
Economic Development Element

1 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT**

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3 **GOAL 1:** **Hendry County will strive to achieve and maintain a diversified and**
4 **stable economy by providing a positive business climate that assures**
5 **maximum employment opportunities while maintaining a high quality**
6 **of life.**

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8 **OBJECTIVE 1.1:**

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10 Hendry County will promote the conservation and enhancement of natural, cultural, and social
11 resources that represent the County’s agriculture, retirement, recreation, and tourist-oriented
12 economy.

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14 **Policy 1.1.1:** Hendry County will encourage the development of diverse cultural facilities
15 through public, private or public/private partnerships that meet the needs of
16 the residents and visitors of the county.

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18 **Policy 1.1.2:** Hendry County will cooperate with state and regional entities and other
19 social service providers to encourage the implementation of programs and
20 facilities that assist the elderly population of the County.

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22 **Policy 1.1.3:** Hendry County will encourage the preservation of sensitive natural
23 resources, including wetlands, estuaries, clean air and water, historic
24 resources, scenic vistas, and other unique natural resources.

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26 **Policy 1.1.4:** Hendry County will continue to support locating viable industry to the
27 existing industrial areas surrounding the airport in LaBelle and Airglades in
28 Clewiston.

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30 **OBJECTIVE 1.2:**

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32 Hendry County will support programs that are designed to expand and enhance the tourism
33 industry.

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35 **Policy 1.2.1:** Hendry County will continue to support the local tourism industry and work
36 with the cities of LaBelle and Clewiston, the Economic Development
37 Council, and the Chamber of Commerce, and the Tourist Development
38 Council.

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40 **Policy 1.2.2:** Hendry County will support the research efforts of appropriate entities to
41 accurately measure the economic impact of tourism.

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43 **Policy 1.2.3:** Hendry County will support the development of ecotourism in the County.

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47 **OBJECTIVE 1.3:**
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49 Hendry County will support public and private programs, and initiatives which are designed to
50 promote and encourage the recruitment of new industry and job creation as well as the expansion
51 of retention of existing industries in order to diversify the County’s economic base.
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53 **Policy 1.3.1:** Hendry County will continue to support efforts of the Economic
54 Development Council in promoting the expansion and diversification of the
55 county’s economic base.
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57 **Policy 1.3.2:** Hendry County, in coordination with appropriate entities, will continue
58 programs that encourage and assist in the location of new companies that
59 build on the traditional economic base.
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61 **Policy 1.3.3:** Hendry County will encourage agriculture industry programs to maintain or
62 improve its economic viability, provide necessary support, and promote
63 Hendry County produce.
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65 **Policy 1.3.4:** Hendry County will continue to implement the Enterprise Zone Program
66 and survey interests of business owners to continue the program past
67 December 31, 2005 every five years, will assesses the program’s
68 effectiveness through the annual report to the Governor’s Office of Trade,
69 Tourism and Economic Development (OTTED).
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71 **Policy 1.3.5:** Hendry County will support the economic development initiatives of
72 regional, county, and local nonprofit organizations.
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74 **OBJECTIVE 1.4:**
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76 Hendry County will encourage the expansion and development of educational facilities and
77 programs that complement economic development and diversification.
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79 **Policy 1.4.1:** Hendry County will continue to coordinate with and assist the Hendry
80 County School Board in the orderly and rational expansion of educational
81 facilities that enhance economic growth and a desired quality of life.
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83 **Policy 1.4.2:** Hendry County will encourage and promote the development of higher
84 education programs and facilities including, but not limited to, business and
85 commerce, health services, technologies, and education curriculums.
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87 **Policy 1.4.3:** Hendry County will encourage institutions of higher learning to develop
88 cooperative and integrated curriculums that enhance and increase the
89 productivity of the local work force and attract industries and skilled
90 workers.