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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

June 17, 2016

Ms. Mikki Rozdolski
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Department of Community Development
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398

Re: Lee County CPA2016-00002 / DEO 16-2ESR

Dear Ms. Rozdolski:

The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council has reviewed the proposed amendment (DEO 16-2ESR) to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan. The review was performed according to the requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

The Council will review the proposed amendment and the staff recommendations at its July 14, 2016 meeting. Council staff is recommending that the request be found not regionally significant. Council staff is also recommending that the proposed changes are consistent with the SRPP and do not produce extra-jurisdictional impacts that are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plans of other local governments.

A copy of the official staff report explaining the Council staff's recommendation is attached. If Council action differs from the staff recommendation, we will notify you.

Sincerely,

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Margaret Wuerstle, AICP

**Executive Director** 

MW/DEC Attachment

Cc: Mr. Eubanks, Administrator, Plan Review and Processing, Department of Economic Development

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS LEE COUNTY

The Council staff has reviewed the proposed evaluation and appraisal based amendments to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan (DEO 16-2ESR). These amendments were developed under the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act. A synopsis of the requirements of the Act and Council responsibilities is provided as Attachment II. Comments are provided in Attachment III. Site location maps can be reviewed in Attachment III.

Staff review of the proposed amendments was based on whether they were likely to be of regional concern. This was determined through assessment of the following factors:

- Location--in or near a regional resource or regional activity center, such that it impacts the
  regional resource or facility; on or within one mile of a county boundary; generally applied to sites
  of five acres or more; size alone is not necessarily a determinant of regional significance;
- 2. <u>Magnitude</u>--equal to or greater than the threshold for a Development of Regional Impact of the same type (a DRI-related amendment is considered regionally significant); and
- Character--of a unique type or use, a use of regional significance, or a change in the local comprehensive plan that could be applied throughout the local jurisdiction; updates, editorial revisions, etc. are not regionally significant.

A summary of the results of the review follows:

**Factors of Regional Significance** 

Proposed Amendment	Location	Magnitude	Character	Consistent
DEO 16-2ESR	No	No	No	(1) Not regionally significant
				(2) Consistent with SRPP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and Lee County

#### **COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT**

# **Local Government Comprehensive Plans**

The Act requires each municipal and county government to prepare a comprehensive plan that must include at least the following nine elements:

- 1. Future Land Use Element:
- 2. Traffic Circulation Element;
  - A local government with all or part of its jurisdiction within the urbanized area of a Metropolitan Planning Organization shall prepare and adopt a transportation element to replace the traffic circulation; mass transit; and ports, aviation, and related facilities elements. [9J-5.019(1), FAC]
- 3. General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, and Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element;
- 4. Conservation Element;
- 5. Recreation and Open Space Element;
- 6. Housing Element;
- 7. Coastal Management Element for coastal jurisdictions;
- 8. Intergovernmental Coordination Element; and
- 9. Capital Improvements Element.

The local government may add optional elements (e. g., community design, redevelopment, safety, historical and scenic preservation, and economic).

All local governments in Southwest Florida have adopted revised plans:

Charlotte County, Punta Gorda

Collier County, Everglades City, Marco Island, Naples

Glades County, Moore Haven

Hendry County, Clewiston, LaBelle

Lee County, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel

Sarasota County, Longboat Key, North Port, Sarasota, Venice

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

A local government may amend its plan at any time during the calendar year. Six copies of the amendment are sent to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review. A copy is also sent to the Regional Planning Council, the Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed amendments will be reviewed by DEO in two situations. In the first, there must be a written request to DEO. The request for review must be received within forty-five days after transmittal of the proposed amendment. Reviews can be requested by one of the following:

- the local government that transmits the amendment,
- · the regional planning council, or
- an affected person.

In the second situation, DEO can decide to review the proposed amendment without a request. In that case, DEO must give notice within thirty days of transmittal.

Within five working days after deciding to conduct a review, DEO may forward copies to various reviewing agencies, including the Regional Planning Council.

#### **Regional Planning Council Review**

The Regional Planning Council must submit its comments in writing within thirty days of receipt of the proposed amendment from DEO. It must specify any objections and may make recommendations for changes. The review of the proposed amendment by the Regional Planning Council must be limited to "effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and extrajurisdictional impacts which would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of the affected local government".

After receipt of comments from the Regional Planning Council and other reviewing agencies, DEO has thirty days to conduct its own review and determine compliance with state law. Within that thirty-day period, DEO transmits its written comments to the local government.

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF THE LAW. REFER TO THE STATUTE (CH. 163, FS) FOR DETAILS.

# LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (DEO 16-2ESR)

**RECEIVED: JUNE 15, 2016** 

#### **Summary of Proposed Amendment**

Lee County DEO 16-2ESR amends the Lee Plan to incorporate updates to four Lee Plan Maps. The maps proposed for amendments are 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. No new maps are proposed by this amendment. Only updates to existing maps that are already incorporated into the Lee Plan.

On Map 3E, there are two changes to facilities. 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 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.

The changes identified in Map 5 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.

The data for Map 10 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.

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.

# **Regional Impacts**

Council staff has reviewed the requested changes and finds that the requested Comprehensive Plan amendments do not directly produce any significant regional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of any other local government within the region.

