



February 9, 2011

Florida Department of Community Affairs
Walker Banning, Community Program Manager
Division of Community Planning
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RE: Evaluation & Appraisal Report Review

Dear Mr. Banning:

Enclosed please find the third Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) on the Collier County Growth Management Plan (GMP) as required by Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes. The Collier County community has conducted an exhaustive review of the GMP over the past eighteen (18) months that concluded with adoption of the EAR by The Board of County Commissioners on January 31, 2011.

The detailed EAR includes an Executive Summary, Staff Report and Introduction which precedes the detailed analytical and data sections specific to each Element and Sub-element of the GMP. The County is confident that this EAR provides a thorough examination of the comprehensive planning issues before this community and substantially addresses all of the subjects contained in the Letter of Understanding with the Department of December 10, 2009 and subsequent October 15, 2010 courtesy review letter.

The overall assessment arrived upon by staff and the Collier County Environmental Advisory Council, Planning Commission through workshops and the adoption hearings and the Board of County Commissioners is that the Collier County GMP is effective and working as intended. That the areas of primary concern; environmental protection, concurrency management, discouragement of urban sprawl, water resource protection, stormwater management, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction are all addressed in the Collier GMP, and the adopted EAR will provide opportunities for those policies and objectives to be strengthened. Review of the analysis provided for within the adopted EAR, indicates that there are a number of areas that require modification or minor revisions, but overall there are no major holes within the regulatory guidance provided for within the GMP.

The County requests that the Department conduct an EAR Sufficiency Review as provided for by Section 163.3191(6). Copies of the EAR are also being forwarded to adjacent local governments and the commenting reviewing agencies in conjunction with this submittal to the Department.

If any questions arise in the review of this EAR, or if additional assistance is needed, please contact the staff of The Comprehensive Planning Section of Land Development Services at (239) 252-6819. The County will look forward to the Department's finding of sufficiency of the EAR in approximately sixty (60) days.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - **w/ attachment**
South Florida Water Management District - **w/ attachment**
FDOT District One - **w/ attachment**
Florida Department of State/Bureau of Historic Preservation - **w/ attachment**
City of Naples- **w/ electronic attachment**
City of Marco Island- **w/ electronic attachment**
City of Everglades City- **w/electronic attachment**
Lee County - **w/ electronic attachment**
Hendry County - **w/ electronic attachment**
Monroe County - **w/ electronic attachment**
Miami-Dade County - **w/ electronic attachment**
Broward County - **w/ electronic attachment**