement and building inspection services or planning/zoning services made available by Harris County. Hamilton handles its own Planning and Zoning activities as well. Harris County and West Point have an agreement for public housing services. Harris County and each city provides their own service for business license,

cemeteries, city judicial services, city elections, law enforcement, parks and recreation, public sewer, public water, public works/roads, storm water, records management and tax collection.

School Boards

Harris County Board of Education is the responsible entity for operation of this facility. This board is composed of members from both the cities and Harris County.

Independent Special Districts

None exist in the applicable jurisdictions.

Independent Development Authorities

An Independent Development Authority exists in Harris County. Members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

Other Related State Programs

Neither Harris County or the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall are currently participating in any of the applicable state programs.

ASSESSMENT

Adjacent Local Governments

Currently, the Harris County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh and Waverly Hall, Mayor and Councils are responsible for direct coordination with all concerned adjacent local governments. This arrangement is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of the population.

School Boards

The current arrangement between Harris County to operate a school and school board is adequate to meet all current and future needs of the population. A second school that is being investigated will divide the grades with one facility becoming a high school while the other becomes a primary and middle school.

Independent Special Districts

None exist in the applicable jurisdictions.

Independent Development Authorities

The current arrangement between Harris County and the Development Authority is sufficient to meet current and future needs of the population.

Other Related State Programs

Neither Harris County or the Cities of Hamilton, Pine Mountain, Shiloh or Waverly Hall is currently participating in any of the applicable state programs.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL: MAINTAIN AN OPEN AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS AND CONCERNED ENTITIES.

OBJECTIVES: Encourage more communication and participation with various adjacent jurisdictions and entities.

Policies:

- Continue to execute service provisions agreements in a timely manner.
- Continue to settle any disputes or disagreements in a cordial and organized manner.