

Joint Position Statement

Coconut Road Interchanges at I-75 & 951

The undersigned organizations continue to be concerned about environmental impacts associated with road projects in south Lee County.

In July 2005, we conditionally supported the proposed 951 Extension's westernmost alignment. This conditioned position has not changed.

Our seven conditions include three that directly relate to the proposed Coconut Road interchanges at I-75 and 951. These three conditions are

1. Coconut Road must not be extended beyond I-75.
 - No Coconut Road interchange on I-75
 - No Coconut Road extension from I-75 to 951
 - No Coconut Road interchange on 951
2. Mitigation for Lee County's 951 road segments must be within Lee County and include acquisition of all six sections of the Agripartner (Edison Farms) lands east of the westernmost alignment.
3. Access to 951 is limited to intersections at Alico Road, Corkscrew Road, Bonita Beach Road, and Logan Boulevard.

Lee County has done no comprehensive natural resource planning for its rural lands east of I-75. Because the Agripartner (Edison Farms) lands are of such high environmental importance and a key element in our conditioned support of the 951 Extension, we remain opposed to any road construction that may result in facilitating the development of these lands.

Our organizations remain committed to working with Lee County and all other interested parties on issues pertaining to rural south Lee County.

Audubon of Florida
Collier County Audubon Society
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida (ECOSWF)
Florida Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Federation
Responsible Growth Management Coalition
Sierra Club

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