



The Year in Review: Actions and activities of the RGMC in 2004

We were the first donor for the Babcock Ranch Acquisition effort (\$2500)

We were co-sponsors of the Gulf in Distress Workshop (Feb. 2004, Miromar Beach Club)

We supported the following:

- FP&L's proposed power line route (We intervened successfully)
- The Downtown Fort Myers Plan (Duany Plan)
- A comprehensive study of the Density Reduction/Groundwater Resource (DR/GR) land use area
- Maintaining the 810 rule on Pine Island, which links development on Pine Island to traffic volume on Pine Island Road
- The Greater Pine Island Civic Association's defense of its adopted community plan against developers and palm growers (the challenge has been dropped)
- Water reservations for the Caloosahatchee
- Better water management practices for the Caloosahatchee

We opposed the following:

Local:

- Annexation of Agripartners (successfully)
- The conversion of 20 acres of DR/GR land by the Miromar Lakes development to the University Community land use category (unsuccessful)
- Ginn Development- which was subsequently revised to remain within the present Lee Co. Comprehensive Plan.
- Bayshore StonyBrook US Homes proposal (now in litigation)
- The phosphate mining in Charlotte County (ongoing)

State:

- The state's land disposition proposal (revived for the 2005 legislative session)
- Anti-manatee legislation
- A proposal to increase boat dock slip allowances

On the horizon:

- Welcome three new members to the RGMC board.
- State land disposition proposals in the legislature
- Babcock Acquisition
- Water Issues
- Cape Coral Annexations
- Bonita's Urban Fringe land use designation
- The EAR Provisions for the DR/GR area
- The County's new and unspecified "alternative" traffic concurrency proposal
- RGMC membership drive