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Lee County Community Development plans Caloosahatchee Shores visioning workshop

Fort Myers, FL, March 22, 2019 – Lee County Department of Community Development staff will hold a visioning workshop for stakeholders, residents and businesses of Caloosahatchee Shores, a community located in northeast Lee County, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13. The visioning workshop will be held at the Olga Community Center, 2325 South Olga Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33905.

The visioning workshop is to define and update the community planning goals for Caloosahatchee Shores within the Lee Plan. Lee County Community Development staff will begin by providing an overview of basic background information relevant to the Lee Plan, the community plans and the visioning event. After the short informational segment, guided group discussions will help to identify future opportunities and constraints within the Caloosahatchee Shores community. Interested individuals are encouraged to arrive at 10 a.m. and stay until the workshop concludes.

A community plan is a goal in the Lee Plan specific to a defined area of the county where long-term objectives of the community, and policies to meet these objectives, are identified. There are 17 distinct community planning areas identified in the Lee Plan.

The Lee Plan requires certain day-to-day public and private activities within each jurisdiction and must be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies in the adopted plan. It is a source of authority for the local government's land development regulations and for an array of official discretionary actions including, but not limited to, the capital improvement program. The Lee Plan represents the community's vision of what it will or should look like by the end of the planning horizon.

The purpose of community plans is to address specific conditions unique to a defined area of the county. Conditions may be physical, historical, environmental, or economic in nature. All amendments will move though the normal process required to amend the Lee Plan with opportunities for public input – one hearing with the Local Planning Agency and two hearings with the Board of County Commissioners (transmittal and adoption).

For more information, visit the website at http://www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/cp/caloosahatcheeshores or contact PODPlanning@leegov.com.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Lee County will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in its services, programs, or activities. To request an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a reasonable modification to participate in this meeting, contact David Wagley, 239-533-8502, Florida Relay Service 711, or DWagley@leegov.com. Accommodation will be provided at no cost to the requestor. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance.

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Note to media: A map of the boundaries of the Caloosahatchee Shores area is available on page 2, along with the location of the Olga Community Center on page 3.



