

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In the end, the value of the visioning process will be determined by the success of the City in translating the vision into reality. Broad visions must be translated into specific actions. The vision provides the framework for those actions. The vision is our preferred, ideal, or desired image of the future.

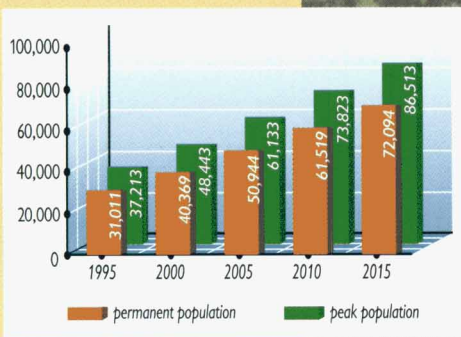
While the next step in the process is to take that vision and translate it into reality, the vision should not be lost in that process. "Translating it into reality" will entail an analysis of the goals, strategies and objectives in terms of administrative, political, legal and fiscal terms. Many decisions and specific actions will require analysis and perhaps changes in such areas as personnel, land, equipment, studies, regulations, the adoption of new ordinances, and changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Nonetheless, throughout this process, the vision will continue to serve as the guide.

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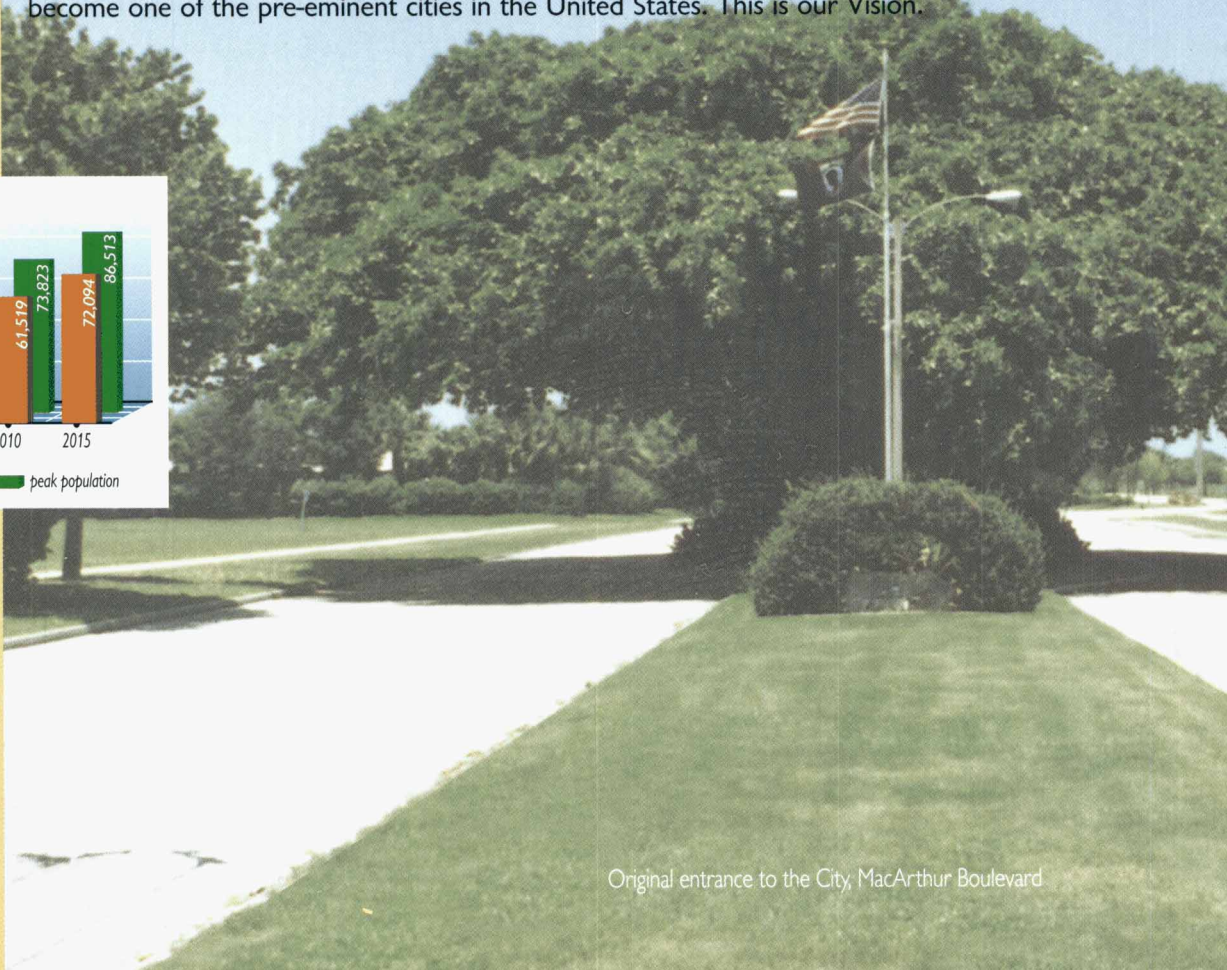
- it will assist in establishing day-to-day, month-to-month, and year-to-year priorities;
- it will guide and undergird policies, plans, actions and decisions;
- it will offer an integrated approach in that all elements of the vision are treated from a perspective that recognizes their interrelatedness;
- it contains enough flexibility to allow for adjustments when necessary; and
- it ensures a certain level of support for future issues since it does represent community input.

Palm Beach Gardens is a growing and dynamic city. From 1990 to 1998, the City increased its population by 47.1%, making it the second fastest growing municipality in Palm Beach County. Palm Beach Gardens is also the largest city in the North County region with a land area of 53.9 square miles, second in land area only to West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County. The City is approximately 50% developed and current projections estimate that the City's population will double again by the year 2010.

As a community we will prepare for that future by embracing: "Our Vision - A Strategic Plan." Join us as we make steady and consistent progress toward the achievement of our goals; as we become one of the pre-eminent cities in the United States. This is our Vision.



The City of Palm Gardens  
PROJECTED POPULATION



Original entrance to the City, MacArthur Boulevard



## City of Palm Beach Gardens Mission Statement

**G**uarantee high quality services which are delivered in a cost effective and timely manner

**A**nticipate and creatively respond to changing needs

**R**etain a well-trained, responsive and courteous city workforce

**D**evelop a sense of community and pride

**E**licit resident involvement in decision making, emphasizing open government

**N**urture the assets and natural resources entrusted to its care

**S**timulate high quality of life and the pursuit of excellence through public-private partnerships