

DATA AND ANALYSIS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

DATA AND ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

The Village of Estero lies south of unincorporated Lee County and north of the City of Bonita Springs. It is bordered by Estero Bay on the west, and on the east by unincorporated Lee County. The Village is approximately 17,000 acres or 26.5 square miles in size.

The purpose of the Future Land Use Element and the Future Land Use Map is to guide the growth and development of the Village. The Future Land Use Map designates the distribution, general location, density, and intensity of land uses. The Future Land Use Element includes an adopted goal with objectives and policies that govern the development of land depicted on the Future Land Use Map consistent with the Village's vision, guiding principles, and all Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The data collected and analyzed for preparation of the Village's Comprehensive Plan is based on a shortterm planning periodhorizon of five years (20186 – 2023-1) and a long-term planning periodhorizon of ten22 years (20186 - 204026).

| Figure 1: Five <u>Short</u> ar | nd Ten-Year<u>Lor</u> | <mark>ng-Term</mark> Planni | ing Period Po | pulation Proj |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 2016 2018 | 2021 <u>2023</u> | 2026 <u>2040</u> | Change 2016-26 2018-40 |
| Permanent | 30,851 | 39,661 | 4 5,372 | 14,521 |
| Population | <u>34,631</u> | <u>42,174</u> | <u>49,916</u> | <u>15,285</u> |
| Peak-Seasonal | 4 6,091 | 59,259 | 67,786 | 21,695 |
| Population | <u>51,738</u> | <u>63,009</u> | <u>74,575</u> | <u>22,837</u> |

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

| Both permanent and peak |
|---|
| seasonal populations are |
| expected to increase by |
| approximately 47 <u>44</u> % over |
| the ten-year<u>long-term</u> |
| planning period with the |
| greatest population growth |
| occurring during the initial |
| five-year planning period. |

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Sources: Summary Housing & Population Report, Village of Estero, 2016; Metro Forecasting Models, LLC; LaRue Planning, 2017

Florida Statute Section 163.3177(1)(f)(3) requires local government comprehensive plans to be based upon permanent and seasonal population estimates and projections, which shall either be those published by the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research or generated by the local government based on a professionally acceptable methodology. Metro-Forecasting Models, LLC (MFM), has performed this analysis for the Village utilizing a methodology acceptable and authorized by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. See the MFM letter provided as Attachment 1 describing the population projection methodology.

The four characteristics of seasonal population, housing types, household size, and vacancy are factored into these projections, as explained further below.





A. Seasonal Population

Data and trends for Southwest Florida communities indicate a typical seasonal percentage (often referred to as the "snowbird" population) of roughly 16-47% since 1990. The population and housing projections in **Figure 2** below are based on an assumption of a stable relationship between the permanent and peak seasonal populations through build-out, with permanent residents

| | Vacancy/Occupancy Rate Comparison: | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| | Lee (| County vs Vi | llage of I | Estero | | | | |
| Year | Lee Cnty | %Seasonal | Estero | %Seasonal | | | | |
| 1990 | 25% | 17% | 57%* | 47% | | | | |
| 2000 | 23% | 16% | 37%* | 30% | | | | |
| 2010 | 30% | 17% | 39%* | 30% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

representing about two-thirds of the total population during the peak season. During the early years of the projection period, both permanent and peak season population growth is significant, declining thereafter as the community matures, consistent with logistic curve growth trends observed in other Florida communities.

B. Housing Type

As of June 20162018, Estero's housing inventory included <u>14,99614,246</u> single family units (59% of total dwellings) and <u>10,31240,011</u> multifamily units (41% of all dwellings). Consistent with the proportions of the existing housing inventory, projections below assume single-family units will represent approximately 60% of all housing units.

C. Household Size

Recent trends indicate that Estero's vacancy rates are decreasing and household sizes are increasing. Recent student enrollment analysis and student enrollment forecast studies by the Lee County School District support these trends. Estero High School over the past four years has had an annual average increase of enrollment of 3.3%, and the school is at capacity in 2016. The elementary school has over the past 4 years an average annual increase in enrollment of 4.3%. The change in immigration is due in part to Hertz Global Headquarters locating in Estero, three large regional commercial centers, and growth of Florida Gulf Coast University just to the northeast of the Village limits. According to the data and trends, single-family household size is projected to increase just slightly while multi-family household size is projected to increase by just over 20%.

