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GGAMP ReStudy - Rural Estates

RE: Follow up on 02 November 2016 letter regarding GGAMP

Mr. VanLengen,

The Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association have received more input after the 03 November 2015 GGAMP workshop regarding the Eastern Golden Gate Estates future growth.

Thank you for your leadership in this effort and the opportunity to provide input to the future of our community through the GGAMP ReStudy and the overall Comprehensive Growth Management Restudy.

Respectfully,

Mike Ramsey, President
Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association
On behalf of the Board of Directors



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Surface Water Management / Drainage

This is considered to be the highest priority for determination for the Rural Estates and is dependent on the water management through and around the N Belle Meade Area of the RFMUD. The continued buildout of the Rural Estates and the RFMUD north of I-75 and west of the RLSA, will significantly increase impervious surface area and storm water runoff. Concurrently, there is concern for protecting groundwater recharge for the multiple areas that depend on Rural Estates groundwater resources. This issue directly effects future Residential property protection, Economic Development, Water Resources, Wildfire Protection and Transportation Design. The planning effort that needs to be undertaken would update the drainage of water from the Rural Estates to the Henderson Creek Canal. Both Marco Island Utilities and Rookery Bay are looking for more water.

Economic Diversification / Development

This would be the second prioritization after future surface water management has been reviewed. Economic Diversification / Development within the Rural Estates is small commercial nodes at selected intersections with each node totaling approximately 80 acres maximum. Planning of the Rural Estates nodes and zoning will be significantly influenced by the larger commercial diversification / development in the adjacent areas of the RFMUD and RLSA. The Rural Estates seeks coordination of with the RFMUD and RLSA with the larger commercial areas. Also, the design, planning and zoning for the Rural Estates Small Commercial Node areas with be greatly influenced by drainage and ground water availability.

Transportation Design

These would the 3rd area of Prioritization after Surface Water Management and Economic Diversification / Development have been reviewed. These are to be added to the recommendations in the First Letter of 02 Nov 2016. These recommendations should be added to the GGAMP for Rural Estates because they are not discussed or transmitted in any other part of planning for the Rural Estates. These recommendations are not to replace the MPO efforts.

- a. No expansion of roads from 2 lane to 4 lane, East of Everglades Blvd.
- b. Prioritize transportation design that moves traffic North and South within the Rural Estates.
 - a. Prioritize installing a bridge on 8th St. SE @ Frangipani.
- c. Prioritize expansion of Randall Blvd, 2 lanes to 4 from Immokalee Road to Everglades
- d. Do not allow "S" curve from Randall to Oil Well.
- e. Prioritize Future I-75 interchange at or east of Desoto Blvd.
- f. No more "chicanes" or other traffic slowing designs that prevents school buses or other vehicles from safely traveling a 2 lane road in opposite directions.

Cell Towers

More locations should be identified for Cell Tower Construction. Residents favor improving cell tower coverage. Prioritizing land zoning for this development is needed.

1 acre Impervious Rule

This rule was imposed on residential development in the Rural Estates without study or discussion. This rule requires singly family lot owners to implement surface water retention if the amount of impervious surface on their lot exceeds 1 acre. This rule needs to be eliminated. The impacts of these rule are:

- a. Significant increase to the road drainage swales
- b. Significant increase to the Big Cypress Basin Canals without planning
- c. Ecological damage to adjacent wetlands by drying them out, preventing water flow.
- d. Significant increase in wildfire danger by draining wetlands faster in the dry season.