



# *SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT UPDATE*

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# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EIS

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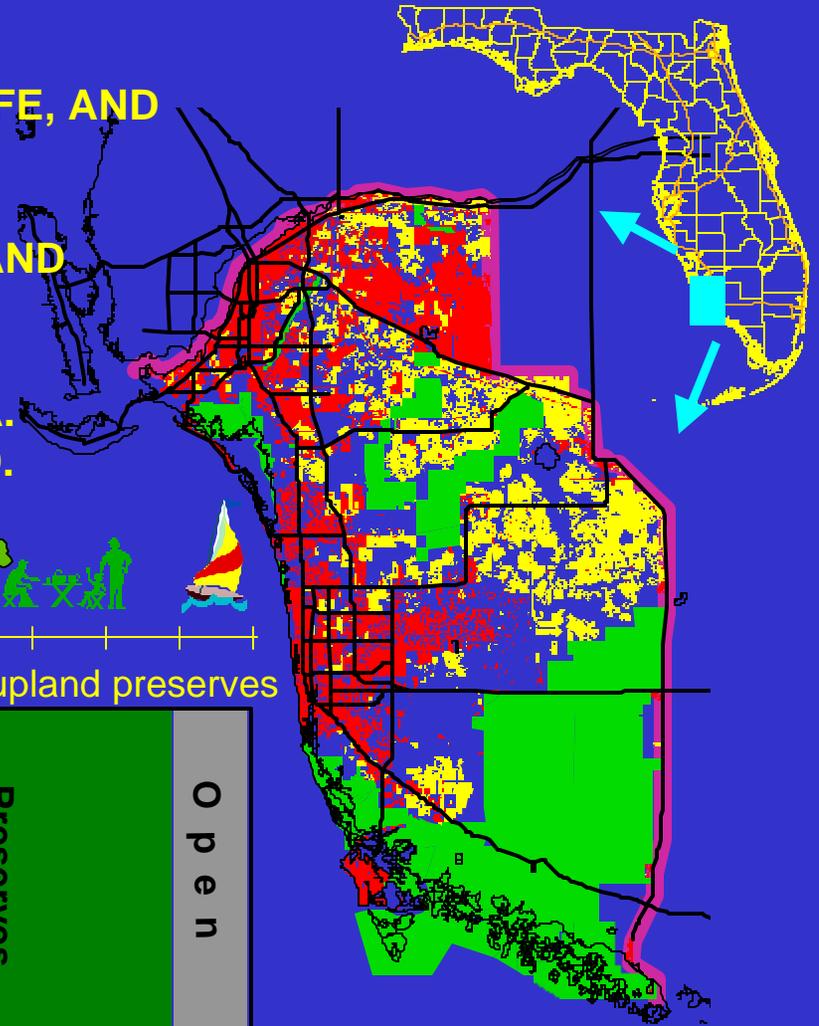
WHERE? SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT. HIGH DEVELOPMENT.

> HIGH PERMIT WORKLOAD.

> RECURRING ISSUES : WETLANDS, WILDLIFE, AND WATER QUALITY.

> BAR CHART DEPICTS DISTRIBUTION OF LAND SHOWN ON THE MAP.

> 30% IS PRIVATELY-OWNED NATURAL AREA. APPROXIMATELY 65% OF THAT IS WETLAND.



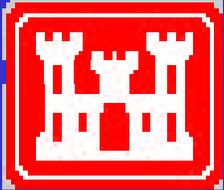
(as of 1995)



1,556 Square Miles

\*Includes on-site wetland & upland preserves





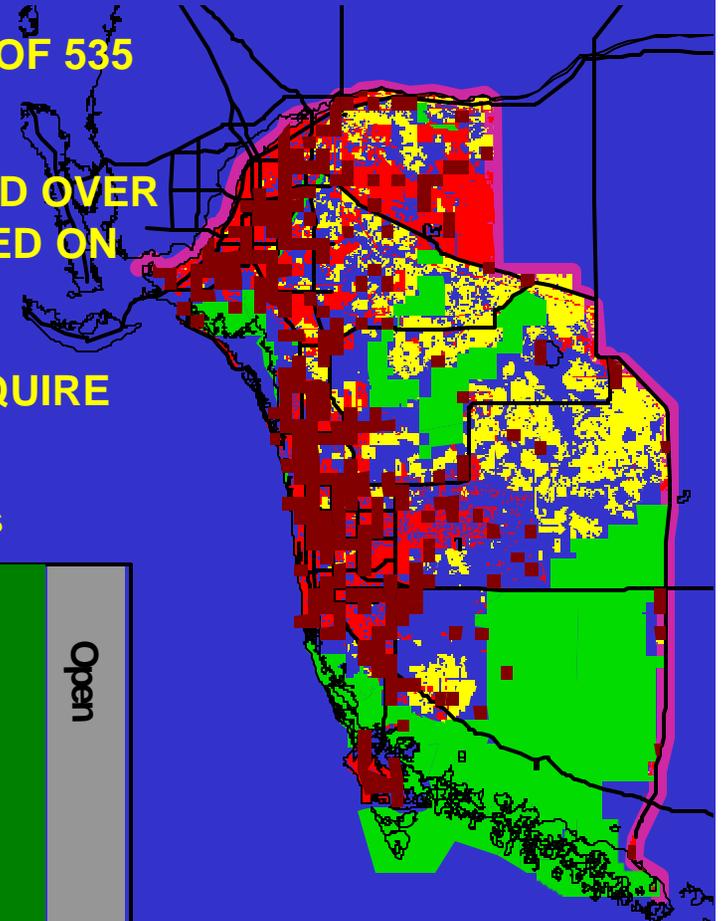
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## WHY? IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

