

Policy V.2.2

The County shall protect the present water quality classification established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for certain specified water bodies pursuant to Rule 62-302.400, Florida Administrative Code, by ensuring that industrial uses, intensive commercial uses and intensive agricultural uses (the term intensive agriculture means those agricultural uses requiring an industrial waste permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection) to be located within or adjacent to the surface waters of the County will be in the public interest and will not degrade the existing water quality of the receiving water body. Mitigation shall ensure that the water quality classification of the receiving water body is maintained. For the purpose of this Comprehensive Plan "surface water" means water above the surface of the ground whether or not flowing through definite channels, and including: (1) a natural or artificial pond, lake reservoir, or other area which ordinarily or intermittently contains water and which has a discernible shoreline; or (2) a natural or artificial stream, waterway, gully, ravine, street, roadway swale, or wash in which water flows in a definite direction, either continuously or intermittently and which has a definite channel, bed or banks. Wetlands shall be protected in accordance with the other applicable provisions of this Comprehensive Plan.