D. Vacancy

Vacancy rates for both single-family and multi-family units are expected to decline through build-out. However, the overall vacancy rates, now and in the future, are higher than the single-digit vacancy rates we normally associate with communities with a high percentage of owner occupied units. This is because the vacancy rates in the following table include units that are only seasonally occupied as opposed to only units for sale or rent.



To further understand the outlook for Estero beyond the five- and ten-yearshort term and long term planning horizons, (2023 and 2040 respectively) the table below (Figure 2: Population and Housing Estimates and Projections) identifies population and housing projections in five year increments from 20202030 through 2040 and through an undetermined build-out year. For purposes of this analysis, build-out refers to a future point in time at which all land available for residential use is developed within the Village.

| | 2016 | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | BUILD |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|
| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2028</u> | | | | OUT |
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Permanent | <u>34,631</u> 30,851 | <u>42,174</u> 38,410 | <u>46,749</u> 44,684 | 48,125 | 49,266 | 49,916 | 51,848 |
| Peak Seasonal | <u>51,738</u> 46,091 | <u>63,009</u> 57,385 | <u>69,843<mark>66,758</mark></u> | 71,899 | 73,603 | 74,575 | 77,253 |
| Housing Units | | | | | | | |
| Total | <u>25,308</u> 24,257 | <u>27,25726,358</u> | <u>28,293<mark>27,856</mark></u> | 28,585 | 28,834 | 28,981 | 29,411 |
| Single-Family * | <u>14,996</u> 14,246 | <u>16,068</u> 15,746 | <u>16,402</u> 16,283 | 16,482 | 16,625 | 16,735 | 17,063 |
| % of Total | 58.7<u>59.3</u>% | <u>59.7</u> 59.0% | 58.5<u>58.0</u>% | 57.7% | 57.7% | 57.7% | 58.0% |
| Multi-Family | <u>10,312</u> 10,011 | <u>11,189</u> 10,612 | <u>11,891</u> 11,573 | 12,103 | 12,209 | 12,246 | 12,348 |
| % of Total | 41.3 <u>40.7</u> % | 4 <u>0.3</u> 41.0% | <u>41.542.0</u> % | 42.3% | 42.3% | 42.3% | 42.0% |
| Household Size | | | | | | | |
| Single-Family | 2.25 | 2.35 | 2.35 | 2.361 | 2.368 | 2.374 | |
| Multi-Family | 1.85 | 1.953 | 2.117 | 2.208 | 2.226 | 2.233 | |
| Housing Vacancy Rate | ** | | | | | | |
| Single-Family | 0.39 | 0.321 | 0.296 | 0.287 | 0.28 | 0.275 | |
| Multi-Family | 0.39 | 0.346 | 0.276 | 0.238 | 0.23 | 0.227 | |
| * Includes mobile ** The vacancy rate | homes | number of uni | ts vacant for s | ale or re | nt nlus se | asonally | vacant |

Figure 2: Population and Housing Estimates and Projections

** The vacancy rate is based on the number of units vacant for sale or rent plus seasonally vacant units divided by the total housing inventory.

Source: Summary Housing & Population Report, Village of Estero, 2016; Metro Forecasting Models, LLC. <u>LaRue Planning 2018</u>

Data on the age of the Village's population, as well as Lee County and the State of Florida, was gathered from the US Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey (ACS), which provides a variety of population, economic, and housing estimates. Approximately half (49.5%) of Estero's population is aged 62 years and older. This is a significantly older community compared to Lee County (30.0% of the population is 62 and older) and the State of Florida (22.2% of the population is 62 and older).