## **Extra-Jurisdictional Impacts**

Council staff has reviewed the requested changes and finds that the requested Comprehensive Plan amendments do not directly produce any significant extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of any other local government within the region.

#### Conclusion

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extra-jurisdictional impacts have been identified. Staff finds that this project is not regionally significant.

# **Recommended Action**

Approve staff comments. Authorize staff to forward comments to the Department of Economic Opportunity and Lee County.

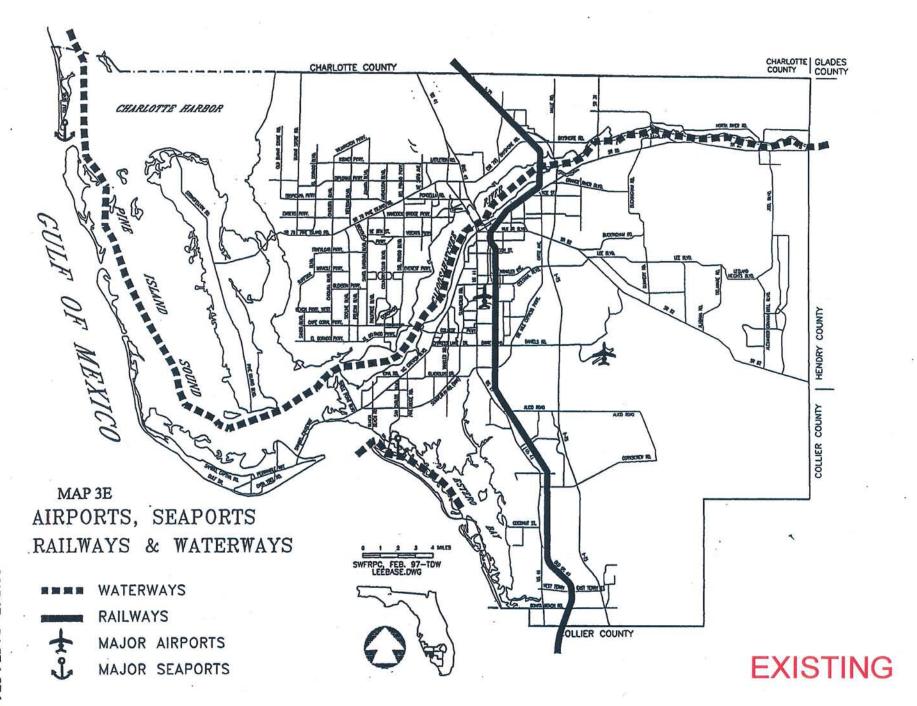
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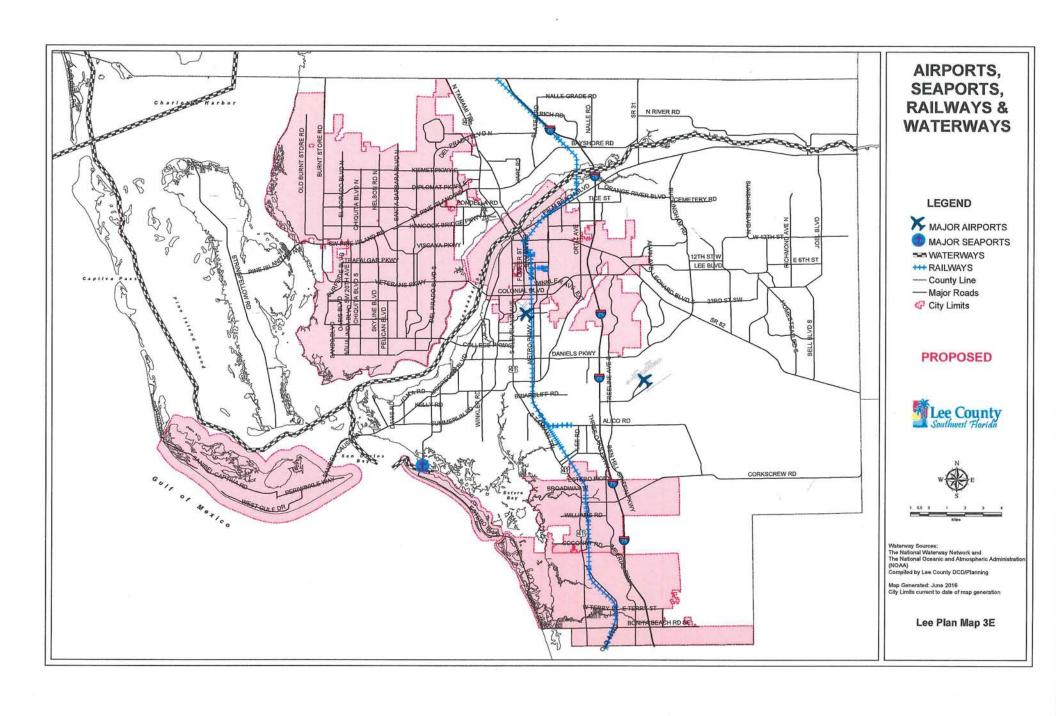
Lee County

**DEO 16-2ESR** 

**Growth Management Plan** 

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment** 





MAP 3J
EVACUATION ROUTES
LEE COUNTY

