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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **BCC APPROVES CONTRACTS FOR TWO WATER ACCESS PROJECTS**

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On Tuesday, Dec. 16, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners awarded Quality Enterprises USA, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder, a contract for the 951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion Project. The Public Services Division and Coastal Zone Management Department will oversee this capital project. The County also awarded a contract to Williamson Brothers Marine Construction, Inc. to build three docks at Caxambas Boat Park on Marco Island.

#### **951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion Project**

The 951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion Contractor, Quality Enterprises, has experience working with the county having recently constructed the new Golden Gate Community Park Boat Ramp. The company has also completed three roadway projects with the Transportation Division. The 951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion cost is projected to be \$1,393,279.65 with funding coming from budgeted capital improvement funds.

Coastal Zone Management has successfully brought this five year project to fruition, which will benefit boaters and also improve the estuarine at the 951 Boat Ramp. The project now has a green light from both the Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Currently, the 951 boat launch location has just 19 trailer parking spots but the expansion will provide a total of 88 trailer spots including five regular parking spots with some handicap parking. The 951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion Project will help eliminate off road boat trailer parking that creates potential traffic hazards along 951.

“The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is working with us on this project to improve the mangrove habitat at the 951 boat ramp, which will be an added benefit,” said Coastal Zone Management Department Director Gary McAlpin.

The 951 Boat Ramp Parking Lot Expansion should be completed by the Fall of 2009.

#### **Caxambas Boat Dock Project**

The Caxambas Boat Dock Project will make sea wall improvements and add two more docks for boats for a total of three at the boating park. The Marco Island Fire Rescue and Police Vessel will park at one of the new docks as part of a sublease agreement with the City of Marco Island. This project is partially funded by the City of Marco. The contract has been awarded for \$132,140.

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