



# **DRAFT** **Residential Capacity Analysis**

**Martin County**

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is based upon the December 2023 Residential Capacity Analysis. It was prepared in September 2024 to calculate the effect of removing “excess vacant housing units” from the supply calculations, proposed in October 2024 as part of Comprehensive Plan Amendment 24-04, Future Land Use Element. The reliance on Housing Units (HU) that required Census data has been changed to now use the Total Housing Units in the USD which can be counted/verified using Martin County Property Appraiser data. For comparison purposes all other base data remains the same as the December 2023 Residential Capacity Analysis.

This analysis considers population projections, future demand, and future supply in order to assure that projected population needs will be met.

Objective 4.1D of the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan (CGMP) requires the County “*to collect and monitor development and population data to ensure sufficient land to address projected population needs.*”

This analysis will be combined with the Residential Capacity and Vacant Land Analysis to compare the supply of potential units to the calculated demand for two planning periods. The language in Policy 4.1D.5 contains the following requirement:

*The 15 year planning period for residential capacity began with the 2010 Census and shall be updated to a new 15 year planning period every 5 years. The residential capacity analysis showing the total residential supply within the Primary and the Secondary Urban Service Districts shall be compared to the projected residential demand as outlined in Policy 4.1D.3. and 4.1D.4 above. The report shall show demand and supply comparisons for a ten year period as well as for the 15 year planning period.*

Therefore, the residential demand for a ten-year and fifteen-year planning period will be compared to the amount of land available to accommodate that demand.

The residential capacity analysis consists of three parts:

- 1) Population projections - these are calculated in accordance with Policy 4.1D.2. The estimates and projections are primarily based on the 2020 United States Census and the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) annual report on population for the State of Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR).
- 2) Determination of future demand for residential units for the two planning periods. Calculations of demand are derived from formulas provided in Policy 4.1D.3.
- 3) Determining the supply of residential units. Consistent with Policy 4.1D.5: *the Residential Capacity and Vacant Land Analysis provides a calculation of the available residential development options that can accommodate the demand from the projected population.* The potential number of units available will be compared to the projected demand.

## **Demand Methodology**

The methodology for calculating residential demand can be found in Policy 4.1D.3, as shown below:

Future housing demand projections shall be based on all of the following:

- (1) The demand for future residential housing units in the unincorporated area shall be based on the percentage increase in permanent population projected by the Population Technical Bulletin.
- (2) Permanent and seasonal population in residential housing is served by Total Housing Units. Total Housing Units are equal to all housing units in Martin County.
- (3) Hotel/motel units shall not be used in calculating residential housing demand.
- (4) The projected demand for housing units in the future shall be determined by dividing the projected, permanent population, by the estimated permanent population.

Projected permanent population / estimated Permanent population = percentage increase in demand.

- (5) This percentage increase in demand multiplied by the Total Housing Units equals the projected housing unit need in the future period.

Percentage increase in demand x Total Housing Units = percentage increase in demand

- (6) Future residential housing needs shall be updated every five years.

## **DEMAND CALCULATIONS**

Below is a summary of residential housing units derived from the Martin County Property Appraiser.

**Unincorporated Housing Units in 2020 by USDCODE**

USDCODE	2020 Housing Units
1	63,438
2	550
3	0
Total	63,988

Source: MC Property Appraiser Database/MFM

The next formula found in Policy 4.1D.3(5) requires population data. The table below shows population data from the 2020 decennial U.S. Census and BEBR (Medium) population projections for 2030, 2035 and 2040. The table calculates projected growth rates by dividing future BEBR populations by the 2020 Census population.

**Martin County Projected Growth**

Year	2020(C)	2030(BEBR)	2035(BEBR)	2040(BEBR)
Population	158,431	172,100	177,200	181,200
% Change since 2020 census		8.63%	11.85%	14.37%

The percentage of increased demand is used in the formula found in Policy 4.1D.3 (6). The percentage of increased demand is multiplied by Total Housing Units (THU) to arrive at the projected housing demand for the planning period.

**Projected Housing Unit Demand by Horizon Year**

	2020 THU	% Increase	Potential Demand
10-Year Horizon	63,988	8.63%	5,521
15-Year Horizon	63,988	11.85%	7,581
20-Year Horizon	63,988	14.37%	9,196

### Distribution of Housing Unit Demand

Policy 4.1D.4 states:

*Policy 4.1D.4. Distribution of housing unit demand.*

- (1) *The percentage of residential housing demand that will be met outside the urban service districts shall be based on the average number of certificates of occupancy for the preceding five years. The number of Certificates of Occupancy outside the urban service districts shall be divided by the total number of Certificates of Occupancy for the unincorporated area to determine the appropriate percentage.*
- (2) *The remainder of residential housing demand must be met within the Primary and Secondary Urban Service Districts.*

The table below lists the number of housing units constructed by year and Urban Service District. Policy 4.1D.4 requires the allocation of residential demand to be based on the 5-year average distribution.

