

ECCL Report: August 2018

Executive Summary: 174th meeting of the Estero Council of Community Leaders



Troyer Brothers Mine: Greg Stuart, a well-known Southwest Florida planner, presented his research that takes a second look at the findings of the County-commissioned 2016 Waldrop Study, which is being used by the County to justify the need for the Troyer Brothers Mine. The 2018 Stuart Study found that the Waldrop Study's research was incorrect and that the Troyer Mine will not be needed for decades, if ever. Lee County alone can currently provide 100% of the seven-county region's lime rock

needs through 2042. Lee and Collier Counties can provide through 2049. The Rezoning Hearing for the mine will resume on August 28 for the Troyer Brothers' rebuttal only.

Educational Volunteers: At the request of the School Board and the Village, ECCL's Joint Educational Advocacy Task Force will soon be recruiting ambassadors to volunteer their time at all four Estero-area schools. Volunteers can sign up to assist with a variety of jobs (from mentoring and tutoring to athletics and hall monitors) and can dedicate as little as one hour per week. Please consider signing up and spread the word about this program to your friends, family, and community.

Corkscrew/I-75 Interchange: The design phase of the Corkscrew Road / I-75 interchange improvements is underway with completion expected in the spring. FDOT will be presenting the interchange improvements to the Estero community on August 16 at 5:00pm at Village Hall.

Village Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) & Budget: The Village Council approved a resolution to adopt the CIP and voted not to increase the property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. There will be two Public Hearings on September 5 & September 20 at 5:30pm. The Council will adopt the 2018-19 millage rate and budget, including the CIP, on September 20.

Lee County CIP and Budget: The County staff's third and final draft CIP and budget will be presented and discussed on August 21. This will be followed by two Budget Public Hearings on September 4 & September 18.

Community Planning Report: The Village's first Comprehensive Plan has received state approval and is now law. The Village is now negotiating with the selected consulting firm assisting the Village with the development of its initial Land Development Code (LDC). It is

expected to take a year or more to complete the LDC. In October, there will be a Public Workshop to report the project's progress to the Estero community and to receive comments from the public.

Health Committee Report: The ECCL Health Committee recently toured the Lee Health Coconut Point "Everything but a Hospital" Center, which is nearing completion. Public tours will begin in October and the opening date has been set for December 4.

Corkscrew Crossings: This large proposed residential community, located between Corkscrew Preserve and Bella Terra, on east Corkscrew Road, has been scheduled for review by the Planning & Zoning Board on September 18.

The next ECCL meeting will be Friday, Sept 14, 2018 at 10:00am at Estero Community Park.

ESTERO FIRE RESCUE

- Fire Chief *Scott Vanderbrook*

- Estero Fire and Rescue's Board Meeting and **first Public Hearing** for their budget is being moved from September 11 to **September 12 at 5:00 pm.**
- In their budget for next year, they have included a **new fire engine** for one of their engines that was aging. However, they have discovered that there are new steel tariffs that have added to the fire engine cost. If they purchase the engine by August 15, they will **save over \$23,000 in steel costs.**
 - They will be presenting this on August 14 at their Board Meeting
 - Currently there is money in their capital reserve to do this
 - Would like to order it this year – It takes about 12 months to build a fire engine
- School is back in session, so traffic has increased and school buses are on the road. **Please be careful of the traffic** in the mornings and afternoons.
- There have been quite a few **lightning strikes over the last couple weeks.** Please be careful of this – there have been several brush fires caused by these lightning strikes.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

- **Mark Novitski from Bella Terra:** A lawyer and a handicapped resident are filing a lawsuit against Bella Terra's Community Development District (CDD) because their website is not ADA-compliant. A CDD is considered a government agency and is therefore required by law to do certain things. So, if you have a CDD website, please make sure that it's ADA-compliant to avoid this. This does not apply to HOA websites.

