

# One Water: A Collaborative Approach to Comprehensive Planning

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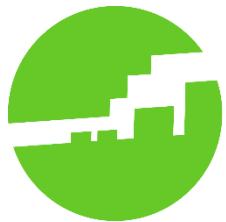


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# Context and About Us

The Planning Commission is an independent, consolidated planning agency that serves as the long-range planning agency for all four local governments in Hillsborough County. The agency is responsible for the Comprehensive Plans and other studies. Along with the Hillsborough MPO and Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board, it is part of Plan Hillsborough.

Hillsborough County's Environmental Management Division was created to assist the County's utility services with regulatory issues. Regulatory issues include potable water, wastewater, solid waste and stormwater permitting and compliance. The Division also houses the environmental laboratory, which is a full service testing laboratory for water quality testing. The Division is also responsible for the County's resilience planning.



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# Background

- In 2020 working with 2008 Comprehensive Plan language (or earlier!)
- Stormwater Management, Sanitary Sewerage and Potable Water Elements are separate and siloed
- Other water resources language and maps found throughout various other Elements
- 200+ Goals, Objectives and Policies related to water – limited linkages to current aspects of technical implementation and today’s County priorities
- **One Water** modernizes, streamlines and combines these components, creates a unified, one-stop Chapter for water resources in the plan



## Future of Hillsborough Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Hillsborough County Florida

### SANITARY SEWERAGE

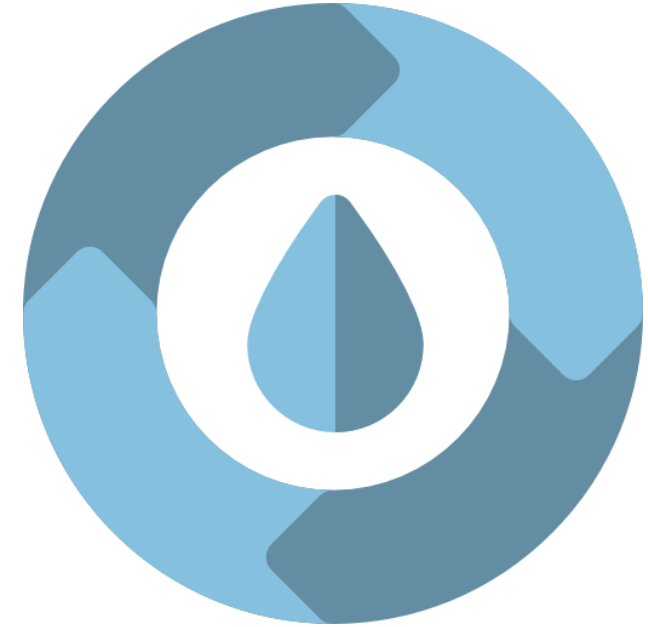
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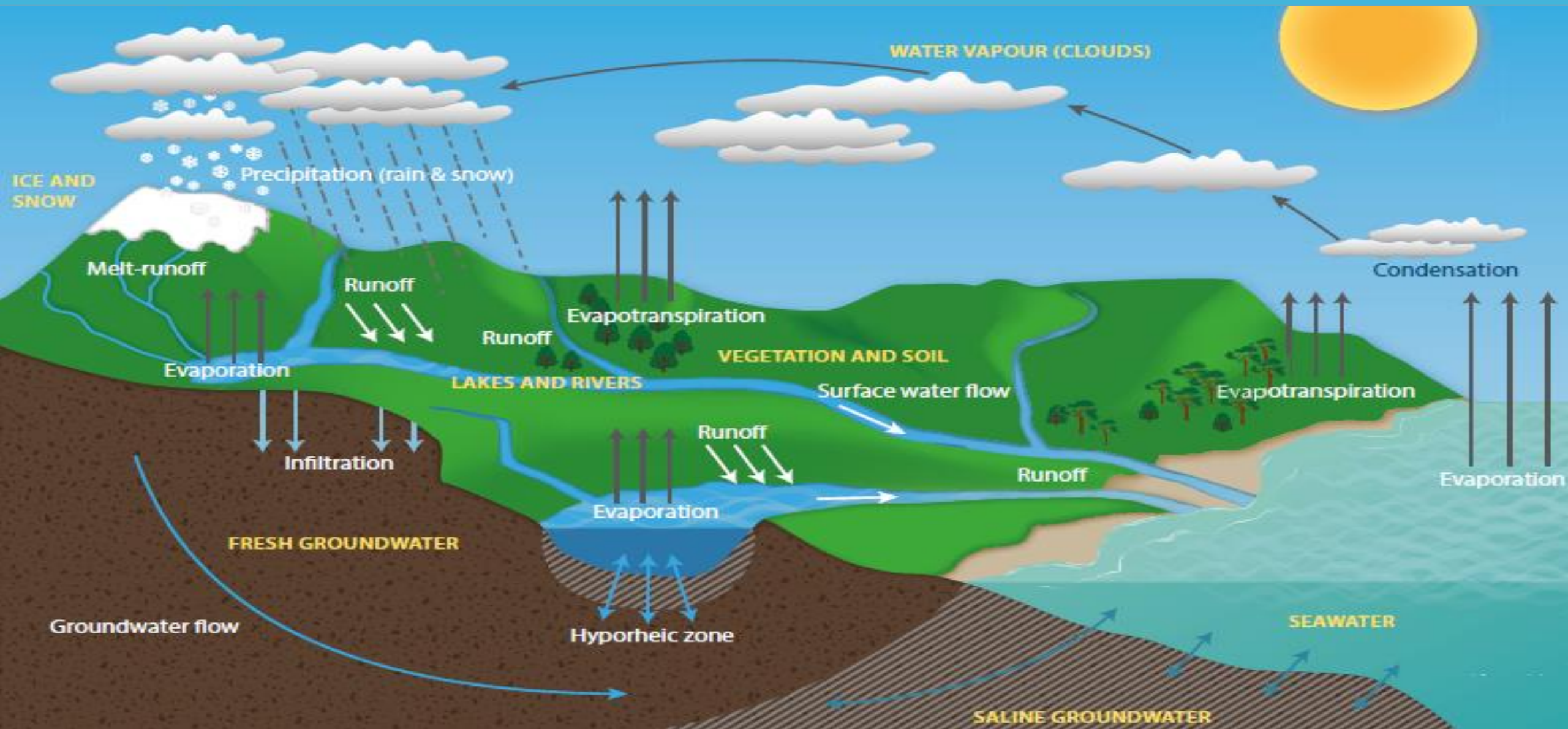
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# Background – County Technical Context

