

INITIAL REVIEW

LEHIGH ACRES AREA (LEHIGH SPRING)
STRAP# 34-44-27-00-00001.0140 (20 ACRES)

NOMINATION 471-2

INITIAL REVIEW CRITERIA QUESTION AND RESPONSE	
NO	1. Does the owner indicate by his/her asking price a willingness to sell below market value range?
NO	2. Are there any other funds available to contribute towards the purchase price of the parcel?
	3. Does the parcel contain any documented environmentally sensitive lands?
YES	This nomination has generated much interest in the scientific community as evidenced by the considerable correspondence received. Until recently, the scientific importance of this sinkhole was undiscovered and unstudied. It offers extremely high research value to the understanding of the environment; particularly paleoenvironmental, climate and eco-archaeological sciences and cultural history. The anaerobic water and bottom sediments act to preserve prehistoric fossil remains and a pollen record of past climate. Faunal remains found in Warm Mineral Springs sinkhole in Sarasota County included Pleistocene birds, sabercat, llama, proboscideans (mastodons and mammoths), wolf, and giant sloth as well as leaves, tree pollen and plant species. The letters, emails and USGS reports provide much more detail about the science potential.
	4. Does the parcel have important water resource features?
	This rare geologic feature is a deep aquifer that is directly connected to a potable aquifer system used by a major of Lehigh Acres and all users within the DRGR. The open window to the drinking water supply makes it vulnerable to pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides used on the adjoining golf course. Acquisition will help to protect this rare natural occurrence and the future water supply for residents that rely on this water source.
YES	5. Is the parcel contiguous to a protected environmentally sensitive land or water body?
NO	6. Is the parcel located within an area identified on the Master Mitigation Plan map?
NO	Acquisition of this parcel is consistent with the draft Lehigh Acres Neighborhood Specialized Mixed Use Node Plan
	7. Is there good potential for long term management of the property?
	The initial management of this parcel will require the control of public access, removal of exotics and prevention of runoff into the spring. Management costs are higher for properties that are isolated and in urban areas. The property offers the opportunity of an eventual partner with the resources and expertise to take on the responsibility of appropriate research facilities and public access.
NO	8. Are the native plant communities or water resources on the property in danger of being detrimentally altered?
YES	Nomination # 471 (Flint's Pavillion) – On February 1, 2010, a zoning change (DCI2008-00017) was approved from Residential Multi-Family to Commercial Planned Development.
3	NUMBER OF CRITERIA THAT THE PROPERTY MEETS
Other	There are no transportation plan conflicts. There is considerable public support as evidenced by correspondence and public input at meetings for the initial submittal.
	Staff Recommendation: NO CONSENSUS
6/5/2012	Criteria & Ranking Sub-Committee (CRSC) Recommendation:
6/14/2012	Conservation Lands Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Committee (CLASAC) Recommendation:

Owner and Nominator: Ken O'Leary, Manager
Flint's Pavillion LLC

Asking Price: \$2,950,000

5/11/2012

Title	Criteria and Ranking Subcommittee Meeting
Location	Community Development Public Works Center - 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Start Time	6/5/2012 3:00 PM
End Time	6/5/2012 5:00 PM
Contact	Lynda Thompson
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Website	Conservation 20/20 Agenda Page
Description	A business meeting of the Conservation 20/20 Land Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Committee's Criteria and Ranking Subcommittee will be held. See hyperlink above for items on the Agenda and other details that will be posted approximately one week prior to the meeting date.

Title	CLASAC Meeting
Location	Community Development Public Works Center - 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Start Time	6/14/2012 5:30 PM
End Time	6/14/2012 7:30 PM
Contact	Lynda Thompson
Phone	239.533.8833
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Website	20/20 Citizen Advisory Board Committee
Description	A business meeting of the Conservation 20/20 Land Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Committee will be held. See hyperlink above for items on the Agenda and other details that will be posted approximately one week prior to the meeting date.