LEE COUNTY MINE ANALYSIS: A SECOND LOOK

- Stuart and Associates *Greg Stuart*

- **Sakata Seed Company**

- Sakata Seed Company is located adjacent to the proposed Troyer Mine property (if it's approved) and would be irreparably harmed by the presence of a mine
- Sakata is a large seed company that provides great jobs in Lee County and conducts valuable research on vegetable seeds
- They have been working hard to provide testimony to the County on why the Troyer Brothers Mine isn't a good idea
- They've hired Greg Stuart (the presenter) from Stuart and Associates Planning & Design Services and Dan Miller to conduct research



- **Introducing Greg Stuart**

- Sakata asked Greg Stuart to review the Waldrop Study that was prepared in 2016
 - The Waldrop Study was an assessment of the need for lime rock and lime rock mines in Lee County and Southwest Florida
 - It was pivotal in the County's decision that it needs more mines
- Greg Stuart is here today to provide an overview of his second look at the lime rock needs in our area

- **What is the Waldrop Report?**

- The Waldrop Report was a study that's mandated by the County's Comprehensive Plan
- The plan has 8 or 9 policies and objectives that require the County to demonstrate quantitatively whether lime rock is needed within a specific planning horizon
 - The current planning horizon is 2030
- The Waldrop Report looks at whether there's enough resource to handle the needs of County and region for 2030 & 2040

- **Intro Summary of the 2018 Stuart Study**

- The Troyer Brothers Mine is **not needed**
- Lee County alone has enough lime rock to service the 7-county area (from Sarasota south) through the year 2042
 - If one uses a 20% reduction factor (which has been accepted through the Spikowski approach), Lee County alone has enough resources to provide lime rock through 2045 – specifically, 372.9MM cy
- Lee County is also not the only provider of lime rock resource
 - This is one of the flaws of the Waldrop Report & this process
 - Collier & Charlotte Counties also provide lime rock

- **A Discussion of the 2016 Waldrop Study: Lee & Collier County Lime Rock Findings**
 - Enough lime rock for 100% of the region through 2037
- **Towards an Accurate 2030 & 2040 Forecast: An Evaluation & Appraisal of the 2005 Rawl, 2008 Dover Kohl, 2016 Morris Depew & 2016 Waldrop Studies**

- *Critical Resource Depth*

Assumption: The 2016 Morris Depew Study & the 2016 Waldrop Study relied on Dover Kohl for the regional lime rock depth averages; Dover Kohl relied on the 2005 Rawl Report



- The 2005 Rawl Report was largely based on general lime rock depth
- *2008 Dover Kohl:* “This analysis is based on the public record ---

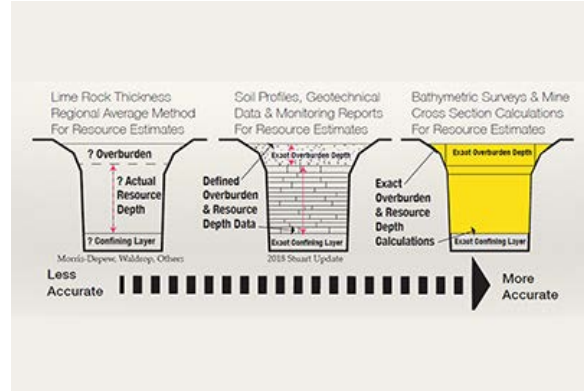
Where these files did not provide sufficient data (e.g., the average depth to the top of productive limerick deposits or the average thickness of lime rock), estimates were taken from Rawl.” (Prospects for SE Lee Co., para 2 pg. B-5; 07/08)

- *2016 Morris-Depew:* Reliance on Dover Kohl’s table B-1 mines in SE Lee & B-2 mine capacity & average lime rock thickness
- *2016 Waldrop:* “The average lime rock thickness was estimated based on soil borings bathymetric surveys, and other data available through Lee Co. & FDEP permit case files, and compared to the average lime rock thickness utilized in the 2008 Dover Kohl Report.” (SE Lee Co. DR/GR Mining Study; para. 5 pg. 12 06/16; Footnote 2 & 3 Table III-1)
- The four studies did not rely on regulatory monitoring reports
- The four studies did not rely on nor provide mine-specific geotechnical data for review
- The Waldrop Study relied on air photo interpretation for future resource yield estimates
 - *The “X-Ray Vision Problem:”* Air photo interpretation cannot provide for accurate percentage lake excavation depth with associated remaining resource estimates
- They do not provide an accurate and comprehensive Collier lime rock inventory
- They assume Charlotte Co. does not provide lime rock for the region
- They fail to account for regionally significant Port Manatee lime rock import data
- They do not question the assumption that Lee Co. is the primary 100% regional provider
 - Collier & Charlotte Co. have superior proximity to their marketplace = lower hauling costs = lower product costs
 - DR/GR mining entitlements have to be logically based on a Lee, Collier & Charlotte resource area when evaluating need