- Staff attempted to develop projects breaking down silos
- Senior Staff had a difficult time with internal processes including budgeting and project development
- Board developed a stronger interest in sustainability and resilience, which includes Integrated Water Resource Management concepts

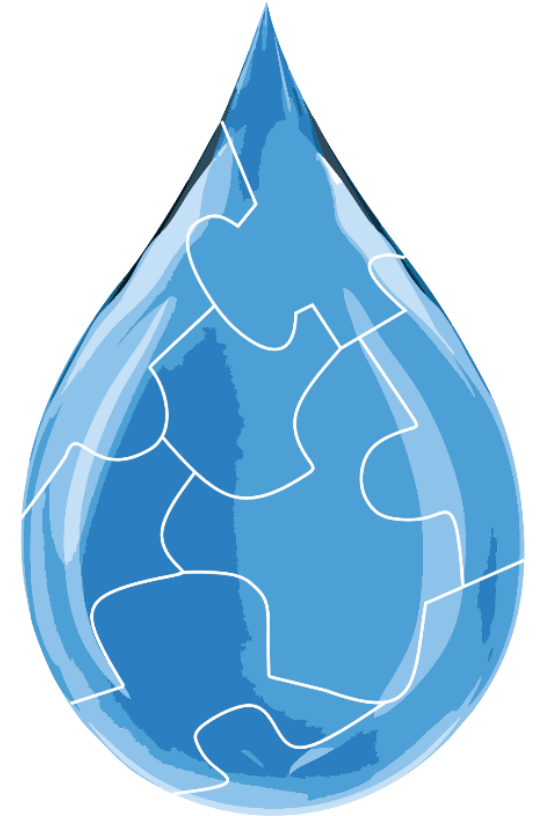


# All Water is Related

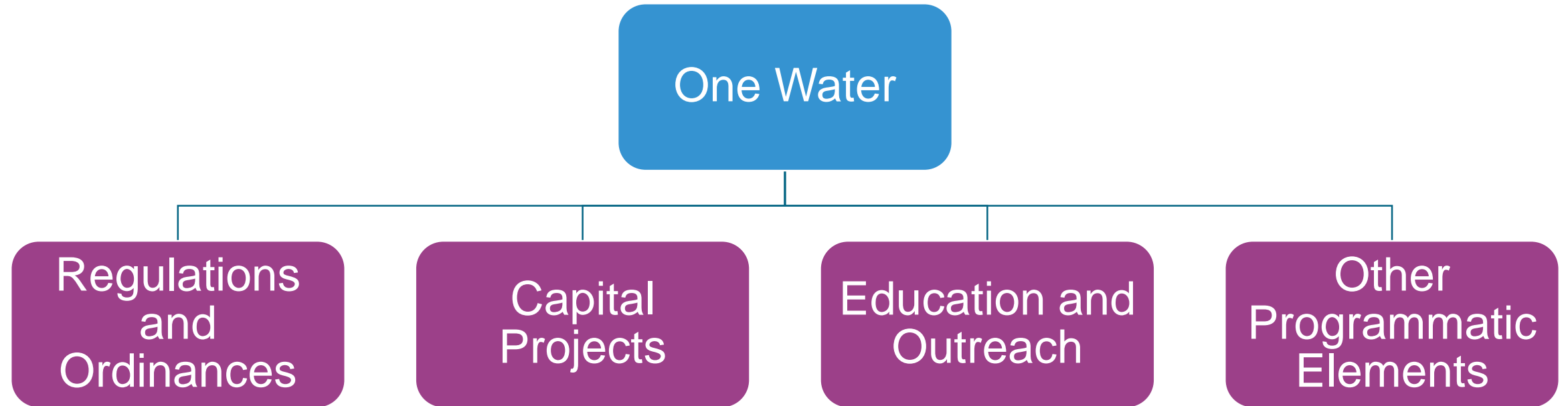


# Project Goals

- Potential to be one of the first “One Water” Comprehensive Plan approaches in the country. Goals of the project:
  - Reflect the interrelated nature of water
  - Incorporate BOCC direction from a series of sustainable land use and planning workshops
  - Provide a framework for new County initiatives
  - Utilize best practices in planning and water resources management
  - Coordinate water with other aspects of planning within the County
  - Streamline and eliminate duplication, redundancy and inconsistencies
  - Be an implementable document – not a “shelf plan”



# Implementation



# Collaborative Approach

- One Water Working Group
  - Planning Commission, Water Resources Department, Environmental Management Division, Development Services Department and Engineering & Operations Department staff
  - Bi-weekly meetings with multi-disciplinary staff
  - Review and vet existing 200+ policies, examine best practices and draft One Water Chapter
- Senior Leadership Check-Ins
  - Evaluate drafts - provide direction and guidance
- External Agency Coordination
  - Review drafts of language ahead of public release



# Considerations for Language Development

- What to keep from the current adopted plan?
- What are best practices, new initiatives or priorities of the community/BOCC direction that are not reflected?
- How can the Comprehensive Plan best serve as backing or framework for County initiatives? When does a programmatic objective rise to the level of needing to be in the Comprehensive Plan?
- How to arrive at the right “level” of language? Broad policy direction vs specifics
- How ensure expectations are set appropriately given financial limitations and competing interests?

# Collaboration Benefits, Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Other Similar Projects

- Technical Expert Perspective
- Planner Perspective



# One Water Goals

01

Protect and preserve water resources

02

Water conservation

03

Integrated water resource management

04

Encourage efficient use of land and redevelopment

05

Sustainable infrastructure and programs

06

Low impact development



# Stakeholder and Public Outreach

- Formal announcements, project website and virtual public outreach kickoff
- Reference documents created to enable greater transparency and stakeholder review
- Targeted outreach – neighborhood associations, agricultural, building and environmental organizations
- Separate outreach meetings held with agricultural community, TBBA and EPC
- Outreach lessons learned

Submit your feedback on One Water

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Last Name \*

Email \*

Comment, Feedback, or Question \*

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# One Water and Planning - Resources

- <http://www.planhillsborough.org/one-water/>
- APA Water and Planning Network
- PAS Report – Planners and Water
- Blueprint for One Water – Environmental Research Foundation
- One Water Roadmap – US Water Alliance
- APA Knowledgebase – Integrated Water Resources Planning
- Comprehensive Plan Guidance for Water Resources Planning – APA White Paper
- One Water – Integrated Water Resources Planning - County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania – One Water Task Force
- Integrating Water Into the Comprehensive Plan – Colorado Pace Land Use Law Center
- One Water LA
- One Water San Francisco

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