

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

**Your support is urgently needed to prevent a
serious threat to the Estero community**

We need to make a strong presence at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on Wednesday, May 26, when they will be making the final decision as to whether or not to approve mining on the Resource Conservation Holdings (RCH) property.

RCH is located about 5 miles east of I-75 on Corkscrew Road, downstream of two large publically owned mitigation areas...wetlands that must be protected in order to supply our drinking water; cleanse the water that flows into Estero Bay; protect our communities from flooding and provide much needed wildlife habitat.

RCH wants to rezone 1,356 acres in order to mine limerock to a depth of 110 feet for decades and to build a cement plant and an asphalt plant on this site. If RCH is allowed to mine this land, they will add 2,400 round trip dump truck trips daily, or 4,800 one-way trips, onto Corkscrew Road and other Estero roadways.

After 22 days of hearings, the opposition of about 60 residents and Lee County staff, the Lee County Hearing Examiner recommended that the County Board should approve mining on this property.

See the attached excerpts from the Hearing Examiner's totally biased recommendation...he clearly gave no consideration whatsoever to the testimony of affected Estero residents who appeared before him nor the testimony of County staff and their experts.

The Commissioners know that if they deny the mine, RCH will go to court. That's why it's so important for the Commissioners to see that a large segment of the Estero community continues to oppose this mine.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26 in the County Board Chambers, on the second floor of the Old County Court House, 2120 Main Street in downtown Ft. Myers. Your attendance is vital to the future health of our community.

If you have questions about this matter, please contact Don Eslick at doneslick@comcast.net.