- **Finding:** Any Map 14 & Table 1(b) decision not based on the tri-county resource area will be internally inconsistent with 1.4.5.2.c, 1.7.6.2, 1.7.12, 10.1, 33.1, 33.1.1 & 33.1.4
 - The 33.1.1 “Clear Necessity Test” must factor in Collier & Charlotte Co.
 - Ignoring Charlotte & Collier will lead to an overallocation of Map 14 & Table 1(b) industrial mine land uses with associated impacts and compatibility conflicts
- **An Updated 2030 & 2040 Forecast: Exhibit 2 the 2018 Stuart SE Lee Co. DR/GR & Regional Lime Rock Mines Update**
 - *The Issue:* To be consistent with 1.4.5.2.c, 1.7.6.2, 1.7.12 & 33.1.1, is the Troyer Bros. Mining Excavation Planned Development (MEPD) clearly needed based upon best available and credible data?
 - 33.1.4 _ Requires Lee Co. to use best available & credible data: “Future amendments will reflect any additional data that becomes available through routine monitoring reports and bathymetric surveys or other credible sources.”

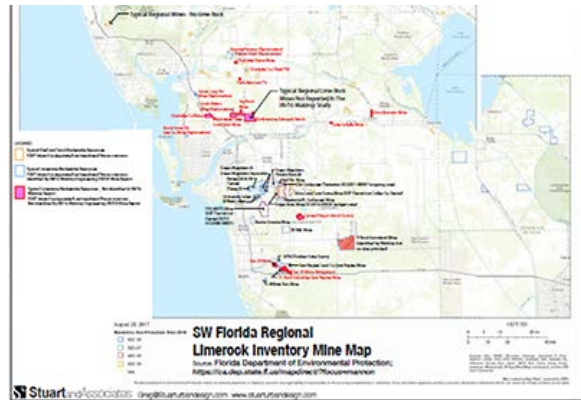
- **The 2018 Updated 2030 & 2040 Forecast: Best Lime Rock Supply Evaluation Practices From Less Accurate to More Accurate...**

1. Lime rock thickness regional average method for resource estimates (Morris-Depew, Waldrop, others)
2. Soil profiles, geotechnical data & monitoring reports for resource estimates (2018 Stuart Update)
3. Bathymetric surveys & mine cross section calculations for resource estimates

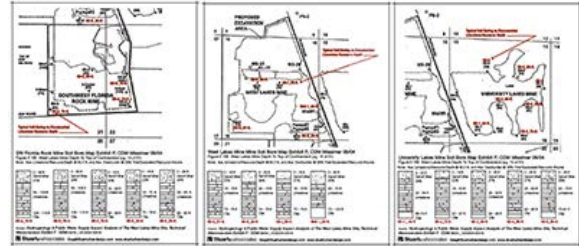


- **The 2018 Updated 2030 & 2040 Forecast: The 2018 Stuart DR/GR Lime Rock Mine Study Methodology**
 - The 2018 Stuart & Associates update is based on the 2016 Waldrop Study methodology
 - Demand based on Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) medium range 7 county regional population projections (2030 & 2040)
 - Demand based on 9 tons per person
 - Supply uses 1.35 tons per cyd equivalent
 - Demand estimates relies on Waldrop’s cumulative population growth approach (not the Spikowski approach)
 - Only fully permitted lime rock mines were included (no fill dirt or shell mines)
 - Supply is not based on max. approved excavation depth
 - Supply specifically factors out overburden
 - Supply factors in 20% volume loss for post-excavation

