

Coastal Zone Management

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County to Begin 951 Boat Ramp Expansion

The Collier County Coastal Zone Management Department has diligently worked to expand the popular 951 Boat Ramp and now the project is ready to move forward after five years of development, planning and revisions with approval from the Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Collier County Purchasing Department obtained project engineering permits and subsequently issued a request for proposals. The apparent low bidder for the construction project is Quality Enterprises for \$1.3 million. The project will be paid for using capital improvement dollars.

The Purchasing Department and Coastal Zone Management will be finalizing procurement over the coming weeks.

Currently, the boat launch location has just 19 trailer spots, too few to accommodate the number of boaters using the 951 Boat Ramp. Under the new plan, there will be a total of 88 trailer spots and five regular parking spots, including handicap parking. This will eliminate off road boat trailer parking, which is a traffic violation.

“Originally we had planned on adding more trailer spots, however in an effort to balance boater usage and needs with the environment, we worked closely with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to add a mangrove habitat to the 951 Boat Ramp location, which will be an added benefit for everyone,” said Coastal Zone Management Department Project Manager Clint Perryman.

Coastal Zone Management will bring a Recommendation for Award to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners in December, which would then allow construction to commence. The 951 Boat Ramp expansion should be completed by early fall in 2009.

For information, the media may contact Clint Perryman by calling (239) 580-9108.

(photos of existing boat ramp area attached)

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