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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

February 16, 2017

9:00am – 11:30am

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.

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)



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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **December 15, 2016** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at **9:02 AM**. **Mayor Shaw** then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Margaret Wuerstle conducted the roll call and noted that a quorum was not present. A quorum was reached later in the meeting, before any official actions took place.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilwoman Lynne Matthews, Mr. Don McCormick

Collier County: Commissioner Penny Taylor, Councilman Reg Buxton, Mr. Alan Reynolds

Glades County: Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Julie Wilkins,

Lee County: Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Forrest Banks, Councilman Greg DeWitt, Vice-Mayor Mick Denham, Councilmember Jim Wilson

Sarasota County: Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Fred Fraize, Commissioner Debbie McDowell

Ex-Officio: Mr. Jon Iglehart-FDEP, Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Ms. Sarah Catala- FDOT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County: Mr. Bob Mulhere

Glades County: Commissioner Weston Pryor, Councilwoman Pat Lucas

Hendry County: Commissioner Sherida Ridgill, Mr. Mel Karau

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilwoman Anita Cereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio: Ms. Tara Poulton - SWFWMD

**AGENDA ITEM #4
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #5
AGENDA**

Chair McCormick requested that the Director's Report be presented at the beginning of the meeting, due to a lack of quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM #7
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the report. She noted that the Council ended fiscal year 2016 with an unaudited surplus of \$20,000-22,000. She then presented the October financials and added that the budget gap has already been closed through roughly \$320,000 of additional grant money since the budget was adopted. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the final amendments to the FY 2016 budget needed to be approved once a quorum is reached. The 2016 budget was amended to reflect additional revenues brought in throughout the year.

She added that the service agreement for the audit for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 also needed to be approved. She explained that Tuscan & Company, P.A. has been a great help to the Council over a long period of time. Commissioner Doherty asked about the competitiveness of the pricing. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the cost of the SWFRPC's audit has been high compared to other RPCs. Some RPCs ranged from \$15,000-\$20,000 while the SWFRPC's was around \$31,000. However, Ms. Wuerstle noted that Tuscan & Company, P.A. provides more services than a typical audit and the SWFRPC's audit has come back clean for the last four years due to their help.

At this point a quorum was reached.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Denham to approve the audit agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doherty and passed unanimously.

Ms. Wuerstle announced that it was time for the Council to appoint a nominating committee for the 2017 Executive Board. Chair McCormick appointed Commissioner Mann, Mayor Shaw, and Vice-Mayor Denham. It was decided that the committee would meet over a conference call next week.

Ms. Wuerstle gave a report on previous week's FRCA meetings. She was advised to be very careful when requesting funding from the State Legislature this year and stated that FRCA will not request any funding this year. This information caused Ms. Wuerstle to reconsider the Council's legislative priorities and she advised the Council to drop the Economic Opportunity Map from the RPC's priorities this year. She has also been working with various State agencies regarding the Promise Zone. They suggested that she meet with the other agencies and educate them on the Promise Zone and seek support that way, rather than amending the RAO statutes to support the Promise Zone. Commissioner Wilkins explained that any non-recurring funding submitted to the Senate needs to be submitted as a single bill along with a detailed six page form. Commissioner Doherty stated that the State deficit is rumored to be between \$500m and \$1b and even preexisting programs will not be a given this year. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if any grants currently under development could be affected. Ms. Wuerstle could not think of any and stated that she was told that the budget may not be ready until June or July. Chair McCormick concluded that the potential costs of asking for funding would outweigh any possible benefits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkins to withdraw the SWFRPC's legislative priorities. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Denham and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Banks and seconded by Commissioner Doherty to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wuerstle announced that staff is submitting an application for a brownfields grant and a resolution needed to be approved by the Council. Mr. Jason Stoltzfus gave a brief overview of the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doherty and passed unanimously.

Ms. Wuerstle reminded the Council about the Florida Chamber Foundation meeting on January 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hodges University. This meeting will provide input for the update of the State's Economic Development Plan. She encouraged the members to put the meeting on their calendars and also to invite those individuals who they felt would be able to contribute to updating the plan. Additionally, the Council's CEDS plan is due for a major update in September 2017 and this meeting will provide input that will help with that update. DEO will also be developing their own Economic Development Strategy and all three plans need to come together.

AGENDA ITEM #11(j)
Water Quality and Water Resources Management
Presentation by Mr. Phil Flood and Mr. Thomas Perry

Mr. Perry led the discussion. He reintroduced the position paper that has been discussed at previous meetings and explained that Mr. Flood would be giving a presentation on the IDS (Integrated Delivery Schedule) and the two items that are in the proposed priorities.

Mr. Flood gave the presentation on the IDS. The Water Quality and Water Resources Management Committee proposes that the Council support the IDS. Vice-Mayor Denham stressed that this project does not alleviate flow from Lake Okeechobee, this project will allow water to flow to the estuaries during the dry season, and freshwater is an issue that is often overlooked. Councilman Burch thanked Mr. Perry for preparing the resolution. He is okay with this proposal as long as it does not conflict or contradict with the recently signed compact by 16 counties and the Now or Neverglades resolution that was signed by over 40,000 people. He states that the issue of water going south cannot be ignored and he cannot support this resolution unless he can be assured that it does not conflict with any of those other plans. Mr. Perry explained that the resolution is consistent with the white paper previously review by the Council, the resolutions passed by Lee County and the City of Fort Myers, and the compact mentioned by Councilman Burch. He had not reviewed the other items so he could not comment on those. Councilman Burch stated that he could not vote on the resolution since it has not been reviewed for consistency with the Now or Neverglades resolution.

Mr. Flood concluded his presentation. Commissioner Doherty asked if the projects in the resolution are consistent with the IDS and Mr. Flood confirmed that they were. He also clarified that all of the projects on the presented IDS slide will enhance water flows to the south and to the estuaries and the projects shown in white are projects in the planning phase.

Commissioner Wilkins was concerned that this plan is more focused on the needs of SWFL's coastal counties than the needs of the inland counties. Mr. Perry explained that focusing on the coastal communities would attract more attention from legislators and added that he is from an inland county. He also stressed the importance of finding a balance of addressing the needs of everyone within SWFL and he believed they had done that. Vice-Mayor Denham, as a member of the Florida League of Cities, had Home Rule concerns for the communities south of Lake Okeechobee. Commissioner Taylor agreed with Commissioner Wilkins. She believed that the Council needed to take a broader stance to address the needs of all of our communities. She acknowledged the importance of the tax base of the coastal counties, but pointed out that the agriculture industry in the inland counties will be a major factor in the region's growth as well. She would like to see the inland communities addressed without detracting from the proposed strategies for the coastal counties. Vice-Mayor Denham stated that nothing is broader than the IDS. Mr. Perry reiterated that he lives in Glades County and works in Hendry County and he believed that the needs of those counties are met by the resolution. Mr. Flood added that there are water quality components in the IDS. Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Wilkins recognize that the IDS addresses these concerns, however they would like to see the issues more explicitly

stated within the plan. Vice-Mayor Denham explained that the economic issues associated with the water issues are very contentious and he worked to avoid addressing that topic in the resolution.

Chair McCormick commented that this is an issue that needs to be approached incrementally, this is a good step that addresses the needs of a lot of people, and he is sympathetic to the needs of the inland communities. He acknowledged that this step is not a cure-all and that the next step would be to address the needs of Glades and Hendry Counties. Councilman Burch agreed that this is a contentious issue and stated that the resolution provides a general direction to support the IDS. He agrees with Chair McCormick that incrementally the Council has to do something, he sees this as a do-no-harm step, and Mr. Flood has convinced him to support this resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Banks to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Denham. The motion passed 14-1.

Councilman Banks commented that the City of Fort Myers adopted Lee County's resolution due to lack of expertise by the City's staff. He does not believe that the Council's staff has this expertise either. He does see the Water Management District and the US Army Corp of Engineers as allies in this issue. He stated that having technical ability is necessary to publicly discuss these issues and the City and Council does not have that.

AGENDA ITEM #9 CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #10 REGIONAL IMPACT

Mr. Dan Trescott presented the following item:

AGENDA ITEM #10(a) Tern Bay NOPC

Mr. Trescott presented the item.

Commissioner Doherty commented that Charlotte County staff are good to go on this and he would like to move for approval. Vice-Mayor Denham questioned the reduction of affordable housing, adding that this is an area of concern for the region. Mr. Trescott stated that he and the Charlotte County staff worked with the applicant to have the 10% affordable housing requirement added and he is satisfied with this result. He agreed that affordable housing is an area that has been somewhat more lenient recently. Vice-Denham stated that 10 years ago the Council would not have approved this and the region does not have enough affordable housing. He explained that the City of Sanibel has 90 homes designated for affordable housing in their small, affluent society and he is very proud of that accomplishment. He does not believe that the region has the will to do

something about the affordable housing issue. Mr. Trescott agreed that something needed to be done about affordable housing. Councilman Banks asked for more information on the City of Sanibel's affordable housing program. Vice-Mayor Denham explained that this program is supported by the City, HUD, and fundraising within the community. They are rented and equity share homes and if a resident exceeds a certain income level they are asked to leave. The City provides the land on a 100 year lease and the homes are of equal quality to the homes that can be found throughout the City. Renters include school teachers, police officers, and interns.

Mr. Trescott stressed that the application proposed to eliminate the Tern Bay affordable housing requirement entirely and he feels good about having the 10% requirement added back in. He explained the DRI affordable housing rules that are still in place. Commissioner Pendergrass asked about the Council's authority to enforce changes to a proposal. Mr. Trescott explained that the Council can make recommendations, but no longer has appeal authority. He was able to get the affordable housing requirement put back in to this DRI with the help of Charlotte County. Commissioner Pendergrass added that Lee County has affordable housing communities in Lehigh and Dunbar. Commissioner Turner commented that this problem is becoming an epidemic throughout the southern portion of the State and affordable housing cannot be limited to just being located in particular neighborhoods. It must be County-wide. Hendry County is having problems recruiting teachers and law enforcement officers and it's his understanding that this problem is multiplied in larger population areas. Chair McCormick, as a Charlotte County resident, applauded his County Commissioners and staff for fighting to keep this requirement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty and seconded by Commissioner Pendergrass to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed 11-4.

AGENDA ITEM #11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #11(a) Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Wuerstle presented the September and October 2016 Financials.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Commissioner Doherty to approve the September and October 2016 financials as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #11(b) Economic Development Committee

Councilman Banks encouraged everyone to come out to the Florida Chamber meeting in January. Ms. Wuerstle added that on December 21, a CEDS Committee meeting will be held to begin the CEDS update process.

AGENDA ITEM #11(c) Energy & Climate Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #11(d)
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #11(e)
Executive Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #11(f)
Legislative Affairs Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #11(g)
Quality of Life & Safety Committee

Mayor Shaw noted that the committee has lost several of its members in the recent elections. Mr. Perry suggested that the Nominating Committee suggest nominations for all of the Council's committees in addition to 2017 officer elections. The Council and Mayor Shaw agreed.

AGENDA ITEM #11(h)
Regional Transportation Committee

Ms. Wuerstle gave an update on the Regional Transportation Plan process. She stated that there is a meeting scheduled for January 5th with the MPO Directors and the Executive Board of the SWFRPC..

AGENDA ITEM #11(i)
Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee

Councilman Burch congratulated Ms. Wuerstle on her efforts for the Promise Zone. He then asked Ms. Wuerstle to report on the survey that was sent out in regards to the Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Wuerstle stated that the survey was sent out to 122 elected officials and 33 responded. The survey presented options for how the Council membership should be constructed. The majority of the responses thus far proposed to leave the practice as is. She encouraged everyone to have their boards fill out the survey.

The concern is that some counties would be allowed more total votes under the current structure because some counties have more municipal seats than others. An alternative would be for each county to have 2 county seats and 1 municipality seat per county. However, the Council would lose several participating municipalities under this scenario. Commissioner Taylor clarified that the

issue of revenue and who pays is also an important Interlocal Agreement issue as well as the voting issue. She believed that the voting needs to be distributed equally throughout the region. Mr. Perry added that the Council's gubernatorial appointee seats are weighted based on county population. He also added that the Council has not had an issue with larger counties with more municipal seats ganging up on the smaller counties and that more participation is better than less participation. He concluded that the Council constructed "as is" has worked. Councilman Burch ended the conversation by stating that the committee will continue to work on this issue.

AGENDA ITEM #12 NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM #13 STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

FDEP - Mr. Iglehart stated that FDEP has issued the intent to issue Mosaic's 18,000 acre mining development in DeSoto County.

SFWMD - Mr. Flood stated that he had nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM #14 COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #15 COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Doherty stated that Charlotte County has had there committee assignments. Commissioner Doherty will continue to serve on the Council along with Commissioner Joe Tiseo. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year

Chair McCormick introduced two new Council members: Councilmember Lynne Matthews from the City of Punta Gorda and Councilmember Jim Wilson from the Village of Estero.

Vice-Mayor Denham stated that he will be out of town the month of January and would like to have a conference call for the Nomination Committee next week.

Mayor Shaw wished everyone the best that the holiday season has to offer and hoped they stay safe.

Commissioner Taylor stated that Commissioner Bill McDaniel will be filling the County's vacancy on the Council next year. She thanked Chair McCormick for his exemplary work and fairness this year and wished everyone happy holidays and merry Christmas.

Councilman Burch also wished everyone happy holidays and added that meetings like this show the value of the SWFRPC. He is proud of everyone involved and thanked Vice-Mayor Denham and Chair McCormick for their hard work and leadership.

Commissioner Pendergrass stated that he and Commissioner Mann will continue to be the County's liaisons for the RPC and is looking forward to a good year in 2017.

Councilmember Matthews wished a merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.

Councilman Banks wished happy holidays to all. He asked everyone to remember where we were a year ago when the RPC was moving into its new building and all of the hard work involved. He thanked Ms. Wuerstle and the RPC staff for their hard work throughout the year.

**AGENDA ITEM #16
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Councilman Forrest Banks, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the December 5, 2016 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 42, Number 234.

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2017 MEETING**

The meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was held on January 19, 2017 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council-1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:06AM. Mayor Shaw then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Margaret Wuerstle conducted the roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Joe Tiseo, Mr. Don McCormick

Collier County: Commissioner Penny Taylor, Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Councilman Reg Buxton, Mr. Alan Reynolds, Mr. Bob Mulhere

Glades County: Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Mr. Thomas Perry

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Vice-Mayor Michael Atkinson

Lee County: Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Forrest Banks

Sarasota County: Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Michael Moran, Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Fred Fraize, Commissioner Debbie McDowell

Ex-Officio: None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilwoman Lynne Matthews, Ms. Suzanne Graham

Collier County: None

Glades County: Commissioner Donald Strenth, Councilwoman Pat Lucas

Hendry County: Commissioner Mitchell Wills, Mr. Mel Karau

Lee County: Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Greg DeWitt, Vice-Mayor Mick Denham, Councilmember Jim Wilson, Councilwoman Anita Cereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio: Ms. Tara Poulton-SWFWMD, Mr. Phil Flood-SFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart-FDEP, Ms. Sarah Catala-FDOT

AGENDA ITEM #4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #5 AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the January 19, 2017 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mulhere and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 MINUTES OF THE DECMEBER 15, 2016 MEETING

The minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting will be presented during the February 2017 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wuerstle presented the Nomination Committee's (Vice-Mayor Denham, Commissioner Mann, and Mayor Shaw) recommendations for the 2017 Executive Board:

Chair: Councilman Burch
Vice Chair: Mr. Perry
Secretary: Councilman Banks
Treasurer: Mayor Shaw

A motion was made by Mr. Mulhere to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fraize and passed unanimously.

Chair Burch thanked everyone for their support and stated that he sees the RPC as the most important Board in the area. He also thanked Mr. McCormick for his great work as Chair last year.

Ms. Wuerstle presented Chair Burch's recommendations for the Council's standing Committees. Commissioner Turner was added to the Promise Zone Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mulhere and passed unanimously.

Ms. Wuerstle presented the November 2016 financials. She explained that the financials are being presented a month later than usual in order to present more accurate information. The Council revenue was down in November, but this is typical due to assessment cycles. The Council ended the FY 2016 with an unaudited \$22,258 surplus. This surplus has been added to the Council Reserve section of the financials. The Council is financially healthy at this point in the year. \$150,000 was put into the budget for unsecured grants. To date, the Council has received \$532,650 in additional grant revenue so the unsecured grants as well as the use of reserve dollars has been addressed in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mayor Shaw to approve the November 2016 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fraize and passed unanimously.

Chair Burch welcomed the new members of the Council: Commissioner Tiseo, Commissioner Storter-Long, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner McDaniel, Vice-Mayor Atkinson, and Commissioner Moran.

Ms. Wuerstle presented the Council's Annual Report video for FY 2016. Chair Burch thanked Ms. Wuerstle and the RPC staff for their hard work under less than ideal conditions. Mr. Mulhere asked what will be done with the video other than having it posted on the website. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the video is presented when the staff visits County Commission or City Council meetings. Mr. Mulhere asked that the video be sent to each member of the Council so that they can share the video. Commissioner Turner recommended that the video be presented to each county and municipality in the region.

Ms. Wuerstle announced that a pre-legislative delegation luncheon will be held in Fort Myers on February 1. She asked if the Council would like to pay \$500 for a table of eight. Commissioner Mann asked how this event was different from the free legislative delegation hearings. Mr. Mulhere explained that the delegation uses these luncheons to receive input from the public in a more informal setting. Chair Burch added that the cost of having representation may be worth the potential rewards. Commissioner Mann asked if single tickets were available. Ms. Wuerstle answered that a single ticket was \$40. Chair Burch volunteered to attend on behalf of the RPC.

Ms. Wuerstle added that she needed to know which of the Council's Governor Appointees are interested in being re-appointed.

Ms. Wuerstle gave a report on the Florida Chamber meeting. She thought the region had an ok attendance. She added that the information presented was very interesting. Commissioner McDowell planned on attending the meeting, but was unable to due to a conflicting meeting. She asked if Ms. Wuerstle could share any materials from the meeting with the Council. Ms. Wuerstle stated that she will pass that information on and added that some of the statistics were amazing. According to the presentation, Southwest Florida needs to add 1,100 jobs a month to meet the projected population growth. Chair Burch attended the meeting and thought it was a productive presentation and discussion. He hopes that the data collected during the meeting will be included in the final report.

Commissioner Taylor provided an update on the Culinary Accelerator in Collier County. She explained that this is a Promise Zone project, located in Immokalee. The Accelerators aim to expand an economy that is already in place by linking the agriculture industry with educational opportunities. The goal is to create a culinary arts production campus in Immokalee. They are looking to build a 50,000-100,000 square foot facility. Operations are currently taking place at the airport and they want to remain there. The incubator brings businesses in and helps them grow. This is a partnership between Collier County, Taste of Immokalee, and Alternative Laboratories. The University of Florida and Florida State University both work within Immokalee. This creates an opportunity for the rural workforce of the three Promise Zone communities. The project embraces 21st century agricultural technology and long term community development. A market analysis and feasibility report are required to move forward. They will be asking the State for \$3.75 million in funding. Letters of support are needed from surrounding communities and organizations.

Mr. Jace Kenter, Interim Economic Development Director of Collier County, added additional information on the project. The first grant for the accelerators was obtained 3 years ago for \$2.5 million with the help of the RPC. The project is centrally located to take advantage of local produce from Hendry, Glades and eastern Lee Counties. Commissioner Taylor added that they have a Senate sponsor for the project and they will need support once they receive a bill number. Mr. Mulhere asked if an in-kind contribution of land was factored into the grant match. Those issues are still being worked out. Mr. McCormick asked if expansion would impact the airport. Mr. Kenter answered that an expansion would not negatively impact airport operations. Commissioner Taylor added that the Consulate of Mexico visited Collier County and was interested in flying cargo into Collier County. Commissioner Storter-Long asked if hospitality training was an option for this project. Commissioner Taylor answered that all aspects of food production were involved, not just meal preparation and FGCU has a successful hospitality program that they would be interested in working into this project. Commissioner Sorter-Long added that Good Wheels has added a route to iTECH in Immokalee. Commissioner McDaniel commented that iTECH already has elements of that kind of training.

Ms. Wuerstle stated that Mr. Jason Stoltzfus is at the REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) meeting to try to gain support for the Promise Zone. Specifically, he is trying to get State agencies to potentially waive any match requirements for State grants. Mr. Stoltzfus called in to the meeting to give an update on the VISTA volunteers along with Ms. Beth Nightingale. Commissioner Turner asked about the availability and capacity of the VISTA volunteers. Ms. Wuerstle answered that they can be assigned anywhere. Every County in the Promise Zone will have at least one VISTA volunteer, two will be in the RPC office, and one will serve with a nonprofit agency. The VISTA volunteers can do whatever is needed.

Mr. McCormick stated that several Council members are currently at the legislative delegation meeting in Charlotte County. Commissioner Tiseo added that Commissioner Doherty is currently attending that legislative meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8(a)
GRANT ACTIVITY SHEET**

This item was for informational purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve the consent agenda as presented.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)
Budget & Finance Committee**

The November 2016 financial were presented and approved during the Director's Report.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)
Economic Development Committee**

Chair Burch stated that there was a very productive meeting between the region's MPO directors and the Council's Executive Committee earlier in the month. The two sides agreed on the importance of an overlay map. Mr. Perry agreed that the MPO directors were enthusiastic about the development of the map with the RPC. Mr. McCormick asked that the new director of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program be added to the Council's distribution list. She has expressed an interest in economic development mapping for the CHNEP region. Chair Burch expressed that this project is starting to see support from people who had not expressed interest before.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(c)
Energy & Climate Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #10(d)
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee**

Mr. Beever provided an update on the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management. The Agency held its Cela Tega Meeting in December at FGCU. One outcome of the meeting is a potential grant for storm surge mapping in partnership with the SFRPC. Mr. Beever is also working on climate change projects with the City of Cape Coral and the Pelican Cove community in Sarasota County. He also informed the Council on an administrative hearing regarding potential private boardwalks

through the Little Estero Island Critical Wildlife Area. The Agency is also keeping its eye on legislation. There may be potential funding for acquisition of land.

AGENDA ITEM #10(e)
Executive Committee

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10(f)
Legislative Affairs Committee

Commissioner Turner asked about the reasoning behind stopping short of an explicit request for State support of the Promise Zone. Ms. Wuerstle explained that during meetings with FDOT, DEO, the Florida Association of Counties, and FRCA, she was advised not to open up any legislation that affects recurring State funding. Promise Zone legislation would potentially affect RAO's (Rural Areas of Economic Opportunity) recurring funding. That State agencies thought it would be best to work directly with the agencies to get priority funding rather than changing legislation. Mr. Perry added that it is a good sign that the agencies are eager to work with the RPC on the Promise Zone. Commissioner Turner asked if the change in administration will impact the Promise Zone. Ms. Wuerstle added that there is always a chance that changes will be made, but it would take at least a year or two. She adds that she has pushed the Promise Zone partners to submit projects before any changes could be made. The other rural Promise Zones have all been very successful. Commissioner Turner states that we are one year into a ten year marathon with the Promise Zone and he asked Ms. Wuerstle to create a presentation that shows short term, long term, and current status of the Promise Zone initiative, praising the Annual Report video as a great marketing tool. Commissioner McDaniel added that regional projects will be more successful in receiving funding than local projects. Mr. Perry advised that we don't want to look back ten years from now and say that the Promise Zone brought in one factory. Rather, we want the factory as well as additional companies that support the operations of that factory to build up the economy. The Promise Zone needs to be transformative and not something that just moves the ball. Commissioner McDaniel explained that the strength of the Promise Zone communities is workforce and that workforce can be an asset in the distribution industry. Mr. Perry added that he views the Promise Zone as a ten year sprint, not a marathon. Chair Burch stressed that the difference makers for this project need to be the local communities. Commissioner McDaniel expressed the desire to see a regional partnership come out of this effort. Ms. Wuerstle adds that the regional communities outside of the Promise Zone can still benefit from Promise Zone grants.

Chair Burch added that there will be no money available from the legislature and the theme is to make as few bills as possible. Commissioner Turner asked if there was any reason given for the State deficit. Commissioner Taylor heard it was tied to the refusal of Medicaid funding. Commissioner Turner struggled to accept that the State is experiencing a revenue shortfall, stating that every forecast showed large revenue expansions. Chair Burch added that there are many potential reasons for the shortfall that have been thrown around, but the State agencies claim the reason is "legislative policy issues". Mr. Perry explained that two of the issues stated at the FRCA meeting were: how was the gulf oil spill money going to be spent and freezing of the State tax for

school support. He also added that Senator Negrón wants to increase spending on higher education. Chair Burch stated that he believes there will be a major assault on education.

AGENDA ITEM #10(g)
Quality of Life & Safety Committee

Mayor Shaw thanked Commissioner Taylor for her presentation and everyone for their efforts with the Promise Zone and added that there is still a lot of work to be done. He adds that SWFL can be the best rural Promise Zone in the nation if the region works together. Chair Burch asked those involved with the Promise Zone to keep Mayor Shaw informed on quality of life issues. He explained that quality of life issues are directly tied into economic gain.

AGENDA ITEM #10(h)
Regional Transportation Committee

The Executive Committee's meeting with the region's MPO directors was discussed under the Economic Development Committee report. The next step is to meet with the FDOT District One director. Commissioner McDaniel asked about the meeting dates and locations for the Council's Committees. Mr. McCormick informed him that when the Committees meet, it's often half an hour before the Council meeting at the RPC office.

AGENDA ITEM #10(i)
Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee

Chair Burch informed the Council that Sarasota County has decided that they will leave the SWFRPC. This means that the Council may lose the municipalities within the County as well. The County currently provides the RPC roughly \$117,000 in annual revenue through local assessments. He explained that the County is undergoing the proper steps to do so and that just because they want to leave does not mean that they are making the wrong decision for the County. Mr. Mulhere added that the boundary issues have always been a topic of discussion since he has been on the Council, particularly Sarasota County and their relationship with Manatee County. He explained that FRCA is aware of this issue and they will be engaged in this process. If the boundary issue needs to be addressed for Sarasota County, it may be reconsidered for the entire State, which is a messy issue. Mr. McCormick pointed out that Sarasota County provides nearly 25% of the RPC's local assessments and they would have much less influence if they were to join the Tampa Bay region. He stated that the County never contacted him as the Chair of the RPC to inform him that they were considering leaving or to give him an opportunity to speak to the County on behalf of the RPC. The motion to leave was voted on through the County's consent agenda. Former State Senator Nancy Detert is now a Sarasota County Commissioner. She was quoted as saying that she's fine with reverting back to the big guys pushing the little guys around. She also believes participation in an RPC should be voluntary. He stressed that if that were to happen, the Councils would blow up the first time two Counties disagreed. Chair Burch explains that in his three years on the Council, there has always been a discussion on the State Legislature impacting the RPCs and what can be done about that. He sees the RPC evolving and redefining its relevancy and he believes the RPC affects this community more than anybody else. He adds that this raises the

question of who will follow if Sarasota leaves and that makes it more important to show the Council's relevance. With the current State Statutes, Sarasota County must belong to an RPC so they would have to join Tampa Bay if they leave SWFL.

