

**Dunn, Brandon**

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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:37 AM  
**To:** Loveland, David; Dunn, Brandon; Rozdolski, Mikki  
**Subject:** FW: Vote Yes

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**From:** Frank Jenkins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes

**Please vote YES on comprehensive land use change CPA 2019-00001**



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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** Loveland, David  
**Cc:** Dunn, Brandon; Rozdolski, Mikki  
**Subject:** FW: Wetland Amendments

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**From:** Justin Robbins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019 8:12 AM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Wetland Amendments

Please vote **YES** on comprehensive land use change **CPA 2019-00001**.

Lee County has proposed amendments to the Lee Plan that would clarify the county's policy as it pertains to commercial/industrial development on land with impacted wetlands. These amendments codify 25-year-old unwritten policy that allows for construction of commercial/industrial buildings on sites with impacted wetlands, if granted a permit from the state.

As you know these amendments are now before the Board of Lee County Commissioners for consideration.

- Not adopting these amendments will effectively shut down commercial/industrial development causing the loss of jobs, new business development and county tax base.
- These wetlands are not critical to the protection of our water resources and flooding issues. New development requirements are not the problem! Water and flood control regulations provide great protection for the community.
- The state and federal wetland permitting processes are rigorous and can take up to 3 years. The county doesn't have the resources to review projects for impacted wetlands.
- The state and federal agencies have determined that the isolated wetlands found on these commercial/industrial sites have little chance for long-term sustainability. They recommend and support, through their rigorous review process, mitigating the impacts to these wetlands at off-site regionally significant locations such as the DR/GR.
- This mitigation, combined with county preservation, has led to the re-connection of sensitive flow ways and listed species habitat in the DR/GR.
- There is no direct link between filling isolated wetlands and red tide/blue-green algae.
- We do support and thank Commissioners for their efforts to balance growth with environmental protection, but not adopting these amendments is not the right answer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
If there is anything that we can do to help please let us know.



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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:00 AM  
**To:** Dunn, Brandon  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION ALERT: Tell Lee County Commissioners to Protect Our Wetlands

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**From:** Richard Wildman **On Behalf Of** Richard Wildman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:04 PM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION ALERT: Tell Lee County Commissioners to Protect Our Wetlands

Dear John Manning,,

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Richard Wildman has forwarded this email to you with the following message: Please protect our wetlands !  
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**ACTION ALERT:**

**Tell Lee County Commissioners to Protect Our Wetlands**

COTI has always defended the Sanibel Plan - our island's award-winning comprehensive land use plan. Increasingly, we are seeing the need to also defend the Lee County Comprehensive Plan so that the County does not continue down the path of overdevelopment, which has degraded the quality of life in the county. Overdevelopment on the mainland affects our islands in terms of water quality and congestion - during peak season, in particular, most of the automobile traffic on Sanibel consists of day-trippers, coming from an increasingly populated and developed mainland.

We need your help in convincing the Lee County Commissioners not to make changes to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan's protection of wetlands. Changes being considered (for transmission to the state) on May 22 would amount to the County giving away authority to regulate the use, density, and intensity of development on wetlands by allowing them to be developed at the same level as adjacent uplands.

This is not consistent with Lee County's recognition of the critical nature of wetlands for stormwater management, flood control, and water quality.

The proposed changes to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan would encourage wetland loss, at a time when the County should be encouraging the preservation of wetlands. The entire issue of wetlands protection in the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan should be considered further by County staff before such far-reaching and potentially harmful changes are adopted.

