



## MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

**April 5, 20187**

Department of Economic Opportunity  
Ray Eubanks, Plan Processing Administrator  
State Land Planning Agency  
Caldwell Building  
107 East Madison – MSC 160  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

**RE: Plan Amendment PA-18-02/Ordinance 18-17 – Privately Initiated Text Amendment for Ecomplexus, Inc. – Alternative Energy Generation Facility**

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

Manatee County hereby submits for review one (1) proposed 2018 plan amendment to the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan. This amendment was approved for transmittal by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing session held on April 5, 2018. A second public hearing shall be held within 180 days after the receipt of comments from the State Land Planning Agency.

**Future Land Use Text Amendment:**

Transmittal of an Amendment to the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan providing for a privately-initiated Text Amendment to amend Element 1 Definitions to add specific definitions for Alternative Energy Generation Facility, Low-Temperature Thermal Power, Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Power, Solar Array, Solar Field, Utility Use, and Utility Use, Heavy; amend Element 2 Future Land Use to revise Polity 2.1.1.5 to encourage the development and use of renewable energy resources; and to amend Element 3 Conservation to add Goal 3.5 (promote the development and use of alternative energy generation facilities) and Objective 3.5.1 (Alternative Energy Generation Facilities).

Enclosed are three (3) copies (2 CD's, 1 hard copy) of the Comprehensive Plan amendment and supporting documents, data and analysis, and one copy of each item as specified under Florida Statute 163.314(4)(b) and transmitted in accordance with Florida Statute 163.3184(3)(b)1, for review by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Manatee County requests an “Expedited Review” of this amendment by all State agencies as outlined in Florida Statute 163.3184(3)(b)1.** This amendment package has also been transmitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Florida Water

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Management District, Florida Department of Transportation, Tampa Bay Regional Council, Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and Department of Agriculture & Consumer affairs.

The proposed amendment is not being adopted pursuant to joint planning agreement nor is the amendment located within an area of critical state concern or Resource Planning and Management Area.

Any questions you may have concerning the proposed plan amendment may be directed to Margaret Tusing, at the address, telephone number, or e-mail listed below.

Manatee County Building and Development Services Department  
Attn: Margaret Tusing, Principal Planner  
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Bradenton, FL 34205  
Telephone: (941) 748-4501, ext. 6828  
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Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Priscilla Trace,  
Chairman

Enclosures