Commissioner Turner is a proponent of the FDOT District maps for determining regions. He believes Hendry County is better off staying in SWFL than moving to Central Florida, but he understands Sarasota County's decision. The issue that the Council must address is the funding issue. He also worries about Lee County potentially leaving. He added that the conversations had by the Council members at these meetings justify the RPC's existence 25 times over and a dollar amount cannot be put on that impact. The RPC's work on the SR 80/US 27 Corridor is just one example of relevancy. Commissioner Turner stated there was an average of one death per month on that Corridor and now there has not been a death in the past nine months and in the previous calendar year there was not a single death in that area. This PD&E was not scheduled until 2035 and the RPC got it done right away. He also brought up the pain management clinic as another project the RPC got done. Mr. McCormick added that balance among regions is also an issue here. Moving Sarasota's influence from SWFL to Tampa Bay gives them more sway over SWFL. He explained that the Legislature was far thinking when they originally established the RPCs. They knew conflicts would arise that would leave a particular County uninterested, but they would come back when they needed help. Commissioner Storter-Long asked for reflections on what could have been done to avoid this situation with Sarasota County so that it won't happen again with another County. Commissioner McDaniel spoke to the importance of balancing the needs of the rural and urban communities. He added that the Council needs to get out in front of this issue. Chair Burch stresses that disagreement between the Counties is important because no changes would be made among a group that completely agrees on everything. Commissioner McDaniel asked how long it has been since the RPC revised its Mission Statement, Strategic Plan, and Business Plan.

AGENDA ITEM #10(j)
Water Quality and Water Resources Management

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #11
NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM #12
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

No representatives from the State Agencies were present.

AGENDA ITEM #13
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

No report was given at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #14 COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. McCormick informed the Council that a recent Thousand Friends of Florida webinar recognized that the RPCs play a vital role in planning functions. He also thanked the Council for its support over the last year.

Mr. Perry stated that Mr. McCormick did a very good job as Chair last year.

Commissioner Tiseo looks forward to working with the Council.

Commissioner McDowell will have a meeting with Ms. Wuerstle. The Atlanta Braves are looking to move operations to North Port. This move may lead to improvements to River Road.

Mayor Shaw informed the Council that RPC staff has presented at his City Commission on more than one occasion to explain the Council's relevancy. He does not want his City to leave the Council because he sees a lot of work to be done.

Councilman Fraize stated that we really need to sell the Promise Zone State-wide. He wants an update on water quality and Lake Okeechobee. He informed the Council of a newspaper article that cites a study claiming high levels of mercury in Florida women. He stressed how important water is to our State and region.

Commissioner Storter-Long is glad to be back with the Council.

Mr. Reynolds is working with the Florida Chamber Foundation to facilitate additional meetings in each of the region's counties to obtain more feedback.

Chair Burch believes that we have made headway with the FRCA Policy Board. Mr. Perry agreed that the FRCA meetings have changed in a positive way.

AGENDA ITEM #15 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Councilman Forrest Banks, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the January 6, 2017 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 43, Number 04.

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Director's Report

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: February 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

- December Financials

c. Standing Committees - Adopted

d. Sarasota County

d. FRCA

- \$15,000 back dues

2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- SB 286 related to Human Trafficking Education in Schools
- HB 333 related to Rural Economic Development Initiative
- Promise Zone Update
 - Vista Volunteers
 - Priority Projects List - see attached

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

- Grants Awarded: Approximately \$622,650 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
 - ✓ 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



- Grants Under Development
 - ✓ FHERO -Regional Rural Development Grant
 - ✓ 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
 - ✓ USDA Rural Business Development Grant for relocation of utilities in Clewiston
 - ✓ Fast Track SolSmart Advisor
- Grants Pending: \$1,184,198 approximately
 - ✓ NEA, Artworks grant for a Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art, \$75,000
 - ✓ DEP Cape Coral Climate Resiliency Plan, \$15,000
 - ✓ NOAA Mangrove impacts and Restoration; \$174,959
 - ✓ Farms to School grant ; \$88,696
 - ✓ Brownfields grant; \$600,000
 - ✓ EDA Promise Zone Coordinator; \$230,543

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FY16-17 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	DATE ESTABLISHED	DATE OF LAST MEETING	DATE DISSOLVED
Budget & Finance	Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee Mr. Robert Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee Mr. Thomas Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee	The committee is charged with oversight of the SWFRPC budgets. The committee also reviews issues that impact the financial well-being of the RPC and provides input to the Executive Committee on these issues.	January 20, 2011		
Economic Development	Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (Chair) Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Mr. Tom Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee Commissioner Penny Taylor, Collier County BCC Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County BCC	The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC Executive Committee on ways to enhance and assist regional economic development efforts and will do this by bringing together key leaders. The committee will monitor the clearinghouse activities of the SWFRPC in regard to the collection and dissemination of economic data and it will monitor the Economic Development District (EDD) activities and work products.	January 16, 2014		
Energy & Climate	Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Chair) Phil Flood, South Florida Water Management District Mel Karau, Hendry County Governor Appointee Alan Reynolds, Collier County Governor Appointee	The committee is responsible for providing oversight on the Solar Ready II Grant project. The purpose of the grant is to promote solar best management practices that will allow more streamlined and standardized solar permitting regulations to be implemented. The committee will assist with engaging stakeholders in regional events as it pertains to Solar Ready II.	Committee was re-established by the Council on November 21, 2013		
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM)	Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (alt.) Martha Simons (Appointed by the SWFRPC) Many Interested Parties from the Private/Public Sector: Audubon of Florida Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) US Fish and Wildlife Service Scientist FDEP – Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves The Conservancy of SW Florida Johnson Engineering Lee County Div. of Natural Resources Town of Fort Myers Beach	The EBABM is a non-regulatory advisory committee to the SWFRPC that produces State of the Bay reports. Its directive is to review and make comments and recommendations to the SWFRPC and agencies regarding the management of the hydrology, water quality, habitats, and land uses of Estero Bay and its watershed.	Established from Settlement Agreement on April 10, 1995		

COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	DATE ESTABLISHED	DATE OF LAST MEETING	DATE DISSOLVED
	League of Women Voters FDOT/SWAO, District One Charlotte Harbor NEP Lee County Div. of County Lands Responsible Growth Management Coalition (RGMC) Lee County Division of Planning Snook and Gamefish Foundation ECCL South Florida WMD Lee County Port Authority FGCU Students Friends of Six Mile Slough Preserve Fort Myers Beach Civic Association USEPA – South Florida Office Audubon of SWF FGCU – College of Arts & Sciences				
Executive	Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral (Chair) Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers (Vice-Chair) Mr. Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee (Secretary) Mayor Willie Shaw, City of Sarasota (Treasurer) Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Past Chair) The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Council, so it changes on an annual basis.	The committee consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the SWFRPC and is charged with reviewing issues/information and providing recommendations to the full Council on a variety of matters including personnel, budget, programs and the work plan.	At the January 19, 2017 SWFRPC Meeting, the Council elected the current slate of officers.		
Legislative Affairs	Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee (Chair) Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Commissioner Ken Doherty, Charlotte County BCC Commissioner Charles Hines, Sarasota County BCC Mr. Bob Mulhere, Collier County Governor Appointee Councilman Jim Wilson, Village of Estero	The committee is charged with identifying legislative priorities for the six county region and with providing this input to the full Council. The committee will follow issues and bills throughout the State Legislative Sessions and keep the full Council informed of any issues that would impact the region.	January 20, 2011		
Nominating	The Nominating Committee consists of the members of the Council appointed by the current Chair, so it changes on an annual basis.		By Council Rule		
Promise Zone Steering Committee	Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee Bill McDaniel, Collier County BCC Karson Turner, Hendry County BCC	The committee advises staff and task forces on programs and projects, and provides oversight on the management of the Promise Zone.	Established 2016		
Quality of Life & Safety	Mayor Willie Shaw, City of Sarasota (Chair) Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers Commissioner Debbie McDowell, City of North Port Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Lee County BCC Reverend Isreal Suarez, Nations Charities	The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC on programs and policies to enhance the quality of life in the region. The committee will bring together leaders and stakeholders to discuss crime issues and	January 16, 2014		

COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	DATE ESTABLISHED	DATE OF LAST MEETING	DATE DISSOLVED
	Councilman Johnny Streets, City of Fort Myers	develop recommendations for innovative programs to assist local leaders in addressing their needs.			
Regional Transportation	Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral Commissioner Frank Mann, Lee County BCC Commissioner Bill McDaniel, Collier County BCC Mr. Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee	The committee is charged with providing input to the SWFRPC Executive Committee on the development of a regional transportation plan. The committee will determine needs and identify resources. A funding strategy will be created and once funding is in place the committee will provide oversight on the development of the plan. The committee will be responsible for determining regional transportation issues for presentation to the full Council.	Re-established on January 16, 2014		

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Attorney DeMarsh Interoffice Memo

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SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of the County Attorney

Interoffice Memorandum

No. 1411

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of
the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: *SED* Stephen E. DeMarsh, County Attorney

RE: Withdrawal from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

DATE: December 6, 2016

The Board has asked whether it may cease to pay dues to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council ("SWFRPC"). The County may cease paying the SWFRPC one year after it provides formal notice to the agency that it is withdrawing from participation.

Background

The SWFRPC is one of the Regional Planning Councils ("RPC") authorized by Chapter 186, Florida Statutes. Sarasota County is assigned to the SWFRPC by the Governor. Section 186.504(5) requires that each county be a member of a RPC. Therefore, Sarasota will remain, at least nominally, a member of the SWFRPC whether it participates or not.

Section 186.505(12) authorizes RPCs to "fix and collect membership dues...where appropriate." The mechanism that the SWFRPC uses to fix and collect dues is a 1973 "Interlocal Agreement Creating the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council." Under the Interlocal Agreement, each "principal member" (i.e. county) is assessed \$.30 per capita annually. That amount has not changed. Each fiscal year the SWFRPC uses the current population figure to assess the County's share, and submits quarterly invoices. In November 2011, the Board authorized full payment for the entire County population, to allow each municipality to participate without charge. The charge for FY 2015-16 was \$116,142, or \$29,036 per quarter.

The Interlocal Agreement allows counties to withdraw by adopting a resolution giving twelve months' written notice to the chair of each other member county. If the Board would like to terminate its obligation to pay the dues, it would need to adopt a resolution notifying the other members, and continue to pay the quarterly payments for the next year. Our understanding is that staff will be bringing the resolution back as a separate agenda item later.

Please see Alan Roddy or me if you have any questions about this matter.

From: [attorney](#)
To: [Charles Kammerer](#)
Cc: [Margaret Wuerstle](#)
Subject: email below (including my initial email to add to packet with Attorney DeMarsh's memo
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From: Stephen DeMarsh [mailto:sdemarsh@scgov.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:55 AM
To: attorney; County Administrator
Cc: Margaret Wuerstle; Alan Roddy
Subject: RE: Sarasota County withdrawal from Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Ms. Nightingale:

Sarasota County does not desire to join the Tampa Bay RPC. The County desires to withdraw from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and not to participate as a member in any RPC following the expiration of the notice period.

Stephen E. DeMarsh, County Attorney

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From: attorney [mailto:attorney@swfrpc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Stephen DeMarsh; County Administrator
Cc: Margaret Wuerstle
Subject: Sarasota County withdrawal from Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Mr. DeMarsh and Mr. Harmer,

I hope this note finds you doing well.

It has come to our attention that a resolution (2017-10), regarding withdrawal from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recently was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County. We have not yet received a copy of the executed resolution; could you please forward it to us?

We have reviewed pages 121-125 of the packet from the January 10 meeting (which includes a 12/6/16 Interoffice Memorandum) and have a question:

Is it the plan of Sarasota County to join the Tampa Bay RPC through legislation/action by the Executive Office of the Governor? OR, is it the plan of Sarasota County to abstain from participation in any RPC a year from now?

Thank you in advance for your response,

Beth Nightingale, J.D.

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Sarasota County Withdrawal Letter

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January 18, 2017



Ms. Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director
 Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
 1400 Colonial Blvd., Suite 1
 Fort Myers, FL 33907


Subject: Sarasota County Withdrawal from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Director Wuerstle:

On behalf of the Sarasota County Commission, please find attached an executed Resolution providing notification of Sarasota County's withdrawal from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), as provided for in Section 2 of the 1973 "Interlocal Agreement Creating the Southwest Florida Planning Council". Per the Agreement, the withdrawal is effective twelve months from this notification.

Sarasota County has valued its participation in the SWFRPC. We look forward to continuing to directly coordinate with all of the member jurisdictions on items and issues of mutual benefit and importance.

Sincerely,


 Paul Caragiulo, Chair
 Sarasota County Commission

c: Thomas A. Harmer, County Administrator
 Stephen E. DeMarsh, County Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-002
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

RE: WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Sarasota County joined the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as a principal member through the "Interlocal Agreement Creating the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council" of November 8, 1973; and

WHEREAS, substantial changes have occurred to both growth management systems and the landscape of the State of Florida, the Southwest Region, and Sarasota County since 1973; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota County's planning efforts are best focused on Sarasota County itself, and coordinated with other government entities by continuing direct cooperation with municipal and neighboring County governments where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to withdraw from participation from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.d of the Interlocal Agreement requires that any principal member of the Regional Planning Council that desires to withdraw may do so by notifying the other principal members twelve months in advance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, in public meeting assembled:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County hereby provides notice that it is withdrawing from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, effective twelve months from the date of this Resolution.
2. The County Administrator is directed to provide copies of this Resolution to the other principal members in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement, and to the Regional Planning Council and the municipalities within Sarasota County.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10th day of JANUARY, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Chairman

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk
of Circuit Court and ex officio
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota
County, Florida.

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

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Grant Activity Sheet (Information Only)

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Pending	Grant	EDA - Economic Development Administration	Public Works and Economic Adjustment Program	Jason Stoltzfus	Management of Promise Zone Initiative	N/A	1/12/2017			\$ 329,348.00	\$ 230,543.00			Management and coordination of the Southwest Florida Promise Zone initiative.	\$98,805
Pending	Grant	EPA-Environmental Protection Agency	FY17 Brownfields Assessment Program	Jason Stoltzfus	Southwest Florida Brownfields Coalition	12/22/2016	12/22/2017			\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00			Brownfield assessments and cleanup planning throughout Promise Zone region.	\$0
Pending	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Farm to School Grant Program	Jason Stoltzfus	Opportunity Buy Program	12/8/2016	12/6/2016			\$ 128,856.00	\$ 88,696.00			Develop and coordinate an Opportunity Buy Program for Collier, Glades, and Hendry County school districts.	\$40,160
Pending	Grant	NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program	Jim Beever	Mangrove Impacts and Restoration	9/27/2016	9/27/2016			\$ 174,959.00	\$ 174,959.00	10/1/2016	9/30/2017	Mapping, chapaters in final report, location of mangrove heart attck areas.	
Pending	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts	Our Town	Jason Stoltzfus	Fish-on-Parade	9/26/2016	9/26/2016			\$ 94,884.00	\$ 94,884.00			"Fish on Parade" initiative, fush sculptures and fish banners.	\$94,885
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EDA - Economic Development Administration	Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations	Margaret Wuerstle	2017-2019 EDA Planning Grant	N/A	12/1/2016	1/6/2017		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	1/1/2017	12/31/2019	CEDS Plan, Annual Reports, CEDS Working Committee	\$90,000
Awarded & Ongoing	PO	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)	Jason Stoltzfus	City of Clewiston Utilities Relocation Project	11/30/2016			10/27/2016	\$300,000	\$300,000	10/27/2016	11/30/2016		
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	DEP-Department of Environmental Protection	City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy	Jim Beever	City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy			8/25/2016	8/25/2016	\$30,000	\$15,600	10/1/2016	9/30/2017	The City of Cape Coral Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and The City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy (CCRS) Plan	\$15,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 TD Planning Agreement		5/19/2016			\$60,349	\$60,349	10/1/2016	12/31/2017	TDSP Update, LCB, CTC Evaluation, Quarterly Reports, etc.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	Pelican Cove	N/A	Jim Beever	Pelican Cove Climate Adaptation Plan	N/A	8/30/2016		9/27/2016	\$20,000	\$20,000	N/A	N/A	1: Vulnerability Assessment; 2: Climate Adaptation Plan	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	Wetland Program Development Grants	Jim Beever	Wetland Mitigation Strategy	4/30/2016	4/28/2016	6/15/2016	10/6/2016	\$220,000	\$220,000	1001/2016	9/30/2018	Development of a regional improved model watershed scale master wetland mitigation strategy for restoration, protection and public projects.	\$55,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Labelle Tourism Marketing Brochure		5/2/2016			\$20,000	\$30,000			Design, create, and distribute a tourism marketing brochure.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 HMEP Planning and Training Grant				10/1/2016	\$60,390	\$60,390	10/1/2016		HMEP related projects and trainings	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EPA- Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	Developing a Method to Use Ecosystem Services to Quantify Wetland Restoration Successes	3/17/2015	3/17/2015	8/5/2015	9/15/2015	\$234,071	\$174,071	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Products of the study will include updated valuations of the ecosystem services provided by existing conservation lands in the CHNEP; an updated conservation lands mapping of the project study area; a documentation and quantification of the ecosystem services provided by each habitat type, etc.	\$60,000

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Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2015	5/15/2015	6/11/2015	6/11/2015	\$48,000	\$48,000	7/1/2015		Staff support to the LEPC, Plan Development and Exercise, Technical Assistance and Training Coordination/Planning.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	Glades County		Tim Walker	Glades County Small Quantity Generators (SQG)				5/17/2012	\$3,900	\$3,900	5/17/2012	5/16/2017	The goal of the assessment, notification, and verification program is to inform Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) of their legal responsibilities, limit the illegal disposal of hazardous waste, and identify the location of waste operators for an update to State officials. Also, local knowledge of hazardous wastes is useful for land development planning, emergency protective services, health care and water quality management.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Margaret Wuerstle	EDA Planning Grant	1/22/2013	12/18/2013	4/18/2014	4/21/14	\$270,000	\$189,000	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	CEDS Plan, Annual Reports, CEDS Working Committee	\$81,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	EPA/CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program		Jim Beever	Mangrove Loss Project	4/4/2014	4/4/2014	12/19/2014		\$243,324	\$60,000	Oct 2014	Dec-16	Report, transect information, presentations, articles	\$63,800
Awarded & Ongoing	PO	SFRPC- South Florida Regional Planning Council		C.J. Kammerer	Train the Trainers Grant				1/25/2016	\$10,000	\$10,000	1/1/2016	3/31/2017	Trainers and Tools: Building Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency in Florida's Regional Planning Council Communities.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY16-17				42552	\$9,693	\$9,693	8/16/2015	6/30/2016		
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	HUD-U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		Jason Stoltzfus	Promise Zone Designation 2016	2/23/2016	2/23/2016			Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance			Rural designation of a Promise Zone for Immokalee in Collier County, Glades County, and Hendry County	\$0
Complete	PO	EDA - Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	Immokalee Culinary Accelerator	5/20/2016	5/19/2016			\$1,600,000	\$5,000				N/A
Complete	PO	SBA - Small Business Administration	Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME)	Jason Stoltzfus	Southwest Florida Enterprise Center Commercial Kitchen Bakery	5/18/2016	5/18/2016				\$5,000	5/5/2016	5/18/2016		N/A
Complete	PO	DOE - Department of Energy	SOLSMART	Jennifer Pellechio	SolSmart Advisors		5/18/2016			N/A	N/A				
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2016	4/6/2016			\$59,000	\$59,000	7/1/2016	6/30/2016	Staff support to the LEPC, Plan Development and Exercise, Technical Assistance and Training Coordination/Planning.	\$0

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Complete	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 Glades-Hendry TD Agreement			7/1/2015		\$38,573	\$38,573		6/30/2016	Update of TDSP, CTC Evaluation, Staff Support, LCB Quarterly Meetings, Committee Meetings, Update By-Laws and Grievance Procedures.	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Planning and Training Grant				9/28/2015	\$73,922	\$73,922	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	HMEP related projects and trainings	\$0
Complete	PO	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Rural Business Development Grant	Jason Stoltzfus	Immokalee Culinary Accelerator		3/29/2016			\$120,000	\$3,000				N/A
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants- City of Fort Myers		6/15/2015			\$30,000		10/1/2015	5/31/2016	Educational Program Curriculum, Community Preference Analysis and Visual Preference Assessment, Report results	
Complete	PO	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Jennifer Pellechio	Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Plan		5/2/2016			\$40,000	\$500			A vision, market analysis and graphical representations of economic GIS maps that will be incorporated in the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan.	\$0
Complete	PO	Northeast Florida Regional Council	Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program	Tim Walker	Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program Update						\$14,200	4/15/2016	6/30/2017	An updated summary document that includes key information on demographics, vulnerability and hazard risk, using a document template and map templates provided to ensure consistency around the state.	N/A
Complete	Grant	Visit Florida		Jennifer Pellechio	OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY Marketing	2/9/2015	2/9/2015	6/25/2015	6/26/2015	\$5,000	\$2,500	7/1/2015	6/15/2016	TBD	\$2,500
Complete	Grant	City of Bonita Springs		Jim Beever	Spring Creek Restoration Plan					\$50,000	\$50,000	Jan 2015	May 2016	The Spring Creek Vulnerability Assessment and The Spring Creek Restoration Plan	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Main Street Revitalization Plan		6/16/2015	8/3/2015		\$25,000			5/31/2016	Outreach materials, Public meetings, Develop community vision, Identify low cost strategies	
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY15-16				7/1/2015	\$9,693	\$9,693	8/16/2015	6/30/2016		
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Southwest Florida Rail Corridor Preservation Plan		6/16/2015	8/3/2015		\$39,000			5/31/2016	Comprehensive Plan language, GIS maps of the rail corridor, Stakeholder meetings and public involvement activities	
Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	2016 Disaster Planning Guide			1/28/2016		\$4,000	\$4,000	2/5/2015	4/30/2016	2015 Disaster Planning Guide for 8 counties English and Spanish	\$0
Complete	Contract	DOE - US Dept. of Energy		Rebekah Harp	Solar Ready II		3/22/2013	7/18/2013		\$140,000	\$90,000	7/1/2013	1/1/2016	Recruit local governments to review and adopt BMPs. Host stakeholder meetings and/or training programs, providing technical assistance to local governments as needed, and tracking any policy adoptions and local government feedback.	\$50,000

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Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning Grant Modification			9/11/2015		\$13,000	\$13,000	10/1/2015	12/13/2015	Trainings	\$0
Complete	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	Advanced Manufacturing in West Central Florida An Ecosystem Analysis Supporting Regional Development		12/26/2013	9/3/2014		\$116,514	\$58,257			SWOT Analysis, Web Survey, REMI, Regional website, branding strategy, brochures	\$30,584
Complete	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	A Unified Conservation Easement Mapping and Database for the State of Florida	4/15/2013	4/8/2013	6/3/2013		\$294,496	\$148,996	10/1/2013	9/30/2015	GIS database with Conservation Easements	\$145,500
Complete	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	WQFAM					\$160,000	\$160,000	10/1/2011	9/30/2015	Extension 2014-2015	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning				2/4/2015	\$22,000	\$22,000	10/1/2014	9/30/2015	Major Planning Project; travel coordination for LEPC Chairman; LEPC program coordination and quarterly reports.	\$0
Complete	Contract	NADO- National Association of Development Organizations		Jennifer Pellechio	CEDS Resiliency Section Technical Assistance										
Complete	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	Glades-Hendry TD Planning Agreement FY2014-15			5/16/2014		\$38,573	\$38,573	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	Update of TDSP, CTC Evaluation, Staff Support, LCB Quarterly Meetings, Committee Meetings, Update By-Laws and Grievance Procedures.	\$0
Complete	Contract	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	Title III (LEPC) FY14-15			7/1/2014	9/24/2014	\$42,000	\$42,000	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	LEPC Program Coordination; attendance during four (4) local quarterly meetings; attendance during four (4) state quarterly meetings; quarterly reports; quarterly news articles/updates; annual LEPC plan update; industry compliance support; housing of chemical data, meeting minutes, exercises	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis			12/5/2014		\$8,042	\$8,042	12/23/2014	6/15/2015	There are 4 deliverables stipulated with the contractual agreement.	\$0
Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	Tampa Bay RPC Graphics and Publications			10/21/2014	10/21/2014			10/21/2014	5/29/2015	As needed publication and graphic design, including FOR (Future of the Regions) award materials and annual report.	\$0
Complete	Grant	Visit Florida		Margaret Wuerstle	Our Creative Economy: Video - Southwest Florida Regional Strategy for Public Art	2/18/2014	2/18/2014	5/14/2014	7/17/14	\$10,000	\$5,000	7/1/2014	5/31/2015		\$5,000

