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Re: Amendment to the Lee Plan Transmittal Submission Package June 6, 2016 Transmittal Hearing

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

In accordance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163, please find attached the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment, known locally as CPA2016-00002 (Lee Plan Map Amendments). The proposed amendment is being submitted through the expedited state review process as described in Chapter 163.3184. The amendment is as follows:

CPA2016-00002, Lee Plan Map Amendments: Amend the Lee Plan to incorporate updates to four Lee Plan Maps. The maps proposed for amendment include Map 3E: Airports, Seaports, Railways and Waterways; Map 3J: Evacuation Routes; Map 5: Coastal High Hazard Area; and Map 10 General Soils Map. The existing and proposed maps are attached to this report.

The Local Planning Agency held a public hearing for this plan amendment on April 25, 2016. The Board of County Commissioners transmittal hearing was held on June 8, 2016. At the transmittal hearing, the Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the attached Lee Plan amendment. The proposed amendment is not applicable to an area of critical state concern. The Board of County Commissioners has stated its intent to hold an adoption hearing following the receipt of the review agencies' comments.

The name, title, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of the person for the local government who is most familiar with the proposed amendment is as follows:

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Included with this package are one paper copy and two CD ROM copies, in PDF format, of the proposed amendment and supporting data and analysis. By copy of this letter and its attachments, I certify that this amendment and supporting data and analysis have been sent on this date to the agencies listed below.

Sincerely,

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Mikki Rozdolski, Planning Manager Department of Community Development Planning Section

All documents and reports attendant to this transmittal are also being sent, by copy of this cover in a CD ROM format, to:

Comprehensive Plan Review Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Tracy D. Suber Department of Education

Plan Review Department of Environmental Protection

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#### by Shari Terrell

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (TRANSMITTAL HEARING)

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Lee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Lee Plan) on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. The hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board Chambers at 2120 Main Street in Downtown Fort Myers. At the hearing, the Board will consider the proposed amendments for transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

CPA2016-00002, LEE PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS: Amend the Lee Plan to incorporate updates to four Lee Plan Maps. The maps proposed for amendment include Map 3E: Airports, Seaports, Railways and Waterways; Map 3J: Evacuation Routes; Map 5: Coastal High Hazard Area; and Map 10 General Soils Map.

This transmittal hearing is the first step in a two step public hearing process to amend the Lee Plan. A second hearing will follow the Department of Economic Opportunity's review of the application.

This meeting is open to the public. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed plan amendment. A verbatim record of the proceeding will be necessary to appeal a decision made at this hearing. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the public hearing should contact Janet Miller at 239-533-8583 or jmiller@leegov.com. To ensure availability of services, please request accommodation as soon as possible but preferably five or more business days prior to the event. Persons using a TDD may contact Janet Miller through the Florida Relay Service, 711.

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# CPA2016-00002 LEE PLAN MAP UPDATE



## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

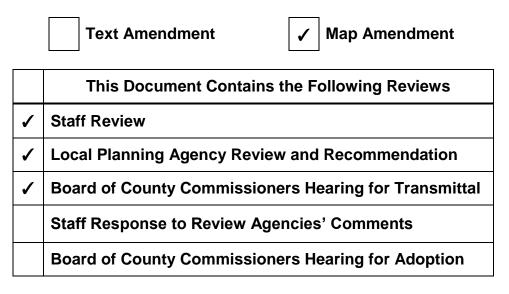
## CPA2016-02 LEE PLAN MAP UPDATE

**County-Initiated Amendment** 

**DEO Transmittal Document** 

6/8/2016

#### STAFF REPORT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CPA2016-02



Staff Report Publication Date: April 15, 2016

#### PART I APPLICATION SUMMARY

#### A. PROJECT NAME:

Lee Plan Map Update

#### **B. APPLICANT:**

Lee County Board of County Commissioners

#### C. REPRESENTATIVES:

Lee County Department of Community Development, Planning Section

#### D. PROPOSED LEE PLAN AMENDMENTS:

Amend the Lee Plan to incorporate updates to four Lee Plan Maps. The maps proposed for amendment include Map 3E: Airports, Seaports, Railways and Waterways; Map 3J: Evacuation Routes; Map 5: Coastal High Hazard Area; and Map 10 General Soils Map. The existing and proposed maps are attached to this report.