| Figure 3: Age Characteristics | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Este | ero | Lee | Со | Florie | da | | | | |
| | Estimate | Percent | Estimate | Percent | Estimate | Percent | | | | |
| Total population | 29,588 | | 663,675 | | 19,645,772 | | | | | |
| Under 5 years | 1,100 | 3.7% | 32,816 | 4.9% | 1,081,057 | 5.5% | | | | |
| 5 to 9 years | 900 | 3.0% | 34,416 | 5.2% | 1,110,752 | 5.7% | | | | |
| 10 to 14 years | 1,008 | 3.4% | 36,730 | 5.5% | 1,140,728 | 5.8% | | | | |
| 15 to 19 years | 947 | 3.2% | 35,273 | 5.3% | 1,187,205 | 6.0% | | | | |
| 20 to 24 years | 1,106 | 3.7% | 35,061 | 5.3% | 1,301,825 | 6.6% | | | | |
| 25 to 34 years | 2,286 | 7.7% | 70,760 | 10.7% | 2,468,945 | 12.6% | | | | |
| 35 to 44 years | 2,199 | 7.4% | 71,678 | 10.8% | 2,427,295 | 12.4% | | | | |
| 45 to 54 years | 2,472 | 8.4% | 83,658 | 12.6% | 2,747,409 | 14.0% | | | | |
| 55 to 59 years | 1,837 | 6.2% | 44,686 | 6.7% | 1,312,091 | 6.7% | | | | |
| 60 to 64 years | 3,295 | 11.1% | 48,551 | 7.3% | 1,217,474 | 6.2% | | | | |
| 65 to 74 years | 7,620 | 25.8% | 96,210 | 14.5% | 1,984,853 | 10.1% | | | | |
| 75 to 84 years | 3,894 | 13.2% | 53,211 | 8.0% | 1,167,015 | 5.9% | | | | |
| 85 years and over | 924 | 3.1% | 20,625 | 3.1% | 499,123 | 2.5% | | | | |
| Median age (years) | <mark>61.8</mark> | | <mark>46.9</mark> | | <mark>41.4</mark> | | | | | |
| 18 years and over | 25,975 | 87.8% | 538,200 | 81.1% | 15,604,649 | 79.4% | | | | |
| 21 years and over | 25,447 | 86.0% | 517,414 | 78.0% | 14,844,344 | 75.6% | | | | |
| 62 years and over | 14,654 | <mark>49.5%</mark> | 199,169 | <mark>30.0%</mark> | 4,368,830 | <mark>22.2%</mark> | | | | |
| 65 years and over | 12,438 | <mark>42.0%</mark> | 170,046 | <mark>25.6%</mark> | 3,650,991 | <mark>18.6%</mark> | | | | |

Figure 3: Age Characteristics

Source: US Census Bureau 2015 American Community Survey

The data shows the resident population of Estero is considerably older than that of Lee County and the State. As can be seen in the foregoing table, only 10% of the population of Estero are of school age (5 to 19) compared to 16% being school aged in Lee County and 18% being school aged Statewide. Similarly, fewer of Estero's residents are of labor force age (20 to 64) with just 45% of the population in this category compared to 53% for Lee County and 59% Statewide. Estero residents aged 65 and older represent 42% of the Village population, almost equal to the proportion of the population that is in the labor force. Residents aged 65 and older make up a considerably greater share of Estero's population than they do in Lee County and in Florida (26% being 65 and older and 19% being 65 and older, respectively).

While the predominance of older residents is not expected to significantly change in the five- to tenyearshort- and long-term planning periods, indication of some increases in the younger populations is evidenced by recent student enrollment analysis and student enrollment forecast studies by the Lee County School District. Estero High School over the past four years has had an annual average increase of





enrollment of 3.3%, and the school is at capacity in 2016. The elementary school has over the past four years an average annual increase in enrollment of 4.3%. The change in immigration is due in part to Hertz Global Headquarters locating in Estero, three large regional commercial centers, and growth of Florida Gulf Coast University just to the northeast of the Village limits.