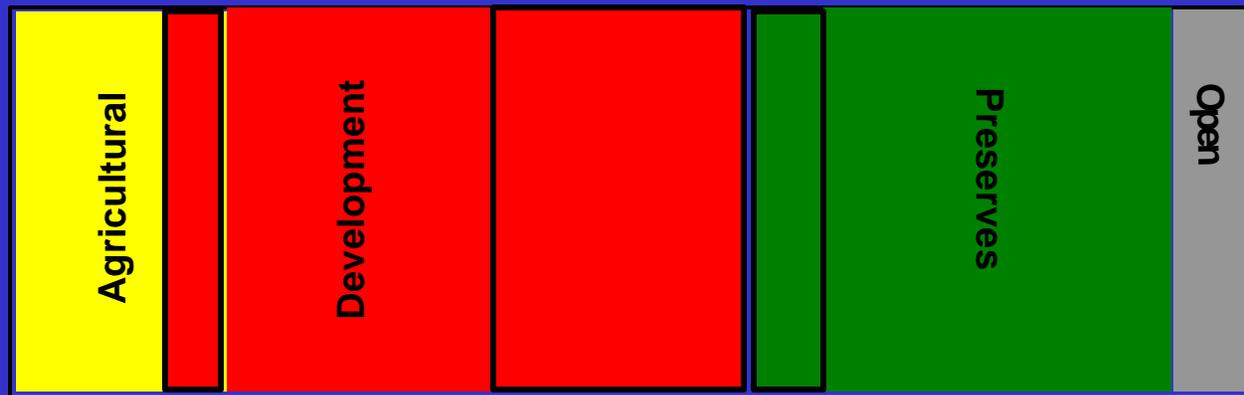
> CORPS PERMITS HAVE AUTHORIZED AN AVERAGE OF 535 ACRES WETLAND FILL PER YEAR.

> REMAINDER OF AREA EXPECTED TO BE DEVELOPED OVER NEXT 20 YEARS (BAR CHART SHOWS ESTIMATE BASED ON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN).

> MANY (BUT NOT ALL) FUTURE PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE WETLAND FILL AUTHORIZED BY CORPS PERMITS.



← New Development → ← New Preserves →



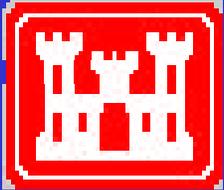
AGRIC  
CONVERTED

NATURAL  
AREA LOSS

ENHANCED NATURAL &  
EXPANDED PUBLIC AREAS

Water

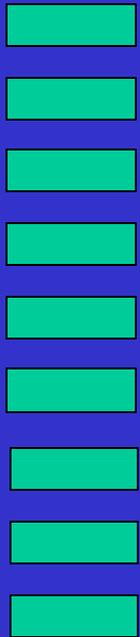
PERMITS  
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91 TO 99



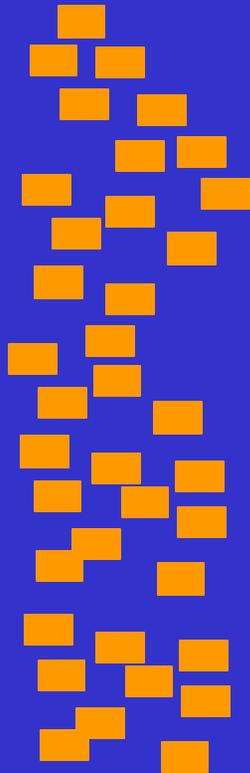
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## EIS DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF SEVERAL PARTS

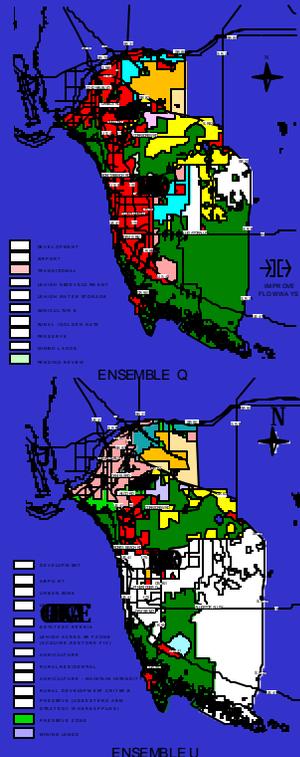
>DESCRIBES  
ISSUES OF  
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EXISTING  
CONDITIONS .



