

## Gordon River Greenway Project Update

As of 11/6/13

### STATUS

- All permits have been issued.
- Construction Progress:
- The FWC gopher tortoise relocation permit is still open pending necessary removals from the southern Conservation Collier parcel, as access becomes available.
- Biweekly construction progress meetings are being held onsite, with Conservation Collier staff in attendance.
- Avigation Easement – This is an air-space easement that will be placed over a portion of the Gordon River Greenway Park. In return, the Naples Airport Authority will contribute \$150 K to the project for exotic and other obstruction tree removal. Conservation Collier will receive 26.5% of these funds or \$39,750 for removal of exotics and obstruction trees on its property.
- The City of Naples has acquired 6.5 acres and is holding design charettes between Oct 2013 and January, with a Master Plan update planned in Feb. and a public hearing to approve the master plan in March. Charette and meeting dates can be found on web page: <http://naplesgordonriverpark.com>
- The Exotics Contractor (Millbourne LLC) is working on the riverside exotics using a barge. A storm in October blew numerous pines down across the waterway between Conservation Collier parcels. Millbourne is removing those that are lying on top of the river but cannot access any debris below 1-2 feet under the waterline. Presently, there is no entity taking responsibility for keeping the waterway clear for boats and kayaks. There has been some discussion of establishing a waterway maintenance plan in cooperation with all stakeholders. Looking ahead, we may be asked to participate in such a stakeholder group. No details yet, just FYI.



- The Board of County Commissioners, at the 11/5/13 Workshop, indicated they were amenable to dropping the funding of the proposed City of Naples Bridge off our future budget.