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Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Agriculture Tours to Promote Assets and Economic Development in the City of LaBelle	6/6/2014	5/7/2014	8/26/2014		\$25,000	\$20,000	12/1/2014	5/31/2015	City of LaBelle Agriculture Tour Plan	\$0
Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	2015 Disaster Planning Guide			1/28/2015		\$4,000	\$4,000	2/5/2015	3/1/2015	2015 Disaster Planning Guide for eight counties in English and Spanish.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	Strategic Economic Opportunity Plan for the Southwest Florida Rail Corridor		5/2/2015			\$39,000	\$39,000			steps for implementing the goals and objectives identified within the plan for protecting the corridor and bringing economic growth to the community.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts	Art Works	Jason Stoltzfus	A Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art & Cultural Venues	7/28/2016	7/28/2016			\$75,000	\$75,000				\$75,000
Not Awarded	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program	Jason Stoltzfus	Clewiston Regional Farmers Market	5/12/2016	5/12/2016			\$100,000	\$100,000			Products of this study will include a market analysis, site assessment, vendor outreach, site assessment, financial analysis, and a written plan.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Jennifer Pellechio	City of Cape Coral Development Opportunity Map		5/2/2016			\$40,000	\$40,000			The creation of an economic development interactive opportunity map for the City of Cape Coral. The map will include shovel ready commercial and industrial sites with relevant information.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	Economic Impact Study of Lake Okeechobee Discharges		5/2/2016			\$28,000	\$28,000			A report on the direct and indirect economic impact of Lake Okeechobee discharges on Lee County tourism and the impact on declines in Lee County residential property values and consumer spending.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston Downtown District Façade Program		5/2/2016			\$30,000	\$30,000			An inventory of all downtown structures, identification of key structures in need of façade improvements, development of criteria for selecting buildings for improvements, work with property owners to coordinate, design and implement renovations.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Aetna Foundation		Jason Stoltzfus	Cultivating Healthy Communities	4/14/2016	4/13/2016			\$100,000	\$100,000			Implement portions of the Clewiston Neighborhood Revitalization plan, including: street lighting, awnings, painting and landscaping.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA- Environmental Protection Agency		Jennifer Pellechio	Brownfields 2016	12/18/2015	12/18/2015			\$280,000	\$280,000			10 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I ESAs, 1 Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan, 4 SQAPPs, 4 Phase II ESAs, 4 ABCAs	
Not Awarded	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture		Margaret Wuerstle	Farm to School	5/20/2015	5/20/2015	11/19/2015							

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Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Growing Markets for Small Farmers		6/17/2015				\$25,000			Identify needs of local farmers, identify sellers for the market, produce a map and marketing materials, Implement action plan	
Not Awarded	Grant	Wal-Mart		C.J. Kammerer	GoodWheels	7/17/2015	7/16/2015	9/10/2015			\$50,000			Run transpiration routes between Clewiston and Belle Glade	
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	SWF "Know Your Zone" Public Education Campaign		6/17/2015	8/7/2015			\$30,000			Design a logo, Prepare education program and curriculum, introduce campaign and schedules, Create Disaster Planning Guide, Present to schools	
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Strategic Opportunity Plan for Immokalee		5/26/2015	8/7/2015			\$25,000			Task 1: Demographics & Economic Study; Task 2: Community Vision & Stakeholder Engagement ; Task 3: Goal Development (with Steering Committee) ; Task 4: Implementation Guide and Strategic Action Plan (3 – 5 years)	
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Hendry County Regional Laborshed/Workforce Assessment		6/17/2015	8/7/2015			\$25,000			Hire consultant, Meeting with Hendry County, Draft Material for Hendry presentation, Final assessment and recommendations	
Not Awarded	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	EDA- North Port	6/12/2015	6/12/2015	8/3/2015							
Not Awarded	Grant	NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration		Jim Beever	Measuring and Forecasting Future Ecosystem Services in the CHNEP Study Area	3/17/2015	3/17/2015			\$400,000				Products of the study will include updated valuations of the ecosystem services provided by existing conservation lands in the CHNEP; an updated conservation lands mapping of the project study area; a documentation and quantification of the ecosystem services provided by each habitat type, etc.	
Not Awarded	Grant	Florida Humanities Council		Jennifer Pellechio	Public Art Field Guide and Map Viewer for Lee County	3/11/2015	3/5/2015	5/11/2015		\$15,000	\$15,000			TBD	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Artplace America		Margaret Wuerstle	ArtPlace - "OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY"	3/12/2015	3/11/2015			\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000			TBD	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		John Gibbons	Environmental Workforce Development Job Training	2/3/2015	2/3/2015			\$200,000	\$200,000			OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 40-Hour HAZWOPER and other training.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts		Margaret Wuerstle	Our Creative Economy - A Regional Strategy for Southwest Florida's Public Art and Cultural Venues	1/15/2015	1/14/2015			\$400,000	\$200,000			• Asset Mapping • A Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art: A SWOT • Southwest Florida's Public Art and Cultural Venues Field and Tour Guide	\$113,472

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Not Awarded	Contract	NACo - National Association of Counties		Jennifer Pellechio	NACo County Prosperity Summit	10/3/2014	10/3/2014			\$0	\$0			Summit	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Dottie Cook	Southwest Florida Brownfields Coalition	12/19/2014	12/19/2014	5/27/2015		\$600,000	\$600,000				\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Southwest Florida Community Foundation		Nichole Gwinnett	SWFRPC & RC&DC Collaboration	9/30/2014	9/30/2014			\$25,000	\$25,000			Provide information to the non-profit community about collaborative models that have succeeded in our area and to share proven effective practices for non-profits working together.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture		Dottie Cook	Southwest Florida Rural Promise Zone	11/21/2014	11/21/2014			Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance			Rural designation of a Promise Zone for Immokalee in Collier County, Glades County, and Hendry County	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Dreyfus Foundation - The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation		Beth Nightingale	"Our Creative Economy - A Regional Strategy for Southwest Florida Public Art, Festivals and Cultural Venues"					\$20,000	\$20,000			1. complete the Lee County public art descriptions (name of artist, year of creation, material, and significance); 2. provide QR Codes for Lee County's public art assets which will drive traffic to the Guide and direct users to other public art assets and venues; and 3. Create and promote a photo share site to encourage making art (photography) from art (public art assets and venues).	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	The Awesome Foundation		Barbara Hawkes	2015 Zombicon Festival: Documentary Video	10/15/2014	10/2/2014							WGCU Public Media, an affiliate of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), in Fort Myers, FL will create a documentary regarding the ZombiCon festival.	
Not Awarded	Grant	NEH - National Endowment for the Humanities		Jay McLeod	ZombiCon: Dying for the Arts	8/13/2014	8/13/2014	2/3/2015		\$75,000	\$45,000			Film Script/Storyline developed, in collaboration with humanities scholars.	\$0

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Agenda Item #10(a) - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

The attached report summarizes the project notifications received from various governmental and non-governmental agencies seeking federal assistance or permits for the period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending January 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the administrative action on Clearinghouse Review items

Agenda Item #10(b) – City of Sarasota Comp Plan Amendment (DEO 16-2ESR)

City of Sarasota DEO 16-2ER proposes to revise the Transportation, Future Land Use, Capital Improvements, and Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Chapters in accordance with the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) that was adopted by the City on October 19, 2015. The Transportation, Future Land Use, and Capital Improvement Elements are updated to remove the 9J-5 requirements. This requirement is no longer required after 9J-5 was repealed by HB 7202 in 2011. These three elements also include revised level of service (LOS) roadway standards. These standards are summarized in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) review attached in this report. The update to the Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Element is mostly a reorganization of the existing element. Maps are updated throughout the Comprehensive Plan to add more current data and make the maps more legible (examples can be seen in Attachment 3)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that this proposal be found not regionally significant

Agenda Item #10(c) – Collier County Comp Plan Amendment (DEO 16-1ESR)

Collier County DEO 16-1ESR consists of several individual amendments to six elements of the County's Growth Management Plan. Most of the amendments are housecleaning or glitch amendments intended to add clarity, correct text and map errors or omissions, and provide harmony and internal consistency throughout the document. A number of these Board-directed changes are not substantive but are predominately corrective in nature and follow direction provided by the adopted 2011 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). Another small number of these staff-initiated changes are associated with recent amendments proposed for or adopted in the Land Development Code (LDC), changes in the 2014 or 2015 Annual Update and Inventory Reports (AUIR), or with changes in State or Federal regulations, and to revise format, structure and language to follow other Board directives, and to properly reflect staff functions.

Additionally, staff is proposing a substantive amendment to the Stormwater Management Sub-Element to remove the stormwater off-site discharge rates and replace with a reference to the Land Development Code; and, an amendment to the Conservation and Coastal Management Element to remove references to the Stormwater Management Sub-Element and the Water Resource Ordinance (No. 2001-27) related to the off-site discharge rates and replace with references to the Land Development Code - as approved and directed by the BCC on April 26, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and Collier County.

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Project Review and Coordination Regional Clearinghouse Review

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The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council reviews various proposals, Notifications of Intent, Preapplications, permit applications, and Environmental Impact Statements for compliance with regional goals, objectives, and policies of the Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan. The staff reviews such items in accordance with the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process (Chapter 29I-5, F.A.C.) and adopted regional clearinghouse procedures.

Council staff reviews projects under the following four designations:

Less Than Regionally Significant and Consistent - no further review of the project can be expected from Council.

Less Than Regionally Significant and Inconsistent - Council does not find the project to be of regional importance, but notes certain concerns as part of its continued monitoring for cumulative impacts within the noted goal areas.

Regionally Significant and Consistent - Project is of regional importance and appears to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives and policies.

Regionally Significant and Inconsistent - Project is of regional importance and appears not to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives, and policies. Council will oppose the project as submitted, but is willing to participate in any efforts to modify the project to mitigate the concerns.

The report includes the SWFRPC number, the applicant name, project description, location, funding or permitting agency, and the amount of federal funding, when applicable. It also includes the comments provided by staff to the applicant and to the FDEP-State Clearinghouse in Tallahassee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the administrative action on Clearinghouse Review items.

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SWFRPC #	Name1	Name2	Location	Project Description	Funding Agent	Funding Amount	Council Com
2016-31	J. Corbett Alday	Guardian CRM, Inc.	Collier County	Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Inc. - Infrastructure Improvements Faith Landing Phase 4 in Collier County.	HUD		Regionally Significant
2016-32	J. Corbett Alday	Guardian CRM, Inc.	Collier County	Catholic Charities of Collier County - Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center Renovations -- CDBG Grant # B-16-UC-12-0016.	HUD		Regionally Significant
2016-33	Richard Kolar	Charlotte County Transit	Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit - Section 5339 Rural Areas Capital Assistance Grant. Small urban bus and bus facilities capital assistance grant - Construction on Veterans Boulevard Transit Facility in Charlotte County.	FTA	\$215,326.00	Regionally Significant
2016-34	Richard Kolar	Charlotte County Transit	Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit - Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Replacement of two vehicles with Ford Transit Minibuses 22' - Diesel w/lift, 8 seats, 2 w/c ADA accessible, and cameras in Charlotte County.	FTA	\$151,526.00	Regionally Significant
2016-35	Richard Kolar	Charlotte County Transit	Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit - Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Continue to provide transit service to meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in Charlotte County where public services are unavailable, insufficient and inappropriate.	FTA	\$105,000.00	Regionally Significant

SWFRPC #	Name1	Name2	Location	Project Description	Funding Agent	Funding Amount	Council Com
2016-36	Richard Kolar	Charlotte County Transit	Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit - Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Areas - Rural Operating Grant, Charlotte County Transit would like to continue providing service in the rural areas of Charlotte County.	FTA	\$164,000.00	Regionally Significant

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2017-01			Glades & Hendry Counties	Lighthouse of SWFL - Section 5310 Rural Grant - Capital request to purchase replacement vehicle (1 mini-van) to serve "rural" areas of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.	FTA-FDOT	\$26,650.16	Review in Progress
2017-02			Lee County	Lighthouse of SWFL - Section 5310 Urban Capital - Capital request to expand fleet with purchase of one 1 mini-van equipped with folding wheelchair ramp to better serve mobility disabled persons in Lee County.	FTA-FDOT	\$49,287.00	Review in Progress
2017-03			Lee County	Lighthouse of SWFL- Section 5310 Capital Grant - Application for assistance with operating expenses of transporting program vehicles in Lee County.	FTA-FDOT	\$126,138.00	Review in Progress
2017-04			Sarasota County	Pines of Sarasota Foundation, Inc. - Section 5310 - Capital support for replacement of one vehicle, which has surpassed 100,000 miles for transportation services for elderly and disabled individuals in Sarasota County.	FTA-FDOT	\$67,016.00	Review in Progress
2017-05			Glades & Hendry Counties	Good Wheels, Inc. - Section 5339 Program Grant - Purchase vehicles to transport students from rural areas in Glades and Hendry Counties to the I-Tech College in Immokalee, FL.	FTA/FDOT	\$430,676.40	Review in Progress

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2017-06			Glades & Hendry Counties	Good Wheels, Inc. - Section 5311 Program Grant - To match State Corridor Grant and to provide transportation from Clewiston, Hendry County to Riverdale, Lee County connecting the east and west coasts of Florida; and fuel and driver expense.	FTA-FDOT	\$1,282,840.00	Review in Progress
2017-07			Collier County	Guardian CRM, Inc. - Site Improvements and Rehabilitation at Timber Ridge and Sanders Pines - CDBG #B-16-UC-12-0016.			Review in Progress
2017-08			Collier County	Guardian CRM, Inc. - Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency - Immokalee Sidewalk/Streetscape Project - CDBG #B-16-UC-12-0016			Review in Progress

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A summary of the results of the review follows:

Factors of Regional Significance				
<u>Proposed</u> <u>Amendment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Consistent</u>
DEO 16-2ER	No	No	No	(1) Not Regionally Significant (2) Consistent with SRPP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of Sarasota

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CITY OF SARASOTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (DEO 16-2ER)

RECEIVED: DECEMBER 19, 2016

Summary of Proposed Amendment

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Regional Impacts

Council staff has reviewed the requested changes and finds that the requested Comprehensive Plan amendments do not directly produce any significant regional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of any other local government within the region.

Extra-Jurisdictional Impacts

Council staff has reviewed the requested changes and finds that the requested Comprehensive Plan amendments do not directly produce any significant extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of any other local government within the region.

Conclusion

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extra-jurisdictional impacts have been identified. Staff finds that this project is not regionally significant.

Recommended Action

Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of Sarasota.



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January 12, 2017

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RE: City of Sarasota 16-2ER Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (State Coordinated Review Process) – FDOT Technical Assistance Comments

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, has reviewed the City of Sarasota 16-2ER, Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Based Amendments, which was transmitted under the State Coordinated Review process. The Proposed Amendment was transmitted by the City Commission in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes (F.S.) Chapter 163.3184. FDOT offers the following technical assistance comments.

The City is proposing to revise the Transportation, Future Land Use, Capital Improvements, and Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Chapters in accordance with the Evaluation and Appraisal Report that was adopted by the City on October 19, 2015. The City's evaluation indicates that the following areas will need amendments based upon statutory requirements:

- Transportation Chapter
 - The updates to this Chapter include removing 9J-5 references that are no longer applicable and revising page numbers accordingly.
 - Revised Action Strategy 1.1 defines the new level of service (LOS) Standard on all roadways within the City of Sarasota, including LOS D on all roadways outside of the Transportation Concurrency Exception Area (TCEA), LOS E on all roadways within the TCEA, and an Alternative LOS Standard of the volume to capacity ratio of roadways which have a LOS that exceeds the LOS D and E Standards.
 - Currently Adopted Action Strategy 1.2 states that the City shall ensure that no development approvals are issued that would

degrade the level-of-service conditions on roads within a transportation concurrency study area for a proposed development below adopted standards.

- Revised Action Strategy 1.4 states that development projects that exceed the applicable traffic impact study threshold and degrade the LOS on roadways that they significantly impact, shall mitigate their impacts.
- New Action Strategy 1.5 states that developments that exceed the applicable trip generation threshold are required to perform a traffic impact study.
- New Action Strategy 1.11 includes the requirements of a developer regarding mitigation of development-related traffic impacts.
- Revised Map T-13 (Adopted Level of Service for Thoroughfares, Transportation Map Series) includes the adopted LOS Standard on thoroughfares within the City of Sarasota.
 - Per Map T-13, the following State facilities have a LOS Standard D:
 - SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail from North City Limits to 10th Street and from Webber Street to south City Limits
 - SR 683/US 301/N Washington Boulevard from Myrtle Street to 12th Street
 - SR 780/Fruitville Road from west of Lime Avenue to East City Limits
 - SR 758/Bee Ridge Road from SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail to East City Limits
 - Per Map T-13, the following State facilities have a LOS Standard E (within the TCEA):
 - SR 45/US 41 from 10th Street to SR 683/US 301/N Washington Boulevard
 - SR 780/Fruitville Road from SR 683/US 301/N Washington Boulevard to West of Lime Avenue
 - Per Map T-13, the following State facilities have an Alternative LOS Standard:
 - SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail from SR 683/US 301/N Washington Boulevard to Webber Street
 - SR 683/US 301/N Washington Boulevard from 12th Street to SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail
 - SR 789/John Ringling Causeway from West City Limits to SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail
 - SR 758/Bee Ridge Road from South City Limits to SR 45/US 41/Tamiami Trail
 - Per Map T-13, the following Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS) facility has a LOS Standard D:
 - University Parkway (SIS Connector) from Airport Circle (east of US 41) to East City Limits (east of Desoto Road)

- Future Land Use (FLU) Chapter
 - The updates to the FLU Chapter include removing 9J-5 references that are no longer applicable and revising page numbers accordingly.
 - No changes are being proposed that modify currently adopted land use classifications and/or densities.
 - This Chapter also includes revisions to the Concurrency Management System (Transportation LOS Standards), as described under the Transportation Chapter.
- Capital Improvements (CI) Chapter
 - The updates to the CI Chapter include removing 9J-5 references that are no longer applicable and revising page numbers accordingly.
 - This Chapter also includes revisions to the Transportation LOS Standards, as described under the Transportation Chapter.
- Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Chapter
 - This Chapter includes new Goals, Objectives and Action Strategies to eliminate inappropriate and unsafe development in coastal areas.

FDOT supports the City's effort to update their Comprehensive Plan and offers the following technical assistance comments to balance the needs of different modes, while ensuring a safe and efficient transportation system to address potential impacts of future development/redevelopment projects.

FDOT Technical Assistance Comment #1 (Transportation Chapter)

Action Strategy 1.1 defines the new LOS Standard on all roadways within the City of Sarasota. Because the City has additional supportive strategies to mitigate impacts on development projects that exceed the applicable traffic impact study threshold and degrade the LOS on roadways that they significantly impact, *FDOT offers no comments on the Action Strategy 1.1.*

FDOT Technical Assistance Comment #2 (Transportation Chapter)

Action Strategy 1.11 states that mitigation for development impacts to facilities on the SIS require the concurrence of FDOT. *FDOT requests that this Strategy be modified to include concurrence with FDOT on SIS and State facilities regarding mitigation resulting from development impacts.*

FDOT Technical Assistance Comment #3 (Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Chapter)

Action Strategy 3.10 states that the City will develop and maintain a traffic calming program for the coastal islands as well as other areas of the City. *FDOT is collaborating with the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to conduct a Barrier Islands Study to identify improvements that would address seasonal traffic congestion on the barrier islands and related mainland corridors. SR 789, a 17.5-mile road that spans the barrier islands, is a State facility. FDOT requests that the existing coordination continue between the MPO, local governments, and the Department in the development of a traffic calming program for the coastal islands.*

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FDOT Technical Assistance Comment #4 (Environmental Protection and Coastal Islands Chapter)

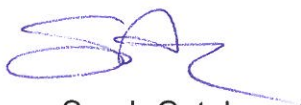
Action Strategy 4.14 as currently adopted states that the City may allow for an increase in residential density within the St. Armands Circle commercial shopping area for the purpose of creating residential liner buildings that screen non-residential uses from residential uses as determined through a master planning process. *Because St. Armands Circle is accessed via SR 789/John Ringling Causeway, which is a State transportation facility and evacuation route, FDOT requests that the City coordinate with the District One office on any proposed development plan that increases density in St. Armands Circle, in order to fully assess the transportation impacts on SR 789/John Ringling Causeway and other state facilities.*

FDOT Technical Assistance Comment #5 (General)

Action Strategy 9.2 of the Transportation Chapter includes a reference to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). *FDOT requests that all references to DCA throughout the Comprehensive Plan be changed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).*

Thank you for providing FDOT with the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please free to contact me at (239) 225-1981 or sarah.catala@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Sarah Catala
SIS/Growth Management Coordinator
FDOT District One

