



September 9, 2009

Mr. Matt Noble  
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**RE: North River Village  
CPA2006-00012  
Comprehensive Plan Amendment Withdrawal**

Dear Matt:

Due to the extended downturn of the Southwest Florida real estate market and Bonita Bay Group's restructuring plans, we respectfully withdraw our request for an amendment to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan for North River Village and the concurring amendment for Verandah.

It is an unfortunate time for all of us, as North River Village was planned, with extensive help from the North Olga neighbors and others, to become a state-of-the-art community, with energy efficiency, green principles, new standards of environmental preservation, and most importantly, public access to the Caloosahatchee River and Trout Creek. The extension of central sewer and water services would have served as a significant enhancement to the water quality within the river, the development would have created many needed jobs for our area, hurricane evacuation would be enhanced and adjacent roadways would have been improved.

We thank you and your staff for all of your time as you processed this application over the last three years.

Sincerely,

Susan Hebel Watts  
Senior Vice President

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Dan DeLisi, Delisi Fitzgerald, Inc.  
Mary Gibbs, Lee County  
Paul O'Conner, Lee County

