

# **St. Lucie County Holds Workshops On Ear/Comprehensive Plan : The St. Lucie Times - News, Politics, Arts, Events, Business, and Sports - The Online Local Paper For The Treasure Coast of Florida**

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St. Lucie County is undertaking an update to its Comprehensive Plan and is seeking input on changes at two public workshops. The public is invited to attend these workshops on Monday, Feb. 8 and Monday, Feb. 15 starting at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Comprehensive Plan provides direction for land development, land preservation and is the basis for zoning regulations. Residents, business owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend and express their views on the proposed changes in the plan, which is also called EAR-based Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Last year the Board of County Commissioners adopted the state-required Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan that the Florida Department of Community Affairs approved in January 2009. The EAR outlines policy changes including addressing greenhouse gas reduction and green building practices.

The greener Comprehensive Plan parallels the County's application to become a certified "Green Local Government" through the Florida Green Building Coalition. The Comprehensive Plan will support the Greenprint philosophy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners which outlines the County's vision of a sustainable future. The updated Comprehensive Plan work will be completed by a team of urban and environmental planners and civil and traffic engineers led by Lorraine Tappen, AICP at Calvin Giordano & Associates, consultants for St. Lucie County.

An informational link on the County's website has been set up for additional information on the project:  
[http://www.stlucieco.gov/pdfs/EAR\\_Web\\_Language.pdf](http://www.stlucieco.gov/pdfs/EAR_Web_Language.pdf). Questions and comments can be submitted anytime to Britton Wilson, senior planner with St. Lucie County's Growth Management Department [wilsonb@stlucieco.org](mailto:wilsonb@stlucieco.org).