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Collier County's Growth Management Division improves the quality of life for county residents and visitors by protecting and enhancing both the natural and built environments by encouraging sustainable growth and community partnerships. The goal is to balance mobility, economic vitality and environmental sensitivity through coordinated planning, regulation, construction and maintenance programs.

FY2014 Highlights

Building Review

- Earned the National Association of Counties' Achievement Award for Building Review Standards.
- Issued 29,676 building permits in 2014, up 20.7 percent.
- Conducted 150,318 building inspections in 2014, up 28.6 percent.

Capital Projects Planning, Impact Fees and Project Management

- Coastal Zone Management completed a successful beach renourishment project for the Vanderbilt, Pelican Bay, Park Shore and Naples beaches. The dredging of Doctor's Pass was completed and engineering began to regrade the central beach on Marco Island. Coastal Zone Management also secured a three-year off-shore sand lease for emergency renourishment and a two-year existing permit extension from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Stormwater Planning completed installation of 42 additional culverts in Golden Gate Estates and completed planning and installation of another failing section of stormwater



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management pipe in Pine Ridge Estates eliminating a potential flood hazard for many of neighborhood residents.

- Transportation Planning secured additional funding from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for nearly \$1.95 million in sidewalks, more than \$340,000 for bike lanes, \$200,000 for a strategic highway safety plan and more than \$15.3 million for project development and environmental studies.
- Construction began in January to improve the U.S. 41/ County Road 951 intersection.

Code Enforcement

- The department's mission is "To protect the health, safety and welfare of Collier County residents and visitors through education cooperation and compliance."
- Code Enforcement works with affected parties to obtain compliance prior to the initiation of enforcement action, including education on code requirements. If this does not result in compliance, the department initiates formal enforcement proceedings.
- Code Enforcement works actively with law enforcement to identify properties that, due

to their distressed status, pose a threat to the community. The department offers services including neighborhood cleanups, interagency monthly task force meetings, lien searches, payoff requests and permits for garage sales and recreational vehicles.

Construction & Maintenance Operations

- Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the county's three general aviation airports located in Everglades City, Marco Island and Immokalee. This includes not only the airport facilities, but also fixed base operations services providing fueling, parking and other related ground support services.

Development Review

- Assumed review responsibility for building permits for architecture, engineering, environmental, planning and utilities, equating to more than 11,500 permit plan reviews.
- Completed more than 3,500 site development plan reviews, a 5 percent increase over 2013. Completed 1,200 subdivision plans and plat reviews, a 100 percent increase over 2013.
- Assisted more than 2,000 customers with flood insurance inquiries.

Engineering and Natural Resources

- Engineering inspection staff completed 11,276 inspections related to building permit associated activities and well construction, a 13 percent increase.
- The team met 99.9 percent of its deadlines for fiscal year 2014, despite a 9 percent increase in reviews.



- The pollution control section responded to 136 pollution complaints, a 65 percent increase over fiscal year 2013. Pollution control also inspected and issued 110 wellfield protection certificates to operate to facilities that are located in close proximity to public water supply wellfields.

Operations and Regulatory Management

- Processed 31,156 building permits applications in fiscal year 2014, up 23.4 percent.
- Processed 4,999 state and county contractor licenses. Processed 1,066 vehicle for hire driver identifications and 182 certificates to operate.

Planning and Zoning

- Administered the Transfer of Development Rights program and 6,542 acres were protected with recorded rights limitations.
- Developed a streamline process to have the Board of Zoning Appeals approve less intensive and/or comparable and compatible land uses in the planned unit development and conventional zoning districts.
- Instituted a "team review" process in the zoning services staff meeting to review land use permit applications as a way to share ideas and solutions to problems.

Road Maintenance

- Maintained 2,709 lane miles of roadways; maintained 102 miles of medians; resurfaced 74 lane miles of pavement; converted 5.84 miles of limerock roads to asphalt; resurfaced 4,470 linear feet of asphalt sidewalk and restriped 459.8 lane miles of roadway.
- Cleaned and reshaped 212,364 square yards of roadside ditches and performed maintenance on 113 bridges.

Traffic Operations

- Completed the second year of a three year program to install equipment that triggers green lights for emergency responders.
- Experimenting with programs that use LED street lighting fixtures, which results indicate will save the county 60 percent on energy costs.