



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: March 16, 2017

### **Mission Statement:**

*To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.*

### 1. Management / Operations

#### a. Budget

- January Financials
- 2016 Audit

### 2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Annual report presentations to Collier County and Charlotte County
- Western Michigan University Symposium in Charlotte County
- Groundbreaking for Florida Culinary Accelerator and Ribbon Cutting for Woodstock's Market in Immokalee
- Annual World Congress of Ocean-2017, Shenzhen, China
- FRCA Update
- Promise Zone Update
  - Vista Volunteers
  - \$2 Million awarded in grants
  - \$3 Million pending

### 3. Second Quarter FY 2016-2017 (January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017)

- Grants Awarded: Approximately \$625,016 revenue not yet added to the current budget including:
  - ✓ DEO grant for Labelle Marketing Brochure \$20,000 Approved
  - ✓ The Promise Zone designation was approved for Hendry County, Glades County and Immokalee
  - ✓ EPA Wetland Mitigation Strategy, \$146,067 (over 2 years)
  - ✓ HMEP, \$60,349
  - ✓ Pelican Cove Climate Adaptation Plan, \$20,000
  - ✓ EDA Technical Planning Grant - CEDS, \$300,000 (over 3 years)
  - ✓ City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy - \$30,600



- ✓ Sarasota Pelican Cove Resiliency - \$20,000
- ✓ Approximately \$25,000 in extension/carryover of last year grants
- ✓ USDA Rural Business Development Grant for relocation of utilities in Clewiston -\$3000 for grant preparation
  
- Grants Under Development
  - ✓ EPA Environmental Education local grants program \$91,000
  - ✓ Kresge grant for City of Clewiston public art placemaking grant
  - ✓ USDA Farmers Market Planning Grant for Clewiston
  - ✓ USDA Farmers Market and local Food Promotion Program: Regional Farmers Market Analysis
  
- Grants Pending: \$950,655 approximately
  - ✓ NEA, Artworks grant for a Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art, \$75,000
  - ✓ NOAA Mangrove impacts and Restoration; \$174,959
  - ✓ Farms to School grant ; \$88,696
  - ✓ Brownfields grant; \$600,000
  - ✓ FHERO -Regional Rural Development Grant; \$12,000