- To address the aging population, the Village's Future Land Use policies allow for assisted living facilities in most future land use designations. Also, the Village Center area includes medical and hospital facilities meant to be in the geographic center and part of the focal point of the community, while also serving the needs of an aging population.
- To address the trend toward an increased school population, the Village's Future Land Use policies allow ۶ for schools in most future land use designations.
- > To address school facility capacity challenges and needs, the goals, objectives and policies of the Public School Facilities Element are structured to promote coordination with the School District on planning for improvements and addition of school facilities.

| rigure 4. Demographics | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| | Este | ero | Lee | Co | Florida | | | | | |
| | Estimate | Percent | Estimate | Percent | Estimate | Percent | | | | |
| Total Population | 29,588 | | 663,675 | | 19,645,772 | | | | | |
| Gender/Sex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 14,153 | 47.8% | 325,158 | 49.0% | 9,600,009 | 48.9% | | | | |
| Female | 15,435 | 52.2% | 338,517 | 51.0% | 10,045,763 | 51.1% | | | | |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 27,856 | 94.1% | 571,046 | 86% | 15,327,007 | 78.0% | | | | |
| Black or African American | 953 | 3.2% | 62,483 | 9.4% | 3,401,179 | 17.3% | | | | |
| Other | 876 | 3.0% | 42,342 | 6.4% | 1,427,290 | 7.3% | | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | 1,793 | 6.1% | 127,815 | 19.3% | 4,660,733 | 23.7% | | | | |

Figure 4. Demographics

Source: US Census Bureau 2015 American Community Survey

Female residents comprise the majority of Estero, Lee County, and Florida, although slightly more so in Estero. The racial/ethnic composition of Estero is less diverse than that of either Lee County or the State.

The Comprehensive Plan was developed through a robust public involvement program. The Future Land Use Element Goal references the emphasis that the community places on public participation. This is implemented through public information meetings held to promote engagement on all land development activities in the Village. The community's efforts to engage with the public helps bring residents together to equitably address community planning issues.





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|---|----------|---------|
| Existing Land Uses | Acres | Percent |
| Vacant | 1,750.1 | 10.7% |
| Single-Family Residential | 2,832.7 | 17.3% |
| Mobile Homes | 186.1 | 1.1% |
| Multi-Family Residential | 94.4 | 0.6% |
| Commercial | 2,576.0 | 15.7% |
| Industrial (Warehouse) | 10.4 | 0.1% |
| Mixed Use (Residential over Commercial) | 70.0 | 0.4% |
| Schools (Public and Private) | 189.2 | 1.2% |
| Semi-public | 102.5 | 0.6% |
| Public Buildings | 97.9 | 0.6% |
| Utilities | 839.7 | 5.1% |
| Recreation (Public & Private) | 2,053.5 | 12.5% |
| Natural, Conservation & Buffer Areas | 3,955.5 | 24.1% |
| Agriculture | 251.0 | 1.5% |
| Water | 1,391.3 | 8.5% |
| TOTAL | 16,400.3 | 100.0% |
| | | |

Figure 5: Existing Land Use 2016 (See Map provided as Attachment 2)

Sources: Lee County Property Appraiser, Lee County Parcel Data, 2016 LaRue Planning (July, 2017)

Note: Lee County GIS has established the area of the Village of Estero to be 16,225.7 acres. Lee County Planning and MFM have used 15,500 acres. The LaRue Planning estimate above varies by only 1.1% from the Lee GIS figure



Emphasis on open space is a hallmark of the development pattern of the Village. Of the 16,400± acres encompassed by the Village, the greatest share (37%) is devoted to open space type uses. These include the natural, conservation and buffer areas along the western shoreline and the public and private recreation and buffer areas within the major residential developments, as illustrated in the map to the left.



The predominant urban uses are residential development, largely single-family homes, and commercial development (including mixed use areas). Together these encompass about 35% of the Village area. Public and semi-public type uses occupy almost 8% of the Village, and approximately 11% of the Village remains as vacant, potentially developable lands.

Industrial and agricultural uses are minimal, together representing less than 2% of the Village, with the balance of the Village area being water, primarily the Estero River and its tributaries, lakes, ponds and other retention areas within the residential developments throughout the Village.

- Recognizing that the Village is 90% built-out, the potential for transitional mixed use and infill along existing corridors and in existing centers is accommodated in Future Land Use categories of Transitional Mixed Use and Village Center.
- Considering the predominance of residential uses in the Village, the Future Land Use policies recognize protection of residential areas through the designation of Village Neighborhood Future Land Use categories.
- Recognizing the importance of open space and preservation areas, the Future Land Use categories of Wetlands and Conservation appropriately classify those areas that are to be protected.
- Given the limited industrial activity in Estero, the Future Land Use policies limits future industrial development to heavy commercial and limited light industrial as deemed appropriate through rezoning to Planned Development.
- Given the limited nature of agriculture in the Village, the Future Land Use policies acknowledge continuance of existing bona fide agricultural uses.

