



Lee County
Southwest Florida

Economic Element Update

CPA2022-01 - County Initiated Text Amendment

Local Planning Agency Hearing – October 24, 2022

Board Direction

Reason for Amendments:

- Support and promote Lee County's economic development strategies through the Lee Plan Planning Horizon, 2045.

Board Direction:

- BoCC directed staff on 2/1/2022 to:
 - Provide general update the Economic Element of the Lee Plan
 - Align allowable uses with current and anticipated trends
 - Non-substantive changes for internal consistency

Economic Element Update

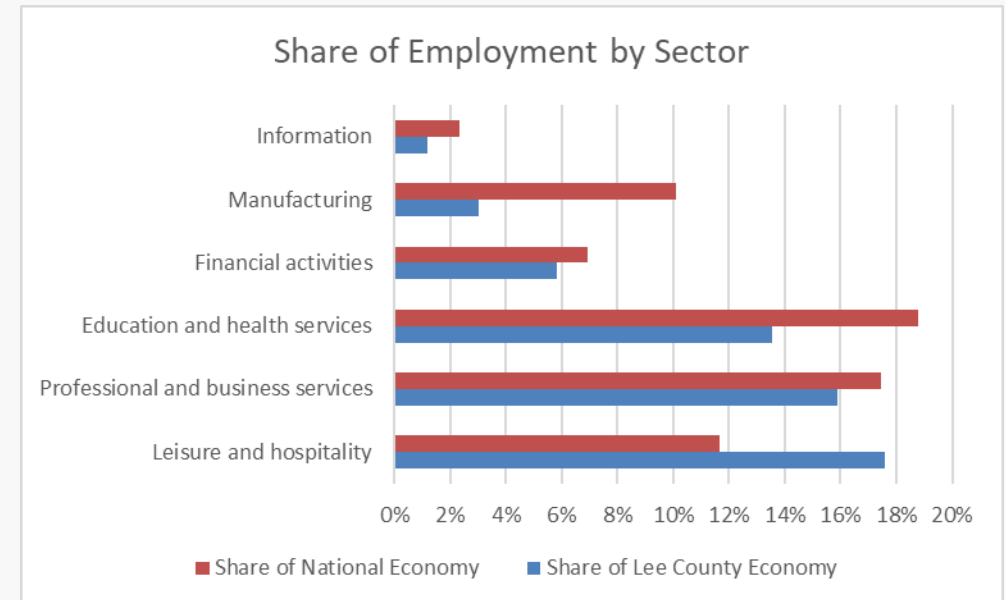
Updates to the Lee Plan's Economic Element

Goal 158 Establish a positive business climate.

Goal 159 Support existing businesses and attraction of new businesses.

Goal 160 Attract, develop and retain a properly trained workforce.

Goal 161 Continue to promote and expand Tourism.



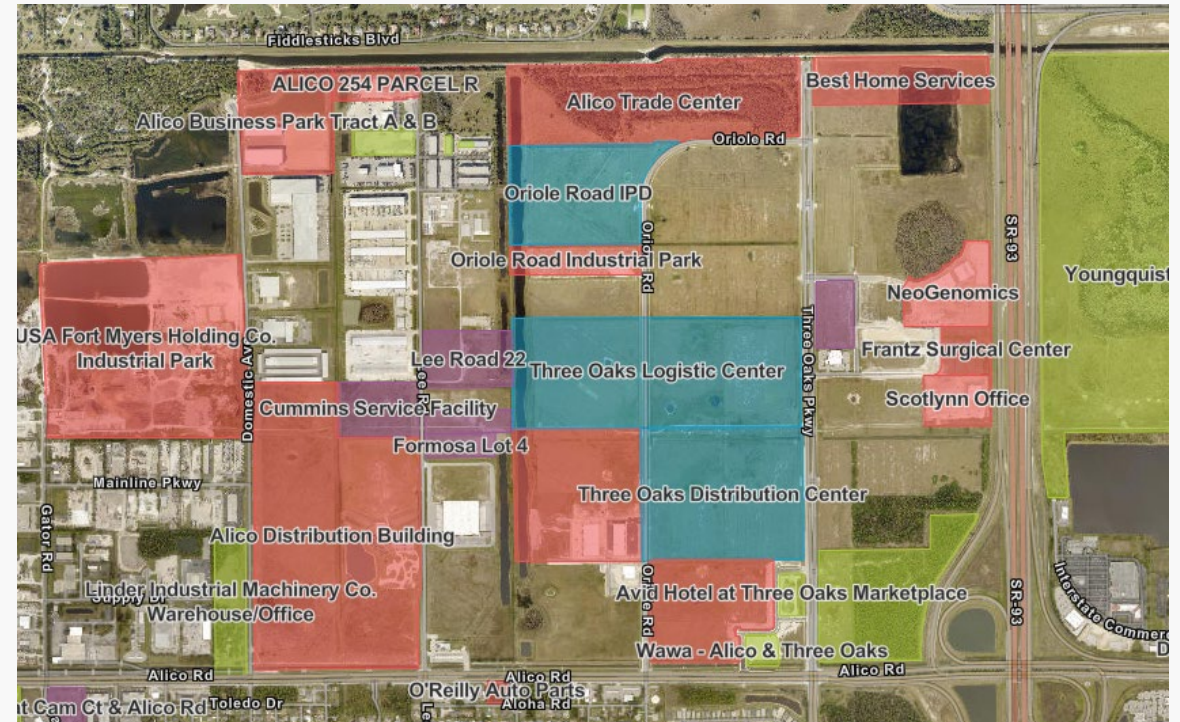
Align Uses with Current Trends

Tradeport: Add data centers and education/training facilities; remove redundant environmental best practices requirements.

Industrial Development: Add processing, warehousing, and logistic and data centers

Amendments for consistent treatment of caretakers' residences in the Industrial Development, Tradeport and Commercial future land use categories.

Add language to the Lee Plan to help assure there is adequate land available for employment opportunities as Lee County grows.



Snapshot of Alico Road Development. Source: Development Activity Map, Lee County Economic Development, Esri

Conclusion

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- The proposed amendments are internally consistent with the Lee Plan and in compliance with state statutes.
- These amendments will:
 - Update the Economic Element of the Lee Plan.
 - Align allowable uses in the Commercial, Tradeport and Industrial Development future land use categories
 - Make non-substantive changes for clarity and internal Lee Plan consistency

Recommendation

- ***Transmit*** the proposed amendments to the state reviewing agencies as provided in Attachment 1.

Questions

