

The Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) continues our long-standing partnership with the Conservancy for the protection of the Estero Bay watershed. In order to provide additional resources for the Conservancy to continue its advocacy in this area of Lee County, enclosed is a check for \$3,000.00 to further the work of the Conservancy's Environmental Policy department.

We expect that this funding will be used to support efforts in Southeast Lee County, including:

- Ongoing defense of the Density Reduction/Groundwater Resource area (DR/GR) amendment during implementation;
- Opposition to environmentally damaging mining proposals, such as the Lost Grove Mine;
- Research and constructive suggestions for improvements on projects, such as the Florida Rock Mine #2;
- Research and recommendations for comprehensive plan amendments and rezones, such as Corkscrew Woods;
- Assistance in protecting and obtaining the resources necessary for public acquisition of the Agripartners property.

The ECCL understands that for the Conservancy to be able to continue work on these issues, reviewing mining and development proposals and opposing at the local, state and federal level those projects which are incompatible with south Lee County resource protection, the Conservancy needs additional resources. We hope that our contribution of \$3000.00 will further support these efforts.