CC: Mr. David Smith, AICP, General Manager, City of Sarasota

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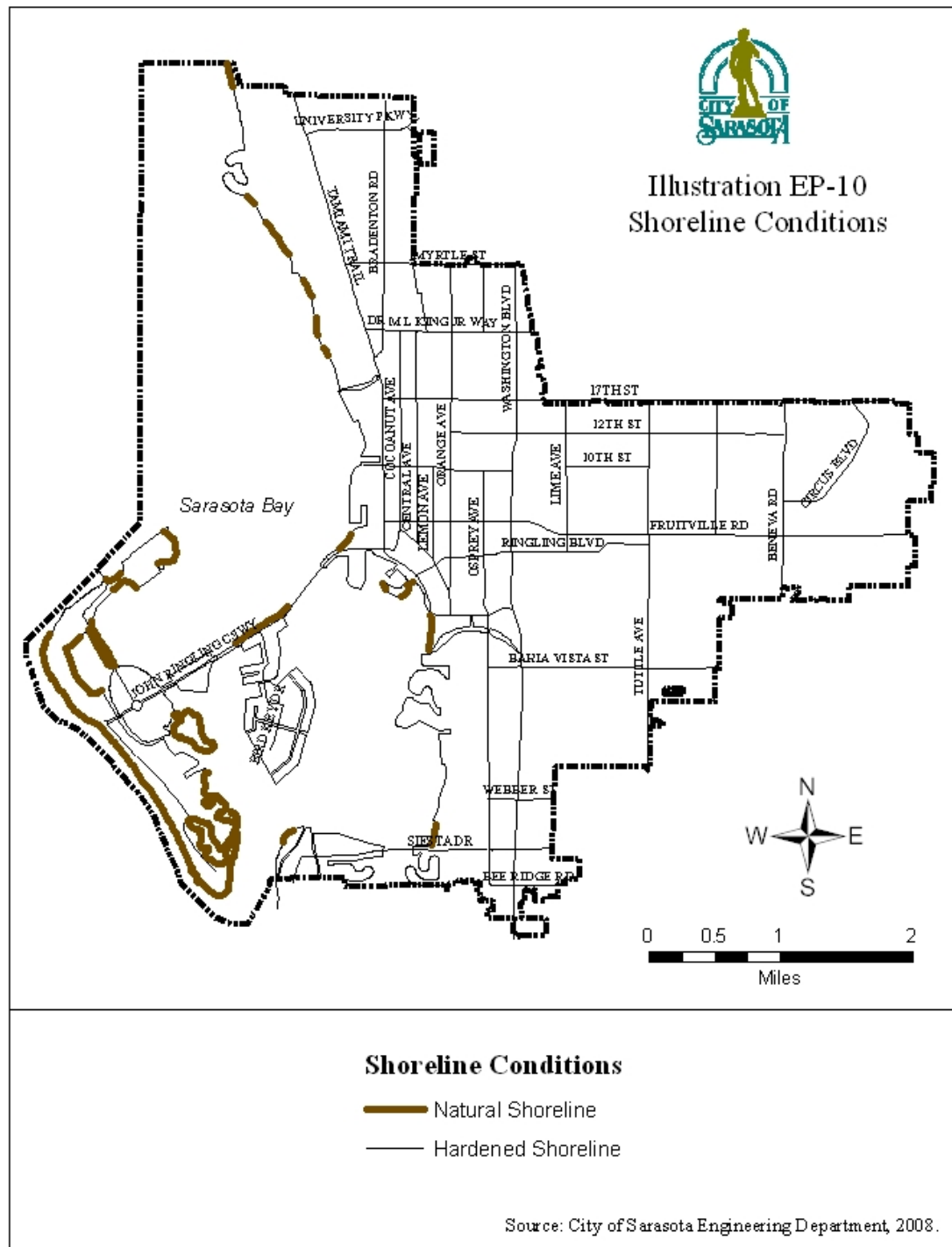
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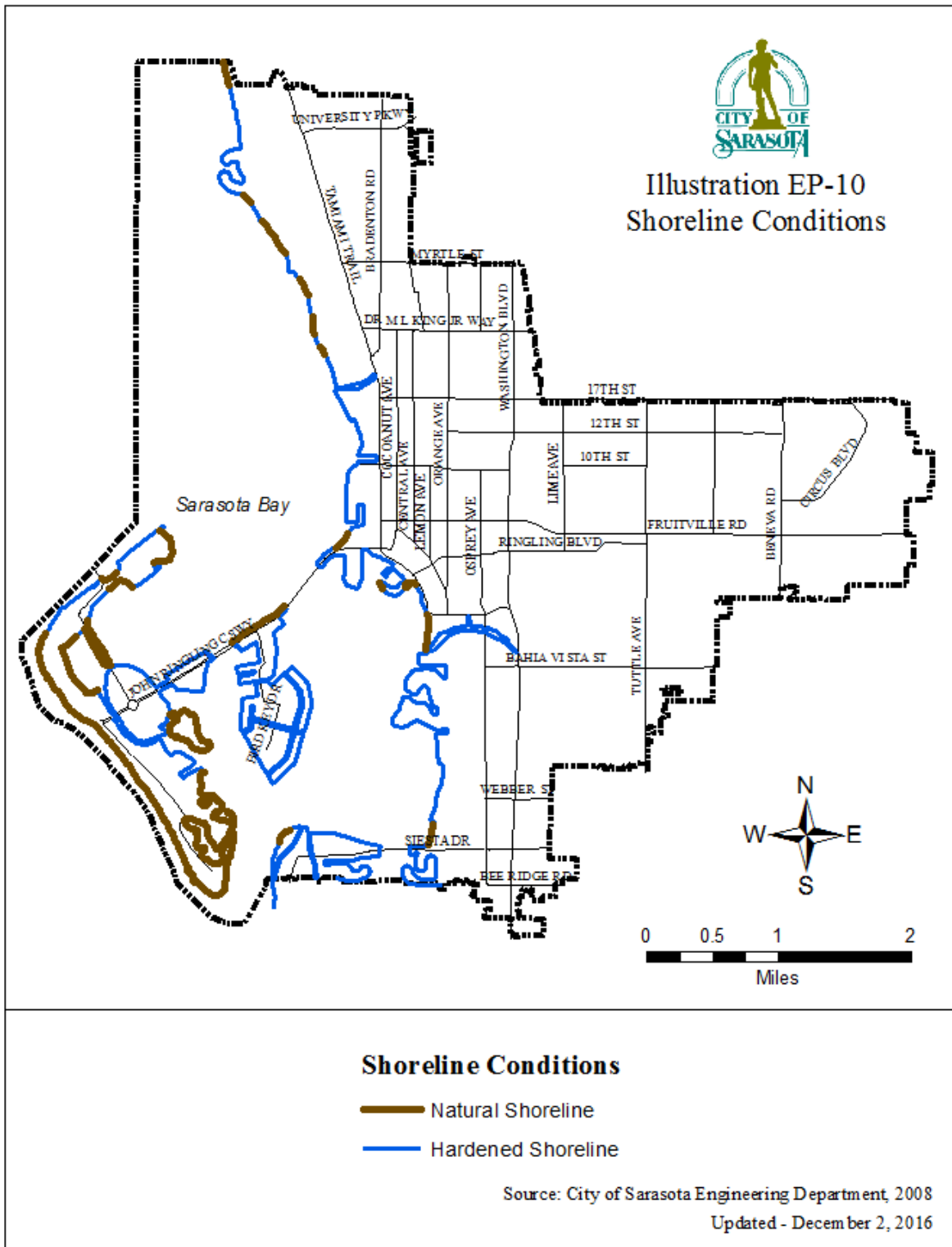
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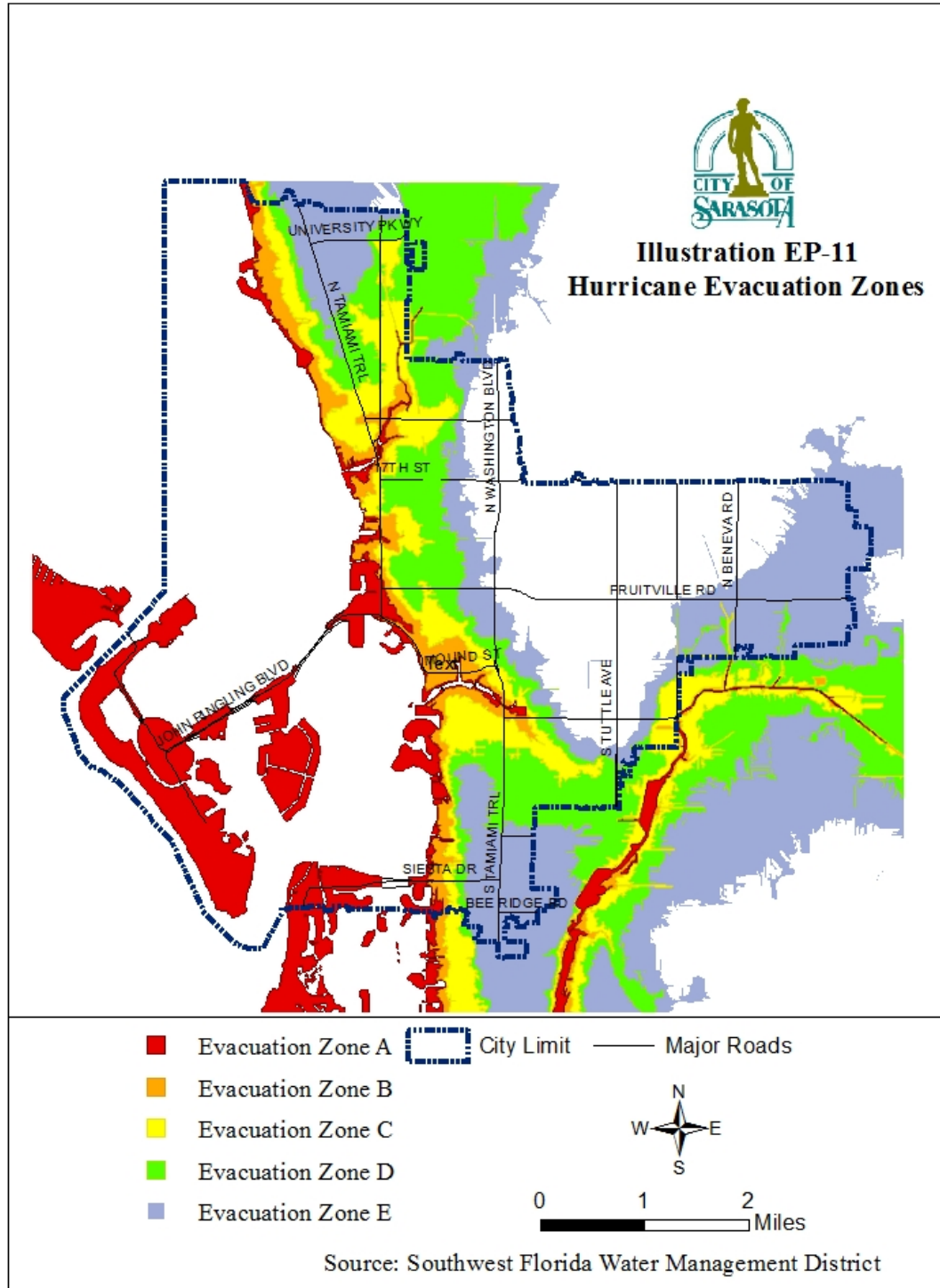
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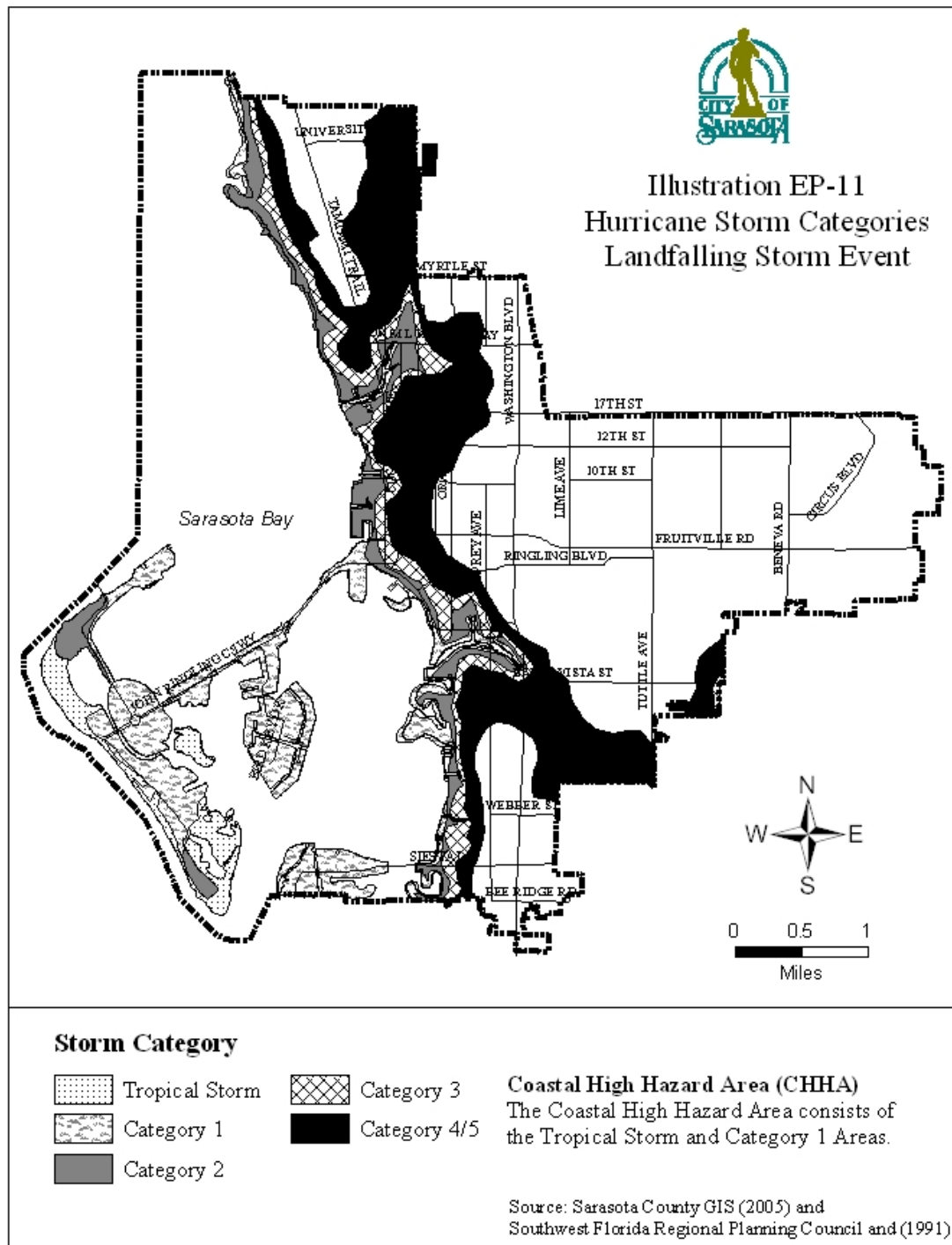
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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COLLIER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (DEO 16-1ESR)

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Summary of Proposed Amendment

Collier County DEO 16-1ESR consists of several individual amendments to six elements of the County's Growth Management Plan. Most of the amendments are housecleaning or glitch amendments intended to add clarity, correct text and map errors or omissions, and provide harmony and internal consistency throughout the document. A number of these Board-directed changes are not substantive but are predominately corrective in nature and follow direction provided by the adopted 2011 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). Another small number of these staff-initiated changes are associated with recent amendments proposed for or adopted in the Land Development Code (LDC), changes in the 2014 or 2015 Annual Update and Inventory Reports (AUIR), or with changes in State or Federal regulations, and to revise format, structure and language to follow other Board directives, and to properly reflect staff functions.

Additionally, staff is proposing a substantive amendment to the Stormwater Management Sub-Element to remove the stormwater off-site discharge rates and replace with a reference to the Land Development Code; and, an amendment to the Conservation and Coastal Management Element to remove references to the Stormwater Management Sub-Element and the Water Resource Ordinance (No. 2001-27) related to the off-site discharge rates and replace with references to the Land Development Code - as approved and directed by the BCC on April 26, 2016.

Regional Impacts

The amendments to the Conservation and Coastal Management Element contain a weakening of well field protection in regard to future petroleum exploration and production and expansions of existing facilities. The new language strikes the existing Policy 3.1.4.2h) that currently provides wellfield risk management zones in W-1 and W-2 and required a conditional use in W-3 and W-4. These are currently protected from future petroleum exploration and production and expansions of existing facilities. In order to protect the vital and valuable potable wellfields of Collier County the SWFRPC recommend this change should not be made and Policy 3.1.4.2h) be retained as it is.

There is also a weakening in Conservation and Coastal Management Element Policy 10.5.4 that currently prohibits construction seaward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line to new language that may prohibit construction seaward of the Coastal Construction Setback Line.

Council staff has since discussed these concerns with the County and they have agreed to make the necessary changes to these amendments. The language of Policy 3.1.4.2.h) will be rewritten to restore and clarify the original intent of the Policy. The County will also rescind the deletion of Policy 10.5.4.

Extra-Jurisdictional Impacts

Council staff has reviewed the requested changes and finds that the requested Comprehensive Plan amendments do not directly produce any significant extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of any other local government within the region.

Conclusion

Provided the County staff makes the discussed changes to the amendments referenced in the Regional Impacts section, no adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extra-jurisdictional impacts have been identified. Staff finds that this project is not regionally significant.

Recommended Action

Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and Collier County.

MAPS

Collier County

DEO 16-1ESR

Growth Management Plan

Comprehensive Plan Amendment

2016 - 2030 FUTURE LAND USE MAP Collier County Florida

DETAILS OF THE RLSA OVERLAY AREA ARE SHOWN
ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TITLED:
"COLLIER COUNTY RURAL & AGRICULTURAL
AREA ASSESSMENT STEWARDSHIP OVERLAY MAP"

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URBAN DESIGNATION

MIXED USE DISTRICT

- URBAN RESIDENTIAL SUBDISTRICT
- RESIDENTIAL DENSITY BANDS
- URBAN COASTAL FRINGE SUBDISTRICT
- URBAN RESIDENTIAL FRINGE SUBDISTRICT
- BUSINESS PARK SUBDISTRICT
- OFFICE AND INFILL COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT
- PUD NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGE CENTER SUBDISTRICT
- RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDISTRICT
- ORANGE BLOSSOM MIXED USE SUBDISTRICT
- VANDERBILT BEACH / COLLIER BLVD. COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT
- HENDERSON CREEK MIXED USE SUBDISTRICT
- RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDISTRICT
- BUCKLEY MIXED USE SUBDISTRICT
- COMMERCIAL MIXED USE SUBDISTRICT
- LIVINGSTON ROAD / RADIO ROAD COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- VANDERBILT BEACH ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT
- COLLIER BOULEVARD COMMUNITY FACILITY SUBDISTRICT
- INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
- BUSINESS PARK SUBDISTRICT
- RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDISTRICT

NOTE :

- (1) THIS MAP CAN NOT BE INTERPRETED WITHOUT THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN.
- (2) THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP SERIES INCLUDES NUMEROUS MAPS IN ADDITION TO THIS COUNTYWIDE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; THESE MAPS ARE LISTED AND LOCATED AT THE END OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TEXT.
- (3) MOST SUBDISTRICTS AS DEPICTED MAY NOT BE TO SCALE.
- (4) THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP SERIES DEPICTS THESE SUBDISTRICTS TO SCALE.
- (5) THE CONSERVATION DESIGNATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS AREAS ARE ACQUIRED AND MAY INCLUDE OUTPARCELS.
- (6) REFER TO THE GOLDEN GATE AREA MASTER PLAN AND THE IMMOKALEE AREA MASTER PLAN FOR FUTURE LAND USE MAPS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES.

COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- MIXED USE
- ACTIVITY CENTER SUBDISTRICT
- INTERCHANGE ACTIVITY CENTER SUBDISTRICT
- LIVINGSTON / PINE RIDGE COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- BUSINESS PARK SUBDISTRICT
- RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDISTRICT
- LIVINGSTON ROAD / EATONWOOD LANE COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- LIVINGSTON ROAD COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- COMMERCIAL MIXED USE SUBDISTRICT
- LIVINGSTON ROAD / VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BLVD. COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- GOODLETTE / PINE RIDGE COMMERCIAL INFILL SUBDISTRICT
- ORANGE BLOSSOM / AIRPORT CROSSROADS COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT

AGRICULTURAL / RURAL DESIGNATION

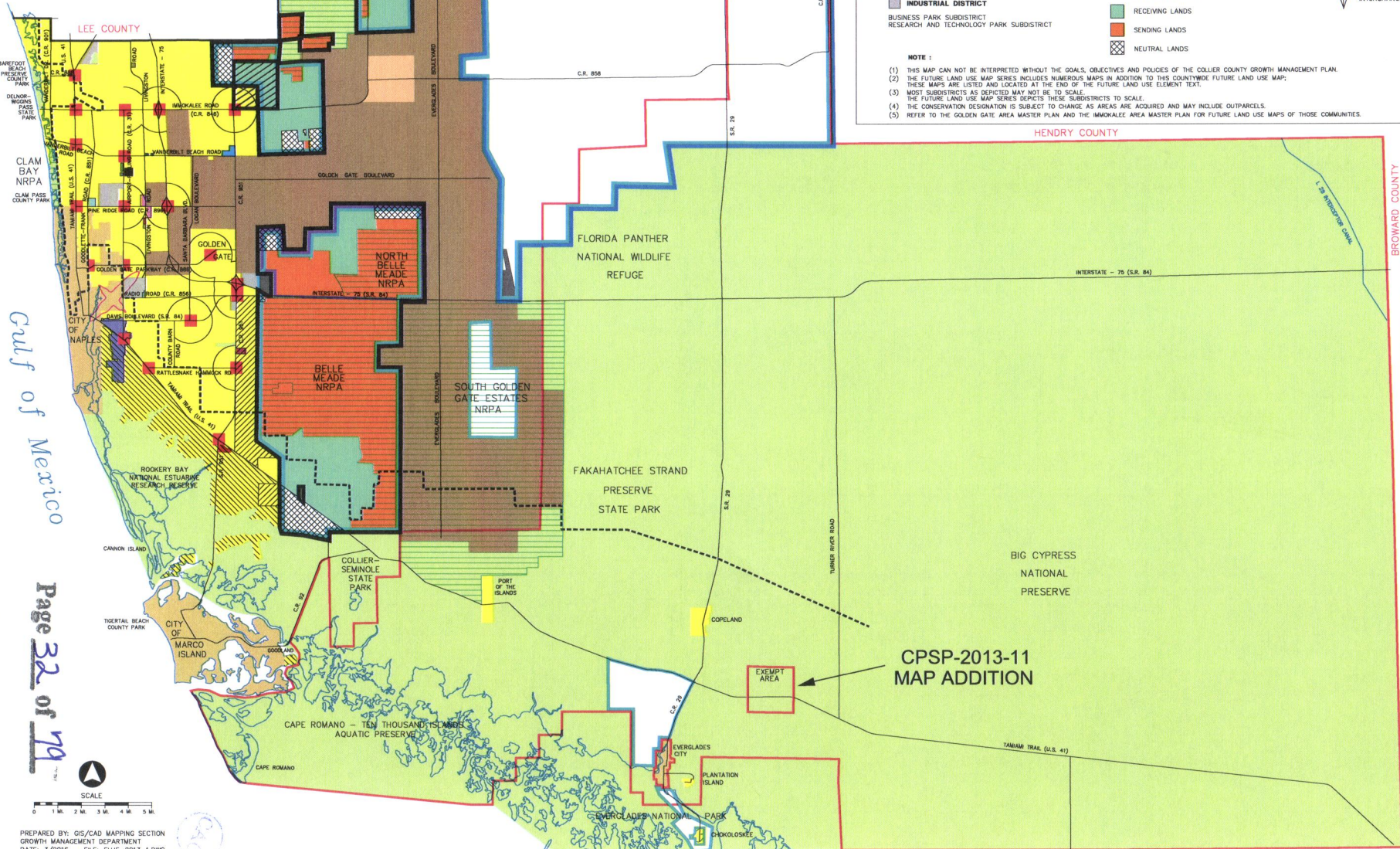
- AGRICULTURAL/RURAL MIXED USE DISTRICT
- RURAL COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT
- CORKSCREW ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT
- RURAL FRINGE MIXED USE DISTRICT
- RECEIVING LANDS
- SENDING LANDS
- NEUTRAL LANDS

RURAL SETTLEMENT AREA DISTRICT

- RURAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
- ESTATES DESIGNATION
- CONSERVATION DESIGNATION

OVERLAYS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

- INCORPORATED AREAS
- COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA
- AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN OVERLAY
- AIRPORT NOISE AREA OVERLAY
- NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA (NRPA) OVERLAY
- BAYSHORE/GATEWAY TRIANGLE REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY
- RURAL LANDS STEWARDSHIP AREA OVERLAY
- URBAN-RURAL FRINGE TRANSITION ZONE OVERLAY
- NORTH BELLE MEADE OVERLAY
- INTERCHANGE



FUTURE LAND USE MAP	
ADOPTED	JANUARY, 1989
AMENDED	JANUARY, 1990
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AMENDED	MAY, 2000
AMENDED	DECEMBER, 2000
AMENDED	MARCH, 2001
AMENDED	MAY 14, 2002 (Ord. No. 2002-24)
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AMENDED	OCTOBER 22, 2002 (Ord. No. 2002-54)
AMENDED	FEBRUARY 11, 2003 (Ord. No. 2003-7)
AMENDED	SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 (Ord. No. 2003-43)
AMENDED	SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 (Ord. No. 2003-44)
AMENDED	DECEMBER 16, 2003 (Ord. No. 2003-67)
AMENDED	OCTOBER 26, 2004 (Ord. No. 2004-71)
AMENDED	JUNE 7, 2005 (Ord. No. 2005-25)
AMENDED	JANUARY 25, 2007 (Ord. No. 2007-18)
AMENDED	DECEMBER 4, 2007 (Ord. No. 2007-78,79,81)
AMENDED	OCTOBER 14, 2008 (Ord. No. 2008-57,58,59)
AMENDED	SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 (Ord. No. 2011-26)
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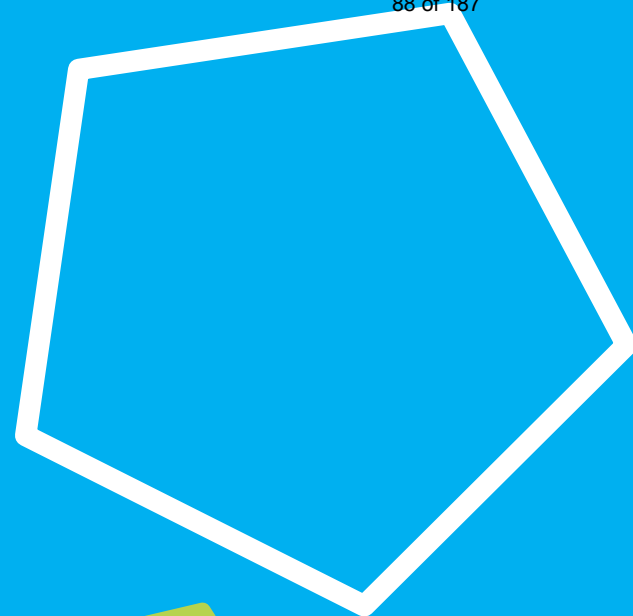
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Regional Impact

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING

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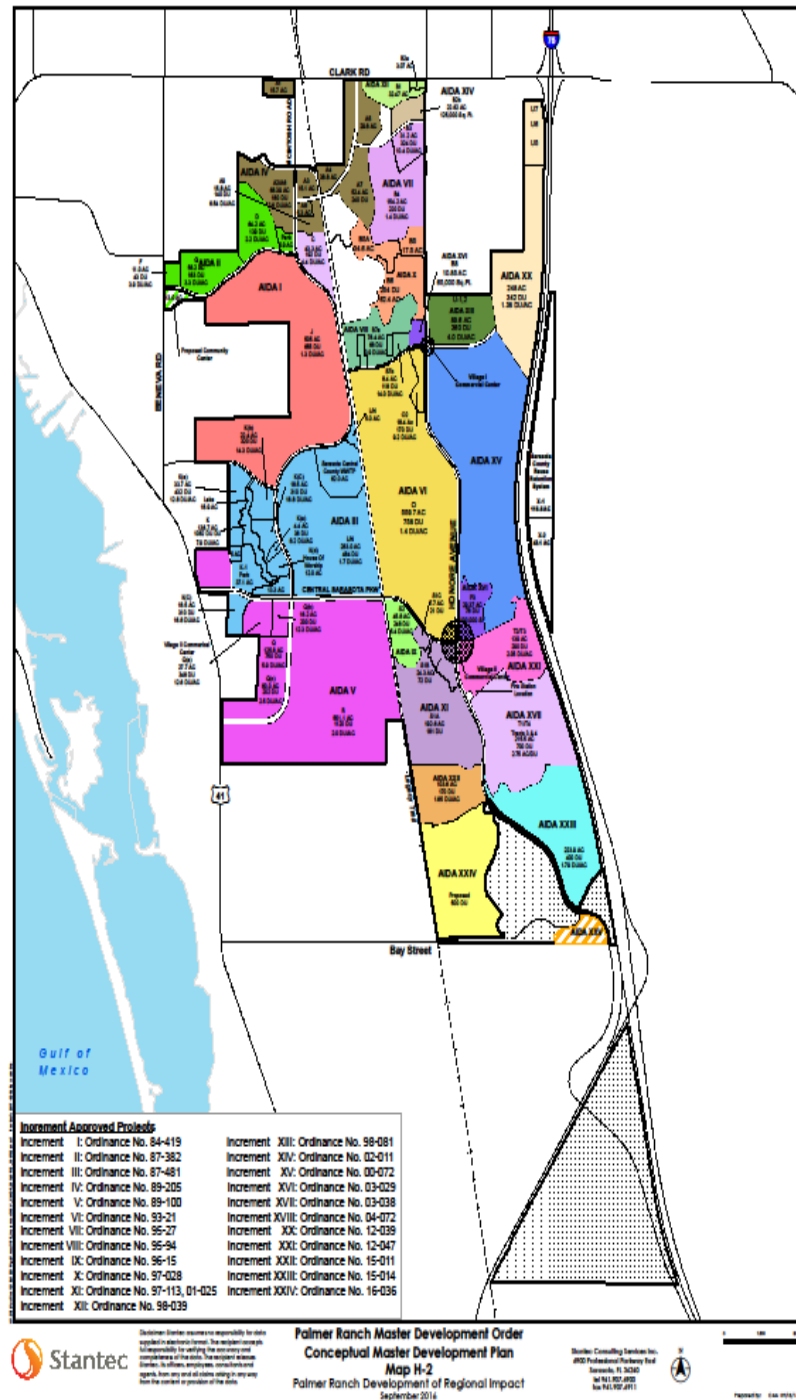
Palmer Ranch Inc XXV Assessment





DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PALMER RANCH INCREMENT XXV

- The Palmer Ranch Increment XXV DRI is 29± acre area identified by Parcel 9E, to be added to the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order (see Attachment I, Site Location Map).
- This Increment is proposing to develop a gated 257 multi-family unit rental apartment complex on approximately 21 acres of the eastern portion of the 29+ acre Parcel 9E.
- The residential development will be on 13.47 acres and will include amenity center, dog park, lakes/littoral area/man-made pit (2.26 acres), landscape buffers/other open space (3.67 acres) and wetland/30' buffer preservation/restoration (9.32 acres) (See Attachment II and III, Development Plans).
- Most of the uplands on the subject parcel have been previously altered by agricultural activities and are dominated by improved pasture (see Attachment IV, Aerial).



LEGEND:

- PROJECT BOUNDARY
- LAKE
- WETLAND/ADJ. BUFFER (PRESERVATION AREA)
- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREA
- LANDSCAPE BUFFERS AND OTHER OPEN SPACE


NOTE:
LAKE SIZES AND LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE. FINAL CONTOURS TO BE DETERMINED AT TIME OF CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW.

