

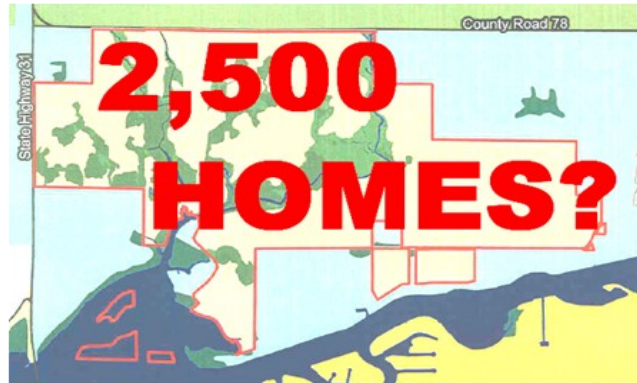


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Lee Smart Growth Director: North River Village is not Smart Growth - LPA Meeting Continued.

Citing urban sprawl and a plethora of other negatives, Lee Staff recommended against Bonita Bay's North River Village proposal at the January 26th LPA hearing. Wayne Daltry, Smart Growth Director, testified the proposal is not Smart Growth. Many community residents spoke in support of the Staff recommendations and against the proposal, citing its inconsistency with all East Lee County community planning, and the will of the residents. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Save the Manatee Club added their testimony against the project. A number of people, many with financial ties to the project, spoke in favor. Commissioner Mann commended the very few who disclosed their financial ties, and suggested it would be a fair and sunshine-like step if all who testified would do so. Bonita Bay submitted last-minute changes to their proposal just prior to the LPA meeting, thereby precluding both Staff and LPA members review time. **The meeting was continued to Monday February 23rd, 8:30 AM, BOCC Chambers.** Now is the time to let your opposition be known to the LPA. The Bonita Bay Group is a powerful, well funded entity and a formidable opponent. **Your silence will be your consent to their proposal.** Contact Bill Redfern, Duke Highway (218-0052, williamred2@embarqmail.com) or Ruby Daniels, President, Alva inc. (728-3292, danielsare@ssfcumember.org) to assist in the opposition, and plan to attend the February 23rd meeting.



Caloosahatchee Riverway Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf Estuaries Ecosystems, navigation, stormwater management, agriculture, parks and commerce



At the January meeting, Dr Bill Hammond and Greg Rawls presented a Caloosahatchee Riverway concept with restored upper lakes, the Berry reservoir replaced with Lake LaBelle, and restoration of historic flows at Four Corners and the adjacent groves. A relatively low cost, collaborative, step-at-a-time concept. Nice work, men. All are encouraged to get involved and add their support.

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