



The Year in Review: Actions and Activities of the RGMC in 2006

We supported the following:

- Preservation of the mangroves at Harbour Pointe at South Seas plantation-
 - VICTORY in Nov. Administrative challenge of WMD permit!
- Enforcement of the 810/910 traffic rule on Pine Island
- Sierra Club's Challenge of the Babcock Overlay District (\$100 donation)
- Preservation of Orchid Isles, 105 Acres at the Headwaters of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve-
 - VICTORY in Nov. Conservation 20/20 nomination moving forward for acquisition
- Preservation of entire Centennial Park
- Extensive study of DR/GR (joint position statement)
- Careful expansion of CR951
- Preservation of DR/GR in Bonita Springs

Civic Engagement activities:

- Sponsored outdoor Film of Fern Gully in Centennial Park (Aug)- over 100 residents enjoyed
- Grant application for Public Participation Workshops
- Updated RGMC's webpages with ACTION ALERT feature
- Sponsored the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve 40th Anniversary Celebration (\$250)
- Supported the Cypress Knee Museum in LaBelle (\$100 and letter of support for grant application)
- Ellen Peterson "Rally to Tallahassee (March 14)- for Preservation of Babcock Ranch
- Development Workshop –revised mission statement
- Featured in Foresight, 1000 Friends of Florida Summer 2006 newsletter
- Visioning Charettes for Babcock Ranch
- Participated in Road Growth Forum (Feb) and Environmental Stewardship Summit (Oct) at FGCU
- Considered Charter County protection measure for DR/GR
- Wrote to ABM and FGCU about Arnold Report 10 years after

We opposed the following:

- Green Meadows Mine rezoning in DR/GR
- Coconut Road Interchange Eastward to CR951 (joint statement)
- FDEP's new Water classification scheme (joint statement with Clean Water Network)
- A ten-lane expressway for Colonial Blvd.
- The Fountains development off of Daniel's road near the SWFI airport in DR/GR
- State Legislation weakening the DRI process, and other growth management issues

We mourned the loss of long-time RGMC member Mr. Edmund FitzSimons (March)

- Donated \$50 to the American Diabetes Association in his memory

On the horizon:

- Water Issues- FDEP and Clean Water Act discrepancies, Basin Water Rule
- Glades County Coal power plant (near Fisheating Creek and bird rookery)
- Cape Coral Annexations
- Roads and Urban Sprawl- Desoto County Developments, FGCU Charlotte Campus, and Babcock