BELLE ISLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Belle Isle required an update of their Comprehensive Plan, and they contracted RVi Planning and Landscape Architects (RVi) to lead the extensive effort. RVi subcontracted Applied Ecology Inc (AEI) to update the plan's Conservation Element policies and maps, with the goal of preserving natural resources that include air and water quality, water supply, energy use, the Conway Chain of Lakes, native vegetative, wetland resources, wildlife, and environmentally sensitive areas. Since the last update, several regulatory changes had occurred which AEI was responsible for integrating into the Conservation Element while reducing redundancy and duplicative language throughout the plan. AEI updated all the maps in the Conservation Element including the septic tank and wastewater service area, wetlands, and soils to include in the updated Comprehensive Plan. AEI recommended a regional approach to prioritizing septic tanks for conversion to sanitary sewer or retrofit. The RVi-AEI team worked closely with the City staff to facilitate input, address concerns, and update policy language to reflect City priorities to encourage plan adoption and implementation.

PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT CLIENT:
The City of Belle Isle via RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, Inc

PROJECT LOCATION:
Belle Isle, FL

SERVICE LINE AREAS:
- Coastal Management & Planning
- Engineering & Water Resources
- Ecological Services

EXPERTISE:
- Policy Development
- Ecological Planning
- Regulatory Review
- Stakeholder Communication

OUTCOMES

The AEI Team successfully supported this extensive Comprehensive Plan update, working closely with the larger planning team and community leaders. AEI has experienced and certified planners on staff, who are well-versed in planning requirements and skilled at facilitating community input. The project demonstrates how AEI can extend the excellence of your team with specialized expertise and technical capabilities. Let's start planning!