

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__

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 TENTH 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 outstanding 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, as amended has described Target Protection Areas (TPAs); and

WHEREAS, Section 12 (3) of Ordinance No. 2019-03, as amended 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 mailing of letters is \$500 for a proposed tenth cycle targeted mailing to criteria-based properties from identified Target Protection Areas and other areas that meet program goals and criteria as shown on attached maps.
- (B) Many undeveloped properties within Target Protection Areas are small lots within established subdivisions and would not be appropriate for acquisition by Conservation Collier.

- (C) Using estimated rates of return of positive interest generated by property owner interest letters in previous selection cycles, it has been determined that mailing 612 interest letters will result in approximately 15-20 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 an Outreach Subcommittee recommendation that was unanimously approved by CCLAAC on April 12, 2021, endorsing a strategy for a targeted mailing outreach effort. This strategy is to more specifically target lands that are likely to contain high quality environmental resources and to enlarge current land holdings.
- (E) The CCLAAC is authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-63, as amended 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.
- (F) 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 fifth-cycle Target Protection Areas mailing strategy:

1. Staff shall send interest inquiry letters to owners of 612 undeveloped properties within the following areas:

Area	Name of Target Area	Objective	Criteria	TPA
1	Railhead Scrub Preserve	Parcels to expand the Railhead Scrub Preserve; and provides expansion of habitat & wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - adjoining Railhead Scrub Preserve	Urban
2	Cocohatchee Bay	Urban that provides rare and unique; and/or diversity of habitats	Urban	Urban
3	Gordon River Greenway	Parcels to expand the Gordon River Greenway Preserve & Park; Urban with potential to provide rare and unique; and/or diversity of habitats	Undeveloped, Urban - adjoining Gordon River Greenway Preserve and Park	Urban
4	Rattlesnake Hammock Preserve	Connect to or expand upon Habitat & Wildlife corridors; one property is adjoining existing program preserve	Urban	Urban
5	Bayshore parcels	Add onto a wildlife corridor; it is highly likely that these Urban preserves have rare and unique; and/or diversity of habitats.	Undeveloped	Urban

6	Shell Island Preserve	Urban parcels with the potential to expand wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - near the Shell Island Preserve	Urban
7	Rivers Road Preserve	Parcels to expand the River Road Preserve; and provides expansion of habitat & wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - adjoining or near the Rivers Road preserve	Non-TPA
8	Panther Walk Preserve	Parcels to expand existing program preserve; preserve an existing flow way; and preserve a wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - adjoining or near Panther Walk Preserve	NGGE
9	Dr. Robert H. Gore Preserve	Parcels to add to potential wildlife corridor acquisition between Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and North Belle Meade; and add to the existing program preserve	Undeveloped - adjoining Dr. Robert H. Gore Preserve	NGGE
10	Nancy Payton Preserve	Parcels to expand the Nancy Payton Preserve; and expand upon habitat & wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - adjoining Nancy Payton Preserve	Non-TPA; Rural Fringe Neutral
11	Caracara Prairie Preserve	Parcels to expand the Caracara Prairie Preserve; and expand upon habitat & wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - near Caracara Prairie Preserve	Non-TPA; Conservation
12	Pepper Ranch Preserve	Parcels to expand the Pepper Ranch Preserve; Urban that provides rare and unique; and/or diversity of habitat	Undeveloped - adjoining Pepper Ranch Preserve	RLSA (designation varies)
13	Mcllvane Marsh Preserve	Parcels to expand the Mcllvane Marsh Preserve; and provides expansion of habitat & wildlife corridor	Undeveloped - adjoining Mcllvane Marsh Preserve	Non-TPA; Conservation
14	US41/SR29 Marsh	Properties are along US41 and surrounded by Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Big Cypress National Preserve, and Everglades National Park	Undeveloped	Non-TPA; Ag-Rural, Area of Critical State Concern Overlay

SECTION III. Effective Date.

This Resolution adopted and made effective this **25th day of May 2021**, after motion, second and majority vote favoring same.

ATTEST:
Crystal K. Kinzel, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Penny Taylor, Chairman

Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency:

By: _____
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