

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COLLIER, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TARGET PROTECTION AREA MAILING STRATEGY FOR THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM'S THIRD PROPERTY SELECTION CYCLE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Collier County has recognized the need to plan for future growth and has initiated a long-term program, known as Conservation Collier, to acquire, protect, restore and manage environmentally sensitive lands in perpetuity and to provide public open space for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Collier Program includes identification and protection of Collier County's natural resources, including upland and wetland communities, native plant communities, endemic species, endangered species habitat, water resources, and aesthetic or other natural features; and

WHEREAS, protected lands include those that provide appropriate natural resource-based recreational and educational opportunities, protect local water resources, provide flood control; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Collier Implementation Ordinance (hereafter referred to as "Ordinance No. 2002-63" has described Target Protection Areas (TPAs); and

WHEREAS, Section 13 (1) of Ordinance No. 2002-63 provides that county staff will send letters of inquiry to all property owners within these Target Protection Areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION I. Findings

It is found and declared that:

- (A) The cost of a simultaneous mailing of letters to all property owners within all Target Protection Areas will be approximately \$40,000, as opposed to \$320 for a proposed third cycle mailing to criteria-based properties from identified Target Protection Areas and other areas that meet program goals and criteria.
- (B) The goal for a realistic number of properties for staff to process and for the CCLAAC to evaluate and rank in creating the third Active Acquisition List was

originally determined to be 35 or less, but after 2 cycles of experience is realistically approximately 25 to 30.

- (C) Using estimated rates of return of positive interest generated by property owner interest letters in both the 1st and 2nd selection cycles, it has been determined that mailing approximately 871 interest letters will result in approximately 26 parcels for review and ranking on the Active Acquisition List. Staff anticipates some additional number of owner and public nominations as well.
- (D) There has been a subcommittee recommendation that was unanimously approved by CCLAAC on March 14, 2005, endorsing a strategy for a mailing outreach effort. This strategy is to modify the broader TPA list into a more manageable partition of that list, targeting lands within the Urban, Sending Habitat Stewardship and Flowway Stewardship Areas TPAs. Additionally, recommendation was made for mailing to some non-TPA parcels adjacent to TPA lands that are likely to contain high quality environmental resources.
- (E) With each successive mailing cycle, under current ordinance requirements, appropriate lands within TPAs shall be targeted by means of a criteria-based, equitable distributed, phased mailing until all undeveloped properties within the TPAs have been sent an inquiry letter or all Conservation Collier funds have been spent.
- (F) The CCLAAC is authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-63 to recommend an update to the Target Protection Areas List and selection strategy to the Board of County Commissioners to fulfill the purposes of the Conservation Collier Program.
- (G) This resolution is adopted pursuant to applicable provisions of law.

SECTION II. Be it also resolved that Collier County Board of County Commissioners adopt the following third-cycle Target Protection Areas outreach mailing strategy:

1. Staff shall send approximately 871 interest inquiry letters to owners of undeveloped properties within the following areas that meet the following criteria:

Area	Objective	Criteria for selection	TPA
I	Lands along the Immokalee Road corridor in Township 47 S, Range 47 E, located west of Immokalee Rd., along the west side of Corkscrew Sanctuary and just to the north of Immokalee Road in the Corkscrew Island Area. Area to include sod farms and cypress strand south of the Corkscrew neighborhood.	5 acres or greater and undeveloped	Sending (and non-TPA)
II	Any wetlands and scrub areas in the Immokalee urban area	At least 50% vegetated and undeveloped,	Urban (and non-TPA)

III	Commission District III parcels	5 acres or greater and undeveloped	Urban, NGGE (and non-TPA)
IV	(a) Camp Keais Strand and (b) Okaloacoochee Slough	Undeveloped	HSA/FSA

2. Using a query to the County's GIS database, the number of parcels and acreage involved in this interest inquiry letter mail-out using the above criteria and distributed across TPAs is as follows:

	Number of Parcels	Acreage
1. Area I (Sending, Neutral, Rural Lands)	200	1,947
2. Area II (Urban and Rural Lands)	211	22,738
3. Area III (Urban, NGGE and Neutral)	95	7,704
4. Area IV (FSA/HSAs)	365	93,569
Total	871	125,958

3. Subsequent mail outs will include other properties from within TPAs, however, prior to the mail out, the CCLAAC shall re-evaluate priorities for purchase to focus efforts and will forward this recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for its approval.

SECTION III. Effective Date.

This Resolution adopted and made effective this 26th day of April 2005, after motion, second and majority vote favoring same.

ATTEST:
DWIGHT E. BROCK, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Linda A. Houbert, DC

By: Fred W. Coyle

Attest as to Chairman's signature only.

Fred W. Coyle, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: Michael W. Pettit
Michael W. Pettit
Chief Assistant County Attorney

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	<u>L. Houbert, DC</u> Deputy Clerk