

COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL EE – THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT, CONSERVE, AND WHEN POSSIBLE, RESTORE THE RESOURCES OF THE CITY'S COASTAL PROTECTION AREA, ALLOW THE USE OF COASTAL RESOURCES AFTER CONSIDERATION OF AESTHETIC, ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC FACTORS, AND UPON CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.

OBJECTIVE EE.1 – The CITY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS WHICH PRIORITIZE SHORELINE USES, GIVING WATER-DEPENDENT USES AND WATER RELATED USES TOP PRIORITY.

Policy EE.1.1

The City will allow development of shoreline property while ensuring that shoreline erosion is minimized and natural resources are adequately protected.

Policy EE.1.2

The City will:

- a) Encourage mixed-use water dependent and water-related uses along the City's water bodies; and
- b) Include provisions that permit marinas, docks, piers, and recreation facilities along the Sound.

Policy EE.1.3

The City will continue to protect and preserve its working waterfronts for use by commercial fishermen, aquaculturists, and/or business entities that support these interests.

Policy EE.1.5

The City will continue to monitor development and redevelopment for compliance with the Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1985.

OBJECTIVE EE.2 – THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS WHICH MINIMIZE THE IMPACTS OF MAN-MADE STRUCTURES ON AND RESTORE ESTUARINE SYSTEMS.

Policy EE.2.1

The City will preserve and restore, where feasible, the native sand-stabilizing vegetation of estuarine shorelines.

Policy EE.2.2

The City will continue to prohibit public or private activities that would increase erosion beyond the natural estuarine erosion cycle or would otherwise deteriorate the estuarine system.

Policy EE.2.3

The City will require that development and redevelopment conserve, and if needed, restore