

V. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

GOAL #13 – The County shall provide for safe and adequate aviation facilities that meet the economic development and recreational needs of the current and future population.

Expansion and Maintenance

- Objective 13.1 The County shall expand and maintain the Crystal River and Inverness Airports to improve the level of safety and accommodate additional aircraft, including corporate jet aircraft.
- Policy 13.1.1 The County recognizes the approved Master Plans for the Inverness and Crystal River airports as the Official Airport Plans for Citrus County.
- Policy 13.1.2 The County shall extend the length of the east/west runway at the Crystal River Airport as outlined in the Master Plan.
- Policy 13.1.3 The County shall extend the runway at the Inverness airport as proposed.
- Policy 13.1.4 Other improvements, as specified in the Master Plan shall be made to the Crystal River and Inverness Airports including: improvements to lighting, terminal facilities, apron parking, T-hangars and tiedowns, vehicle parking, and approach aids.
- Policy 13.1.5 No additional general aviation airports shall be constructed by Citrus County throughout the planning period.

Funding

- Objective 13.2 The County shall pursue private, Federal, and State funding sources for future expansion and maintenance of the Crystal River and Inverness Airports.
- Policy 13.2.1 The County shall complete revisions and updates to each of the airport master plans per FAA requirements. Revisions shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan as appropriate.
- Policy 13.2.2 The County shall continue to investigate funding sources through ongoing contact with Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation.

Governmental Coordination

- Objective 13.3 Operations and expansion of the airports shall be coordinated with all appropriate Federal, State, Regional, and local agencies, including but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration, Florida Department of Transportation, and the Department of Environmental Regulation.
- Policy 13.3.1 The County shall not begin construction of improvements until all permits and leases have been obtained from appropriate agencies.
- Policy 13.3.2 The County shall submit all airport plans and proposed operating budgets to appropriate funding agencies for approval and possible inclusion in their operating budgets.
- Policy 13.3.3 The Board of County Commissioners shall meet with the County’s legislative and congressional delegations to solicit the delegations support for State and Federal funding.
- Policy 13.3.4 The airport facilities shall be operated in conformance with all applicable State and Federal regulations.
- Policy 13.3.5 The County shall coordinate with applicable Federal and State agencies to ensure that the airports continue to be a part of the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process.
- Policy 13.3.6 Reserved
- Policy 13.3.7 Facility and expansion costs necessary to implement the Master Plan shall be included in the County's Capital Improvements Plan and the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Goal #14 – All future airport operations and improvements shall be carried out in a manner which minimize impacts on the environment, and which minimize impacts on the surrounding land uses including the transportation system.

Internal Consistency

- Objective 14.1 Improvements to the airports shall be consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Conservation; Coastal, Lakes, and River Management; Future Land Use; and Traffic Circulation Elements.

- Policy 14.1.1 The County shall restricts height of structures and incompatible uses around the airports as appropriate.
- Policy 14.1.2 Reserved
- Policy 14.1.3 Airport improvements and expansions shall be designed to minimize adverse environmental impacts.
- Policy 14.1.4 The County shall minimize environmental impacts during the construction of all extensions and improvements in accordance with the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Regulation, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District.
- Policy 14.1.5 Adverse impact from airports on adjacent natural resources shall be avoided or mitigated as appropriate.
- Policy 14.1.6 Intermodal transportation coordination shall be accomplished through the satisfaction of airport needs for ingress and egress onto the roadway system, and the mitigation of traffic impacts on the roadway system from airports.