#### PART II

#### **RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT**

#### A. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners *transmit* the proposed amendments.

#### **B. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- The Board of County Commissioners initiated this amendment on February 16, 2016.
- No new maps, only revisions to existing maps, are proposed by this amendment.
- The maps included in the proposed amendment are required by Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, and the proposed amendment will ensure that the Lee Plan remains consistent with the Florida Statutes.
- The updated maps provide the most up-to-date data from the relevant agency for each map.

#### PART III BACKGROUND and ANALYSIS

Florida State Statute 163.3177 requires that the Lee Plan include the subject maps. Several of the maps have been in the Lee Plan from its original adoption in 1984 and have not been updated in many years. In some cases, maps were intentionally left as black and white versions in order to facilitate ease of reproduction. Since that time, improved mapping software and techniques have made it possible to replace old, less useful maps with much more legible versions that are a great improvement on the originals. In other cases, the state or federal agency responsible for the information on the maps has provided more current or accurate data. Therefore, the four maps discussed below can now be replaced with more up-to-date versions.

#### MAP 3E: Airports, Seaports, Railways, and Waterways

Florida Statute 163.3177(6)(b)2.b states that Local governments within a metropolitan planning area must address aviation, rail, and seaport facilities. This map is consistent with this regulation by depicting the location of major transportation facilities for non-automobile travel modes. These facilities have been depicted in the Lee Plan since its adoption in 1984.

There are two changes to facilities on the proposed map. The first is the removal of the Port Boca Grande facility at the south end of Gasparilla Island. This property is no longer used as a major seaport and was recently changed from the Public Facilities to the Urban Community future land use category. It is currently in the process to be rezoned to a Residential Planned Development. The second change is based on the data provided by the Waterway Network. A waterway has been extended through San Carlos Bay to the

east of Sanibel Island. In addition, the map is being updated to include city limits as well as to improve legibility.

#### Map 3J: Evacuation Routes

Florida Statute 163.3177(6)(b)2.c requires that the Lee Plan address the capability to evacuate the coastal population before an impending natural disaster. Map 3J of the Lee Plan depicts the major evacuation routes from the coastal areas to inland highways, such as I-75 and US 41, as provided by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. These routes were created to facilitate the evacuation of the coastal areas in the event of a predicted hurricane or tropical storm hazard. A version of this map has been in the Lee Plan since its original adoption in 1984.

Map 3J was last updated in the Lee Plan in 1995. The proposed map is based on the "Evacuation Transportation Analysis" performed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council in 2015 as part of the Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program. Updates to Map 3J reflect new transportation facilities or facilities which now have greater capacity. In addition, due to changes in the data from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, the proposed map no longer identifies "Recommended Traffic Control Points." The map has also been updated to include city limits as well as to improve legibility.

#### MAP 5: Coastal High Hazard Area

Florida Statute 163.3177(6)(a)10.c(VI) requires that the Lee Plan include a map depicting coastal high-hazard areas (CHHA). The CHHA is defined in the Lee Plan as the area below the elevation of the category 1 storm surge line as established by a Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) computerized storm surge model. Lee Plan Map 5 depicts those areas within the Coastal High Hazard Area. The current CHHA map was amended in May 2009 as adopted by Lee County Ordinance 09-17. A new SLOSH model was published by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council in 2010.

The changes identified in the proposed map are largely due to improved modeling techniques and data collection such as the use of LIDAR. To better demonstrate the changes to the CHHA an additional map is attached that depicts the areas that have been added and the areas that will be removed from the CHHA. The additional map is for demonstrative purposes only and is not proposed to be adopted into the Lee Plan.

#### MAP 10: General Soils Map

Florida Statute 163.3177(6)(a)10.c(V) requires that the Lee Plan include a map depicting "minerals and soils." Therefore, Map 10, depicting the general distribution of soil types within Lee County, is included in the Lee Plan. The data was primarily generated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service but several other federal and state agencies such as the Florida Department of Agriculture and The University of Florida were involved.

The data for this map was compiled in 1983 but is still accurate since it is a generalized map rather than a precise depiction of soil types. The proposed map is in color versus the current black and white map and therefore much more legible and a great improvement. No other changes are proposed to Map 10.

#### PART IV CONCLUSION

No new maps are proposed by this amendment. Only updates to existing maps that are already incorporated into the Lee Plan.