ANALYSIS ON LAND NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROJECTED POPULATION

The Community Planning Act requires that the Future Land Use Element include the minimum acreage necessary to accommodate the medium population projections for the community as published by the Florida Bureau of Economic and Demographic Research, or other methodology acceptable to the DEO, for at least <u>athe</u> ten-year planning period. The DEO has approved the methodology employed by MFM which projects permanent population growth in Estero of 14,52115,285 persons for the 2016-2026a 2018-2040 (22 year) ten-yearlong-term planning period. Based on an average household size of 2.1172.233, (the projected multi-family household size for the year 20402025) the projected housing unit demand calculates to 6,8596,845 dwelling units. Based on an average household size of 2.352.374, (the projected single family household size for the year 20252040) the projected housing unit demand calculates to 6,8596,845 dwelling units. Based on an average household size of 2.352.374, (the projected single family nousehold size for the year 20252040) the projected housing unit demand calculates to 6,8596,845 dwelling units. Based on an average household size of 2.352.374, (the projected single family nousehold size for the year 20252040) the projected housing unit demand calculates to 6,8596,845 dwelling units. Based on an average household size of 2.352.374, (the projected single family nousehold size for the year 20252040) the projected housing unit demand calculates to 6,1795,157 dwelling units. In either the single family or multifamily scenario, the potential housing demand is accommodated by a potential of 8,947 dwelling units that can be accommodated by the available developable land under the build-out scenario discussed in the following paragraph.



Figure 6: Vacant Land by Future Land Use Category (below) identifies the current vacant land inventory by Future Land Use designation. **Figure 7: Vacant Land Dwelling Unit Potential by Future Land Use Category** (below) indicates the number of dwelling units that could be accommodated at the allowable density within each category. As shown in **Figure 7**, 8,947 additional dwelling units (2,167 single-family and 6,780 multi-family units) can be accommodated on the 1,413 vacant acres in Estero per allowable densities. Using the household size ratios formulated by MFM for single family and multifamily units, the corresponding future population to be accommodated upon development of all these vacant lands is 20,030 additional people. This population corresponds with the future population projections of MFM (see table *Housing and Population Estimates and Projections*). By the year 2040, the Village's permanent population is projected to be 49,916 and the projected permanent population increase from the current 20162018 population estimates of 30,88134,631 is 19,06515,285. This figure is consistent with the future additional build-out population of 20,030 that remains to be accommodated on vacant land per the allowable densities Estero Future Land Use categories.

This evaluation demonstrates in a pure sense that the vacant land and the corresponding densities allowed are consistent with accommodating the anticipated population growth. The Plan should also anticipate the need for flexibility in development patterns and market trends, in instances where redevelopment, adaptive reuse and infill are undertaken. The Plan anticipates these development options with Transitional Mixed Use, Village Center, and Urban Commercial future land use designations, which will provide potential for redevelopment, adaptive reuse and infill options that are complementary and further accommodate population growth in addition to the option of development of vacant land.

JOB CREATION, CAPITAL INVESTMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In order to create opportunities for job creation, capital investment, and economic development, the Future Land Use Element and Map provide for varied types of commercial, office, medical, civic, and educational uses.





| Future Land Use (FLU) Category | Acreage by FLU Category | Percent of Village Area | Vacant Acreage by FLU Category | Percent Vacant of FLU Category | Percent Vacant of Village Area | Percent Vacant of Total Vacant |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Public Parks & Recreation | 118 | 0.73% | 10 | 8.47% | 0.06% | 0.71% |
| Public Facilities | 206 | 1.27% | 13 | 6.31% | 0.08% | 0.92% |
| Urban Commercial | 241 | 1.49% | 52 | 21.58% | 0.32% | 3.68% |
| Village Center | 451 | 2.78% | 300 | 66.52% | 1.85% | 21.23% |
| Transitional Mixed Use | 832 | 5.13% | 228 | 27.40% | 1.41% | 16.14% |
| Village Neighborhood 1 | 7501 | 46.23% | 356 | 4.75% | 2.19% | 25.19% |
| Village Neighborhood 2 | 1036 | 6.38% | 121 | 11.68% | 0.75% | 8.56% |
| Wetlands | 2888 | 17.80% | 333 | 11.53% | 2.05% | 23.57% |
| Conservation | 2217 | 13.66% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 16226 | 95.46% | 1413 | 8.71% | 8.71% | 100.00% |
| Waterways & Roads | 736 | 4.54% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0.71% |

