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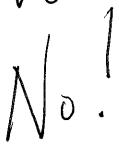
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1. According to the County, no additional mines are needed through 2037; the Old Corkscrew Mine Application alone is proposing a 1700 acre 110-ft deep mine.

- 1. Citizens living along SR 82, from the Troyer Bros. site to 175, are over 100,000, equal to over 15% of Lee County's population. This includes Lehigh Acres (86,784 in 2010,) and Gateway (8,401 in 2010). The number of citizens living within 0.25 miles of SR 82 is nearly 10,000 (maps are available). New housing soon be underway at "Timber Creek" by Lennar at the corner of Daniels and SR 82. More than 700 homes are expected.
- Road congestion and road damage and road noise and road safety all are negatively
  affected. The road studies and road construction planning did not account for 1,300
  dump trucks per day for up to 35 years and 7 days a week.
- The new Lee County High School in Gateway will be operational by 2020. 2200 students
  will be attending daily along with their buses and personal automobiles. Large numbers
  of dump trucks and school buses and students are not compatible.
- 4. Dust and haze will have significant negative quality of living impacts. When the wind is blowing in the primary direction from the Southwest, all of Lehigh Acres is impacted. Certain people's health could be damaged.
- 5. Although Troyer promises new jobs, these are low paying low-tech jobs. Compare those jobs with what will be a certain loss of jobs from the adjoining Sakata Seed of America that employs highly trained professionals, scientists and researchers. The dust and haze impacts to the research stations greenhouse, sonic blasting vibrations, unsafe dump

## C. Environmental Impacts

- 1. The Troyer Bros Mine divides the Imperial Marsh conservation tract to the Imperial Marsh Galloway Tract. Preserve habitat and wetlands balance will be changed.
- 2. Upstream from Lee County well fields, ground water and aquifers are too important to be placed at risk.
- 3. Noise, light and blasting, putting greater stress on food sources and breeding habitat will directly impact panther habitat.
- 4. Mine Operators, though promising that sites will be restored, but the land will never be the same for agriculture and upland native habitat.

## D. A Better Way

1. Follow the current Comprehensive Plan. Continue to require the use of Alico Road for access to 175. It is a much shorter route to 175. There are nearly no homes. A 1.6 mile extension of Alico (east end) could merge Troyer Brothers Road directly to Alico Road.

Finally, there is one question which often times gets left out of consideration. What are the long term regional impacts of a limestone mine next to a Preserve and running through a populated community? If you do not know them and if Troyer Brothers has not presented them, then you will surely want to vote "NO" until you know the answers.

Sincerely,