The proposed amendment will keep the Lee Plan up to date by incorporating the latest data and studies in the proposed maps and contribute towards maintaining as high a level of accuracy in the Lee Plan as possible. In addition, the proposed maps will be more legible and easier to use than the current versions.

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the proposed amendment based on the findings of fact provided on Part II of this staff report.

#### PART V LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

#### DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: April 25, 2016

A. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW: Staff gave a brief presentation on the amendment. LPA members asked about the effect of changes in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) on flood insurance rates and construction regulations. Staff replied that flood insurance rates and construction regulations are controlled by FIRM maps and FEMA regulations rather than the CHHA. One member asked about the source of data for the waterways on Map 3E.

No members of the public spoke about the proposed amendment.

## B. SUMMARY OF LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- **1. RECOMMENDATION:** The LPA recommended that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the amendment to the Lee Plan as proposed by staff.
- 2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT: The LPA accepted the basis and recommended findings of fact as advanced by staff.

#### C. VOTE:

NOEL ANDRESS	AYE
JOHN CASSANI	AYE
DENNIS CHURCH	AYE
JIM GREEN	ABSENT
STAN STOUDER	AYE
ROGER STRELOW	AYE
GARY TASMAN	ABSENT

#### PART VI BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

#### DATE OF TRANSMITTAL HEARING: June 8, 2016

#### A. BOARD REVIEW:

Staff gave a brief presentation and made a recommendation that the BOCC transmit the proposed amendment. One Board member asked for details about the proposed revision to Map 3E.

Two members of the public spoke regarding the revisions to Map 3E. Both members of the public were satisfied with the proposed map distributed at the meeting.

A motion was made that the BOCC transmit the proposed amendments as recommended by staff. The motion was called and passed 5-0

#### B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

#### 1. BOARD ACTION:

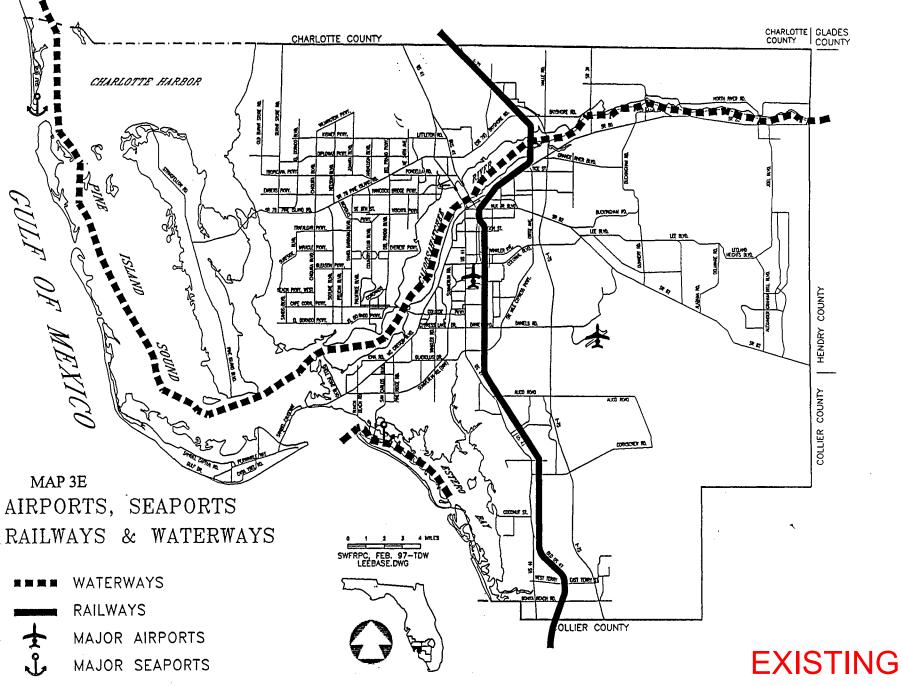
The Board of County Commissioners *transmitted* the proposed amendment as recommended by staff and the Local Planning Agency.

