

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Recommendation to approve an Interim Management Plan for the Watkins/Jones property under the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Program

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**OBJECTIVE:** Request for recommendation of approval for the attached Interim Management Plan for the Watkins/Jones property and direction for its implementation.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** The Conservation Collier Ordinance, 2002-63, section 14(1), requires that no later than sixty (60) days from the date of acquisition, an Interim Management Plan shall be submitted by County staff to the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (CCLAAC) for approval. Upon approval, the plan shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval and shall be implemented according to the Board's direction. Subsequent to the Interim Management Plan, a final plan is to be presented to the Board within two (2) years.

On August 19, 2005, Collier County acquired 26.77 acres of land, known as the Watkins/Jones parcel, for the Conservation Collier Program.

In the process of developing the Interim Management Plan staff met with neighboring property owners and a local Civic Association. The attached Plan reflects input provided to staff.


On October 10, 2005, staff submitted an Interim Management Plan for the Watkins/Jones property to the Conservation Collier Lands Evaluation and Management Subcommittee, which unanimously approved it with several recommended revisions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The first year cost of land management activities has been estimated to be approximately \$44,425. This estimated cost includes initial exotic removal, a survey of the north boundary line and purchase of signs. Annual recurring costs are estimated at \$4,500 (2005 dollars). Funds are budgeted within the Conservation Collier Land Management Fund to accomplish these activities.

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT:** Management of Conservation Collier lands to support appropriate public access is consistent with and supports Policy 1.1.6 and Objective 1.3 in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Collier County Growth Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the CCLAAC recommend approval of the attached Watkins/Jones property Interim Management Plan to the Board of County Commissioners.

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