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Chapter VI
CONSERVATION ELEMENT
SUPPORT DOCUMENT

Evaluation and Appraisal Amendments 2017

Conservation

Changes to State growth management laws since the 2008 Plan update was adopted now require local government Conservation Elements to consider, “factors that affect energy conservation¹.” To that end, the Town is proposing to add a new Objective 1.9 and six accompanying policies promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources and natural systems. These policies:

- Encourage energy production from renewable sources, e.g. solar and wind;
- Encourage installation of renewable energy systems on homes and businesses;
- Promote use of Florida-friendly landscaping (which is already implemented in the Town’s landscaping and tree preservation requirements);
- Create “green infrastructure systems” in the form of urban parks, green roofs, and forested areas;
- Protect existing green spaces that serve as “carbon sinks” for greenhouse gas emissions.
- Encourage site design techniques that use natural forests and drainage systems rather than constructing artificial engineered systems, which typically require higher energy inputs to create and maintain.

¹ F.S. § 163.3177(6)(d)