LAND USE	SER. LAND	AREA (AC)
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT		13.47
LAKE/LUTURAL AREAS/RAIN-MADE PIT		2.23
LANDSCAPE BUFFERS/OTHER OPEN SPACE		3.67
WETLAND/ADJ. BUFFER PRESERVATION		8.23
		28.72

NOTES:

- TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS = 257
- OPEN SPACE = 53%

PROJECT:	PALMER RANCH – DRI INCREMENT XXV (PARCEL 9E)	
CLIENT:	THE SPANOS CORPORATION	Revised Planning Services 11.20.15



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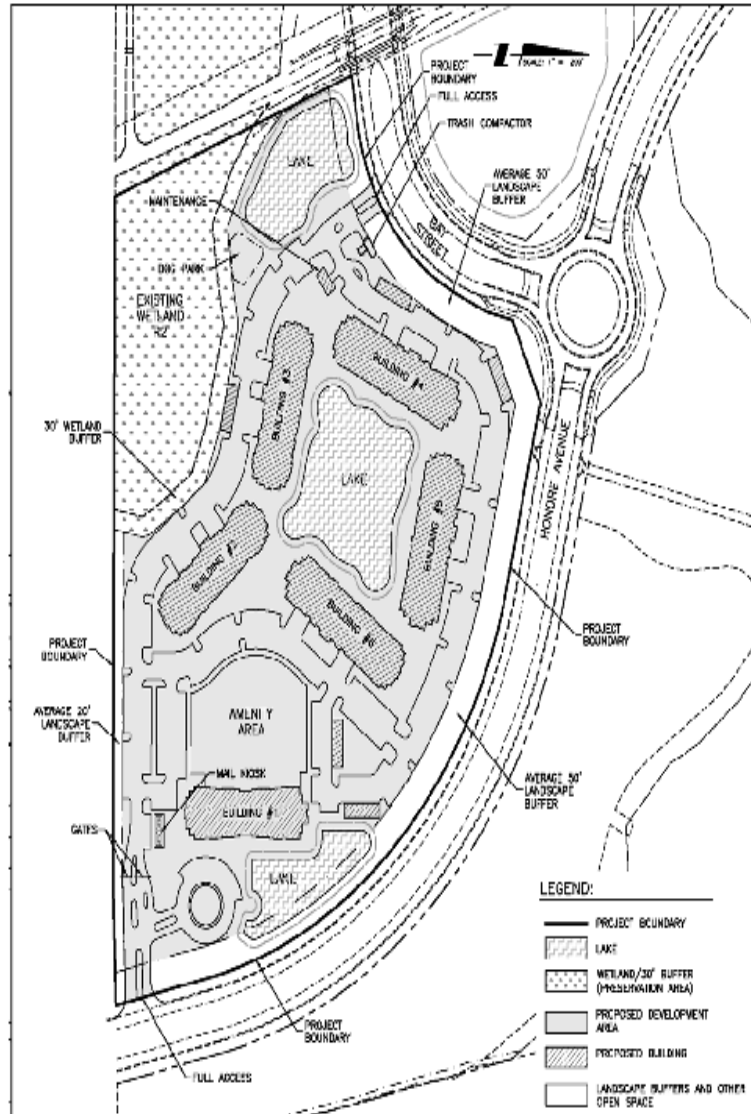
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SHEET:	1 OF 1	PROJECT:	SP-15-01
DATE:	01/16/2016	DESIGNER:	11/18/15
PROJECT:	SP-15-01	CHECKER:	11/18/15
DATE:	01/16/2016	APPROVED:	C-3

REZONE PETITION No. 16-32
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PROJECT: PALMER RANCH PARCEL 9E REZONE

CLIENT: T-E SPANOS CORPORATION

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SCALE	1" = 200'	DATE	SEPTEMBER 2018
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Land Use

The Increment is consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, which designates this parcel as Moderate Density Residential and Future Land Use (FLU) policy 1.2.14 that permits high density residential development “...within Developments of Regional Impact, where such residential development may be approved as part of a Planned District (PD), in accordance with the Sarasota County Zoning Regulations.” The designation of this site is also consistent with the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order (Resolution 2015-010, as amended).

Native Habitat Protection/Vegetation and Wildlife

This increment does not affect existing native habitat conditions for development approval. The Habitat and Preservation Plan (F-2) and Wildlife Corridor Plan (G) are being update appropriately for the incorporation of the Increment XXV property. The development plan contains approximately 8.20 acres of preserved native habitat. No Grand Trees or listed species were found on the site.

This increment shares a border with Oscar Scherer State Park and the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve along the southern property line. The State Park and County Preserve are both considered regionally significant natural resources. Lighting impacts, native vegetation buffering to the Preserve and continue current resource management practices by the Park and Preserve were addressed by conditions in the rezone petition and as such these conditions are also recommended for the DRI Incremental Development Order.

Water Quality and Drainage

- The Applicant has submitted a binding Master Development Plan (Sheet C-3) and Conceptual Surface Water Management Plan Maps (Sheets G-1 Map (RECM), G-2 Map, and G-2.1A) for the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV, Parcel 9E Application which defines how Stormwater Management requirements will be met.

Transportation

- Per Resolution No. 89-98, the Palmer Ranch Development is governed by a 5-year Transportation Reanalysis that evaluates the total system-wide Palmer Ranch transportation impact on the study area roadway network.

- The approved 2014 Transportation Reanalysis (Resolution No. 2015-147) evaluated the transportation impact of +/-900 acre parcel south of the Palmer Ranch DRI at that time which included Increment 24.
- The 2014 Transportation Reanalysis demonstrated that apart from the extension of Bay Street from Pine Ranch East to Honore Avenue, no additional off-site capacity improvements were needed.

Water Supply

- Sarasota County Public Utilities has adequate capacity to serve the proposed development.
- The development is responsible for providing all on-site and off-site infrastructure that will be needed to serve the project.

RECOMMENDED INCREMENT XXV DEVELOPMENT ORDER CONDITIONS

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A. GENERAL

1. The Palmer Ranch Increment XXV development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order and Incremental Development Order Conditions.
2. All references made in the following Conditions for Development Approval pertaining to “Applicant”, shall also include any successors in interest of areas covered under this Development Order.
3. Access to the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV project site by Sarasota County government agents and employees shall be granted for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Development Order.

4. Pursuant to Chapter 380.06(16), Florida Statutes, the Applicant may be subject to credit for contributions, construction, expansion, or acquisition of public facilities, if the Applicant is also subject by local ordinances to impact fees or exactions to meet the same needs. The local government and the Applicant may enter into a capital contribution front-ending agreement to reimburse the Applicant for voluntary contributions in excess of the fair share.

B. LAND USE

1. All development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Master Development Plan date stamped November 29, 2016, and attached hereto as Exhibit C. This does not imply or confer any deviations from applicable zoning or land development regulations.

C. NATIVE HABITAT PROTECTION/VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

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1. The wetlands and associated upland vegetative buffers shall be maintained in accordance with management guidelines contained within the Comprehensive Plan as a preserve and labeled a preserve on all plans as shown on Map F-2 (Exhibit D). All activities including but not limited to filling, excavating, well drilling, altering vegetation (including trimming of both trees and understory) and storing of materials shall be prohibited within preservation areas, unless written approval is first obtained from Environmental Permitting. Exception may be granted by Environmental Permitting to facilitate implementation of approved habitat management plans or the hand removal of nuisance/invasive vegetation.
2. A resource management plan that maintains the functions and values of the on-site preservation areas and is consistent with the Guiding Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and the Environmental Technical Manual shall be submitted to Environmental Protection Division with preliminary or site and development plans.
3. Parking lot and driveway isle lighting fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height.

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4. Accent lighting within the cupola on Building #1 as depicted on the Binding Development Concept Plan, date stamped November 29, 2016, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A," shall be designed in such a manner that no light is emitted to the south and west. All other exterior lighting on the buildings shall be no higher than the first floor except as required by other regulations.
 5. The maximum illumination of outdoor lighting at the property line adjacent to the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles.
 6. The Owner shall cause to be recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, a Notice of Proximity to the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. Said notice shall be in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit "B." Said Notice shall contain a metes and bounds description of the property prepared by a licensed Florida Land Surveyor and recorded at the time of the recording of each final plat or condominium plat survey and the O.R. Book and Page shall be set forth within such plat. Said Notice shall also be referenced as part of all Deed Restriction and Condominium documents. Said Notice shall indicate the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve's right to the following:

continue current resource management practices to include, but not be limited to, ecological burning, exotic plant and animal removal, usage of heavy equipment and machinery and other practices as may be deemed necessary for the proper management of the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. Said Notice shall also include recognition that Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations and policies substantially restrict mosquito control in the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area. Said Notice shall be subject to review by Florida Department of Protection legal staff.

7. A native vegetative buffer shall be established between future development and the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. The minimum buffer width shall be no smaller than 20' along the southern property line and a minimum of 30' along the wetland. Native vegetation within the buffer shall not be removed except as allowed in the Land Development Regulations. If no vegetation exists in the buffer, native trees, shrubs, and grasses shall be planted.

D. WATER QUALITY AND DRAINAGE

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1. The Master Surface Water Management Plan shall be consistent with the South Creek (Little Sarasota Bay Watershed) Basin Master Plan.

E. WATER SUPPLY

1. The Applicant shall enter into a Utility Agreement with Sarasota County prior to receiving Construction Authorization for any portion of development. The Utility Agreement shall outline any County contribution for the oversize of potable water, wastewater collection or reclaimed water extensions. The development is required to extend a 12" reclaimed water system on Honore Avenue along the full frontage of the parcel facing Honore and enter into an oversize agreement with the County for the upsize of the line. The development is required to extend the existing 12" water main located on Bay Street across the full frontage of the parcels northern boundary.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommends Conditional Approval for the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV DRI to be further conditioned on a finding of Consistency with the Local Government Comprehensive Plan by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

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Palmer Ranch Increment XXV
Assessment

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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PALMER RANCH INCREMENT XXV

BACKGROUND

The Palmer Ranch Master Development of Regional Impact (DRI) is an approved 7,002-acre master planned development generally located west of I-75, south of Clark Road, east of US 41, and north of Bay Street in Sarasota County. Sarasota County originally approved the Palmer Ranch DRI on December 18, 1984 (Resolution No. 84-418) and amended and restated the DRI under Resolution No. 91-170, and again under Ordinance No. 2015-010. The Palmer Ranch DRI is approved for 1,450,000 square feet of commercial/office uses, 550,000 square feet of industrial uses (Palmer Park of Commerce), and 14,200 residential units. To date 643,178 square feet of commercial, 164,002 square feet of industrial, and 12,222 residential dwelling units have been approved for construction in 23 Increments (see Attachment I). The Application for Master Development Order (AMDO) review process requires that Applications for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA) be submitted to approve specific land uses.

This increment is 29± acre area identified by Parcel 9E and will be added to the Palmer Ranch Master Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and depicted as Increment XXV on the Master Development Plan (see Attachment I, Site Location Map). The Applicant, Spanos Corporation, is proposing to develop a gated 257 multi-family unit apartment complex on approximately 21 acres of the eastern portion of the 29+ acre Parcel 9E. The residential development will be on 13.47 acres and will include amenity center, dog park, lakes/littoral area/man-made pit (2.26 acres), landscape buffers/other open space (3.67 acres) and wetland/30' buffer preservation/restoration (9.32 acres) (See Attachment II and III, Development Plans). The proposed development is located west of Interstate 75, south of Clark Road, and west of Honore Avenue adjacent to Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. The parcel is currently undeveloped and has historically been used for cattle grazing. Most of the uplands on the parcel where development is proposed have been altered by agricultural activities and are dominated by improved pasture. The site contains a freshwater marsh which was originally part of a larger wetland that had been altered by past land management activities and the construction of a power line corridor (see Attachment III, Aerial). Total open space provided within Increment XXV will be approximately 53%.

The planned residential development on this property is consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan. This parcel is designated as Moderate Density Residential (between 2 and less than 5 dwelling units per acre). However, Future Land Use (FLU) policy 1.2.14 permits high density residential development "...within Developments of Regional Impact, where such residential development may be approved as part of a Planned District (PD), and where such residential development may be approved as part of a Planned Unit Development (PUD), in accordance with the Sarasota County Zoning Regulations." The designation of this site is also consistent with the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order (Resolution 2015-010, as amended). A total of 257 multi-family units will be developed with an overall gross residential density of 12.27 dwelling units per acre. This development can be served by existing urban services and facilities including water, sewer, solid waste, police, fire, and health care. Construction for this increment is anticipated to commence in 2017 with buildout expected by 2018, subject to market conditions.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Council staff usually provides a detailed assessment of all the regional and local issues within Appendix I and II of a DRI Assessment Report. However, because Sarasota County has received Limited DRI Certification under 380.065 F.S., Administrative Rule 28-10 and a "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Sarasota County's Limited DRI Certification Program" between the Sarasota County and the SWFRPC signed on April 4, 1989, the Sarasota County staff assessment is approved by SWFRPC staff as the recommended SWFRPC Staff Assessment. No additional analysis and recommendations are being added to the regional issues by SWFRPC.

The regional recommendations below for the "Palmer Ranch Increment XXV DRI Assessment" have been prepared by Sarasota County Planning staff and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council staff as required by Chapter 380.06, Florida Statutes. A determination by Sarasota County and the applicant has been made not to reiterate word for word the applicable MDO conditions that applied to Increment XXV but to reference within the Increment XXV development order the applicable MDO conditions. The DRI assessment is largely based on information supplied in the AIDA and the Sarasota County Staff Assessment. Additional information was obtained by consulting official plans, and by reviewing reports related to specific issues in the impact assessment. Sarasota County's staff assessment and recommendations were integrated into various elements of the regional recommendations. The Southwest Florida Water Management District reviewed Water-related elements with no specific recommendations for the DO.

Regarding consistency with the Regional Policy Plan Council staff has reviewed the Increment relative to the regional plan DRI review list and normally the plan consistency checklist is provided in this section. However, since the Regional Policy Plan checklist for the SWFRPC adopted Palmer Ranch Increment XXIII Assessment Report would be the same, in an effort to reduce paper work, refer to the Increment XXIII Assessment Report. Staff finds that without appropriate mitigation actions and conditions the project could have a net negative impact on the regional resources and infrastructure. The regional recommendations presented within this assessment are intended to neutralize the negative and questionable impacts.

The Council's staff assessment for Increment XXV only contains regional issues. The recommendations for these issues are formal conditions to be included by the local government in any Development Order that has jurisdiction within a particular county.

The findings of this evaluation and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's recommendations are not intended to foreclose or abridge the legal responsibility of local government to act pursuant to applicable local laws and ordinances. Copies of any "Incremental Development Order" (an order granting, denying, or granting with conditions an Application of Development Approval) issued with regard to the proposed development should be transmitted to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Application for Incremental Development Approval

This increment is 29± acre area identified by Parcel 9E and will be added to the Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and depicted as Increment XXV on the Master Development Plan. The project proposal is to develop a gated 257 multi-family unit apartment complex on approximately 21 acres of the eastern portion of the 29± acre Parcel 9E. The residential development will be on 13.47 acres and will include amenity center, dog park, lakes/littoral area/man-made pit (2.26 acres), landscape buffers/other open space (3.67 acres) and wetland/30'

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Land Use

The planned residential development on this property is consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan. This parcel is designated as Moderate Density Residential (between 2 and less than 5 dwelling units per acre). However, Future Land Use (FLU) policy 1.2.14 permits high density residential development "...within Developments of Regional Impact, where such residential development may be approved as part of a Planned District (PD), and where such residential development may be approved as part of a Planned Unit Development (PUD), in accordance with the Sarasota County Zoning Regulations." The designation of this site is also consistent with the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order (Resolution 2015-010, as amended). A total of 257 multi-family units will be developed with an overall gross residential density of 12.27 dwelling units per acre. The proposed development for the Increment will provide one, two, and three bedroom rental units. Additionally, adequate levels of service have been demonstrated. The applicant is proposing to mitigate any potential incompatibilities between land uses through Planned Unit Development provisions, as required by the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order. Construction for this increment is anticipated to commence in 2017 with buildout expected by 2018, subject to market conditions.

Native Habitat Protection/Vegetation and Wildlife

The changes requested by the Applicant do not affect existing native habitat conditions for development approval. The Habitat and Preservation Plan (F-2) and Wildlife Corridor Plan (G) are being update appropriately for the incorporation of the Increment XXV property. The development plan contains approximately 8.20 acres of preserved native habitat. These parcels contain freshwater wetlands as identified on the F1 map of the AIDA. The remainder of the site contains developed features (improved pasture, ditches, road and FPL easement). Sarasota County's Environmental Protection Division staff inspected the subject property. During this inspection of the property, no Grand Trees were identified within the parcel of this application. Also, staff did not document any evidence of listed species but during staff's review identified that an eagles nest is located just southwest of the parcel within the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area. This project is completely outside of the 660' protection zone for the eagle nest.

This increment shares a border with Oscar Scherer State Park and the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve along the southern property line. The State Park and County Preserve are both considered regionally significant natural resources. Lighting impacts, native vegetation buffering to the Preserve and continue current resource management practices by the Park and Preserve were addressed by conditions in the rezone petition and as such these conditions are also recommended for the DRI Incremental Development Order.

Water Quality and Stormwater

Based on the South Creek (Little Sarasota Bay Watershed) Basin Master Plan and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) aerial topography maps, runoff from the site generally sheet flows across the site in a southwesterly direction where it flows into two existing on-site wetlands. Runoff flows from the wetlands and continues in a southwesterly direction across the Little Sarasota Bay Watershed flowing through a network of wetlands, ponds, and ditches finally flowing into South Creek Canal, which ultimately discharges to Little Sarasota Bay and Gulf of Mexico.

The Applicant has submitted a binding Master Development Plan (Sheet C-3) and Conceptual

Surface Water Management Plan Maps (Sheets G-1 Map (RECM), G-2 Map, and G-2.1A) for the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV, Parcel 9E Application which defines how Stormwater Management requirements will be met. The plan maps illustrate a proposed stormwater management system consisting of three (3) stormwater lakes throughout the project area. The proposed stormwater management system shall be required to treat and attenuate stormwater for the site in accordance with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations. Existing drainage patterns through the site and final points of discharge will be maintained in the proposed conditions.

Transportation

Per Resolution No. 89-98, the Palmer Ranch Development is governed by a 5-year Transportation Reanalysis that evaluates the total system-wide Palmer Ranch transportation impact on the study area roadway network. The approved 2014 Transportation Reanalysis (Resolution No. 2015-147) evaluated the transportation impact of +/-900 acre parcel south of the Palmer Ranch DRI at the time. This subject parcel is part of the +/-900 acre parcel that has already been evaluated. The 2014 Transportation Reanalysis demonstrated that apart from the extension of Bay Street from Pine Ranch East to Honore Avenue, no additional off-site capacity improvements were needed.

Water Supply

Development is required to connect to Sarasota County Public Utilities water, wastewater and reclaimed water systems in accordance with current County rules and regulations. All connections to the potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems are required to pay the established Water and Wastewater Facilities Capacity Fee and Wastewater Deferred Revenue Charges at the time of connection. Capacity can only be reserved through payment of those fees. All potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater customers connected to the County's system shall be responsible for the monthly water, reclaimed water, and wastewater charges according the most recently adopted Utility Rate Resolution.

Sarasota County Public Utilities has adequate capacity to serve the proposed development. No utility related comprehensive plan policy changes are required in support of this request. No new utility projects need to be added to the list of 5-year capital improvements or to the unfunded projects (Table 10-4 of the comprehensive plan). The development is responsible for providing all on-site and off-site infrastructure that will be needed to serve the project.

Recommended Increment XXV Development Order Conditions

A. GENERAL

1. The Palmer Ranch Increment XXV development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order and Incremental Development Order Conditions.
2. All references made in the following Conditions for Development Approval pertaining to "Applicant", shall also include any successors in interest of areas covered under this Development Order.
3. Access to the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV project site by Sarasota County government agents and employees shall be granted for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Development Order.
4. Pursuant to Chapter 380.06(16), Florida Statutes, the Applicant may be subject to credit for contributions, construction, expansion, or acquisition of public facilities, if the Applicant is

also subject by local ordinances to impact fees or exactions to meet the same needs. The local government and the Applicant may enter into a capital contribution front-ending agreement to reimburse the Applicant for voluntary contributions in excess of the fair share.

B. LAND USE

1. All development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Master Development Plan date stamped November 29, 2016, and attached hereto as Exhibit C. This does not imply or confer any deviations from applicable zoning or land development regulations.

C. NATIVE HABITAT PROTECTION/VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

1. The wetlands and associated upland vegetative buffers shall be maintained in accordance with management guidelines contained within the Comprehensive Plan as a preserve and labeled a preserve on all plans as shown on Map F-2 (Exhibit D). All activities including but not limited to filling, excavating, well drilling, altering vegetation (including trimming of both trees and understory) and storing of materials shall be prohibited within preservation areas, unless written approval is first obtained from Environmental Permitting. Exception may be granted by Environmental Permitting to facilitate implementation of approved habitat management plans or the hand removal of nuisance/invasive vegetation.
2. A resource management plan that maintains the functions and values of the on-site preservation areas and is consistent with the Guiding Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and the Environmental Technical Manual shall be submitted to Environmental Protection Division with preliminary or site and development plans.
3. Parking lot and driveway isle lighting fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height.
4. Accent lighting within the cupola on Building #1 as depicted on the Binding Development Concept Plan, date stamped November 29, 2016, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A," shall be designed in such a manner that no light is emitted to the south and west. All other exterior lighting on the buildings shall be no higher than the first floor except as required by other regulations.
5. The maximum illumination of outdoor lighting at the property line adjacent to the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles.
6. The Owner shall cause to be recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, a Notice of Proximity to the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. Said notice shall be in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit "B." Said Notice shall contain a metes and bounds description of the property prepared by a licensed Florida Land Surveyor and recorded at the time of the recording of each final plat or condominium plat survey and the O.R. Book and Page shall be set forth within such plat. Said Notice shall also be referenced as part of all Deed Restriction and Condominium documents. Said Notice shall indicate the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve's right to the following: continue current resource management practices to include, but not be limited to, ecological burning, exotic plant and animal removal, usage of heavy equipment and machinery and other practices as may be deemed necessary for the proper management of the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area and Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. Said Notice shall also include recognition that Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations and policies substantially restrict

mosquito control in the Oscar Scherer State Recreation Area. Said Notice shall be subject to review by Florida Department of Protection legal staff.

7. A native vegetative buffer shall be established between future development and the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve. The minimum buffer width shall be no smaller than 20' along the southern property line and a minimum of 30' along the wetland. Native vegetation within the buffer shall not be removed except as allowed in the Land Development Regulations. If no vegetation exists in the buffer, native trees, shrubs, and grasses shall be planted.

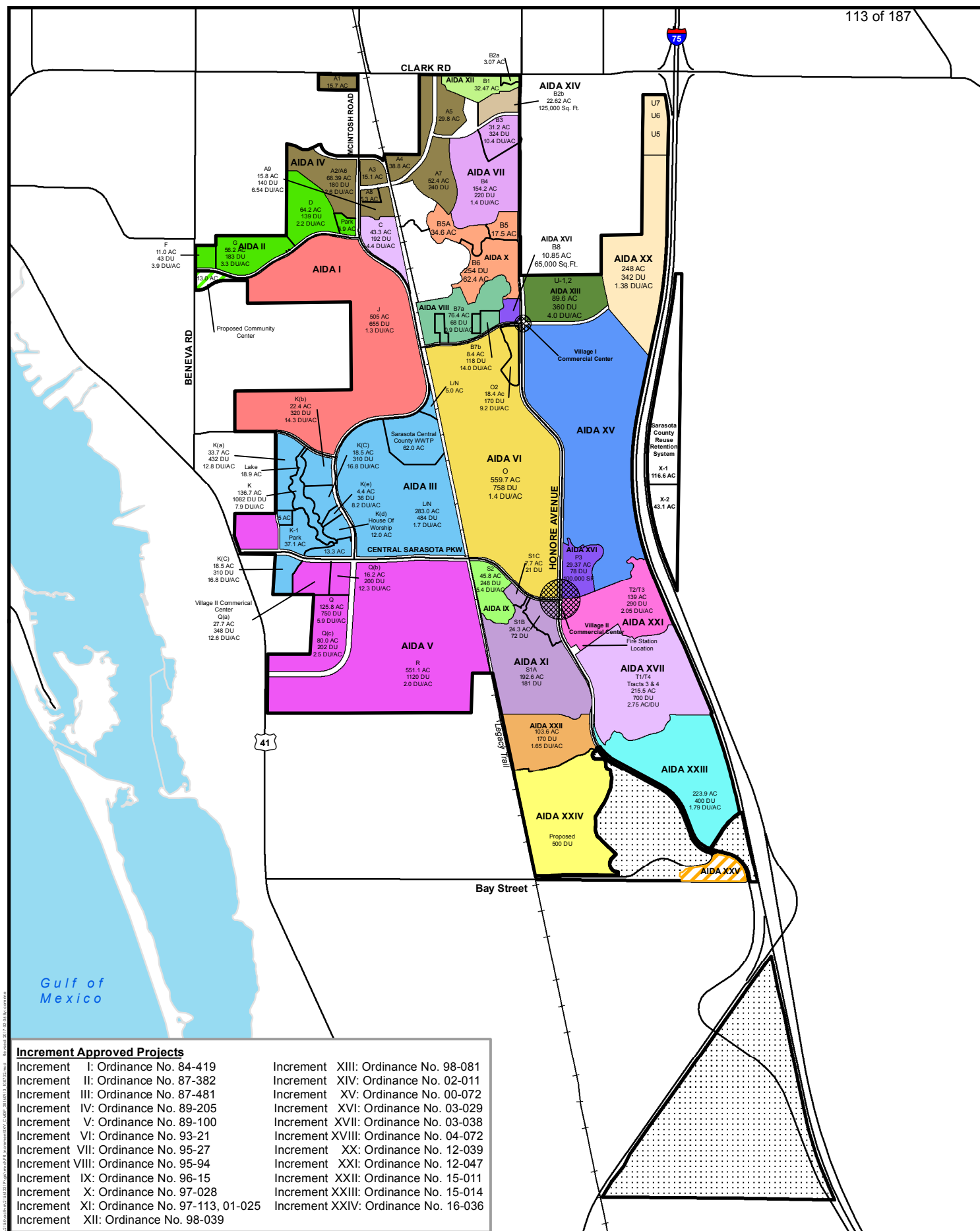
D. WATER QUALITY AND DRAINAGE

1. The Master Surface Water Management Plan shall be consistent with the South Creek (Little Sarasota Bay Watershed) Basin Master Plan.

E. WATER SUPPLY

1. The Applicant shall enter into a Utility Agreement with Sarasota County prior to receiving Construction Authorization for any portion of development. The Utility Agreement shall outline any County contribution for the oversize of potable water, wastewater collection or reclaimed water extensions. The development is required to extend a 12" reclaimed water system on Honore Avenue along the full frontage of the parcel facing Honore and enter into an oversize agreement with the County for the upsizing of the line. The development is required to extend the existing 12" water main located on Bay Street across the full frontage of the parcels northern boundary.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommends Conditional Approval for the Palmer Ranch Increment XXV DRI to be further conditioned on a finding of Consistency with the Local Government Comprehensive Plan by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.