Figure 6: Vacant Land by Future Land Use Category

Source: Johnson Engineering, 2017



| Future Land Use | Allowed Uses | Density/Intensity | Vacant | Dwellings | |
|-------------------------|--|---|-----------|-----------------------------|--|
| Category | | | Acres | Direilingo | |
| Wetlands | | 1 du/ 20 acres | 333 | 17 | |
| Conservation | | | N/A | N/A | |
| | Preserved land, passive recreation, activity recreation, community centers | | 10 | N/A | |
| Public Facilities | Schools, libraries, post office, utility sites, other governmental facilities | | 13 | N/A | |
| Village | Residential | 1 - 4 du / gross acre | 356 | 1424 | |
| 5 | Neighborhood commercial | 30,000 - 100,000 s.f. | | | |
| 1 | Public Schools | | | | |
| Village | Residential | 1 - 6 du/ gross acre | 121 | 726 | |
| | Neighborhood commercial | 30,000 - 100,000 s.f. | | | |
| 2 | Public Schools | | | | |
| | Residential and Commercial | | | | |
| | Parks and recreation | | | | |
| | Public Schools | | | | |
| Transitional | Horizontal mixed use | ixed use 1 - 6 du/ net acre, bonus up to 9 | | | |
| mixed use | Integrated horizontal mixed use | 228 | 2280 @ 10 | | |
| | Vertical mixed use | 1 - 16 du/ gross acre, bonus up to 20 | | DU/AC | |
| | Mixed use includes: residential and neighborhood, community or regional scale commercial | | | | |
| Urban | Public Schools | | | | |
| Commercial ¹ | Commercial | | 52 | N/A | |
| | | Standard density range of up to 6 du/acre | | | |
| | | Tier 1: up to 6 du/ net acre, incentives up to 9 | | | |
| | Public Schools, housing, employment, | Tier 2: up to 10 du/ gross acre, incentives up to 14 | | | |
| - | shopping, recreation, park and civic uses | Tier 3: up to 15 du/ gross acre, incentives up to 20 | 300 | 4500 UNITS @ 15 DU/AC | |
| | | Tier 4: up to 21 du/ gross acre, incentives up to 27 | | | |
| | | Total | 1,413 | 8,947 | |

Figure 7: Vacant Land Dwelling Unit Potential by Future Land Use Category

Source: Johnson Engineering, 2017

¹ Urban Commercial category was updated to allow residential development (up to 6 du/acre) in limited circumstances of properties over 5 acres in size and properties with previous approval for residential development per a DRI. Dwellings are not calculated given the limited and minimal impact of this change on population accommodation.





Figure 8A: Residential Communities Map (on the following page) shows the location of existing housing communities labeled with the actual net densities and gross densities of those communities.

Figure 8B: Residential Community Densities (on the following pages) shows the actual densities of existing housing communities in the Village (gated and ungated) and compares the previous future land use designation per the Lee County Comprehensive Plan to the future land use category per the Village of Estero Comprehensive Plan for each community. The purpose of this analysis was to provide a foundation to create Future Land Use Categories while avoiding the creation of non-conformities and protecting existing communities from undesirable increases of density or intensity.

Considering the predominance of residential uses in the Village, the Future Land Use policies recognize protection of residential areas through the designation of Village Neighborhood future land use categories with allowable density ranges for neighborhoods of 1-4 du/acre and 1-6 du/acre to be compatible with existing conditions.