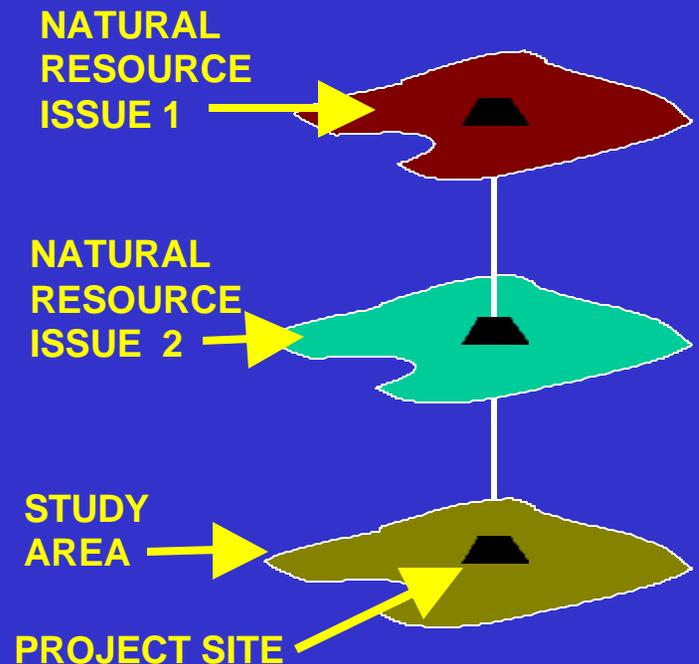
>PRESENTS  
EVALUATION  
FACTORS FOR  
THESE ISSUES.



>COMPARES  
EFFECTS OF  
FIVE FUTURE  
SCENARIOS.



>MAPS NATURAL RESOURCE  
ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED IN A PERMIT  
DECISION.





# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EIS PUBLIC CONCERNS

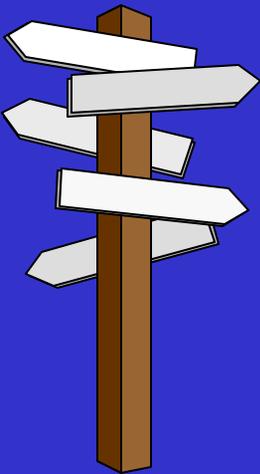
- > CONCERNS RAISED INCLUDE BUT LIMITED TO FOLLOWING.
  - > ACCURACY / DERIVATION OF MAPS.
  - > HOW INFORMATION UPDATED.
  - > INAPPROPRIATE WEIGHT GIVEN TO ISSUES MAPPED.
  - > DEFICIENT ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.
  - > INCREASE EMPHASIS ON AVOIDANCE OF IMPACTS.
  - > IMPROVE ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT & FUTURE MITIGATION.





# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EIS CORPS GOALS

- > GOALS FROM EIS EFFORT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING.
  - > DISCLOSE UPFRONT TO THE LANDOWNER ISSUES HE/SHE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE IN REVIEWS.
  - > TAILOR REVIEW EFFORT TO LOCATIONS BASED ON POTENTIAL EFFECT TO NATURAL RESOURCES.
  - > DEVELOP AND PROPOSE GENERAL PERMITS FOR APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.





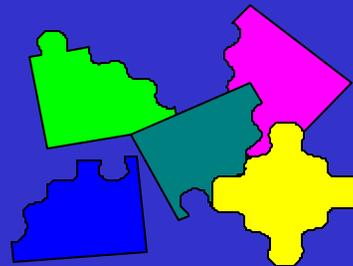
# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EIS STATUS

>COMMENT PERIOD ORIGINALLY CLOSED OCTOBER 30.

> COMMISSIONER OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, REQUESTED EXTENSION TO COORDINATE CORPS AND STATE EFFORTS:

> GOVERNOR'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMISSION;

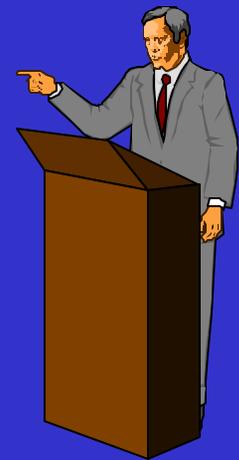
> COLLIER COUNTY REVISION OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN.

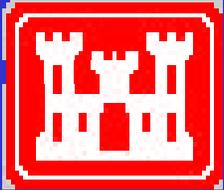




# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EIS SCHEDULE TO COMPLETE

- > SCHEDULE IS NOT FIRM AND DEPENDS ON THESE OTHER ACTIONS, BUT FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN NEXT TWO MONTHS.
  - > REVIEW COMMENTS.
  - > DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION.
  - > ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THREE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS.
  
- > PUBLIC MEETING AT END OF JANUARY 2001
  
- > FINAL EIS IN APRIL 2001 PENDING RECEIPT OF FINAL COMMENTS
  
- > RECORD OF DECISION - MAY 2001





COMMENTS?