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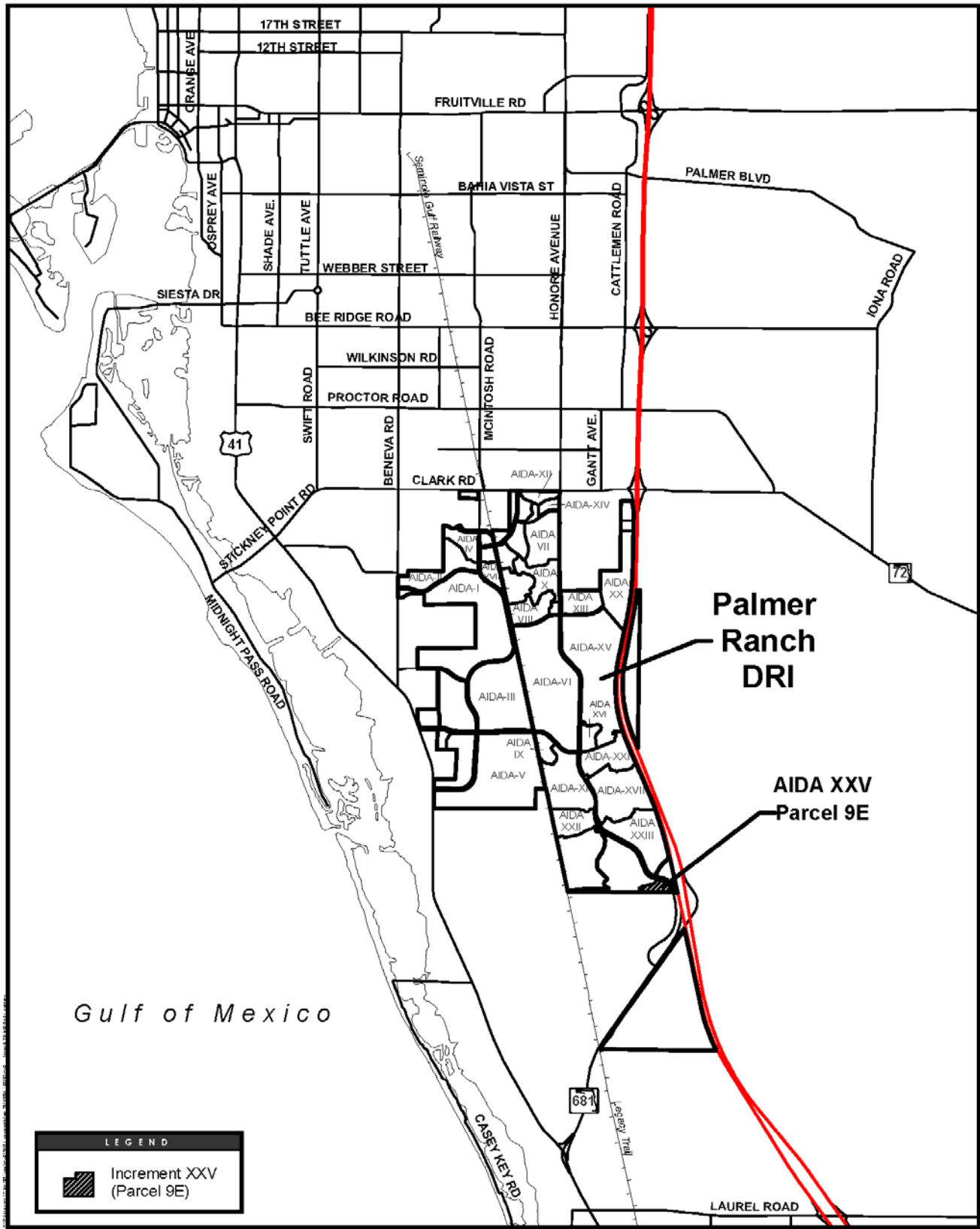
Palmer Ranch Master Development Order
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Map H-2
 Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact
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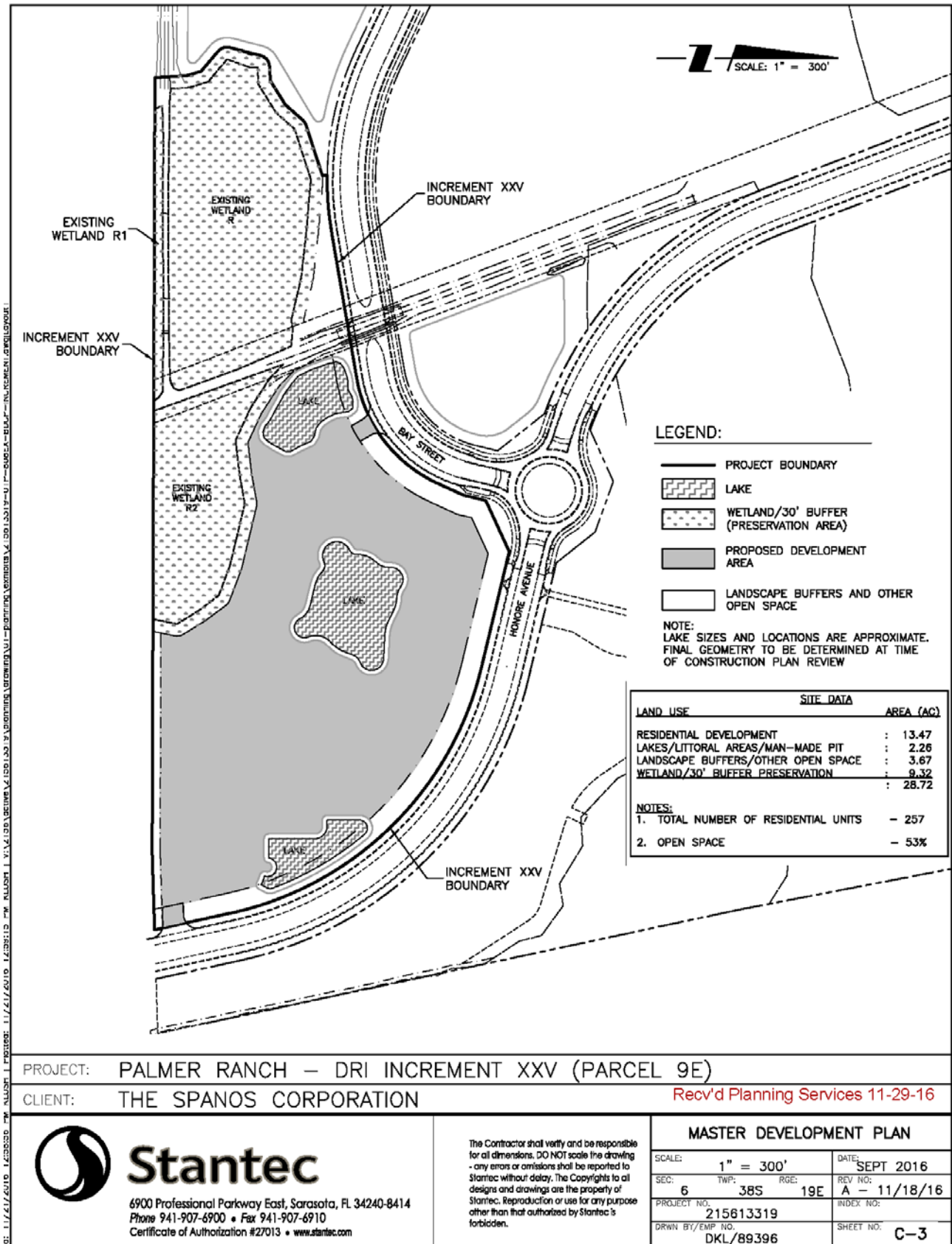


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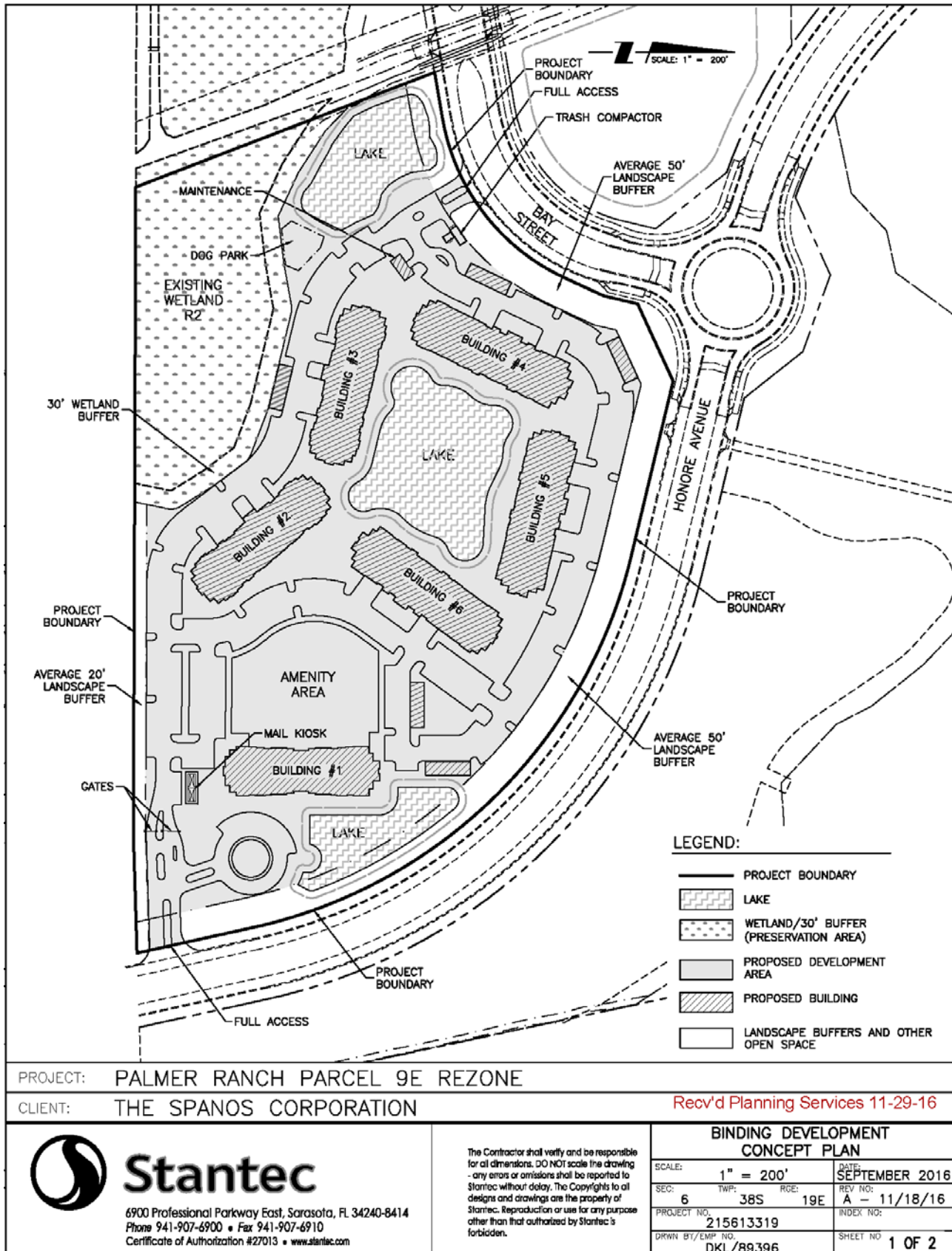
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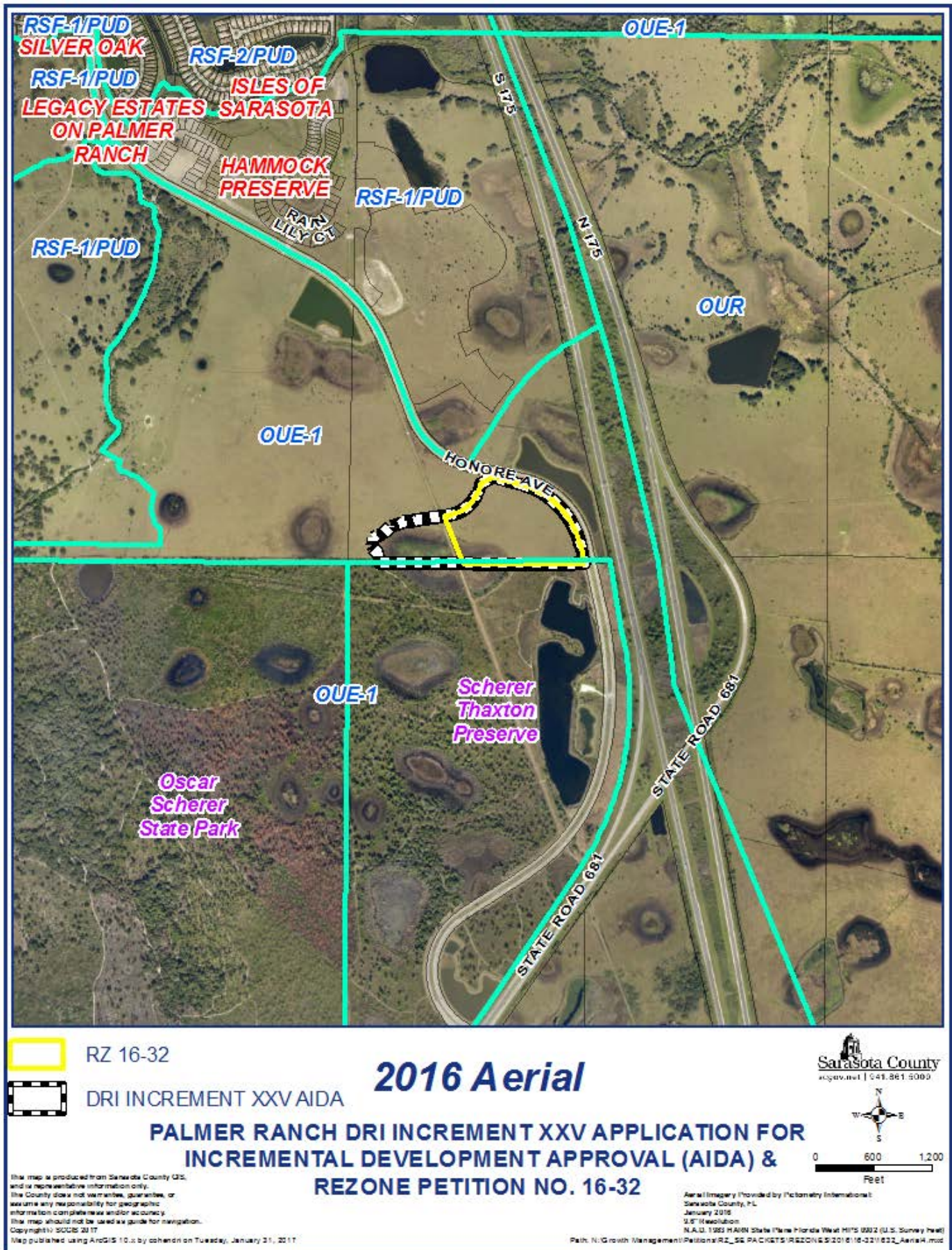


PALMER RANCH INCREMENT 25 Proposed Master Development Plan



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Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management was held on Monday, January 9, 2016 at the 9:30 AM at the SWFRPC offices. The draft minutes are attached.

The **next IAS Subcommittee Meeting** is Monday, February 6, 2017, 1:30 PM, SWFRPC

The **next Meeting Time and Place**, for EBABM is February 13, 2017 9:30 AM, SWFRPC. The agenda is attached.

Recommended Action: Information only.

Summary Activity by Dr. Everham) from
Cela Tega - Resiliency and Adaptations in the Estero Bay Region
 December 12, 2016

As the closing activity for the conference, participants were asked to respond to two questions as a group activity: 1) What was the most important thing you heard today?, and 2) What did we miss? Group responses are summarized below.

Most Important Points:

Impacts:

- Sea level rise and groundwater interactions
- SLR impacts on building foundations and other underground effects
- Saltmarshes, peat loss, subsidence, loss of islands and changing geomorphology
- Differences between sea level rise, storm surge and king tides
- Sea level rise AND run

Actions:

- All the community-based planning already happening
- Simple approaches in Punta Gorda give hopeful realistic response
- Opportunities are still out there
- Find ways to get the general public involved, encourage public input
- Resiliency planning needs to start early and be integrated in all aspects of community planning
- How planners need the buy-in of the general public and elected officials
- Utilize existing, particularly free, resources, and many tools that are already out there
- Local communities are able to organize and have impact – grassroots networks to work together
- Work on parallel tracks with planning and mitigation actions
- Senate Bill 1094

Things that were missed:

- Collier County missing from the conversation (there was a presentation on Collier County plans)
- We need a regional model for SLR (these exist)
- Need a coordinated regional advisory network
- What is happening in the State Legislature? Nationally? What should be?
- Funding sources
- Ties to economics and the business community, Chambers of Commerce
- Have the insurance industry represented
- The economics of building demolition and cleanup
- Water management and water resources
- Habitat migration, impacts to wildlife
- The difficulty of communicating urgency with incremental change

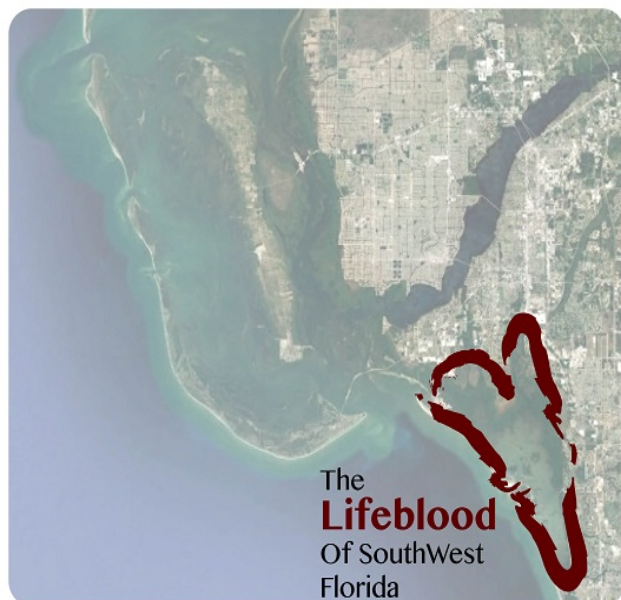
Following the discussion of these two questions, the participants were charged with determining individual actions that would follow. () represent comments by JWB3)

W. Everham 1/9/2017

**Draft ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT (EBABM)
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES 2017**

- 1. Provide Comments and Report to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and others on relevant Items of Review such as: Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Developments of Regional Impact, update of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review projects, etc.**
- 2. Develop strategies and recommend actions to reduce impairment to Estero Bay waters. This will include comment on important initiatives including Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM), development of TMDLs, establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels, Pollution Load Reduction Goals (PRGs), Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs), Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC), and refinement of the Southwest Florida Special Basin Rule.**
- 3. Seek continuing funding support from EBABM partners and external grant sources for special projects, event, and staff support of the EBABM.**
- 4. Coordinate activities with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) and the Southwest Florida Watershed Council.**
- 5. Collect and maintain a data library for Estero Bay at the offices of the SWFRPC and contribute to the CHNEP water atlas.**
- 6. Explore the addition of these Estero Bay materials to Digital FGCU.**
- 7. Review and comment to regulatory and infrastructure agencies on issues affecting Estero Bay and its watershed.**
- 8. Review and participate as appropriate on other current issues affecting Estero Bay, such as the Caloosahatchee watershed and its tributaries.**
- 9. Assure effective dissemination recommendations and findings to decision makers and the public.**
- 10. Support land acquisitions and protections in the Estero Bay Watershed including participation in the implementation of the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, (Amendment 1)**
- 11. Continue mapping project that shows relationship of projects that impact conservation lands, critical habitats, watersheds and flow-way areas.**

THIS EVENT WAS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



AGENDA/SCHEDULE

2016 Cella Tega: Resiliency and Climate Change
Adaptation
in the Estero Bay Region
FGCU Sugden Resort and Hospitality
Management Building Room 111

December 12, 2016

Cella Tega is the southwest Florida native (i.e.: Calusa) term for “A view from high ground”. We used it here to symbolize “overview”. The term was inspired from the Carib Native North American term epopopanana meaning:


this is Meeting (Epopo) + And (ana) +Place (Pa) which in Carib syntax is Epopopanana

Scroll down to see the abstracts and presentations

here is a [scan of the sign in sheet](#) and a [list of registrants](#)

Monday December 12, 2016		
8:00 – 8:55	BREAKFAST	
8:55	WELCOME	
9:00 - 10:30	Technical session I	Vulnerability assessments
9:00 - 9:20	Lisa Beever, PhD , Director-emeritus Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program	Climate changes and local planning responses See Dr. Beever's presentation here
9:25 -9:45	Rachael Kangas, Public Archaeology Coordinator, Florida Public Archaeology Network	Assessing Vulnerability at Archaeological Sites in Florida: Case Study from Pineland in Lee County (abstract) See Ms. Kangas presentation here
9:50-10:10	Mike Savarese , Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University	Dramatic Changes within Coastal Wetlands of the Ten Thousand Islands as a Consequence of Sea-level Rise: Lessons for Estero Bay (abstract) See Professor Savarese's presentation here
10:15 -10:30	BREAK	BREAK
10:30 - 12:00	Technical session II	Adaptation and resiliency plans 1
10:30 - 10:45	Tessa LeSage , Southwest Florida Community Foundation	Regional Change for the Common Good See Ms. LeSage presentation here

10:50 - 11:10	Nader Ardalan , Chief Advisor, Harvard SLR Project	The Harvard GSD Project on Southwest Florida and Sea Level: The Case of Collier County (including Naples, Marco Island, and Everglades City) (Abstract) See Dr. Ardalan's presentation here
11:15 - 11:40	Ricardo Alvarez , MITIGAT.com, Inc Vulnerability, Assessment and Mitigation	Sea level rise and the built environment: Expected impacts and solutions (abstract) See Mr. Alvarez's presentation here
11:40 - 12:00	Dr. Jennifer Shafer and Dr. David Shafer, Co-Executive Directors, Science and Environment Council	Climate Action Update from the Science and Environment Council of Southwest Florida (abstract) See the Shafers' presentation here
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH	WGCU Video premiere: Preserving our waters: Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve at 50 years.
1:00 - 1:45	Craig Pittman , author, investigative journalist	Oh Florida! Wacky Florida Weather and other stories
1:50 - 5:00	Technical session III	Adaptation and resiliency plans 2
1:45 - 2:05	Joan LeBeau , Chief Planner, Mitchell Austin , Planner, City of Punta Gorda, FL	Adaptation Planning: The Punta Gorda Experience (abstract) See their presentation here
2:05 - 2:25	Randall W. Parkinson, Institute for Water and Environment, Florida International University	An Update on Adaptation Action Activities Undertaken Since Completion of the City of Satellite Beach (FL) Vulnerability Assessment to Rising Seas (2010) (abstract) See Dr. Parkinson's presentation here
2:30 - 3:00	Keren Prize Bolter, PhD, Climate, Policy, & Geospatial Analyst at the South Florida Regional Planning Council	Coastal Flood Resiliency: South Florida Initiatives See Dr. Bolter's presentation here
3:00 - 3:25	Jim Beever , Planner, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council	Public Climate Change Adaptation Process Driven by Public Input Using Public Participation Games, Interviews, Pre and Post Surveys and Other Tools (abstract) See Mr. Beever's presentation here
3:30 - 3:50	Win Everham Professor of Environmental Studies, FGCU	Conference wrap up

3:55 - 5:30	<p>reception, appetizers, cash bar</p> <p>The Wayne and Win Happy Hour</p>	 <p>Grass at FGCU (digital, Andy Morris, 2011)</p>
SUMMARY AND CLOSING		



DRAFT AGENDA
ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
SWFRPC
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Election of Officers
- 4) Approval of Draft 2017 Workplan
- 5) Review of absent memberships
- 6) Old Business
- 7) Emerging Issues
- 8) Announcements
- 9) Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- 10) Set Date for Next EBABM March 13, 2017 9:30 AM, SWFRPC
- 11) Set Date for Next IAS and Cela Tega Subcommittee Meeting: February 27,
2017, 1:30 PM, SWFRPC
- 12) Adjournment

DRAFT MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, January 9, 2017 – 9:30 AM.

SWFRPC Offices
1926 Victoria Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida

1. Call to Order – Mr. Daltry called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
2. Attendance- As usual attendance was taken from the sign in sheet:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Tom Babcock	Beach Area Civic Association
Rae Blake	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Brenda Brooks	CREW Trust
Peter Cangialosi	ECCL
Brad Cornell	Audubon of Florida
Wayne Daltry	RGMC
Nora Demers	Happehatchee
Liz Donley	CHNEP (telephone)
Stephanie Erickson	EBAP
Win Everham	FGCU
Keith Kibby	Lee County
Sean McCabe	Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Laura Miller	LWV
Cecil Pendergrass	Lee Board of Commissioners
Pete Quasius	Audubon of the Western Everglades
Martha Simons	SWFRPC
Patty Whitehead	Bonita Lion's Club Green Team

Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever

3. **Review of the Cela Tega 2016 meeting** The Estero Bay Agency On Bay Management is held a one- day conference on Sea Level Rise and Climate Change Adaptations in the Estero Bay Region on December 12, 2016 at the Cohen Center Ballroom, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers Florida. Dr. Demers demonstrated the Cela Tega 2016 website hosted by FGCU at <http://www.fgcu.edu/CelaTega/schedule.html> . The video that was shown at the conference can be seen at <http://video.wgcu.org/video/2365914089/> Dr. Everham reported on his closing activity asking feedback from the participants (this report is attached). As some of the outcomes of the meeting; Dr. Demers suggested future activities would be to try to develop educational resources and a certificate for elected officials to learn about climate change. Mr. Babcock mentioned the collaborative power that UF school of law partnering with City of Punta Gorda to review comp plan and provide language for climate change issues was potentially useful for

other small governments in the region. Keren Bolter (SFRPC) and Jim Beever (SWFRPC) are coordinating in are putting on a proposal to update storm surge mapping to identify high hazard zones with a potential grant from FDEP funding. This can help local governments with the required Comp plan changes to identify these Coastal High Hazard Areas. Dr. Everham stated that while there is still political in-fighting about human activity as the cause of climate change people are realizing that climate change it is affecting things. If people and governments are not involved in collaborating then they will miss lots of money to adapt and protect things. Mr. Beever stated everywhere he goes along the southwest coast in our region people acknowledge climate change is happening. He also shared that while sometimes groups working together helps leverage grants, in other cases smaller entities are more fundable. This depends upon the source and goals of the grantors (e.g.: E O Dunn and SCCF fund small projects). In the process of climate change adaptation there are many positive benefits and good outcomes which do good thing irrespective of the rate of sea level rise. Ms. Miller stated she was impressed by Cela Tega and that there was no time-wasting presentations. All of them gave good solid information. She wants to be able to tell people what is likely to happen Southwest Florida. The Lee County Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment is a good online tool for this The link to this is at http://www.swfrpc.org/content/Natural_Resources/Ecosystem_Services/Lee_County_Climate_Change_Vulnerability_Assessment.pdf Pete- this Friday on Captiva SLR symposium- all afternoon. This conference is more point, counterpoint. Predictions of extreme perhaps presented. In the Financials the Cela Tega has covered bills to date. Some speakers have asked to fund travel. We have enough to pay for them. A motion was made to do so by Ms. Simons, with a second by Dr. Everham, Passed unanimously by Martha second by Win to do so.