Figure 8A: Residential Communities Map







| | PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NAME | RESIDENTIAL | TOTAL | RESIDENTIAL UNITS | NET DENSITY | GROSS DENSITY | Current | Current | Proposed |
|--|--|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wildcat Run | Wildcat Run | ACRES 300.7 | ACRES 584.0 | 650 | Units/Residential Acre 2.2 | Units/Total Acre 1.1 | Future Land Use Suburban | Overlay | Future Land Us Village Neighborho |
| Wildcat Rull | Wildcat Kuil | 300.7 | 584.0 | 030 | 2.2 | 1.1 | Wetlands | | - |
| West Bay | West Bay Club (fka Estero Pointe RPD) | 199.5 | 865.5 | 1,121 | 5.6 | 1.3 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborho |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| | | | | | | | Suburban | | |
| The Preserve at Corkscrew | The Preserve at Corkscrew | 331.0 | 350.6 | 520 | 1.6 | 1.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborho |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | • | Conservation |
| The Brooks | The Brooks of Bonita CRI/MPD | 1,048.0 | 2,528.0 | 3,800 | 3.6 | 1.5 | Suburban Rural | · · | Village Neighborho |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | Conservation |
| Stoneybrook DRI | Stoneybrook DRI/RPD/CPD (fka Conscrew Pines) | 342.2 | 844.0 | 1,285 | 3.8 | 1.5 | Suburban Wetlands | | Village Neighborho Conservation |
| | | | | | | | General Interchange | - | - |
| Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing CPD/RPD DRI | 675.0 | 2,525.2 | 3,912 | 5.8 | 1.5 | Outlying Suburban | - | Village Neighborh |
| , and the second s | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| The Vines | The Vines | 269.0 | 269.0 | 440 | 1.6 | 1.6 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Urban Community | - | - |
| Estero Place | Estero Place | 28.2 | 57.4 | 102 | 3.6 | 1.8 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Suburban | | Conservation |
| Bella Terra | Bella Terra | 342.7 | 1,011.9 | 1,930 | 5.6 | 1.9 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing Longlake RPD/CPD (Sandpiper Isles) | 174.9 | 184.4 | 408 | 2.3 | 2.2 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| Grandezza | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 3 4.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Suburban | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| Tidewater | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Urban Community | | Transitional Mixed |
| Mirasol | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPD/DRI) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | | Transitional Mixed |
| Rapallo at | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPO/DRI) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed |
| Bella Lago | Estero Golf Resort MPD | 280.5 | 314.6 | 820 | 2.9 | 2.6 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | - | - | Conservation |
| Osprey Cove | Estero Golf Resort APD | 280.5 | 314.6 | 5 820 | 2.9 | 2.6 | Suburban | - | Village Neighborh |
| Pelican Sound | West Bay Hub/River Ridge RPD | 284.8 | 547.0 | 1,480 | 5.2 | 2.7 | outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| rentan Sound | West build of Miler Huge Hild | 204.0 | 547.0 | 2,400 | 3.2 | 2.7 | - | | Conservation |
| Villa Palmeras | Villa Palmeras | 10.7 | 34.0 | 110 | 10.3 | 3.2 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Suburban | - | Conservation |
| Reserve at | Reserve at Estero (fka Villages of Bernwood) | 126.0 | 154.6 | 5 500 | 4.0 | 3.2 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| Marsh Landing | Pelican Pointe RPD/Marsh Landing | 120.7 | 120.7 | 404 | 3.3 | 3.3 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | 010 | _ 10 | - | | Conservation |
| colonial Oaks | Colonial Lakes RPD (fla Estero Lakes East) | 18.2 | 28.8 | 100 | 5.5 | 3.5 | Suburban | | Wage Neighborh |
| The Villages | The Villages at Country Creek RPD (aka Rivers Reach) | 121.0 | 282.3 | | 8.1 | 3.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | 30.0 | | 5.8 | 3.5 | | - | |
| The Estates | The Estates at Estero River (fka Kristen Woods) | 18.0 | | 105 | | | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborh |

