

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20020696

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Concur with the Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee's (RLAC) recommendation to deny a grant application request from the Villages of Country Creek Master Association for a Landscaping Funds Program grant to landscape approximately 1600' of roadside frontage along Corkscrew Road.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** The Landscaping Funds Program (Administrative Code 11-08) requires that project-funding recommendations be sent to the BoCC for approval.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Denies a grant application request to fund a landscaping project along approximately 1600' Corkscrew Road.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 9**  
**COMMISSION DISTRICT # 5**

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**3. MEETING DATE:**

*07-09-2002*

**4. AGENDA:**

CONSENT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE  
 APPEALS  
 PUBLIC  
  
 WALK ON  
**TIME REQUIRED:**

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
*(Specify)*

STATUTE  
 ORDINANCE  
 11-08 ADMIN. CODE  
 OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

A. COMMISSIONER Judah  
B. DEPARTMENT Transportation  
C. DIVISION Operations  
BY: Scott M. Gilbertson, P.E.,  
Director, DOT

**7. BACKGROUND:** On April 16, 2002, Lee County Department of Transportation received a "Landscaping Funds Program" grant application from the Villages of Country Creek Master Association. The application was submitted on behalf of the residents of the Villages of Country Creek subdivision. The application indicated that it was for funding to landscape approximately 1600' of roadway frontage along Corkscrew Road, in an effort to mitigate alleged problems caused by the recent widening and elevating of Corkscrew Road.

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At the June 4, 2002 committee meeting, the RLAC voted to accept the subcommittee's recommendation to not approve the Villages of Country Creek Master Associations application for grant funding (see attached letter from RLAC). DOT agrees with this recommendation.

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>6/18/02</i> <i>[Signature]</i>	N/A Pur.	N/A	N/A	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Appm 6/19</i>	<i>COM</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>GC</i>	<i>6/18/02</i> <i>[Signature]</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

APPROVED  
 DENIED  
 DEFERRED  
 OTHER

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COUNTY ADMIN. *DD*  
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BY ADMIN.  
FORWARDED TO:  
*6/19 330*

RECVD. 6/18/02  
by CO. ATTY.  
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*Budget*  
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# ROADWAY LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Lee County Board of County Commissioners

June 4, 2002

Lee County  
Board of County Commissioners  
Fort Myers, FL

## **Re: Villages of Country Creek Master Association – Application for Landscaping Funds Program Grant**

Dear County Commissioners:

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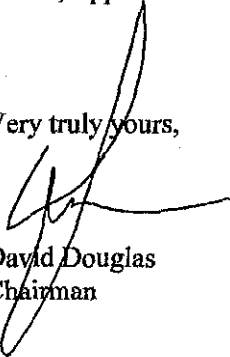
1. On October 3, 2000, the RLAC rejected landscaping of the "linear detention areas" along Corkscrew Road as part of core level landscaping. These linear detention areas, which are the same basic areas associated with this grant application, were deemed difficult to maintain and would prohibit proper maintenance of detention areas and side slopes, if plant materials were present. Equipment necessary for proper slope and bottom maintenance would most likely destroy any landscaping. The RLAC concluded these areas were not areas desired for landscaping.
2. The grant application criteria favor projects that have community wide appeal when traveling the transportation corridor. This project would be isolated at the r/w and limited in length. From the motorist's perspective, the experience associated with this project would be minimal.
3. The grant application scored low when addressing criteria associated with the completeness of the submittal package. The package did not include any specified details depicting the desired landscape features.
4. The Landscaping Funds Program is a mechanism to fund landscaping of road rights-of-way. This application requested landscaping in addition to modification of ditch slopes and raising of existing berms on the applicant's property behind the road right-of-way. The regrading and elevation changes would in all likelihood effect the applicant's existing vegetation.

C/O Lee County Department of Transportation, 5560 Zip Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33905 (239) 694-3334

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At the June 4, 2002 committee meeting, the RLAC voted to accept the subcommittee's recommendation to not approve the Villages of Country Creek Master Associations, application for grant funding. This item will be brought before the BoCC shortly via a blue sheet.

Very truly yours,



David Douglas  
Chairman

cc: Bill Martin, Villages of Country Creek  
Don Stilwell, County Manager  
Jim Lavender, Director, Public Works  
Scott Gilbertson, Director, DOT  
RLAC