4. **Nominating Committee** The EBABM met at a nominating committee of the whole. There will be notice given for the vote at the next meeting for chair, vice chair and secretary. Dr. Demers nominated Mr. Daltry for Chair, herself as continuing vice chair Nora, and Ms. Whitehead as Secretary. Ms. Simons also nominated Mr. McCabe for Secretary. At the next meeting these nominations will be voted on.

5. **Draft 2017 Workplan** Discussion was held on the Draft Workplan (attached). Ms. Simons would like to see a presentation to our local governments added to the work plan. She thinks it is important to do outreach. The idea would be to present to government at their site. So, the member of the ABM who represents would make the arrangements. Mr. Cornell stated this maybe fits on category 9. Presentation is where Estero Bay is active, what is going on and etc. Dr. Everham thinks Chambers of commerce would also be good groups to present to. Talking about what ABM is doing and focus on collaborative strategies that agencies can use and how effective it can be. Mr. Kibbey recommends to use CHNEP for reaching a broader audience. Dr. Everham stated let's put 9a on the work plan and then work language Mr. Daltry would be glad to make presentations about how EBABM works to Cape Coral, if they want to hear. Ms. Donley commented that in item 1 the CHNEP will initiate review and update of CCMP for 2017-2018. The EBABM may want to specifically call that out. Ms. Donley will send e-mail language to Mr. Beever for the addition. Commissioner Pendergrass is coordinating a meeting with the Cape, and Matlacha and Pine Island and offered to share the EBABM presentation offer with them. Motion by Mr. McCabe, second by Ms. Simons Martha to move work plan forward to the next meeting for approval with the two Amendments. Approved unanimously

6. **Little Estero Island Critical Wildlife Area update.** There will be an administrative hearing in June of this year at(Fort Myers Beach. Two homeowners want to build a long

boardwalk through Critical Wildlife Area for shorebird nesting to get to the beach and Gulf of Mexico. FDEP issued an intent to approve this, The Town of Fort Myers Beach and Florida Audubon submitted an objection which results in the need for the administrative hearing. Mr. Cornell that this proposal is a precedent that they would not want repeated. How and why did this happen? The process appears to have slipped through without notification to the Town or wildlife agencies. When FDEP noticed intent to issue a permit; Keith Laakonen on behalf of the Town of Fort Myers Beach sent a letter of dissent, as did FWC (two). So did Marine Resources task force from the Town. But approval was issued anyway. Dr. Everham suggested that EBABM, should we revisit DEP procedure process? There was concern that there may be a systemic problem.

7. There was no **Old Business**

8. **Emerging Issues** included Ms. Simon asking what the State legislative agenda is for this year? There may be a joint venture with State and Lee County to purchase Edison Farms. Commissioner Pendergrass stated Lee county has the money in local funds to buy the whole parcel and has been trying for 3 years to get whole parcel. Senator Negron also has proposal for improvements to Everglades Restoration. There may be some anti-fracking bills. Mr. Babcock discussed the Estero Blvd utility project- big issue is stormwater. The design is to build a concave road to drain to center rather than side of road. There is a question on why is this design being used on this barrier island that drains to back bay. The permeable pavers system on roadway is not typical. Mr. Kibby said trying to get some filtering before draining to back bay is better than not. There was no R.O.W. for other systems and since county is responsible for maintaining runoff so there is no other good alternative. If not this would need to eliminate developments adjacent to store water in adjacent deep ponds (a la Harper methods). Also, maintaining freshwater head where you can is a good thing. This helps keep saltwater intrusion at bay. There was a discussion of if they could design and have a pump system built it? Mr. Beever stated the City of Sarasota RFP uses lift stations to get water into the bay on their barrier island. They already have problems and are thinking about lifting the lift stations. Could ask for presentation on road design.

9. **Announcements** included CREW- Flint Pen restoration moving forward expect to finish October or November. (South portion of critical CREW) hydrologic restoration- looks really good. Slowed down a bit over the summer with rain but all looks good now.

Local SWF AWRA conference this Friday at FGC 8 am. Focus on network and collaborative project to deal with water issues.

Biodiversity issues in South Florida conference- cost about \$100. Need registrants and sponsorships. Please reach out to Win Everham or John Cassani.

Eco-VOICE has links to both conferences

Nature Place- Bonita Springs Lions Club going to take on nature place as their club project- Cullum Hasty is helping. Martha would like to get presentations for those kids. Middle school and college group. Will be meeting at nature place every Saturday. Jan 21 kayaking on Imperial

River. Next meeting will have update on entities that have not been attending. One is student representative at FGCU. USFWS may rejoin us with representative from the Naples office

10. The **next Meeting Time and Place**, for EBABM is February 13, 2017 9:30 AM, SWFRPC

11. The **next IAS Subcommittee Meeting** is Monday, February 6, 2017, 1:30 PM, SWFRPC

12. **Adjournment** was at 10:40 A..M.

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Legislative Affairs Committee

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By Senator Steube

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to human trafficking education in
3 schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the
4 required health education in public schools to include
5 information regarding the dangers and signs of human
6 trafficking; authorizing a student to opt out of a
7 specified portion of the health education under
8 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section
13 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1003.42 Required instruction.—

15 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
16 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
17 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
18 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
19 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy,
20 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
21 approved methods of instruction, the following:

22 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
23 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
24 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
25 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
26 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
27 prevention and safety; Internet safety; the dangers and signs of
28 human trafficking; nutrition; personal health; prevention and
29 control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health
30 education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall
31 include a teen dating violence and abuse component that
32 includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating

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33 violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and
34 abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships,
35 measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and
36 community resources available to victims of dating violence and
37 abuse. The human trafficking education portion of the health
38 curriculum shall include, but is not limited to, information on
39 the warning signs of human trafficking, terms used by
40 traffickers, red flags that would indicate a trafficker's
41 malicious intent toward a student, websites that are popular
42 with traffickers, and details on how a student may get help. A
43 student may elect to opt out of the instruction of this portion
44 of the health education by providing the school with a written
45 note from his or her parent.

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47 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
48 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 333

2017

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Rural Economic Development
3 Initiative; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring an
4 analysis of the Rural Economic Development Initiative
5 and rural areas of opportunity; amending s. 288.0656,
6 F.S.; revising legislative intent relating to the
7 Rural Economic Development Initiative; redefining the
8 term "rural area of opportunity"; revising the duties,
9 responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic
10 Development Initiative; revising reporting
11 requirements; amending ss. 163.3177, 163.3187,
12 257.193, 288.019, 288.06561, 290.0055, 290.06561,
13 337.403, 339.2818, 339.2819, 339.63, 479.16, and
14 627.6699, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing
15 an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section
20 163.3177, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 163.3177 Required and optional elements of comprehensive
22 plan; studies and surveys.—

23 (7)

24 (e) This subsection does not confer the status of rural
25 area of opportunity, or any of the rights or benefits derived

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26 from such status, on any land area not otherwise designated as
27 such pursuant to s. 288.0656(8) ~~s. 288.0656(7)~~.

28 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 163.3187, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 163.3187 Process for adoption of small-scale comprehensive
31 plan amendment.—

32 (3) If the small scale development amendment involves a
33 site within a rural area of opportunity as defined under s.
34 288.0656(3)(d) ~~s. 288.0656(2)(d)~~ for the duration of such
35 designation, the 10-acre limit listed in subsection (1) shall be
36 increased by 100 percent to 20 acres. The local government
37 approving the small scale plan amendment shall certify to the
38 state land planning agency that the plan amendment furthers the
39 economic objectives set forth in the executive order issued
40 under s. 288.0656(8) ~~s. 288.0656(7)~~, and the property subject to
41 the plan amendment shall undergo public review to ensure that
42 all concurrency requirements and federal, state, and local
43 environmental permit requirements are met.

44 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 257.193, Florida
45 Statutes, is amended to read:

46 257.193 Community Libraries in Caring Program.—

47 (2) The purpose of the Community Libraries in Caring
48 Program is to assist libraries in rural communities, as defined
49 in s. 288.0656(3) ~~s. 288.0656(2)~~ and subject to the provisions
50 of s. 288.06561, to strengthen their collections and services,

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51 improve literacy in their communities, and improve the economic
52 viability of their communities.

53 Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (2) of
54 section 288.0001, Florida Statutes, to read:

55 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
56 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
57 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
58 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
59 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
60 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
61 Development Programs Evaluation.

62 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and
63 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development
64 programs as provided in the following schedule:

65 (f) By January 1, 2020, and every 3 years thereafter, an
66 analysis of rural areas of opportunity and the Rural Economic
67 Development Initiative (REDI) established under s. 288.0656.

68 Section 5. Section 288.019, Florida Statutes, is amended
69 to read:

70 288.019 Rural considerations in grant review and
71 evaluation processes.—Notwithstanding any other law, and to the
72 fullest extent possible, the member agencies and organizations
73 of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as defined
74 in s. 288.0656(7)(a) ~~s. 288.0656(6)(a)~~ shall review all grant
75 and loan application evaluation criteria to ensure the fullest

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76 access for rural counties as defined in s. 288.0656(3) ~~s.~~
77 ~~288.0656(2)~~ to resources available throughout the state.

78 (1) Each REDI agency and organization shall review all
79 evaluation and scoring procedures and develop modifications to
80 those procedures which minimize the impact of a project within a
81 rural area.

82 (2) Evaluation criteria and scoring procedures must
83 provide for an appropriate ranking based on the proportionate
84 impact that projects have on a rural area when compared with
85 similar project impacts on an urban area.

86 (3) Evaluation criteria and scoring procedures must
87 recognize the disparity of available fiscal resources for an
88 equal level of financial support from an urban county and a
89 rural county.

90 (a) The evaluation criteria should weight contribution in
91 proportion to the amount of funding available at the local
92 level.

93 (b) In-kind match should be allowed and applied as
94 financial match when a county is experiencing financial distress
95 through elevated unemployment at a rate in excess of the state's
96 average by 5 percentage points or because of the loss of its ad
97 valorem base.

98 (4) For existing programs, the modified evaluation
99 criteria and scoring procedure must be delivered to the
100 department for distribution to the REDI agencies and

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101 organizations. The REDI agencies and organizations shall review
102 and make comments. Future rules, programs, evaluation criteria,
103 and scoring processes must be brought before a REDI meeting for
104 review, discussion, and recommendation to allow rural counties
105 fuller access to the state's resources.

106 Section 6. Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes, is amended
107 to read:

108 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative.—

109 (1)~~(a)~~ Recognizing that rural communities and regions
110 continue to face extraordinary challenges in their efforts to
111 significantly improve their quality of life and economies,
112 specifically in terms of personal income, education,
113 infrastructure, access to healthcare, and job creation, ~~average~~
114 ~~wages, and strong tax bases~~, it is the intent of the Legislature
115 to encourage and facilitate:

116 (a) Job creation through the location and expansion of
117 ~~major economic development projects of significant scale in such~~
118 ~~rural communities.~~

119 (b) Improved community infrastructure, including, but not
120 limited to, roads, utilities, water and sewer, and broadband.

121 (c) The development and expansion of a skilled workforce.

122 (d) Improved access to healthcare.

123 (2)~~(b)~~ The Rural Economic Development Initiative, known as
124 "REDI," is created within the Department of Economic
125 Opportunity, and the participation of state and regional

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126 agencies in this initiative is authorized.

127 ~~(3)-(2)~~ As used in this section, the term:

128 (a) "Catalyst project" means a business locating or
129 expanding in a rural area of opportunity to serve as an economic
130 generator of regional significance for the growth of a regional
131 target industry cluster. The project must provide capital
132 investment on a scale significant enough to affect the entire
133 region and result in the development of high-wage and high-skill
134 jobs.

135 (b) "Catalyst site" means a parcel or parcels of land
136 within a rural area of opportunity that has been prioritized as
137 a geographic site for economic development through partnerships
138 with state, regional, and local organizations. The site must be
139 reviewed by REDI and approved by the department for the purposes
140 of locating a catalyst project.

141 (c) "Economic distress" means conditions affecting the
142 fiscal and economic viability of a rural community, including
143 such factors as low per capita income, low per capita taxable
144 values, high unemployment, high underemployment, low weekly
145 earned wages compared to the state average, low housing values
146 compared to the state average, high percentages of the
147 population receiving public assistance, high poverty levels
148 compared to the state average, and a lack of year-round stable
149 employment opportunities.

150 (d) "Rural area of opportunity" means a rural community,

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151 or a region composed of rural communities, designated by the
152 Governor, which has been adversely affected by ~~an extraordinary~~
153 ~~economic event~~, severe or chronic economic distress, and faces
154 competitive disadvantages such as low labor force participation,
155 low educational attainment levels, high unemployment, "D" or "F"
156 district grades pursuant to s. 1008.34, high infant mortality
157 rates, and high diabetes and obesity rates, and which ~~or a~~
158 ~~natural disaster or that~~ presents a unique economic development
159 opportunity of regional impact.

160 (e) "Rural community" means:

- 161 1. A county with a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- 162 2. A county with a population of 125,000 or fewer which is
163 contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- 164 3. A municipality within a county described in
165 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.
- 166 4. An unincorporated federal enterprise community or an
167 incorporated rural city with a population of 25,000 or fewer and
168 an employment base focused on traditional agricultural or
169 resource-based industries, located in a county not defined as
170 rural, which has at least three or more of the economic distress
171 factors identified in paragraph (c) and verified by the
172 department.

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174 For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined
175 in accordance with the most recent official estimate pursuant to

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176 s. 186.901.

177 (4)-(3) REDI is ~~shall be~~ responsible for coordinating and
178 focusing the efforts and resources of state and regional
179 agencies on the challenges of the state's rural areas of
180 opportunity and economically distressed rural communities. REDI
181 ~~shall work problems which affect the fiscal, economic, and~~
182 ~~community viability of Florida's economically distressed rural~~
183 ~~communities, working with local governments, community-based~~
184 ~~organizations, and private organizations that have an interest~~
185 ~~in the renewed prosperity and competitiveness of growth and~~
186 ~~development of these communities to find ways to balance~~
187 ~~environmental and growth management issues with local needs.~~

188 (5)-(4) REDI shall review and evaluate the impact of
189 statutes and rules on rural communities and shall work to
190 minimize any adverse impact and undertake outreach and capacity-
191 building efforts to improve rural communities' ability to
192 compete in a global economy.

193 (6)-(5) REDI shall facilitate better access to state
194 resources by promoting direct access and referrals to
195 appropriate state and regional agencies and statewide
196 organizations. ~~REDI may undertake outreach, capacity-building,~~
197 ~~and other advocacy efforts to improve conditions in rural~~
198 ~~communities. These activities may include sponsorship of~~
199 ~~conferences and achievement awards.~~

200 (7) (a) REDI shall consist of the following members:

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201 1. The executive director of the Department of Economic
202 Opportunity or his or her designee, who shall serve as the
203 chair.

204 2. The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

205 3. The Secretary of Environmental Protection or his or her
206 designee.

207 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee.

208 5. The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or
209 her designee.

210 6. The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

211 7. The President of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or his or
212 her designee.

213 8. The chair of the board of directors of CareerSource
214 Florida, Inc., or his or her designee.

215 9. The chair of the board of the regional economic
216 development organization for each of the rural areas of
217 opportunity or his or her designee.

218 10. Five members from the private sector, three of whom
219 shall be appointed by the executive director of the Department
220 of Economic Opportunity, one of whom shall be appointed by the
221 President of the Senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by
222 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

223 (b) In making their appointments, the executive director,
224 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
225 Representatives shall ensure that the appointments reflect the

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226 diversity of Florida's business community and are representative
227 of the economic development goals in subsection (1).

228 (c) The executive director, the President of the Senate,
229 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall consider
230 appointees who reflect the state's racial, ethnic, and gender
231 diversity, and who are from rural communities.

232 (d) Each appointed member shall be appointed to a 2-year
233 term.

234 (e) Initial appointments shall be made by July 1. Member
235 terms shall expire on June 30.

236 (f) A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of an
237 unexpired term and filled in the same manner as the original
238 appointment.

239 (g) An appointed member may be removed by the appointing
240 officer for cause. Absence of a member from three consecutive
241 meetings results in automatic removal.

242 (h) The chair may request the head of any state agency or
243 organization to serve on an ad hoc committee as needed to
244 address issues or projects relating to rural areas of
245 opportunity and economically distressed rural communities. The
246 chair shall consider requesting the following individuals to
247 serve on an ad hoc committee:

248 1. The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife
249 Conservation Commission or his or her designee.

250 2. The Secretary of State or his or her designee.

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251 3. The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
252 designee.

253 4. The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.

254 5. The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
255 designee.

256 6. The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or
257 her designee.

258 7. A board member of the Florida Regional Councils
259 Association or his or her designee.

260 ~~(6) (a) By August 1 of each year, the head of each of the~~
261 ~~following agencies and organizations shall designate a deputy~~
262 ~~secretary or higher-level staff person from within the agency or~~
263 ~~organization to serve as the REDI representative for the agency~~
264 ~~or organization.~~

265 ~~1. The Department of Transportation.~~

266 ~~2. The Department of Environmental Protection.~~

267 ~~3. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~

268 ~~4. The Department of State.~~

269 ~~5. The Department of Health.~~

270 ~~6. The Department of Children and Families.~~

271 ~~7. The Department of Corrections.~~

272 ~~8. The Department of Education.~~

273 ~~9. The Department of Juvenile Justice.~~

274 ~~10. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.~~

275 ~~11. Each water management district.~~

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- 276 ~~12. Enterprise Florida, Inc.~~
 277 ~~13. CareerSource Florida, Inc.~~
 278 ~~14. VISIT Florida.~~
 279 ~~15. The Florida Regional Planning Council Association.~~
 280 ~~16. The Agency for Health Care Administration.~~
 281 ~~17. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences~~
 282 ~~(IFAS).~~

283
 284 ~~An alternate for each designee shall also be chosen, and the~~
 285 ~~names of the designees and alternates shall be sent to the~~
 286 ~~executive director of the department.~~

287 (i)-(b) Each REDI member from a state agency or
 288 organization ~~representative must have comprehensive knowledge of~~
 289 ~~his or her agency's functions, both regulatory and service in~~
 290 ~~nature, and of the state's economic goals, policies, and~~
 291 ~~programs. This person shall be the primary point of contact for~~
 292 ~~his or her agency with REDI on issues and projects relating to~~
 293 rural areas of opportunity and economically distressed rural
 294 ~~communities and with regard to expediting project review, shall~~
 295 ~~ensure a prompt effective response to problems arising with~~
 296 ~~regard to rural issues, and shall work closely with the other~~
 297 ~~REDI members~~ representatives ~~in the identification of~~
 298 ~~opportunities for preferential awards of program funds and~~
 299 ~~allowances and waiver of program requirements when necessary to~~
 300 ~~encourage and facilitate long-term private capital investment~~

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301 and job creation. The member shall also ensure that each
302 district office or facility of his or her agency or organization
303 is informed about REDI and shall provide assistance throughout
304 the agency in the implementation of REDI activities.

305 ~~(c) The REDI representatives shall work with REDI in the~~
306 ~~review and evaluation of statutes and rules for adverse impact~~
307 ~~on rural communities and the development of alternative~~
308 ~~proposals to mitigate that impact.~~

309 ~~(d) Each REDI representative shall be responsible for~~
310 ~~ensuring that each district office or facility of his or her~~
311 ~~agency is informed about the Rural Economic Development~~
312 ~~Initiative and for providing assistance throughout the agency in~~
313 ~~the implementation of REDI activities.~~

314 (8)-(7)(a) REDI may recommend to the Governor up to three
315 rural areas of opportunity. The Governor may by executive order
316 designate up to three rural areas of opportunity which will
317 establish these areas as priority assignments for REDI. as well
318 as to allow The Governor may, acting through REDI, to waive
319 criteria, requirements, or similar provisions of any economic
320 development incentive. Such incentives shall include, but are
321 not limited to, the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program
322 under s. 288.106, the Quick Response Training Program under s.
323 288.047, the Quick Response Training Program for participants in
324 the welfare transition program under s. 288.047(8),
325 transportation projects under s. 339.2821, the brownfield

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326 redevelopment bonus refund under s. 288.107, and the rural job
327 tax credit program under ss. 212.098 and 220.1895.

328 (b) Designation as a rural area of opportunity under this
329 subsection shall be contingent upon the execution of a
330 memorandum of agreement among the department; the governing body
331 of the county; and the governing bodies of any municipalities to
332 be included within a rural area of opportunity. Such agreement
333 shall specify the terms and conditions of the designation,
334 including, but not limited to, the duties and responsibilities
335 of the county and any participating municipalities to take
336 actions designed to facilitate the retention and expansion of
337 existing businesses in the area, as well as the recruitment of
338 new businesses to the area.

339 (c) Each rural area of opportunity may designate catalyst
340 projects, provided that each catalyst project is specifically
341 recommended by REDI, identified as a catalyst project by
342 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and confirmed as a catalyst project by
343 the department. All state agencies and departments shall use all
344 available tools and resources to the extent permissible by law
345 to promote the creation and development of each catalyst project
346 and the development of catalyst sites.

347 (9)-(8) Before September 1 of each year, REDI shall submit
348 a report to the department, the Governor, the President of the
349 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a
350 complete and detailed report, including, but not limited to on

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all ~~REDI activities for the previous fiscal year as a supplement~~
to the department's annual report required under s. 20.60. This
supplementary report must include:

(a) A description of the operations of ~~status report on~~
all projects currently being coordinated through REDI, the
number of preferential awards and allowances made pursuant to
this section, the dollar amount of such awards, ~~and~~ the names of
the recipients, and an evaluation of progress toward achieving
organizational goals and specific performance outcomes, as
established by the department.

(b) A description of the accomplishments of REDI and
identification of major trends, initiatives, or developments
affecting the performance of a program or activity coordinated
through REDI.

(c) A description of all waivers of program requirements
granted.

~~(d)-(e)~~ Information as to the economic impact of the
projects coordinated by REDI.

~~(e)-(d)~~ Recommendations based on the review and evaluation
of statutes and rules having an adverse impact on rural
communities and proposals to mitigate such adverse impacts.

Section 7. Section 288.06561, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

288.06561 Reduction or waiver of financial match
requirements.—Notwithstanding any other law, the member agencies

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and organizations of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), as defined in s. 288.0656(7)(a) ~~s. 288.0656(6)(a)~~, shall review the financial match requirements for projects in rural areas as defined in s. 288.0656(3) ~~s. 288.0656(2)~~.

(1) Each agency and organization shall develop a proposal to waive or reduce the match requirement for rural areas.

(2) Agencies and organizations shall ensure that all proposals are submitted to the department for review by the REDI agencies.

(3) These proposals shall be delivered to the department for distribution to the REDI agencies and organizations. A meeting of REDI agencies and organizations must be called within 30 days after receipt of such proposals for REDI comment and recommendations on each proposal.

(4) Waivers and reductions must be requested by the county or community, and such county or community must have three or more of the factors identified in s. 288.0656(3)(c) ~~s. 288.0656(2)(c)~~.

(5) Any other funds available to the project may be used for financial match of federal programs when there is fiscal hardship, and the match requirements may not be waived or reduced.

(6) When match requirements are not reduced or eliminated, donations of land, though usually not recognized as an in-kind match, may be permitted.

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(7) To the fullest extent possible, agencies and organizations shall expedite the rule adoption and amendment process if necessary to incorporate the reduction in match by rural areas in fiscal distress.

(8) REDI shall include in its annual report an evaluation on the status of changes to rules, number of awards made with waivers, and recommendations for future changes.

Section 8. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

290.0055 Local nominating procedure.—

(6)

(d)1. The governing body of a jurisdiction which has nominated an application for an enterprise zone that is at least 15 square miles and less than 20 square miles and includes a portion of the state designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656(8) ~~s. 288.0656(7)~~ may apply to the department to expand the boundary of the existing enterprise zone by not more than 3 square miles.

2. The governing body of a jurisdiction which has nominated an application for an enterprise zone that is at least 20 square miles and includes a portion of the state designated as a rural area of opportunity under s.288.0656(8) ~~s. 288.0656(7)~~ may apply to the department to expand the boundary of the existing enterprise zone by not more than 5 square miles.

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zone under this paragraph must be submitted by December 31, 2013.

4. Notwithstanding the area limitations specified in subsection (4), the department may approve the request for a boundary amendment if the area continues to satisfy the remaining requirements of this section.

5. The department shall establish the initial effective date of an enterprise zone designated under this paragraph.

Section 9. Section 290.06561, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

290.06561 Designation of rural enterprise zone as catalyst site.—Notwithstanding s. 290.0065(1), the Department of Economic Opportunity, upon request of the host county, shall designate as a rural enterprise zone any catalyst site as defined in s. 288.0656(3)(b) ~~s. 288.0656(2)(b)~~ that was approved before January 1, 2010, and that is not located in an existing rural enterprise zone. The request from the host county must include the legal description of the catalyst site and the name and contact information for the county development authority responsible for managing the catalyst site. The designation shall provide businesses locating within the catalyst site the same eligibility for economic incentives and other benefits of a rural enterprise zone designated under s. 290.0065. The reporting criteria for a catalyst site designated as a rural enterprise zone under this section are the same as for other

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451 rural enterprise zones. Host county development authorities may
452 enter into memoranda of agreement, as necessary, to coordinate
453 their efforts to implement this section.

454 Section 10. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
455 337.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456 337.403 Interference caused by utility; expenses.—

457 (1) If a utility that is placed upon, under, over, or
458 within the right-of-way limits of any public road or publicly
459 owned rail corridor is found by the authority to be unreasonably
460 interfering in any way with the convenient, safe, or continuous
461 use, or the maintenance, improvement, extension, or expansion,
462 of such public road or publicly owned rail corridor, the utility
463 owner shall, upon 30 days' written notice to the utility or its
464 agent by the authority, initiate the work necessary to alleviate
465 the interference at its own expense except as provided in
466 paragraphs (a)-(j). The work must be completed within such
467 reasonable time as stated in the notice or such time as agreed
468 to by the authority and the utility owner.

