

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT**  
**Goal, Objectives and Policies**

**City of Avon Park Comprehensive Plan**  
**Adopted December 26, 1990**

**GOAL:**        **Enhance the fiscal integrity of the City by providing public facilities in a timely and efficient manner.**

**Objective 1:**

*The Capital Improvements Element shall guide the provision of public facilities for the purpose of accommodating desired future growth, replacing worn-out facilities and correcting existing deficiencies. [9J-5.005(3)(b)1]*

Policy 1.1:     Beginning with the 1991-92 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, the City Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council, in the form provided by ordinance, an annual budget, a capital improvement budget and a projected capital improvement program for a minimum five-year period. The capital improvement budget and capital improvement program shall prioritize all capital improvement expenditures, shall indicate the revenue source for all capital improvement expenditures or indicate that a capital improvement is not yet funded, shall include revenue projections for a five-year period, and shall be the basis for the annual update of and comprehensive plan amendment to the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements. [9J-5.016(3)(c)7]

Policy 1.2:     Beginning with Fiscal Year 1991-92, proposed capital improvements projects shall be ranked and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- a.        The project protects public health and safety, eliminates public hazards, fulfills the City's legal obligation to provide facilities and services, achieves maximum usage of existing facilities.
- b.        The project increases the efficiency of existing facilities, promotes infill development, eliminates existing deficiencies.

- c. The project represents the logical extension of facilities and services consistent with the Future Land Use Element, and is consistent with the plans of State Agencies and the Southwest Florida Water Management District.
- d. Other priority criteria, as established in other elements of this comprehensive plan, shall be incorporated into the annual capital improvements prioritization. [9J-5.005(3)(c)1]

Policy 1.3: The City Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the City's fiscal policies are consistent with this Comprehensive Plan. Capital improvement expenditures shall not jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the City. Unless necessary for the immediate health and safety of the residents of Avon Park, capital improvement expenditures shall be demonstrated to have adequate funding from a reliable revenue source prior to City Council approval for expenditure of funds. [9J-5.005(3)(c)1,9]

Policy 1.4: Avon Park shall continue to apply for grants or private funds when available to finance the provision of capital improvements.

**Objective 2:**

*Upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Avon Park will coordinate land use decisions with the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in a manner that maintains the established level of service standards and meets existing and future facility needs. [9J-5.005(3)(b)3]*

Policy 2.1: Avon Park will use the following level of service standards in reviewing the impacts of new development and redevelopment. [9J-5.005(3)(c)4]

Facility	Level of Service
Sanitary Sewer	90 gallons per capita per day
Potable Water	169 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) 1993: 150 gpcd 1997: 140 gpcd 2001: 130 gpcd
Solid Waste	6.8 pounds per person per day
Principal Arterial Roads	C
Minor Arterial Roads	D
Urban Collector Roads	D
Other Local Roads	D
Recreation and Open Space	3 acres per 1000 people
Buildings	At or above the 100-year flood elevation
Drainage	25-year 24-hour storm event for new development. Stormwater treatment and disposal facilities pursuant to Section 17-25.025, F.A.C. Stormwater discharge pursuant to Section 17-3.051, F.A.C.

Policy 2.2: Development orders and permits will be granted only when the facilities are operating at the established level of service, or will be available concurrent with the impacts of the development. [9J-5.005(3)(c)6]

**Objective 3:**

*In order to maintain established level of service standards, future development shall bear a proportionate cost of facility improvements necessitated by the impacts of the development. [9J-5.005(3)(b)4]*

Policy 3.1: Avon Park shall continue to collect impact fees for the provision of sewer and water. Collected impact fees shall be equitably allocated to the specific group(s) which will directly benefit from the capital improvement, and the assessment levied must fairly reflect the true costs of these improvements. [9J-5.005(3)(b)3]

Policy 3.2: As a requirement of land subdivision or land development, Avon Park shall require land dedication, or payment-in-lieu of dedication, or some other form of exaction, to retain easements for utilities and roadways. This is required to maintain the established level of service standards and to pay for public facility improvements necessitated by new development. [9J-5.005(3)(c)8]

**Objective 4:**

*Avon Park will manage fiscal resources to ensure that the needed capital improvements are provided for previously issued development orders and future development and redevelopment. [9J-5.005(3)(b)5]*

Policy 4.1: Level of service standards shall be applicable to all existing, permitted and future development or redevelopment. [9J-5.005(3)(c)5]

Policy 4.2: Identified deficiencies relating to existing or permitted development shall be corrected. Funding sources may include general revenues, special districts, infrastructure sales tax fund or public or private grants.

Policy 4.3: Debt service shall not exceed 20% of annually budgeted revenues. [9J-5.005(3)(c)2.c]