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Subject: FW: 2011 Lee Plan Current Amendment Cycle Proposed Language and Justifications

Importance: High

Kathy,

See below for the Parks & Recreation Department Lee Plan current amendment items with specific language and justifications.

Please let me know if any clarification or additional language is necessary.

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did we?
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- 1) ***We agreed to dropping the outdated and conflicting Map 11 "Generalized Park Service Area Map". There is no need or cross reference to this map and we use our park impact fee benefit districts as our generalized park service areas.**
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- 2) ***Boat Ramp desired non regulatory standard**

Objective 79.1 Proposed Language: One boat ramp lane per 12,500 total Lee County Seasonal Population (Non-Regulatory Minimum Acceptable Level of Service).

Policy 79.1.1 Incorporate the following language: The Non-Regulatory Minimum Acceptable Level of Service for Boat Ramps will include public boat ramp lanes of federal, state, municipal, and county boat ramps in Lee County which are open to the public and have adequate on-site parking for vehicles with boat ramp trailers.

Background:

Florida's coastline has tremendous potential for saltwater boating and boat fishing. Nearly 11 million residents and tourists participated in saltwater boat fishing in 2007. Recreational boating access to Florida's coastal waters is highly valued by boaters, fishermen, hunters and other sportsmen.
*SCORP 2008

Lee County is further defining and clarifying the classification system used in determining the Non-Regulatory Minimum Level of Service for Boat Ramps. Lee County proposes updating our Non Regulatory Boat Ramp standard to align with the Florida Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan maximum recommended population to be served for a boat ramp lane. Which is a standard of 12,500 population per boat ramp lane. SCORP

also estimated as a use guideline that 108 people per day can utilize a boat ramp lane. This standard also aligns the boat ramp LOS with existing regional park LOS population measure "total Lee County seasonal population".

Lee County has an inventory of Federal, State, County, and Municipal public boat ramps which includes 22 ramps and 34 lanes with adequate parking. The maximum persons which can be serviced by this existing inventory (34 lanes x 12,500 persons) is 425,000 persons. The use guidelines from SCORP for boat ramp facilities (108 persons per day per boat ramp lane) estimates that 1,340,280 persons can utilize the existing public boat ramp facilities in Lee County each year.

wouldn't this be uses-one person might use a lane several times per year.

Fiscal:

According to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Lee County recreational and personal watercraft registration has been on the decline since 2007. The new standard will allow Lee County to use a LOS measure which is aligned with SCORP and will allow Lee County and other municipalities to plan comprehensively for current and future boat ramp needs.

The need for additional recreation funding is particularly great for local governments. Revenue shortfalls have necessitated budget reductions in many cities and counties, and park and recreation programs are often among the first services to be reduced. *SCORP

The proposed LOS will allow Lee County and other public boat ramp providers, including Federal and State providers to comprehensively plan, and communicate the need including any necessary future funding for boat ramp facilities in Lee County.

3) *Water Access Standard

Proposed new LOS 82.2: Lee County will retain the current inventory of water accesses and will develop or redevelop public water accesses to achieve the goal of an equitable distribution of water accesses in Lee County where feasible. (Non-Regulatory Desired Future Level of Service)



Background:

One of the clearest messages received at the public workshops is that Florida must do more to preserve opportunities for public recreational access to the state's waters.

While the regional demand and need estimates in this plan are not capable of identifying local needs, there is an obvious need to fund the development of additional boat ramps, canoe launches, docks, catwalks and piers, as well as support facilities such as parking and

restrooms. The following recommendations are made for protecting water resources and improving public access to Florida's public waters...

7. Local governments should maximize the use of local comprehensive planning processes to increase public access to Florida's waters by preserving recreational and commercial working waterfronts and identifying sites for public and private recreation.

8. Public recreation providers should identify water areas under their jurisdictions where inadequate recreational access exists or where existing water access can be improved, and give priority to making the needed improvements.

*SCORP 2008

The current LOS Objective 82.2 "Lee County will retain the current inventory of water accesses and develop or redevelop at least 3 water accesses per year."

This LOS standard definition of "develop or re-develop" is vague, arbitrary and undefined.

The updated LOS will continue to provide retention and protection of our water accesses while not requiring a arbitrary computational component for redevelopment or re-development on a reoccurring annual basis. This will allow Lee County to follow the recommendations of SCORP by identifying area where inadequate recreational access exists or can be improved.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed LOS will allow Lee County to focus retention, develop or re-develop of accesses without having to meet an arbitrary computational component of 3 per year in order to meet the needs of the community, residents, and visitors of Lee County. The proposed LOS can help alleviate prohibitively expensive or unnecessary re-development or development of accesses each year in order to reach the arbitrary requirement of "3 per year". This will allow Lee County to plan comprehensively to achieve the priorities of water access in Lee County this will align Lee County comprehensive planning with the recommendations of SCORP.

4) *Recreation & Community Center Level of Service Standard

Proposed new language:

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Proposed Non-Regulatory Level of Service: Lee County will provide strategically located Recreation Centers of 25,000 square feet or more to provide for the need of unincorporated Lee County Residents.

Community Center Standard

Lee County will continue to provide community center space to meet the needs of Lee County residents in each of the Lee County unincorporated Park Impact Fee Districts.

Background:

The current LOS is calculated based on the entire unincorporated community & recreational facility square footage and the entire unincorporated Lee County population. This existing LOS computation does not reflect the need for varied, connected, and unique community facilities as identified in the New Horizon 2035 plan for Lee County. The existing LOS does not provide clear direction on future development of recreational & community center space.

Need & Fiscal Impact:

The proposed language will allow Lee County to provide unique and special community center space in each Lee County unincorporated park impact fee district. The proposed language will focus Lee County on enhancing the quality of life, connect people to recreation centers within reach of their community and provide clear informed direction on future community and recreational center needs within unincorporated Lee County. Together these LOS will allow an array of resources and opportunities connecting people to people to places, providing clear direction on future development, and will preserve the unique identity of our communities.

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Subject: 2011 Lee Plan Current Amendment Cycle-Final Decision Time!
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It is time for our Lee Plan Current Amendment Cycle Final Decision...Please provide our final preference for the Lee Plan Current Amendment cycle on the following:

***We agreed to dropping Map 11 from Generalized Park Service Area Map. -We now use our park impact fee districts as service areas.**

***Boat Ramp desired non regulatory standard (#4 "D" in attached Memo was our last preferred language change)**

***Water Access Standard (See our final language preference in #6 of attached memo)**

***Recreation Center Standard (See #7 in attached memo Two options were last discuss either "A" tweak the desired non regulatory standard to "A" which we can meet once NFM Center is constructed or replace with option "C", if we choose to go with "C" some language to defend our community center space with a standard would be appropriate) My recommendation is that tweak the current standard with below and that we add a new desired non regulatory standard for recreation centers as stated below:**

Lee County will provide community or recreation center space of at least 250 square feet of per 1,000 permanent population of unincorporated Lee County in each of the Lee County unincorporated Community Park Impact Fee Service Districts.

[Non-Regulatory Desired Future Level of Service] (Lee County would be able to meet this standard once the planned NFM Recreation Center is completed see following Recreation Center Table).

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Lee County Parks & Recreation will provide strategically located Recreation Centers of 25,000 sq ft or more to provide for the needs of unincorporated Lee County Residents.

[Non-Regulatory Desired Level of Service] (See Recreation Center Registration membership Map).

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