- Study does not undertake a qualitative assessment; i.e., if the Florida Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit or monitoring reports identifies the mine for lime rock, then it is counted
- Does not take into account mine side slopes
- Different Data Sources – 2018 Stuart Update uses accurate data:
 - The 2018 Stuart Update documents FDEP environmental resource permits to obtain regional lime rock mine inventory
 - The evaluation uses regulatory monitoring reports
 - The evaluation uses mine-specific geotechnical data & FDEP permits when determining mine lime rock thickness
 - The evaluation uses soil profiles when determining mine overburden estimates & limerick thickness (Waldrop uses regional average)
 - Air photo interpretation is not the key analytical tool uses for the 2018 evaluation (it is not accurate & there are superior data sources)
- **The 2018 Updated 2030 & 2040 Forecast: A Comprehensive Local & Regional Lime Rock Mine Inventory**
 - Based on the FDEP Lime Rock Permit Map for a comprehensive & accurate local & regional inventory
 - 2018 Stuart – examined 37 SWFL lime rock mines with 26 active mines for further study
 - *Comment:* One cannot make accurate regional demand estimates and recommendations without having an accurate regional inventory
 - FDEP map source is 6 times greater than the Troyer Bros. inventory data base and 3 times greater than the Waldrop inventory data base
- **Findings: Is the Troyer Bros. Mine Clearly Needed Based Upon Best Available Data?**
 - There is an ample supply of lime rock – **Troyer Bros. mine is NOT needed**
 - Lee, Collier & Charlotte Counties can provide 100% of the region’s lime rock supply through 2051
 - Tri-county aggregate reserves @ 526,613,153 cyd
 - Troyer Bros. @ 251,421,793 cyd (275.19mm under-reported lime rock)
 - Lee County alone can provide 100% of the region’s lime rock supply through 2042 (up to 2045/2046 if using the 20% Dover Kohl supply discount)
 - Lee & Collier can provide 100% of region’s lime rock supply through 2049
 - Lee Co. @ 372,956,998 cyd on 5,321 acres
 - Charlotte, Collier & Lee Co. with overlapping markets & regional exports
 - Charlotte Co. exports to North Lee Co.
- **Lee County Lime Rock Supply & Demand (Ex. Two, Appendix A & C.1 – C.10)**
 - 372,956,998 cyd on 5,321 acres (2015)



- Troyer Bros. estimate @ 251,421,793 cyd – under-reported 121,535,205 cyd
- Waldrop total estimate @ 297,937,834 cyd – under-reported 75,019,164 cyd
- **The 2018 Update Lee County Lime Rock Mine Supply Case Studies: Example #3 University Lakes & West Lakes (Ex. Two, Append. C.5)**
 - 08/02/16 Monitoring Report remaining extraction: 207,000,000 cyd
 - Overburden Adjustment: 0.72
 - Pre-excavation available lime rock: 149,040,000 cyd
 - Post-excavation available lime rock (20% loss): 119,232,000 cyd
 - 2016 Waldrop under-reported @ 34,034,880 cyd (29% of actual)



- **Part One: The 2018 Update Findings & Conclusions**
 - *Total Lee County Area & Yield*
 - Morris-Depew Pre-Excavation: 251,421,793 cyd
 - Waldrop Post-Excavation: 253,963,320 cyd
 - Stuart Post-Excavation: 372,956,998 cyd
 - *Total Collier County Yield*
 - Waldrop Post-Excavation: 43,974,514 cyd
 - Stuart Post-Excavation: 122,156,076 cyd
 - *Total Lee & Collier*
 - Waldrop Post-Excavation: 297,937,834 cyd
 - Stuart Post-Excavation: 495,113,074 cyd
 - *Total Charlotte County Yield*
 - Stuart Post-Excavation: 31,500,079 cyd
 - *Total Lee, Collier & Charlotte Yield*
 - Stuart Post-Excavation: 526,613,153 cyd
- **Part One Final Observations / Current Permit Applications: Old Corkscrew Plantation**
 - Old Corkscrew Plantation Mine – 4,204 acres w/ 1,727 acres. Mine @ 110ft deep
 - Est. post-excavation @ 133,738,880 cyd
 - Equal to 36% Lee Co. 372.95MM reserves
 - Total Lee Co. @ 506.69MM cyd / 100% region through 2049
 - Tri-county lime rock resource area @ 660.35MM cyd for a resource surplus through 2058
 - *Issue:* Why did staff recommend approval for two mines?
- **Stay Up-to-Date on the Troyer Brothers Mine Application**
 - For more information and to follow what's going on with this research and the mine, go to <https://nomineon82.com>
 - The Rezoning Hearing will resume on August 28 and the Troyer Brothers will begin their rebuttal