For that reason, we ask that you email the county commissioners and urge them not to transmit Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2019-00001 to the state until a comprehensive review of the issue by staff is completed and evaluated. The commissioners' email addresses are:

John Manning, [dist1@leegov.com](mailto:dist1@leegov.com)  
Cecil Pendergrass, [dist2@leegov.com](mailto:dist2@leegov.com)  
Brian Hamman, [dist4@leegov.com](mailto:dist4@leegov.com)  
Frank Mann, [dist5@leegov.com](mailto:dist5@leegov.com)

Thank you!  
Barbara Joy Cooley  
Chairperson, COTI Environment Committee

*COTI invites your input on this and other issues affecting our Island. Send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). Mail may also be sent to PO Box 88, Sanibel, Florida 33957. To read our past commentaries on Island issues, visit our website at [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org). Or visit Committee of the Islands on [Facebook](#).*

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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:13 AM  
**To:** Dunn, Brandon; Loveland, David  
**Cc:** Rozdolski, Mikki  
**Subject:** FW: Florida Wildlife Federation Comments Re: CPA2019-00001- Impacted Wetlands  
**Attachments:** impacted wetlands comments BCC final.pdf

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**From:** Meredith Budd  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2019 4:35 PM  
**To:** Dist2, Cecil Pendergrass ; Dist5, Frank Mann ; Dist4, Brian Hamman ; Dist1, John Manning  
**Cc:** Preston Robertson  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Florida Wildlife Federation Comments Re: CPA2019-00001- Impacted Wetlands

Dear Commissioners,

I hope this e-mail finds you all well. Please find the attached comments on behalf of the Florida Wildlife Federation regarding the transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Impacted Wetlands that you will be discussing at your Wednesday zoning hearing. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the zoning hearing this week.

Thank you!

Meredith

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May 20, 2019

Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
2120 Main Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA 2019-00001)

I have been a seasonal resident of Sanibel Florida for 9 years and I am writing this letter to be included in the record for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners on the matter of Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA 2109-00001). I am strongly encouraging the Board of Commissioners to vote no on the comprehensive land use change CPA 2019-00001 on the basis of future adverse public and safety impacts as well as adverse environmental impact on water quality, wetlands and wildlife. Wetlands are critical for treating water quality, providing flood protection and wildlife habitats.

This amendment encourages and incentivizes the loss of wetlands. Wetlands play a vital role in maintaining and improving the regions water quality. Any loss of wetland acreage is a step in the wrong direction. I am recommending to the Board of Commissioners they take action that encourages and promotes the protection, preservation and restoration of wetlands by voting no.

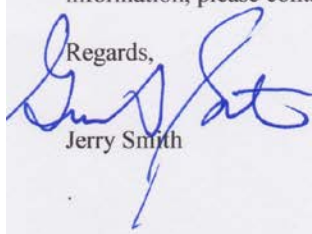
To quote County staff in a 2008 report on the issue:

" Wetlands are key to maintaining the health of a watershed. They provide flood control, aquifer recharge, and filtration of pollutants from storm water runoff. Wetland impacts adversely affect native species, disrupt flood control patterns, degrade water quality, increase salt water intrusion and decrease aquifer recharge. Instead of creating an incentive for wetland impacts, the language in the Lee Plan should be revised to provide an incentive to preserve wetlands."

Lee County as a stakeholder in the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan has an obligation to identify and reduce nitrogen nutrient loading to the tidal Caloosahatchee to achieve the Total Maximum Daily Load goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at [bsmithg@mac.com](mailto:bsmithg@mac.com) or 612/790-4976.

Regards,

  
Jerry Smith



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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** Dunn, Brandon  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA 2019-00001)

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**From:** Gerald Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning ; Dist2, Cecil Pendergrass ; Dist4, Brian Hamman ; Dist5, Frank Mann  
**Cc:** Gerald Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA 2019-00001)

Good morning Mr. Manning, Mr. Pendergrass, Mr. Hamman, and Mr. Mann.

For your consideration I have included a letter that I would like to enter as a public comment on the discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA 2019-00001) scheduled for Wednesday May 22nd. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at [bsmithg@mac.com](mailto:bsmithg@mac.com) or 612.790.4976.