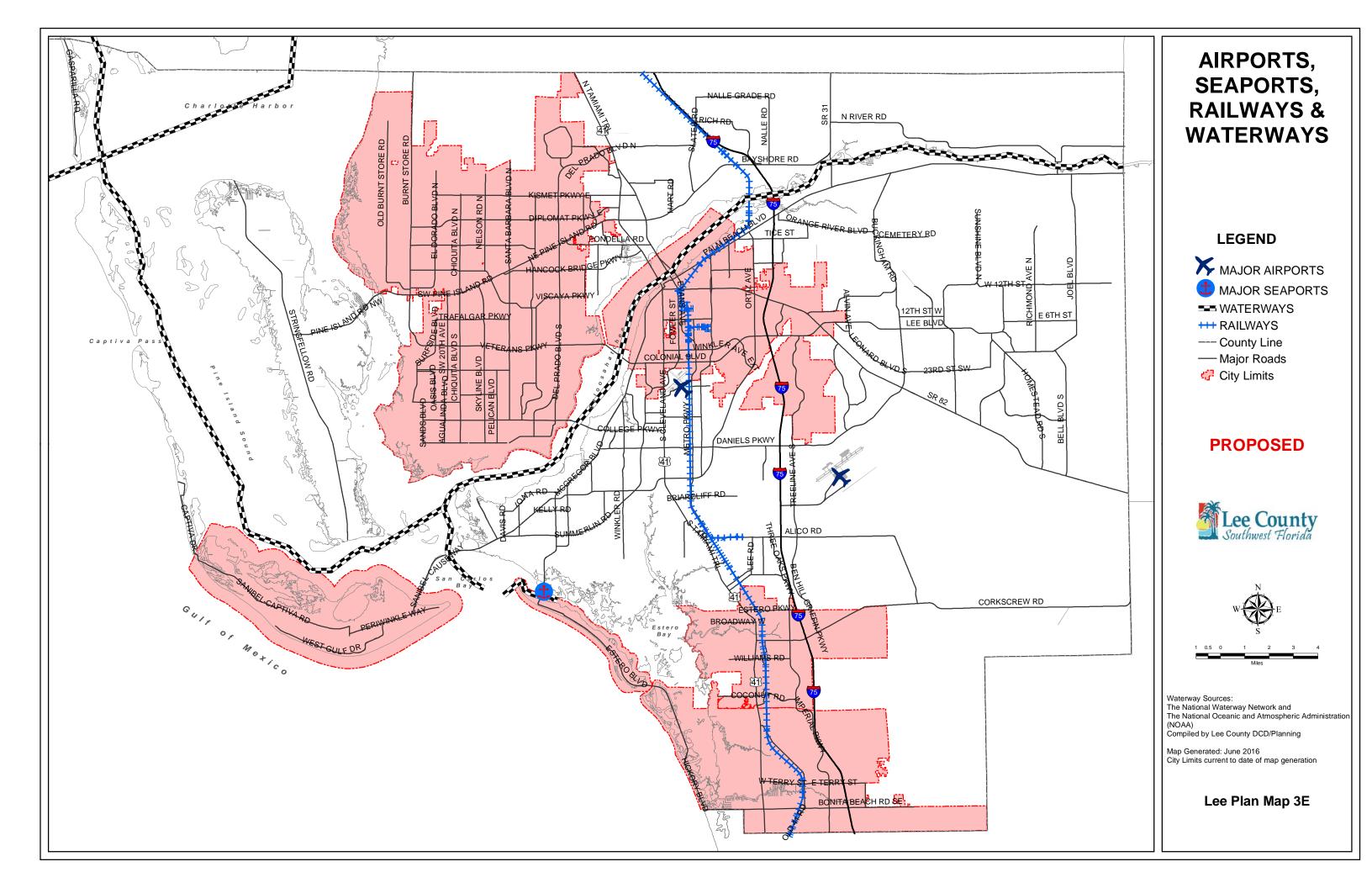
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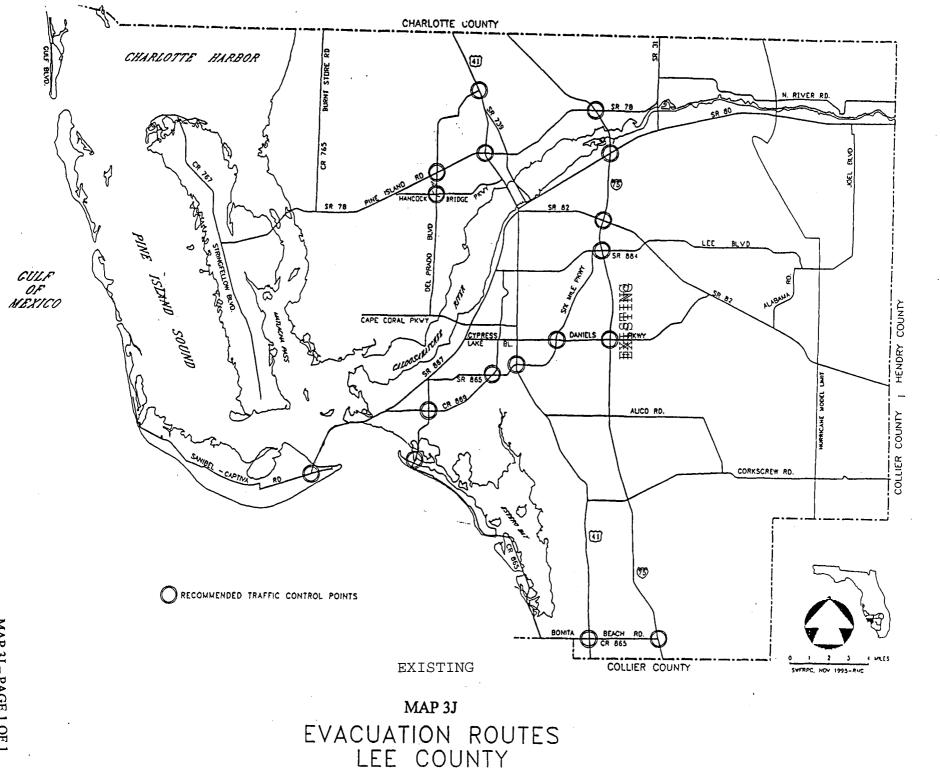
The Board of County Commissioners accepted the findings of fact as advanced by staff and the Local Planning Agency.