**Historic Distribution of New Housing by Location**

USD	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total	Average	%
Eastern Primary	252	339	269	318	184	1362	272	77.43%
Eastern Secondary	20	49	34	62	64	229	46	13.02%
Outside	38	39	27	29	34	167	33	9.49%
Western Primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Western Secondary	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.06%
Total	310	427	331	409	282	1759	352	100.00%

Source: Martin County Property Appraiser 2023 Parcel Data

Policy 4.1D.4 requires the allocation of residential demand to be based on the 5-year average distribution. The table below shows the allocation of residential demand by USD for 2030, 2035 and 2040.

**Allocation of Residential Demand by USD**

USD	5-Year % Ave	2030 Demand	2035 Demand	2040 Demand
Eastern Primary	77.43%	4,275	5,870	7,121
Eastern Secondary	13.02%	719	987	1,197
Outside	9.49%	524	720	873
Western Primary	0.00%	-	-	-
Western Secondary	0.06%	3	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>9,196</b>

#### **Policy 4.1D.5 Residential Supply to Meet Demand**

Martin County's Policy 4.1D.5 very precisely outlines the parameters to be measured for the supply of housing units. The units needed (demand) in the 10-year, 15-year, and 20-year periods must be compared to the supply of vacant land and vacant units to determine if there is residential capacity in the urban service districts. The policy is broken down into five parts, and therefore the methodology in this analysis is broken down into five parts.

Policy 4.1D.5 Residential capacity analysis. Martin County shall produce a residential capacity analysis every five years. Residential capacity defines the available residential development options within the Primary and Secondary Urban Service Districts that can meet the demand for population growth consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

Residential supply shall consist of:

- (1) Vacant property that allows residential use according to the Future Land Use Map. The maximum allowable density shall be used in calculating the number of available units on vacant acreage. For the purpose of this calculation, the maximum allowable density for wetlands shall be one-half the density of a given future land use designation.
- (2) Subdivided single family and duplex lots.
- (3) Potential for residential development in the CRAs.
- (4) The eastern Urban Service District and the Western Urban Service District shall be considered separately.
- (5) Parcels within incorporated municipalities are not included in the residential capacity calculations. That portion of the Secondary Urban Service District, adjacent to the Village of Indiantown, shall be included with the eastern Secondary Urban Service District.

### Vacant land

(1) Vacant property that allows residential use according to the Future Land Use Map. The maximum allowable density shall be used in calculating the number of available units on vacant acreage. For purposes of this calculation, the maximum allowable density for wetlands shall be one-half the density of a given future land use designation.

The table below shows the potential units in the Primary Urban Service District (PUSD) calculation based on available parcels. This excludes potential units in the CRAs, which are considered in Part (3) Below.

Potential Units in Primary USD (excludes platted lots and known projects)							
Future Land Use	Total Acres	Probable Wetlands	Probable Uplands	Allowable Density	Upland Units	Wetland Density Transfer Units	Total Units at Maximum Density
COMM/OFF/RES	84.0	1.4	82.6	10	825.8	7.2	833
COMM. WATERFRONT	26.3	13.9	12.4	10	123.9	69.7	194
ESTATE DENSITY 2UPA	137.2	16.6	120.5	12	241.1	16.6	258
HIGH DENSITY	47.6	1.0	46.6	10	466.2	5.0	471
MEDIUM DENSITY	16.1	0.4	15.7	8	125.6	1.5	127
LOW DENSITY	76.7	18.9	57.8	5	289.1	47.2	336
MOBILE HOME	7.3	0.1	7.2	8	57.5	0.5	58
Total	395.2	52.4	342.8		2,129.1	147.8	2,277

The table below shows the potential units in the Secondary Urban Service District (SUSD) calculation based on available parcels.

Potential Units in Secondary USD (excludes platted lots and known projects)							
Future Land Use	Total Acres	Probable Wetlands	Probable Uplands	Allowable Density	Upland Units	Wetland Density Transfer Units	Total Units at Maximum Density
RURAL DENSITY	1,155.1	443.9	711.2	0.5	355.6	111.0	467

**(1a) Vacant property with valid approved projects allowing residential development.**  
**For the purpose of this calculation, only the project's residential entitlements are included.**

