

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 196

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; PROVIDING 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, 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 Ordinance No. 2002-63, has described Target Protection Areas (TPA); 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, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS AT 3301 EAST TAMiami TRAL, NAPLES, FLORIDA, THIS 10th DAY OF June, 2003, A.D., HAVE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

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 \$400 for a mailing to criteria-based properties from all Target Protection Areas that meet program goals and criteria.
- (B) Using estimated rates of return of positive interest generated by property owner interest letters, it has been determined that mailing approximately 1000 interest letters will result in approximately 30 parcels for review and ranking on the Active Acquisition List. Combined with nominations submitted by the public or individual landowners, this is considered to be a realistic number of properties for staff to process and for the CCLAAC to evaluate and rank in creating the initial Active Acquisition List.
- (C) There has been a subcommittee recommendation that was unanimously approved by the CCLAAC on May 12, 2003, describing the strategy and first update of the Target Areas Protection List. This strategy is to modify the broad TPA list into an initial property interest letter mail-out, targeting those lands having the highest environmental value and to continue, with each successive mailing cycle, to target appropriate lands within TPAs, by means of a criteria-based, equitably distributed, phased mailing until all undeveloped properties within the TPAs have been sent an inquiry letter or all Conservation Collier funds have been spent.
- (D) 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.
- (E) 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 Initial Mail-out and TPA Update Strategy:

1. Staff shall send approximately 1,000 interest query letters to owners of undeveloped properties within all four (4) TPAs that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Urban parcels greater than 10 acres and more than 50% vegetated, urban parcels located west of Airport Road between 5 and 10 acres and more than 50% vegetated and those of any size containing Xeric Scrub plant communities or being contiguous to existing Conservation Lands,
 - b. North Golden Gate Estates parcels greater than 5 acres in size, more than 50% vegetated and that aggregate up to more than 25 acres in one location,
 - c. Sending Lands parcels greater than 100 acres and 75% or more vegetated, and
 - d. Flow-way (FSA) and Habitat Stewardship (HSA) Areas greater than 100 acres and more than 75% vegetated.

2. The number of parcels and acreage involved in the first property interest letter mail-out using the above criteria are distributed across the 4 TPAs as follows:

	Number of Parcels	Estimated Acreage
1. Urban Area	564	5,967
2. North Golden Gate Estates	396	2,137
3. Sending/NRPA Lands	58	8,417
4. FSA/HSAs	57	35,096
Total	1,075	51,617

(These numbers are the result of a query to the County's GIS system and the actual numbers may change between the date of the query and the actual mail out but the relative distribution among the 4 TPAs should be essentially the same as the above values.)

3. Subsequent mail outs will include properties from each TPA, however, prior to the mail out, the CCLAAC shall re-evaluate criteria to appropriately capture the group of properties having a progressively lower environmental sensitivity and will forward this recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for its approval. This cycle shall be repeated until either all undeveloped properties in the TPAs have been sent an inquiry letter or all Conservation Collier funds are spent.

SECTION III. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

This Resolution adopted this 10th day of June, 2003 after motion, second and majority vote favoring same.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: [Signature]
TOM HENNING, Chairman

ATTEST:
DWIGHT E. BROCK, Clerk

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

Attest as to Chairman's signature only.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

[Signature]
Jacqueline Hubbard Robinson
Assistant County Attorney