#### C. VOTE:

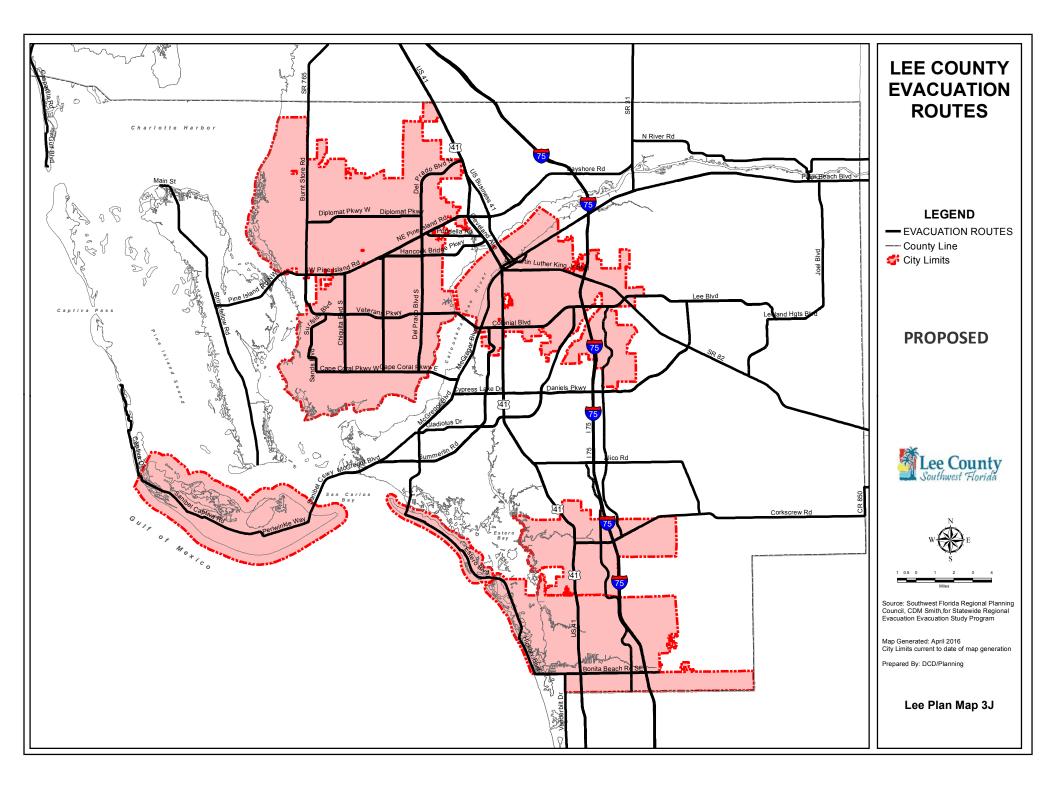
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LARRY KIKER	AYE
FRANK MANN	AYE
JOHN MANNING	AYE
CECIL L. PENDERGRASS	AYE