- The Hearing Examiner will then make her recommendation and then it will go on to the County Commissioners
- See a summary of the 2018 Stuart Mine Report here: [[REPORT SUMMARY](#)]
- View the full 2018 Stuart Mine Report (without appendices) here: [[FULL REPORT](#)]

VILLAGE REPORT: JOINT EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY TASK FORCE



- Councilman *Nick Batos*

- About 3 months ago, the Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Lee County School District
- Councilman Batos has been working with the principals at the four Estero-area schools and has compiled “wish lists” of how we can help them
- **Junior Achievement**
 - It’s the first time in the state and maybe most of the country where a school district has taken on a certain number of schools and implemented Junior Achievement (JA) in every class (not just a few)
 - JA will be in about 80 classes in Estero this year
 - Jim Shields & the ECCL Educational Outreach Committee (EOC) have been very helpful with this initiative
 - They have almost all of the 80 volunteer JA ambassadors needed but are still accepting for recruits
- **Cleaning Up Pinewoods Elementary**
 - Pinewoods’ principal had expressed that the school needed help with clean-up and that it had been years since they’d had any major cleaning done
 - Grandezza came forward and offered their cleaning crew of about four people to spend four days cleaning the entire campus
- Stay tuned for a big announcement in the next two weeks about a major supporter joining this project
- **Volunteers Are Needed for the Joint Educational Advocacy Task Force**
 - Volunteers are needed to go into the schools and help
 - Volunteers do not need to be educators and only need to dedicate one hour for one day a week (or more)
 - Jim Gilmartin & Kevin Tolliver have been working on these applications to help gather the information that the schools need for all volunteers
 - There are many positions available for volunteers: Mentors, Tutors, Gardening, Traffic Control, Athletic Programs, etc.
 - Check out the “Volunteer Preference” section of the volunteer application provided for more options
 - We can work with your skillset and availability!

- Please spread the word to your friends, family, and community
- For any questions or additional information, contact either:
 - Nick Batos: batos@estero-fl.gov // (239) 292-2909
 - Kevin Tolliver: kptolliver1@gmail.com // (317) 752-3486
- Download the Volunteer Application for Ambassador here: [[DOWNLOAD PDF](#)]

IMPROVING THE CORKSCREW / I-75 INTERCHANGE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- *Bob King*

- **I-75 & Corkscrew Road Interchange Improvements**

- Design phase is ongoing; estimated completion: Spring 2019
- Project Cost: \$12.8 million (includes improved high mast lighting)
- Construction scheduled for 2019
- **Save the Date: FDOT to Present Interchange Improvements**
 - August 16 at 5:00 pm at the Village Hall
- <http://swflroads.com/i75/corkscrewroadinterchange>



- **Village of Estero Capital Improvement Plan**

- First public workshops were held June 5 & June 7
- Staff prepared first reading to Council on July 11 with a second reading on July 25

- **Village Budget & CIP**

- Council approved Resolution 2018-10 to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan
- Transportation Projects: \$11,099,020
- Land Acquisitions: \$26,000,000
- Council voted not to increase millage rate
 - This does not prevent taxes from rising based on the value of your property changing
- There will be **2 Public Hearings**: September 5 & September 20 at 5:30pm
- Council will adopt millage rate and budget on September 20

- **County Traffic Study**

- <https://www.leegov.com/corkscrew>
- **Task 6: Transportation Improvement Cost Estimates (Coming Soon)**
 - Currently about 66% complete
- **Task 7: Environmental Support Tasks (Coming Soon)**
- **Task 8: Proportionate Share Analysis/Identification of Potential Financing Options:** Lee County is working to establish the proportionate share of infrastructure-improvement costs that new development within the overlay will pay. This will be an important funding source – one of many – for the infrastructure improvements for this area.

