



Memorandum

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Subject: Coordination of the Floodplain Management Plan with the Conservation Collier Program

Collier County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and a voluntary participant in the Community Rating System (CRS) of the NFIP. The CRS program provides opportunities for the flood insurance policy holders in Collier County to receive discounts on their flood insurance premiums based upon the amount of effort the County puts into specified flood damage prevention measures. Currently the County is rated as a Class 7 community which provides for a 15% discount to flood insurance premiums for those properties in flood zones beginning with the letters "V" or "A".

As a part of the CRS program, Collier County is required to develop and maintain a Floodplain Management Plan. The County's current Floodplain Management Plan is being revised and updated in accordance with the CRS program rules. A special committee has been established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners to oversee the Floodplain Management Plan development and maintenance.

As a part of this year's Floodplain Management Plan revision effort, a new objective is being proposed its Goals, Objectives and Policies as stated below:

Objective 1.6: Continue acquisition of Conservation Lands within the floodplain to assist with mitigation of flood events.

(Lead Agency = CDES; Sub-Agencies = Emergency Management, Transportation, Facilities Management-Conservation Collier)

The purpose of the objective is to promote the value of maintaining open space within the floodplain as one criteria to be considered when determining which properties receive favorable ranking for acquisition by Conservation Collier.

During staff's presentation of the revised Floodplain Management Plan to the Collier County Planning Commission (CCPC), a question was raised on whether or not this objective would

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conflict with the criteria currently used by Conservation Collier, or whether this was an additional criteria that went beyond the stated intentions of the referendum approved by the voters of Collier County. To provide clarity and agreement, the CCPC directed staff to bring this issue to the Conservation Collier Committee for their discussion and concurrence. For that reason, I am requesting that this item be placed on the November agenda of the Conservation Collier Committee. I will be available to present the issue and take their recommendation(s) to the Board of County Commissioners in December when they review, and hopefully approve, the revised Floodplain Management Plan.

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