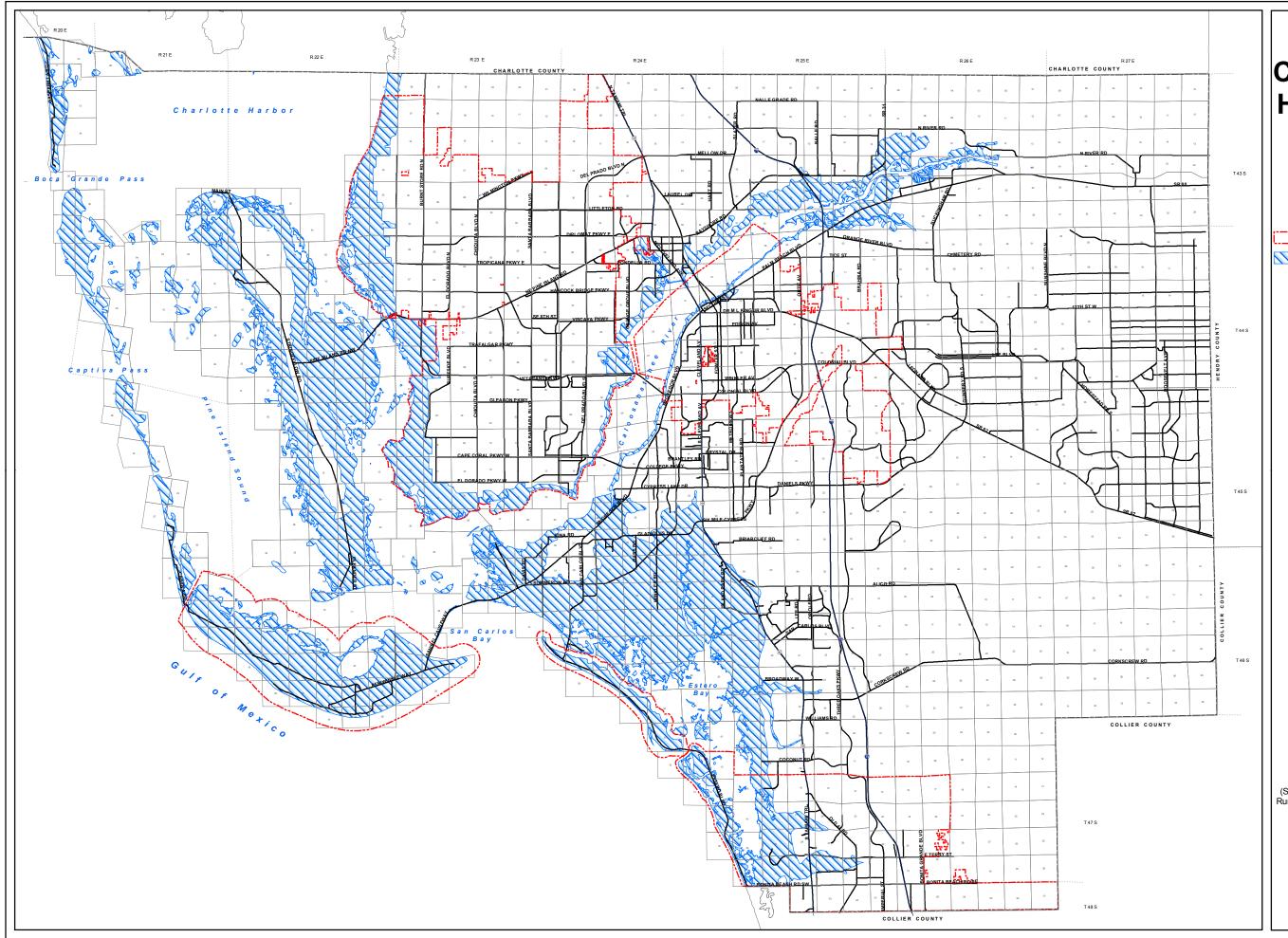






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## LEE COUNTY COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA (CHHA)

