Accountability

We are individually and collectively responsible for our behavior and performance. We conduct business in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards.

Community Development & Environmental Services

The Building Review and Permitting Department issued 46,116 building permits - a 23 percent increase over last year's number. Additionally, the Contractor Licensing section issued 3,674 licenses, handled 9,000 complaints, returned $200,000 to residents, and collected more than $90,000 in fines against contractors.

The Code Enforcement Department protects the public health, safety and welfare of residents by enforcing applicable ordinances and codes as enacted by the Collier County Board of County Commissioners. During 2006, staff worked diligently to clean up sub-standard housing, and demolish 29 vacant, unsafe mobile homes and one commercial building.

The Comprehensive Planning Department’s staff continues to coordinate the East of County Road 951 Horizon Study. This study reviews prospective development in the area east of CR951 and development decisions related to capital infrastructure and public services necessary to support development as the area grows. The BCC appointed an Ad Hoc Committee for Phase II of the project to handle public outreach and solicit input from those residing in the study area.

The Engineering Department staff worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local consultants to revise flood maps for six interior basins. Staff reviewed and approved construction documents and plats for 61 new subdivisions, monitored Planned Unit Developments and audited 100 of 360 existing PUDs.

The Environmental Services staff opened the first Conservation Collier Preserve to the public. The 3.46-acre Cocohatchee Creek Preserve lies along the Cocohatchee Creek adjacent to Veterans Park and offers a 700-foot trail with benches and a picnic area. Conservation Collier acquired an additional 126 acres.

Zoning and Land Development Review continued to implement process improvement initiatives by creating intake teams that are responsible for receiving, processing and distributing all new applications and re-submittals. The process was designed to assist customers through the technical zoning process, reduce processing times, decrease review times and improve communication between staff and applicants.

2006 Accomplishments

- Building Review and Permitting conducted 225,548 building inspections.
- Code Enforcement staff responded to almost 28,000 complaints and issued 5,562 citations.
- Conservation Collier received authorization to purchase over 812 acres of land.
- Engineering received an Honorable Mention for a Promising Practice from the Council for a Sustainable Florida for their PUD Monitoring Public Outreach Program. This program is designed to provide important information to over 450 property owners associations and to assist in managing their communities.
- Environmental Services responded to 67 sea turtle strandings.
- Operational Support and Housing provided homebuyer assistance to 113 first-time, low-income homebuyers, and offered housing rehabilitation to 30 single-family, owner-occupied homes and 40 low-income rental units. Staff administered state and federal grants with nearly $1.7 million expended on affordable housing-related activities, and $650,000 on public facility improvements. Staff secured $660,000 in competitive homeless grant funds and secured $2.3 million in disaster recovery initiative funds.