Delayed Environmental Enhancement and Preservation Communities Overlay Study Resolution
(Better known as the Corkscrew Road Traffic, Environmental and Water Resource Study)

Date: October 6, 2017

- Whereas, on June 3, 2015 the Estero Village Council adopted Resolution 2015-33 “stating the opposition of the Village of Estero, Florida, to further development in the DR/GR community planning district of Lee County without first conducting a comprehensive transportation, environmental and wildlife study”, and
- Whereas, on August 14, 2015 David Loveland, Lee County’s Acting Director of the Department of Community Development told the News Press in an email: “The Lee Study is slated for completion in mid-2017 and is expected to take about a year”, and
- Whereas, on June 7, 2016 the Lee County Board of Commissioners selected AIM Engineering as the preferred contractor for the study,
- Whereas, on February 21, 2017 the Lee County Board of Commissioners voted to “authorize proceeding with phase 2 of the study...at a cost of $315,060 with a completion date of November 24, 2017”. As part of the discussion, the Board asked staff to work with AIM to compress the Phase 2 schedule to have significant results by July 2017,
- Whereas, on July 13, 2017 the scheduled first public engagement meeting for the Study was cancelled at the very last minute and has, as of this date not been rescheduled.

Meanwhile the Board of County Commissioners has met on 21 occasions to approve planning, zoning and other agreements that will greatly increase the density and intensity of development on several major developments located along east Corkscrew Road:

- Between May 20, 2015 and October 21, 2015 the Board of County Commissioners voted 4 times to approve a Comprehensive Plan Change, Zoning and a Development Order for the 1,100 unit Wild Blue development,
- Between June 17, 2015 and April 19, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners met 8 times to approve Comprehensive Plan Changes, Zoning, Development Agreement, to create a CDD and to hold the necessary Public Hearings required for the 1,325 unit Place at Corkscrew development, formerly called Corkscrew Farms.
- Between January 25, 2017 and August 15, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners met 6 times to approve a Comprehensive Plan Change, rezoning and begin the review of a Development Agreement for the 700 unit Pepperland Ranch development.
• **On June 26, 2017** the Lee County Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommended that the BOCC Forward a Comprehensive Plan Change for the **1,460 unit Verdana development**.

• **On September 20, 2017** the Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the Comprehensive Plan Change for the **1,460 unit Verdana development to the State for review**, and

• **Between February 27, 2017 and April 5, 2017** the LPA and Board of County Commissioners met twice to approve a Comprehensive Plan amendment that would add the 1,804 acre Troyer Brothers proposed mine property to the Future Limerock Overlay thus permitting the landowner to seek rezoning in order to mine 908 acres of limerock generating 1,900 truck trips per day for a period of 35 years.

**In conclusion** it is clear that the Board of County Commissioners wants to proceed with intensive development along Corkscrew Road in the DR/GR without having good and complete information on the impact of that development, without letting the public know what the impact of this development will be and without concern for the residents of downstream communities like Bonita Springs and Estero.

**Now Therefore**, be it resolved by the Estero Council of Community Leaders:

- The Board of County Commissioners cease and desist all development review activities on properties located along and impacting Corkscrew Road in the DRGR area until such time as the County’s comprehensive traffic, environmental, natural resource and wildlife study has been completed, reviewed, and evaluated by all parties through at least two public hearings,

- The County Department of Community Development immediately reveal the results of the AIM Engineering study and schedule a minimum of two Public Workshops prior to any consideration by the Lee County Local Planning Agency or the Board of County Commissioners and that the County adopt a policy of informing the public of additional study results as they become available,

- A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the members of Board of County Commission, the members of the County Local Planning Agency, the leadership and relevant staff of the Department of Community Development and the members of Estero Village Council.

Adopted by the Representatives of the Estero Council of Community Leaders this 6th day of October, 2017

By ______________________________

Donald Eslick, Interim Chairman and Director Emeritus

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