Legend

Coastal Hight Hazard Area

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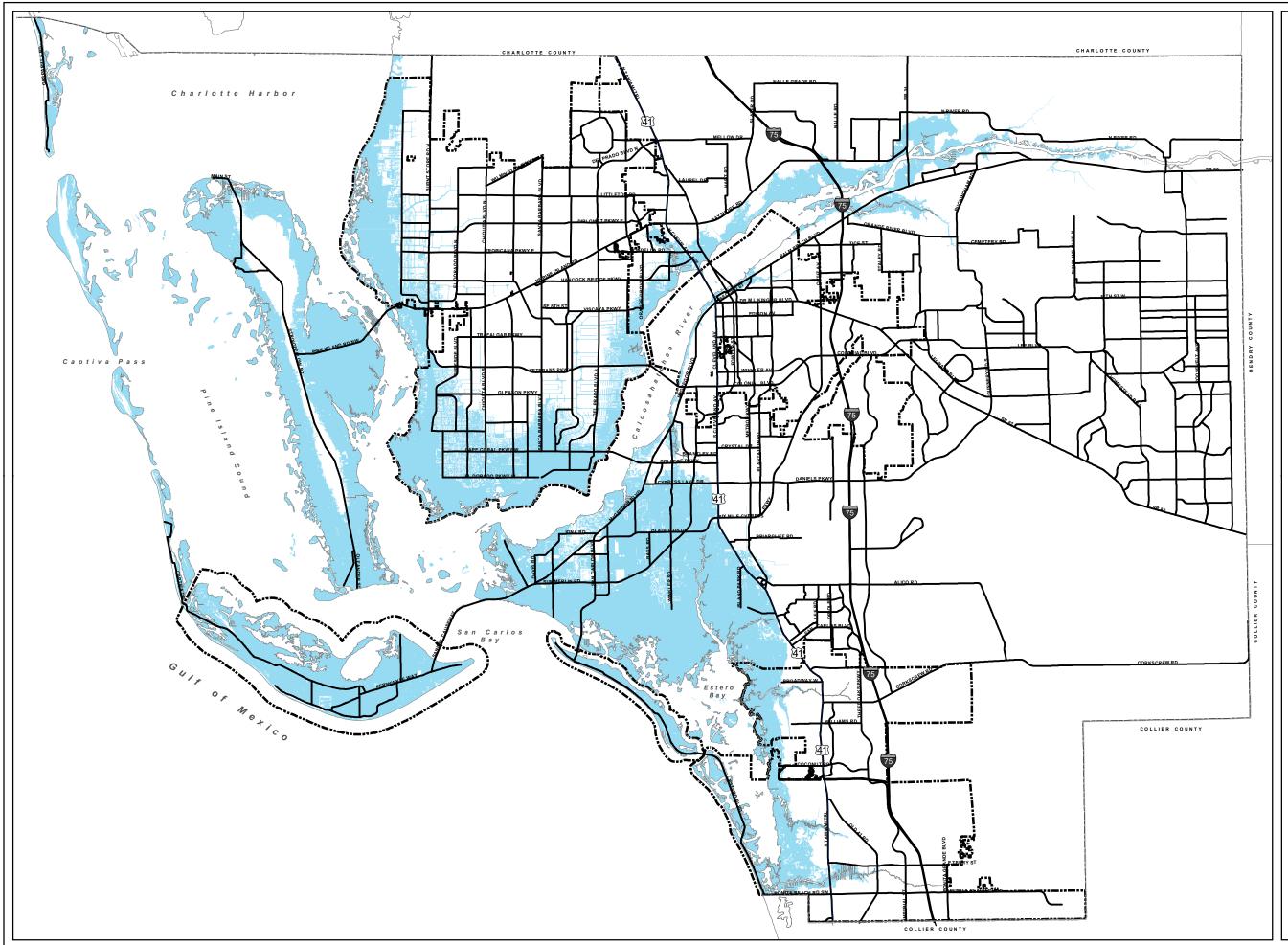


Source: SLOSH Model (Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes) Run by Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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> Last Amended: May 15, 2009 Amended by Ordinance No. 09-17

#### Lee Plan Map 5



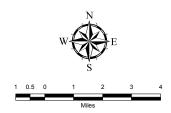
## LEE COUNTY COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA (CHHA)

#### LEGEND

- ---- County Line ---- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Coastal High Hazard Area
- City Limits