- **County Capital Improvement Plan**
 - Workshops set basis for BOCC approval on May 15 of proposed CIP & Budget
 - Proposed Total Budget: \$125,472,385 (FY 18-19)
 - DOT Portion: \$23,101,509 (FY 18-19)
 - Corkscrew Road Portion: \$0 (FY 18-19)

- **Corkscrew Road Improvements**

- Acceleration of Improvements to Corkscrew Road:

- Pinewoods Elementary – Extend right turn from eastbound Corkscrew Road to Pinewoods Elementary
- The Preserve at Corkscrew – Add a southbound turn lane from westbound Corkscrew Road
- Install electronic speed signs
- Place electronic signs warning of upcoming traffic signal



- Long-Term Improvements:
 - Move four laning to Tier I CIP (funded)

- **County CIP & Budget: Critical Dates**

- *August 21:* Third & Final Draft of Budget
- *September 4:* First Budget Public Hearing
- *September 18:* Final Budget Public Hearing

- *The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, August 16 at 9:30am at Fine Mark Bank.*

- Learn more about Estero transportation issues at the ECCL website:

<http://esterotoday.com/estero-news/transportation>

FINAL COMP PLAN REVIEW AND ADOPTION & LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) START-UP

- Jim Tatoes

- The Comprehensive Plan has received state approval and is now official
- Now, the Village moves on to the Land Development Code
- Engineering companies are currently taking the Lee County Plan and refining it to work into the Estero Land Plan
- In October, there will be a confined workshop between the Planning & Zoning Board and the Design & Review Board that will be open to the public. They'll present what they've done so far and allow comments from the public.
- **Land Development Code (LDC) Work Program & Schedule**
 - *Task 1: Project Initiation*
 - Review documents, website, reconnaissance, & interviews

- Kick-Off Meeting: July 17
- *Task 2: LDC Assessment*
 - LDC Assessment & Annotated Outline
 - Meeting on LDC Assessment
- *Task 3: Draft Updated LDC*
 - Staff/Public Review Draft of LDC (two installments)
 - Meetings on each installment and zoning map
- *Task 4: Testing*
 - Test LDC & Four Case Studies
 - Meetings on test results
- *Task 5: Public Hearing Draft of LDC*
 - Public Hearing Draft of LDC
 - Public hearing/work session on Public Hearing Draft
- **Thoughts on Project Goals**
 1. Make the LDC more user-friendly
 2. Modernize the Development Standards
 3. Implement the Estero Comprehensive Plan
- **Public Involvement**
 - *Project Website*
 - Project information and announcements
 - Upcoming meetings
 - Work products
 - <http://www.esterozoning.org>
 - *Opportunities to Provide Input*
 - Kick-Off Meeting
 - Meeting on Code Assessment
 - Meetings on Individual Installments of Public Review Draft of LDC
 - Meetings on Testing
 - Public Hearing or Meeting on Public Meetings on Testing
 - Public Hearing or Meeting on Public Hearing Draft
- **Estero Grande Update**
 - There is currently an empty building there that will be a Starbucks
 - Next to it there will be a Texas Steakhouse that's currently being designed
 - Behind it, the apartments have received the development order and are now ready to go from permits to construction
- The other two major projects going on are Corkscrew Crossings & the hotel at Miromar



HEALTH COMMITTEE

- Lowell Gerson

- **Lee Health Ambulatory Center**

- The ECCL Health Committee took a tour of the first floor of the center
- The Emergency Department is just about complete, all of the infrastructure is there and they've installed some of the equipment
 - 16 examination rooms & 9 observation rooms
- The center appears to be geriatric-friendly
- Some of the rooms will have recliner chairs instead of beds, which are meant to make older people more comfortable
- There will be public tours starting in October
- There's an **opening date set for December 4**
- The Healthy Life Center will be moving into the facility
- There will be a 24/7 pharmacy and also a small cafeteria
- There will eventually be calls for volunteers for the facility
- The hospital has a unified orientation where you register & fill out forms once and the information is shared with every provider in the facility