Summary of Approved Residential Units by USD		
Approved Project	Primary	Secondary
Banyan Bay Ph 3	72	
Cottages at Coconut Cay	20	
Cove Royale Revised	120	
Crystal Cove	15	
Floridian Golf Club Revised Master & Phasing Plan 5th PUD,ADM & Phase 3 FSP	21	
Highpointe Ph1		284
In CRA Sago Bluff fka Hillcrest Bluff	10	
Hunter Lake	20	
Kanner 5601 LLC nka Kanner Lake	65	
Kanner Oaks	28	
Newfield (FKA Pineland Prairie)	4,200	
Paradise Lake	12	
Pine Ridge	56	
Port Cove PUD	29	
Preserve at Park Trace	114	
Rio Marine Village	192	
Sabal Pointe (fka Jensén Beach Dunes)	68	
Showcase Ph 1	79	
Showcase Ph 2	88	
Sunset Trail Estates	28	
The Altis	4	
The Oaks	24	
The Preserve at Rio Marine Village	145	
The Reserve at Jensen Beach	197	
Tradewinds of Hobe Sound	177	
West Jensen PUD Parcels 6.1-6.4	169	
Willoughby Townhomes	117	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,070</b>	<b>284</b>

The table below summarizes the potential units in the Primary and Secondary Urban Service Districts (USD's).

Summary of Eastern Primary and Secondary Units		
Urban Services District	Primary USD	Secondary USD
Units on Vacant Lands @ Max Density	2,277	467
Approved Projects with Units	6,070	284
Sub Totals	8,347	751
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>9,098</b>	

**(2) Single family and duplex platted lot evaluation within the Eastern USD.**

The table below summarizes the vacant lots of record by USD.

Vacant Lots	
Urban Services District	Lots
Lots in Primary	794
Lots in Secondary	108
Total	902

There are a total of 794 vacant platted lots in the Eastern Primary USD and 108 vacant platted lots in the Eastern Secondary USD.

**(3) Potential for residential development in the Mixed Use overlays. All Mixed Use overlays are within the CRAs of the unincorporated county.**

The table below summarizes the potential units in the Martin County Unincorporated CRAs which are all located in the Primary Urban Service District (USD). The “Mixed Use” overlays were replaced by the Future Land Use designations shown below.

MC Unincorporated CRAs Summary	Total Acres	Probable Wetlands	Probable Uplands	Upland Units	Wetland Density Transfer Units	Total Units at Maximum Density
<b>CRA Center</b>						
Core	27.1	0.1	27.0	387.0	0.4	387
Corridor	14.2	0.4	13.8	186.3	3.0	189
General	59.7	2.0	57.7	723.9	15.1	739
Railroad Corridor	1.1	0.0	1.1	11.4	0.0	11
<b>CRA Neighborhood</b>						
Multifamily	69.7	2.7	66.8	535.3	12.2	548
Mobile Home	5.8	1.2	4.6	36.6	4.6	41
Detached	120.5	8.1	112.4	660.3	21.3	682
Detached Limited	2.4	0.0	2.4	12.0	0.0	12
Detached Estate	2.3	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.0	2
Waterfront	0.9	0.0	0.9	9.1	0.0	9
Industrial	1.9	0.0	1.9	19.0	0.0	19
Total	305.6	14.5	290.9	2583.2	56.6	2640

### **Summary of Supply of Potential Units (as of March 2023)**

Below is a table summarizing sections (1) though (4) of Policy 4.1D.5 with the source of the units and which Eastern USD they are located.

<b>Summary of Potential Units</b>		
<b>Supply of Units in Urban Service District from Policy 4.1D.5</b>	<b>Supply of Units in Primary USD</b>	<b>Supply of Units in Secondary USD</b>
Vacant Land	2,277	467
Vacant Lots	794	108
CRAs	2,640	-
Approved/Undeveloped	6,070	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,781</b>	<b>859</b>

### **Comparison of Residential demand versus Supply of Potential Units**

The language in Policy 4.1D.5 contains the following requirement:

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Therefore the residential demand for a ten-year, fifteen-year and twenty-year planning periods will be compared to the amount of land available to accommodate that demand.

<b>Demand versus Supply Analysis for Planning Period 2020-2030</b>			
<b>Eastern USDs</b>	<b>2030 Demand</b>	<b>Unit Supply</b>	<b>Percent of Need in the 10-year Planning Period</b>
Eastern Primary	4,275	11,781	276%
Eastern Secondary	719	859	119%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,994</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>253%</b>

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Demand versus Supply Analysis for Planning Period 2020-2035			
Eastern USDs	2035 Demand	Unit Supply	Percent of Need in the 15-year Planning Period
Eastern Primary	5,870	11,781	201%
Eastern Secondary	987	859	87%
Total	6,857	12,640	184%

Demand versus Supply Analysis for Planning Period 2020-2040			
Eastern USDs	2040 Demand	Unit Supply	Percent of Need in the 20-year Planning
Eastern Primary	7,121	11,781	165%
Eastern Secondary	1,197	859	72%
Total	8,318	12,640	152%

Based on the available potential and permitted housing units in this analysis, there is sufficient supply of vacant land and undeveloped approved projects to meet the needs for the 10-year, 15-year and 20-year planning horizon years.