### PROPOSED





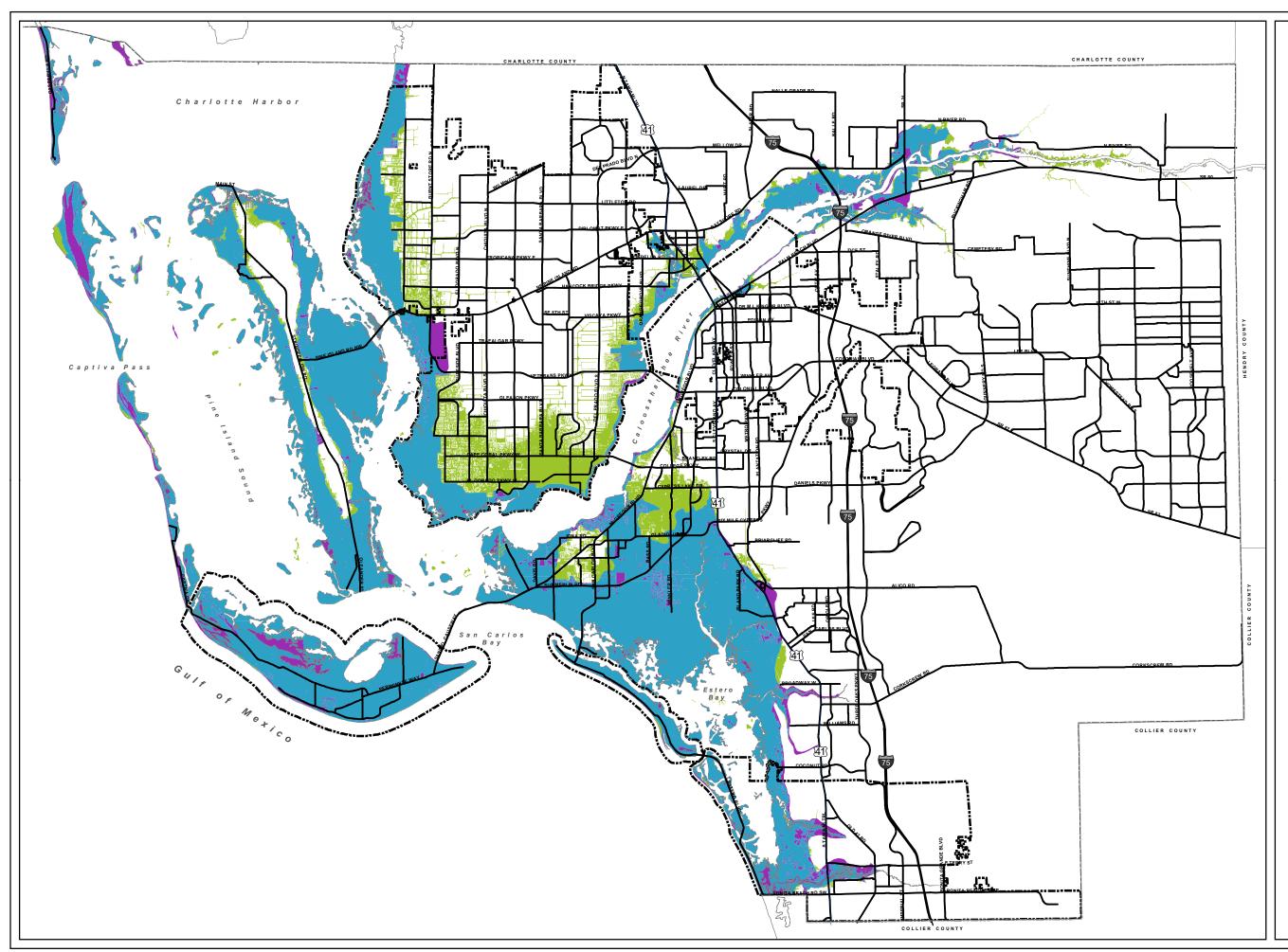
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#### Lee Plan Map 5

Prepared By: Lee County Department of Community Development/Planning



## LEE COUNTY COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA (CHHA)

#### LEGEND

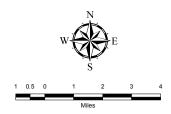
County Line
Major Roads
Minor Roads
City Limits
CHHA Changes
Removed
Added

No Change

#### CHANGES

For Informational Purposes Only Will not be included in Lee Plan





Source: 2010 Evacuation Study Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study

Map Generated: September 2014 City Limits current to date of map generation

Amended By Ord. No. 09-17

#### Lee Plan Map 5