- **Operation: Medicine Cabinet**

- Safely dispose of all unused or expired medications to help protect our community and environment
- Secure & Anonymous Lock Box Locations:
 - Lee County Sheriff's Office
Drop Off Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am to 5:00pm
 - Headquarters | (239) 477-1000
14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33912
 - North District | (239) 477-1810
121 Pondella Rd, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
 - East District | (239) 477-1820
1301 Homestead Rd, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
 - West District | (239) 477-1830
15650 Pine Ridge Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33908
 - South District | (239) 477-1840
10520 Reynold St, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
 - Cape Coral Police Department | (230) 574-3223
Drop Off Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am to 5:00pm
1100 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral, FL 33909
 - Fort Myers Police Department | (239) 321-7700
Drop Off Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am to 5:00pm
2210 Widman Way, Fort Myers, FL 33901

- Walgreens, *Open 24 Hours*
805 Cape Coral Dr E, Cape Coral, FL 33904
12749 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33907
- *The next Steering Committee Meeting is Friday, August 24 at 2:30pm at the Commons Enrichment Center at The Brooks.*
- Learn more about the ECCL's Health Committee at the ECCL's website:
<http://esterotoday.com/about-eccl/eccl-hospital-committee>

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- *Pete Cangialosi*

- **Argo, Corkscrew Crossing**

- New Residential Development
- 625 Units
- 396 Acres Total
- 178 Acres Developed
- 178 Acres of Wetlands Filled
- 219 Acres Preserved
- Goes before the Planning & Zoning Board on September 18



- Meeting planned tentatively for 4:00 pm
- If anyone has any questions or concerns, please attend this meeting

- **Old Corkscrew Plantation Mine**

- Zoning Examiner Hearing Closed
- *Point of Contention: Blasting Buffer Width*
 - County: 2,000ft | Applicant: 1,000ft
- *Next: ZEX Hearing Officer recommendation to approve or reject applicant's request to rezone*
- *Then: BOCC votes to accept or reject recommendation*

- **Troyer Brothers Mine**

- Rezoning Hearing:
 - Continued to August 28, for applicant rebuttal only
 - Public's chance to speak is closed
- Common hearing opposition points so far:
 - Mine not needed
 - Applicant's hydrology info is suspect
 - County always approves requested changes to Lee plan. Should say "No!"
- Lee County's own Land Development Code (Ch. 34) states, "Mining operations, by their very nature, are INCOMPATIBLE with most other uses."

- *The next Environmental Committee Meeting is Friday, August 31 at 2:00pm. Location to be determined.*

- Learn more about Estero environmental issues at the ECCL website:
<http://esterotoday.com/estero-news/environment>

ESTERO EDUCATION OUTREACH COUNCIL (EOC), CONNECTING WITH THE ESTERO EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

- *Don Eslick*

- **Primary Initiatives for 2018/2019:**
 1. Junior Achievement
 2. Lee County Schools: Elementary & Secondary Student Support
 3. FGCU's Institute for Entrepreneurship Support
- **Junior Achievement: 2-5-8-Graduate**
 - 73 out of the 80 volunteer positions needed have been filled
 - Learn how you can help at the ECCL's website:
<https://esterotoday.com/junior-achievement-program-seeking-volunteers>
- **Institute for Entrepreneurship**
 - The IFE program has been very successful
 - IFE students receiving awards and funding in highly competitive events
 - IFE's desire is to assure quality outcomes for its students and veterans
 - Program implementation will be a recipient-driven process
 - Student (or veteran) may select a mentor from the IFE newly-implemented database
 - IFE initiatives will connect with our outreach efforts for volunteer mentors for students and veterans
 - We will keep you informed of IFE progress.
- Learn more about the EOC at the ECCL's website: <http://esterotoday.com/estero-economic-excellence-outreach-council>



FINANCIAL REPORT

- *Linda Tecco-Roach*

- Almost all of the revenue that comes into the ECCL is from the annual member dues. So, at this time of year, there is no income except for the \$1 of interest.
- Expenses for the month of July came in at \$2,818. This included communications costs, revenue growth investment, and insurance.
- Excess of expenses over income for July are \$2,817 and excess of expenses over income for 2018 are \$5,379.
- The ECCL's cash balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$11,201.
- For more details, you can view the full financial statements at the ECCL website:
<http://esterotoday.com/reports/meetings-minutes>

[[Watch the whole August 10th meeting here.](#)]