As side note I did watch the video archive of the Board of County Commissioners Caloosahatchee Workshop meeting held on April 30. I want to commend the Board on their review and application of the science in the policy and decision making process, as well as looking forward and identifying how to measure the outcomes of actions considered and taken.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards Jerry

May 20, 2019

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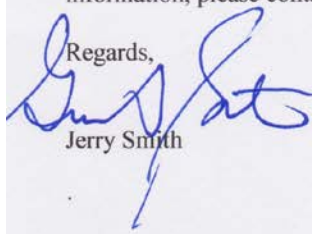
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Jerry Smith

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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** Dunn, Brandon  
**Subject:** FW: Vote YES on Comprehensive Land Use Change CPA 2019-00001

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**From:** Alyssa Delora  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote YES on Comprehensive Land Use Change CPA 2019-00001

Dear Commissioner Manning,

On behalf of Robert Brown and the entire team at GCM Contracting Solutions, we ask that you vote YES on comprehensive land use change CPA 2019-00001. Not adopting these amendments will effectively shut down commercial/industrial development causing the loss of jobs, new business development and county tax base.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Alyssa



**Alyssa DeLora**  
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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Dunn, Brandon  
**Subject:** FW: Wetland Amendments

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**From:** Stephen Hilfiker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Wetland Amendments

Dear Commissioner Manning,

I am contacting you to ask that you vote YES on the comprehensive land use change CPA 2019-00001. I am the owner of Environmental Risk Management, Inc. (ERMI), based in Ft. Myers for 20 years.

We do not provide wetlands services. Our focus is contamination assessment and remediation, but we are familiar with development requirements and the importance of this matter to the economic development of the county. I do not foresee significant environmental impact associated with voting YES, but I do see significant impact to our economy from voting NO.

As I understand it:

- these amendments will clarify the county's policy on development of commercial/industrial land impacted with wetlands.
- not adopting the amendments will negatively impact development activity in our growing county.
- State and federal agencies have determined that the isolated wetlands found on these commercial/industrial sites have little chance for long-term sustainability.
- This mitigation, combined with county preservation, has led to the re-connection of sensitive flow ways and listed species habitat in the DR/GR.
- There is no direct link between filling isolated wetlands and red tide/blue-green algae.

Thank you to all of our Commissioners for their efforts to balance growth with environmental protection.

I appreciate you considering voting YES on this very important topic.

Steve

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**From:** Rohland, Stacey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:00 AM  
**To:** Loveland, David  
**Cc:** Dunn, Brandon; Rozdolski, Mikki  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Follow Up Questions to May 22 Meeting on Lee County Comprehensive Plan

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**From:** Louise Kowitch  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2019 12:54 PM  
**To:** Dist1, John Manning ; Dist2, Cecil Pendergrass ; Dist4, Brian Hamman ; Dist5, Frank Mann  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Follow Up Questions to May 22 Meeting on Lee County Comprehensive Plan

Dear Messieurs Manning, Pendergrass, Hamman and Mann,

First, I wish to thank you for running a well-organized public meeting on May 22 on the Comprehensive Plan. This was the first time I attended a Board of County Commissioners meeting and I was impressed how it was conducted and open to the public.

Second, I would like to know your follow-up plan. After the vote, Chairman Hamman directed the staff to look into "incentives" for preserving wetlands. Will the public be apprised of these incentives? When? How? And what ideas do you have in mind in calling for these incentives?

Also:

- How many acres of wetlands remain in Lee county, and how they will be affected by your vote to revise the comprehensive plans?
- What accommodations have you made to offset new development?
- How will impacts from loss of wetlands be measured and assessed?
- Have you targeted new locations targeted for preservation and purchase under the Lee 20/20 program?
- How can the public get involved in recommending land for preservation under Lee 20/20? I have several in mind for Bonita Beach Road.

Thank you very much. I look forward to your answers to my query.

Respectfully,  
Louise Kowitch  
Bonita Springs