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**From:** April Olson  
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**To:** VanLengenKris  
**Subject:** RLSA Restudy White paper 2019

Dear Kris,

Thank you for sending me Collier County's recent RLSA Restudy white paper. I recently finished reading the report. It is a very well-written, well-organized, thoughtful and easy to understand report. It is apparent that you truly listened to everyone's comments and concerns during the workshops, as I see that many ideas and recommendations from the public were included. I also noticed that the report offered several solutions to better the RLSA program that were not discussed in the workshops, but are very good ideas if implemented correctly, such as the Flowway Management Plan and requiring acreage set aside for corporate offices, light industrial and business parks.

I also appreciate the time you took to read our Conservancy RLSA report and the time that you, Mike Bosi, and other staff members took to meet with Nicole and I regarding our concerns with the program. Although your report is a first step toward improving the program, the Conservancy does have remaining concerns regarding fundamental flaws of the program that were not addressed in the report, such as the following:

1. The RLSA program still allows development within primary panther habitat, which is habitat that is essential for survival of the Florida panther. By directing development away from primary zone habitat, over 41,000 acres of agricultural lands and panther corridors would be preserved. Directing development away from listed species and their habitat is one of the main goals of the RLSA and of the Final Order.
2. Collier County does not possess the baseline data that created the RLSA program. Without the base data and methodology that created the data, it is not possible to update the program for new with findings from best available science and it is not possible to verify NRI scores for each SSA and SRA application, as required in the LDC and GMP.
3. While we agree that credits should be capped and recalibrated, and R-1 designation credits should be reduced, we believe that the "Open" area is too vast and should be reduced to create truly compact communities. 43,300 to 45,000 acres worth of development in inappropriate locations is sprawling and unnecessary. Neither the county nor the landowners have demonstrated there is need for that much development in Eastern Collier County.

We thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and to comment at the workshops. We look forward to continue to work with you and Collier County staff during the ongoing RLSA restudy process.

Sincerely,

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