469 (h) If a municipally owned utility or county-owned utility
470 is located in a rural area of opportunity, as defined in s.
471 288.0656(3) ~~s. 288.0656(2)~~, and the department determines that
472 the utility is unable, and will not be able within the next 10
473 years, to pay for the cost of utility work necessitated by a
474 department project on the State Highway System, the department
475 may pay, in whole or in part, the cost of such utility work

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476 performed by the department or its contractor.

477 Section 11. Subsection (7) of section 339.2818, Florida
478 Statutes, is amended to read:

479 339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.—

480 (7) Subject to a specific appropriation in addition to
481 funds annually appropriated for projects under this section, a
482 municipality within a rural area of opportunity or a rural area
483 of opportunity community designated under s. 288.0656(8)(a) ~~s.~~
484 ~~288.0656(7)(a)~~ may compete for the additional project funding
485 using the criteria listed in subsection (4) at up to 100 percent
486 of project costs, excluding capacity improvement projects.

487 Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
488 339.2819, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489 339.2819 Transportation Regional Incentive Program.—

490 (4)

491 (c) The department shall give priority to projects that:

492 1. Provide connectivity to the Strategic Intermodal System
493 developed under s. 339.64.

494 2. Support economic development and the movement of goods
495 in rural areas of opportunity designated under s. 288.0656(8) ~~s.~~
496 ~~288.0656(7)~~.

497 3. Are subject to a local ordinance that establishes
498 corridor management techniques, including access management
499 strategies, right-of-way acquisition and protection measures,
500 appropriate land use strategies, zoning, and setback

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501 requirements for adjacent land uses.

502 4. Improve connectivity between military installations and
503 the Strategic Highway Network or the Strategic Rail Corridor
504 Network.

505
506 The department shall also consider the extent to which local
507 matching funds are available to be committed to the project.

508 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
509 339.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

510 339.63 System facilities designated; additions and
511 deletions.—

512 (5)

513 (b) A facility designated part of the Strategic Intermodal
514 System pursuant to paragraph (a) that is within the jurisdiction
515 of a local government that maintains a transportation
516 concurrency system shall receive a waiver of transportation
517 concurrency requirements applicable to Strategic Intermodal
518 System facilities in order to accommodate any development at the
519 facility which occurs pursuant to a building permit issued on or
520 before December 31, 2017, but only if such facility is located:

521 1. Within an area designated pursuant to s. 288.0656(8) ~~s.~~
522 ~~288.0656(7)~~ as a rural area of opportunity;

523 2. Within a rural enterprise zone as defined in s.
524 290.004(5); or

525 3. Within 15 miles of the boundary of a rural area of

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526 opportunity or a rural enterprise zone.

527 Section 14. Subsection (16) of section 479.16, Florida
528 Statutes, is amended to read:

529 479.16 Signs for which permits are not required.—The
530 following signs are exempt from the requirement that a permit
531 for a sign be obtained under this chapter but are required to
532 comply with s. 479.11(4)–(8), and subsections (15)–(20) may not
533 be implemented or continued if the Federal Government notifies
534 the department that implementation or continuation will
535 adversely affect the allocation of federal funds to the
536 department:

537 (16) Signs placed by a local tourist-oriented business
538 located within a rural area of opportunity as defined in s.
539 288.0656(3) ~~s. 288.0656(2)~~ which are:

540 (a) Not more than 8 square feet in size or more than 4
541 feet in height;

542 (b) Located only in rural areas on a facility that does
543 not meet the definition of a limited access facility, as defined
544 in s. 334.03;

545 (c) Located within 2 miles of the business location and at
546 least 500 feet apart;

547 (d) Located only in two directions leading to the
548 business; and

549 (e) Not located within the road right-of-way.
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551 A business placing such signs must be at least 4 miles from any
552 other business using this exemption and may not participate in
553 any other directional signage program by the department.

554
555 If the exemptions in subsections (15)-(20) are not implemented
556 or continued due to notification from the Federal Government
557 that the allocation of federal funds to the department will be
558 adversely impacted, the department shall provide notice to the
559 sign owner that the sign must be removed within 30 days after
560 receipt of the notice. If the sign is not removed within 30 days
561 after receipt of the notice by the sign owner, the department
562 may remove the sign, and the costs incurred in connection with
563 the sign removal shall be assessed against and collected from
564 the sign owner.

565 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (14) of section
566 627.6699, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

567 627.6699 Employee Health Care Access Act.—

568 (14) SMALL EMPLOYERS ACCESS PROGRAM.—

569 (d) Eligibility.—

570 1. Any small employer that is actively engaged in
571 business, has its principal place of business in this state,
572 employs up to 25 eligible employees on business days during the
573 preceding calendar year, employs at least 2 employees on the
574 first day of the plan year, and has had no prior coverage for
575 the last 6 months may participate.

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576 2. Any municipality, county, school district, or hospital
577 employer located in a rural community as defined in s.

578 288.0656(3) ~~s. 288.0656(2)~~ may participate.

579 3. Nursing home employers may participate.

580 4. Each dependent of a person eligible for coverage is
581 also eligible to participate.

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583 Any employer participating in the program must do so until the
584 end of the term for which the carrier providing the coverage is
585 obligated to provide such coverage to the program. Coverage for
586 a small employer group that ceases to meet the eligibility
587 requirements of this section may be terminated at the end of the
588 policy period for which the necessary premiums have been paid.

589 Section 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
590 law.

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Overview of the Division of Water Restoration Assistance Programs





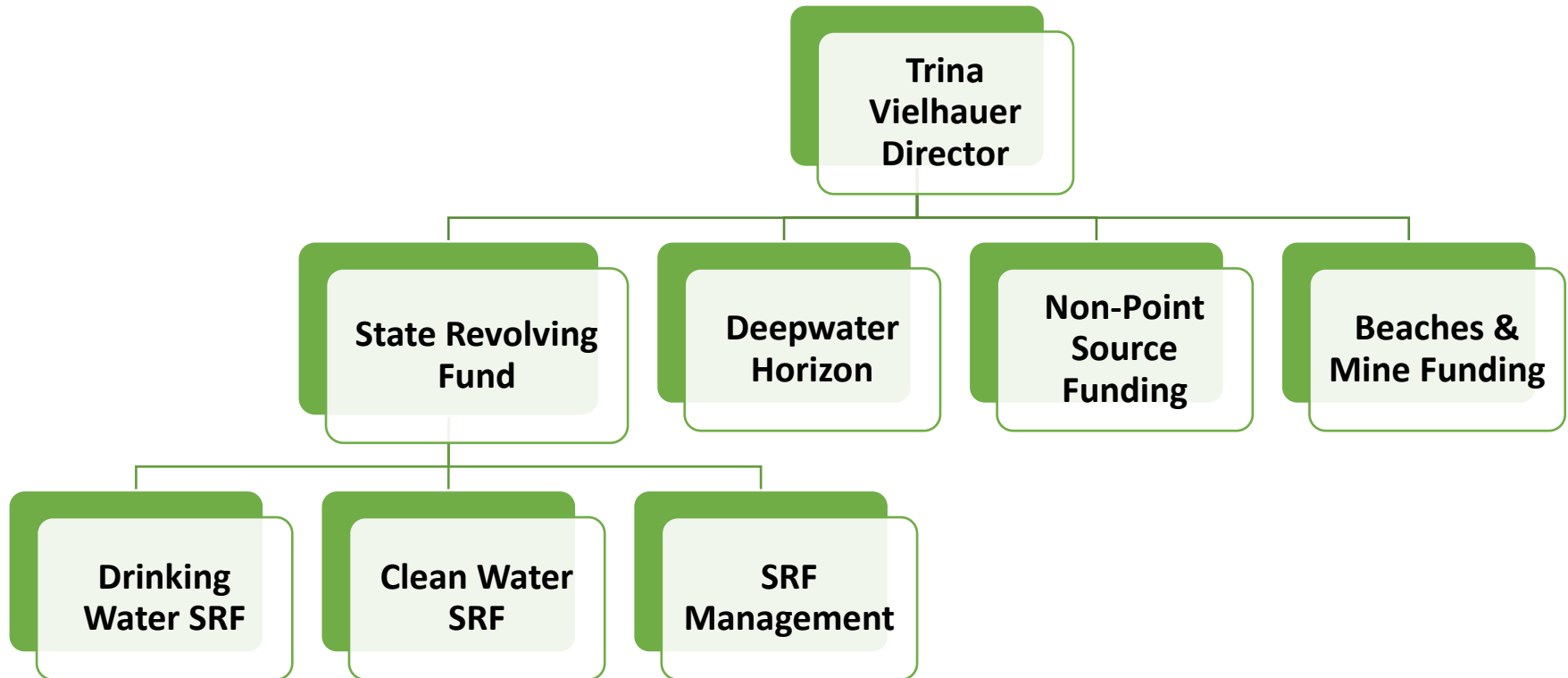
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- Grant and loan programs – projects that improve the quality and quantity of water:
 - Reducing pollutants that enter surface water and groundwater
 - Improving stormwater quality
 - Collecting and treating sanitary wastewater
 - Producing and distributing drinking water
 - Beach nourishment and reclaiming mined land
- More effective coordination between programs
 - Nonpoint Source Programs
 - State Revolving Funds
 - Beach Management Funding Assistance
 - Deepwater Horizon programs
- Opportunities to leverage programs to fund innovative projects



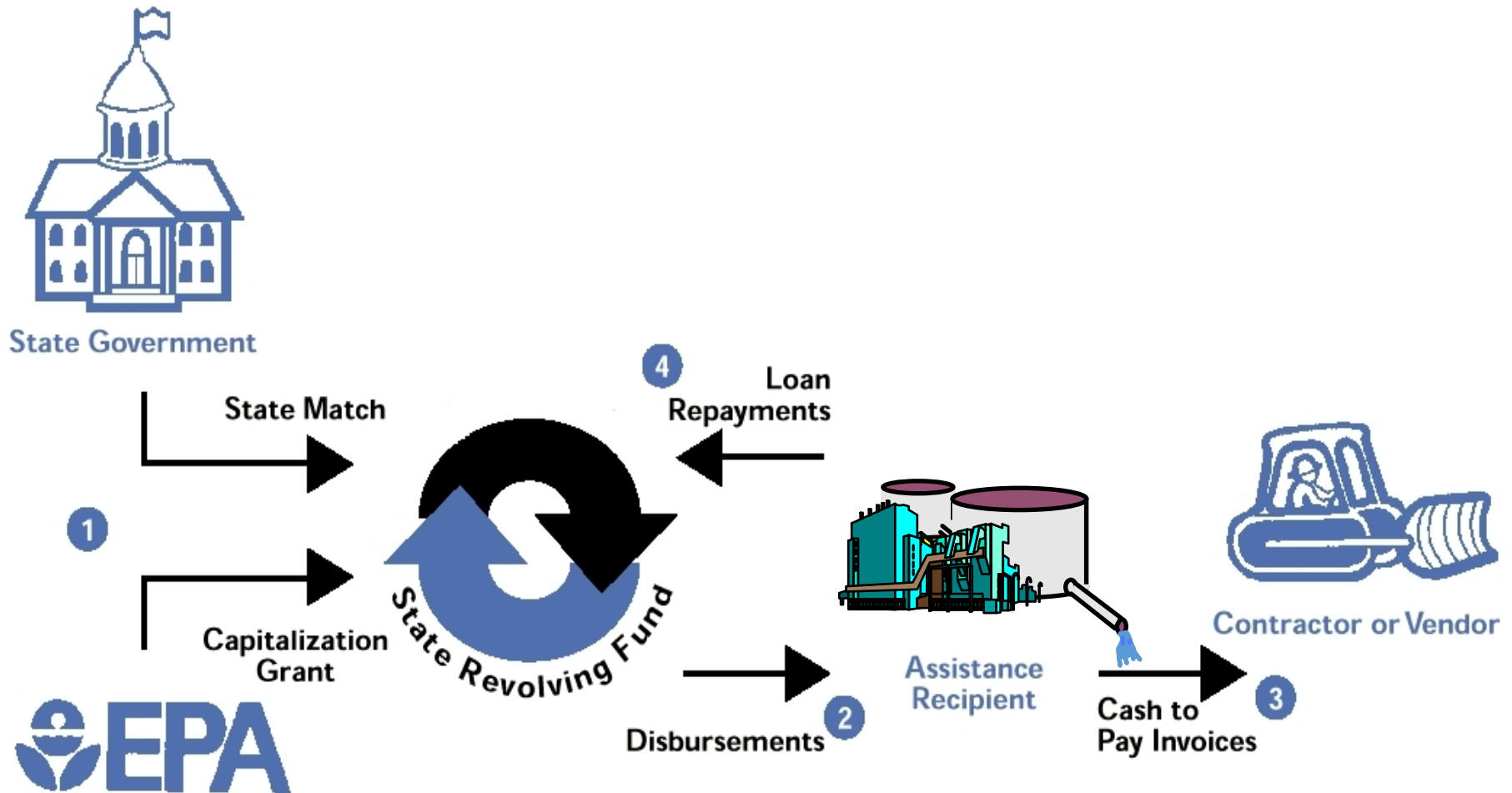
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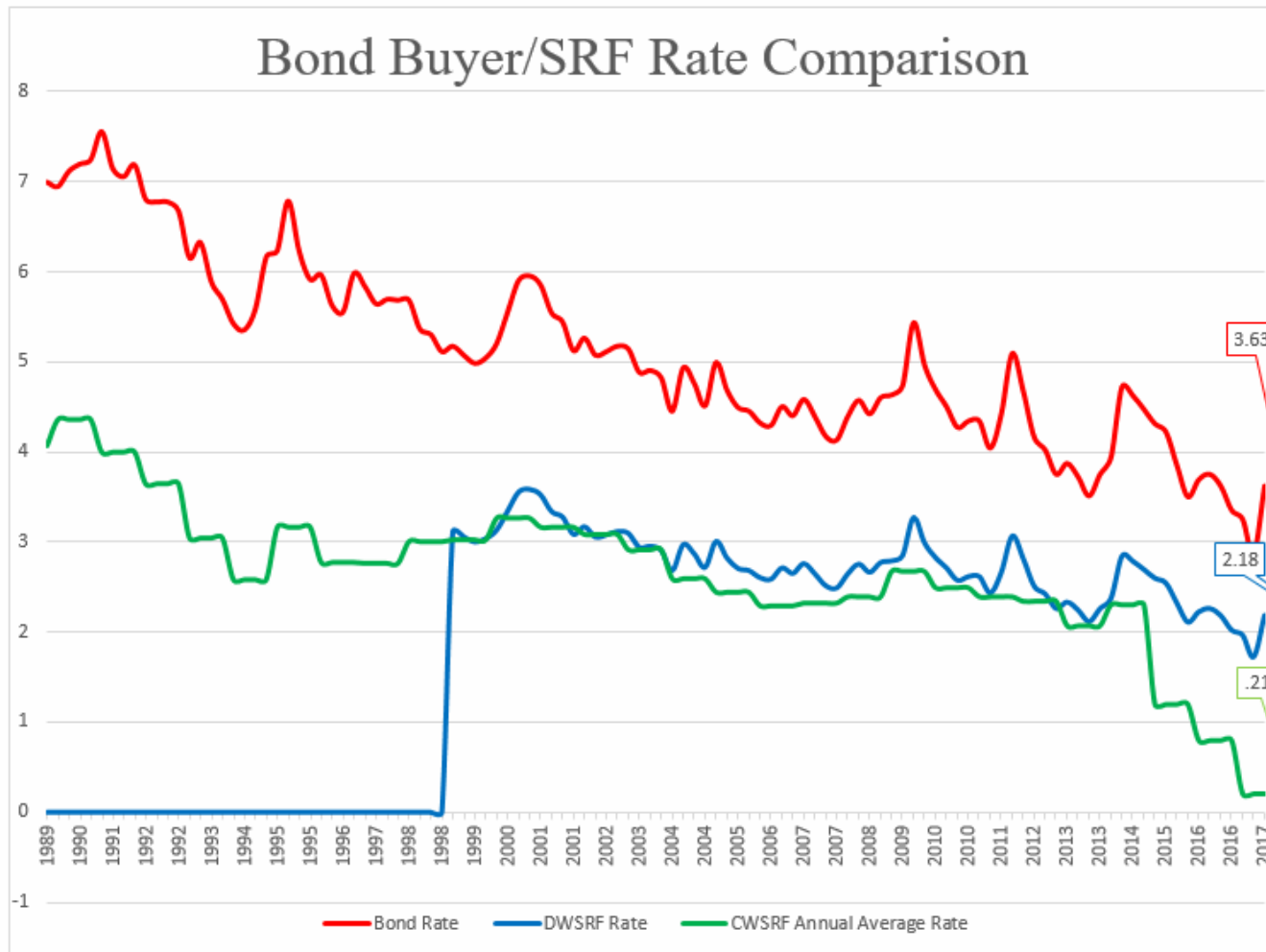


SRF Basics





Market vs SRF Interest Rate





Clean Water State Revolving Fund

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Florida's largest financial assistance program for water infrastructure, capitalized by federal grants through EPA

- Provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design, and build or upgrade wastewater and stormwater facilities
- ~\$200 million annually, currently a \$30 million segment cap
- Certain agricultural best management practices may also qualify for funding
- Revolves using state and federal appropriations, loan repayments, investment earnings, and bond proceeds
- Interest rates on loans are below market rates and vary based on the economic wherewithal of the community



Type of Clean Water SRF Projects

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- Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Collection and Transmission
 - Gravity, Vacuum, Low Pressure or Grinder Systems and Force Mains
- Lift Stations
- Reuse Treatment and Distribution
- Stormwater Treatment
- Non-point Source Pollution Control
- Facilities that Protect or Restore Estuaries
- Green Energy
- Innovative Projects (Atmospheric Deposition, Landfills, Brownfield Remediation, etc.)



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 176 of 187

Provides low-interest loans to local governments and certain private utilities to plan, design, and build or upgrade drinking water systems.

- ~\$70 million annually, with a \$25 million segment cap
- Discounted assistance and partial principal forgiveness for small communities may be available
- Interest rates on loans are typically 40% below market rates, however the rule is being revised so that the interest rate will be a sliding scale based on affordability factors.



Types of Drinking Water SRF Projects

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- Water Treatment Facilities
- New Source Wells
- Water Supply Development
- Disinfection Facilities
- Consolidation of Smaller Plants
- Planning and Engineering
- Replacement of Aging Infrastructure
- Transmission and Storage
- Distribution System
- Land Acquisition for Facilities
- Compliance Projects



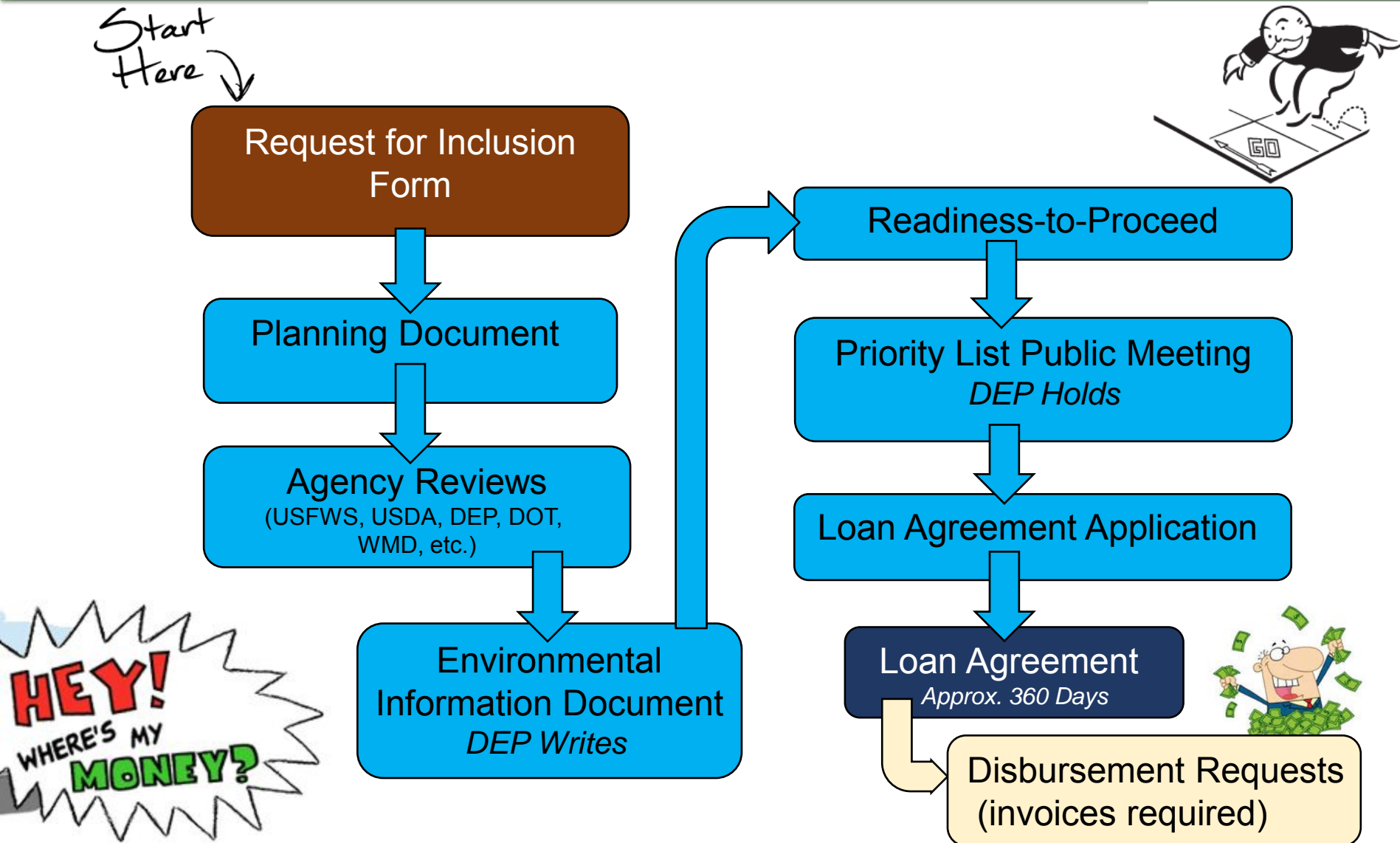


State Revolving Fund Requirements

- Planning
 - http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/docs/facilities_planning_requirements.pdf
- Readiness to Proceed
 - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/docs/readiness.pdf>
- Davis Bacon
 - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/wages.htm>
- American Iron and Steel
 - http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/aisrequirement.cfm
- Fiscal Sustainability Plan (CWSRF Only)



SRF Construction Loan Process





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Clean Water Act Federally Funded Grant

- \$5-6 million Florida
- Nonpoint source pollution abatement
 - Critical to restoring Florida's waters and meeting TMDLs and BMAPs.
- Once stormwater enters a major conveyance system EPA considers it a point source and may not be eligible for the 319(h) Grant
- Be prepared to document project construction and results, monitor effectiveness
- Minimum 40% non-federal match
- Projects are evaluated on a number of criteria





319(h) Timeframe

- **PLAN AHEAD:** Can take up to two years from application to ability to expend funds
- Have land acquisition & liability issues resolved
- When possible, finalize design and permitting prior to receiving 319 grant
- Annual awards
- Project duration 3 years
- Left-over funds from earlier grant years – short turn around time





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- Stormwater treatment
- Low impact development
- Erosion and sediment control
- Nonpoint source education
- Agricultural BMPs Demonstration
- Silvicultural BMPs Demonstration
- Septic tank pollution abatement
 - case by case basis eligibility
 - currently primarily impact analysis and education





TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant 183 of 187

State grant for projects that reduce stormwater pollutant loadings from urban areas in verified impaired waterbodies

- ~\$3 million annually
- Evaluated 3X per year: March, July and November
- Project duration should be no more than 3 years
- Match amount must be equal to or greater than grant amount.
- At least 25% of the match must be provided by local government
- “Shovel ready” projects with water quality monitoring
- Projects are evaluated on a number of criteria



Beaches and Mines Funding Assistance

Beach Management Funding Assistance

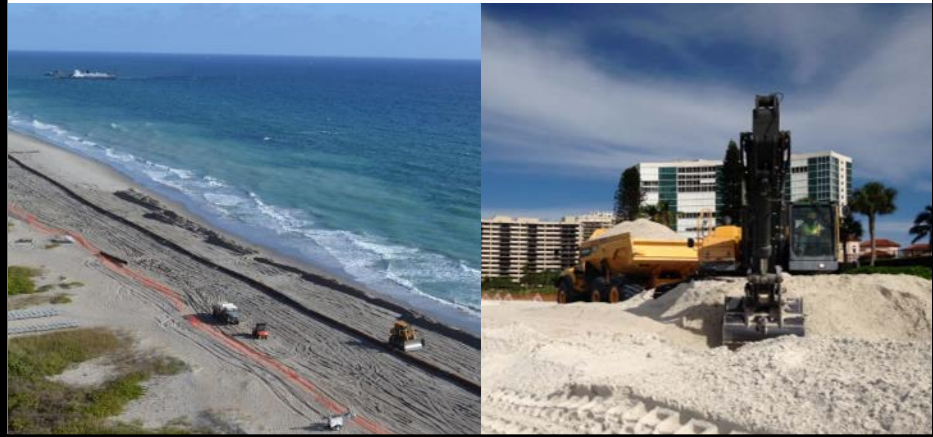
Who: Local coastal governments

What: Beach Nourishment and Inlet Management/Sand bypassing

Where: Critically eroding shorelines and altered inlets

Why: Provides storm protection for

- Upland development and infrastructure
- Critical habitat for protected species
- Economic/ recreational interests



Nonmandatory Land Reclamation

Who: Private Land owners of lands mined prior to regulatory requirement

What: Voluntary reclamation where costs often exceed land value

Where: Eligible phosphate mines disturbed between 1910 and 1975

Why: Improves environmental and economic utility of lands by removing safety hazards and improving water quality and quantity.



Deepwater Horizon

3 Funding Streams

- Natural Resource Damage Assessment Early Restoration Funding
- RESTORE Act Funding
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

Project stats to date

- 57 projects
- Approximately \$175 million in project funding
- 49% ecological projects
- 51% recreational projects





For More Information

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State Revolving Fund: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/>

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319(h) Grant: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/319h.htm>

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TMDL Grant: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/tmdl_grant.htm

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Water Project Funding in Florida:

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