

September 7, 2023

**RESPONSE VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Mr. Brandon Dunn, Manager  
Community Development Operations  
Lee County  
Planning Section  
Post Office Box 398  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Thank you for submitting Lee County's proposed comprehensive plan amendment for our review pursuant to the Expedited State Review process. The reference number for this amendment package is 23-05ESR.

The proposed submission package will be reviewed pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes. Once the review is underway, you may be asked to provide additional supporting documentation by the review team to ensure a thorough review. You will receive the Department's Comment Letter no later than October 6, 2023.

If you have any questions please contact Terri Stoutamire, Plan Processor at (850) 717-8513 or Scott Rogers, Regional Planning Administrator, who will be overseeing the review of the amendments, at (850)717-8510.

Sincerely,



Barbara Powell, Deputy Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

BP/ts

cc: External Agencies



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*Southwest Florida*

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Examiner

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Barbara Powell, Plan Processing Administrator  
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Caldwell Building  
107 East Madison – MSC 160  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120

**Re: Amendment to the Lee Plan  
Transmittal Submission Package  
CPA2023-00004, Building Height and Resiliency**

Dear Ms. Powell,

In accordance with the provisions of F.S. Chapter 163.3184(3) for Expedited State Review, please find attached the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment, known locally as CPA2023-00004 (Building Height and Resiliency). The amendment is as follows:

**CPA2023-00004, Building Height and Resiliency**

Amend Lee Plan Goal 23 and Policy 23.2.3 to remove requirements that restrict the ability to redevelop or rebuild structures in a way that reduces potential flooding threats by accommodating required minimum flood elevations.

The Local Planning Agency held a public meeting for the plan amendment on May 22, 2023. The Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the amendment on September 6, 2023. The proposed amendment is not applicable to an area of critical state concern. The Board of County Commissioners stated their intent to hold an adoption hearing following the receipt of the review agencies' comments.

The name, title, address, telephone 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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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,

**Lee County Department of Community Development  
Planning Section**



Brandon Dunn,  
Manager, Community Development Operations

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