The Key West Comprehensive Plan focuses on Historic Preservation dating back to 1821, conserving the coastline and Florida’s natural ecosystems, promoting tourism and intergovernmental coordination for all transportation, land use, and development.

To prevent Urban Sprawl, by 2017, the city of Key West will conduct an annexation study that analyzes the potential for incorporating Key Haven. By 2020 the city shall conduct another study for annexing South Stock Island.

The city is also looking to integrate previous military sites to create land that provides long-term, sustained economic growth.

The city will be adopting land development regulations which incorporate concepts of managing land, which is responsive to climate change issues but not limited to sea level rise and increased frequency of intense rainfall events.

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Coastal Management and Conservation

The goals to coastal management were to limit developmental actives that would potentially destroy coastal resources, wetlands, and marine life. The Comprehensive Plan uses land use controls to limit construction in high hazard areas to protect the natural shoreline and dune systems.

Key West aims to preserve the environmental health of the Florida Keys Reef Tract and its surrounding oceans. The Comprehensive Plan conserves the natural habitats and wildlife on the island, and also encourages sustainable practices throughout the community.

THE CONCH REPUBLIC

The Port Element of the Comprehensive Plan takes into account the development and expansion of the port on local businesses and tourism. The average person spends $60.00 a day at port so with the expansion they will be boosting the economy. With this expansion the economic and environmental impacts are also taken into account and are reduced as much as possible.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

The main objective of the Historic architectural review commission is to identify and protect resources of archaeological historical and architectural significance.

HOUSING ELEMENT

The main objective of the Key West Housing Authority is to allocate land area for housing needs of existing and projected future populations, assist the private sector in providing affordable quality housing and to promote best practices of land use planning, urban design, and landscaping.

EVALUATION OF PLAN

Key West is in such a unique space both geographically and culturally. However, the plan fails to address any of the points to make this city truly special. Since the 1985 Growth Management Plan, they city has not tried to replicate the growth that created Duval Street, but instead created the unremarkable sprawl that has plagued the rest of Florida. Wasting the limited space of a landmark.