

STATUS REPORT DR/GR ACTION PLAN

September through December 1, 2007

1. Weekly staff meetings on the DR/GR Action Plan items have been occurring since mid-September.
2. BCC approved the Conservation 2020 item on 10/9 for potential flowway purchase and related issues.
3. A BCC agenda item approved on 11/20 establishes a Steering Committee representing residents, the mining industry, environmental interests and others. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12. Meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from January through June.
4. Moratorium ordinances to limit Comprehensive Plan Amendments were approved by BCC 12/4.
5. Dover, Kohl and partners was selected as the first-ranked land use planning consultant by the BCC on 12/4. This will include sub-contracts for a water model and a traffic study to explore options for a road damage/restoration fee.
6. Comprehensive Plan amendments pertaining to mining will be presented to the Local Planning Agency on 12/17.
7. Staff has compiled preliminary information from 21 Florida counties for Land Development regulations and application requirements pertaining to mining.
8. Traffic studies are planned for January through March.
9. Staff is evaluating new regulations for mines, such as a Planned Development Zoning category, environmental connectivity regulations, reclamation, and performance criteria for possible Land Development Code Amendments. Meetings are ongoing.
10. Maps to identify current and historic conditions including precise location of flowways have been reviewed by Natural Resources.
11. Staff attended a joint Lee County/Bonita Springs meeting, which included a DR/GR item on 11/28.
12. Staff attended an 11/3 meeting in Bonita Springs regarding the city's DR/GR plans.