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| | PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NAME | RESIDENTIAL ACRES | TOTAL ACRES | RESIDENTIAL UNITS | NET DENSITY Units/Residential Acre | GROSS DENSITY Units/Total Acre | Current Future Land Use Urban Community | Current Overlay | Proposed Future Letta U Transitional Mixed |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | Conservation |
| Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing NE RPD/DRI | 96.6 | 96.9 | 350 | 3.6 | 3.6 | Outlying Suburban | · · | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Urban Community Wetlands | | - |
| Breckenridge | Marte lla Estates RPD | 41.3 | 41.3 | 153 | 3.7 | 3.7 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| breckennage | Marbina Estates RPD | 41.5 | 41.3 | 155 | 5.7 | 5.7 | Urban Community | - | - |
| The Cascades | The Cascades at Estero (fka Indigo Isles RPD) | 111.8 | 188.9 | 755 | 6.8 | 4.0 | Juburban | | Village Neighborh |
| Coconut Shores | Coconut Shores RPD (fka Woodside Lakes RPD) | 18.0 | 33.5 | 168 | 9.3 | 5.0 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| Fountain Lakes | Fountain Lakes | 145.4 | | | 5.5 | 5.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| Fountain Eakes | | 143.4 | 145.4 | 004 | 3.5 | 5.5 | Wetlands | - | - |
| Corkscrew Woodlands | Corkscrew Woodlands RDP (PH A, B, C, D) | 34.4 | 34.4 | 200 | 5.8 | 5.8 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | | | Conservation |
| Copper Oaks | Longwood Villas RPD | 24.3 | 48.9 | 292 | 12.0 | 6.0 | Urban Community | - | Village Neighborh |
| Breckenridge | Breckenridge | 1050 | 103.0 | 617 | 6.0 | 6.0 | Suburban | - | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | | | | Urban Community | | |
| Villagio | The Gardens of Estero (fka Garden Oaks RPD) | 69.2 | 69.7 | 692 | 10.0 | 10.0 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| | | | | X | | | | • | Conservation |
| Tahiti Mobile | Tahiti Mobile Village | | | | | | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| The Tides | The Villas at Pelican Landing | 30.0 | 30.0 | 280 | 9.3 | 9.3 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| The Groves | Grove Lakes RPD (The Groves) | 27.1 | 37.1 | 73 | 2.0 | 2.0 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| The Springs at Estero Apartments | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2 2,279 | 6. | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixe |
| University Highlands | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixe |
| Coconut Point | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPD/DB) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixe |
| Mayfair Village | Mayfair Village RPD | 5.52 | 5.52 | 2 16 | 2.9 | 2.9 | Outlying Suburban | - | Transitional Mixe |
| Meadow Brook | San Marino Pines (fka Allendale) APD | 87.01 | 116.15 | 5 452 | 5.2 | 3.9 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| The Reef | Corlico Villages | 70.81 | 81.26 | 317 | 4.5 | 3.9 | Urben Community | | Transitional Mixe |
| Estero Park | Estero Park | 5.02 | | | 6.0 | 6.0 | Suburba | | Village Neighborh |
| Estero on the River | Ester on the River MPD | 0 | 85.3 | | 0.0 | 6.2 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Cente |
| | | | 2 | | | | | winked use overlay | |
| The Lakes of Estero | The Lakes of Estero (fka Corkscrew Hammocks PUD) | 35.26 | 2 | | 6.6 | 4.7 | Suburban | | Village Neighborh |
| Coastal Village | University Lakes Village | 22.8 | | | 8.8 | 8.8 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborh |
| Coconut Crossing | Coconut Road MPD | 11.16 | | | 12.7 | 3.1 | Urban Community | | Village Cente |
| Downtown Friero | Southland Village | 34.1 | 34.1 | 310 | 9.1 | 9.1 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transition |
| Proposed Estero Crossing | Estero Crossing CPD | 35 | 42.97 | 350 | 10.0 | 8.1 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixe |

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| COMMUNITY NAME | PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NAME | RESIDENTIAL ACRES | TOTAL ACRES | RESIDENTIAL UNITS | NET DENSITY Units/Residential Acre | GROSS DENSITY Units/Total Acre | Current Future Land Use | Current Overlay | Proposed Future Land Use |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wildcat Run | Wildcat Run | 300.7 | 584.0 | 650 | 2.2 | 1.1 | Suburban | - | Village Neighborhood |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | - |
| West Bay | West Bay Club (fka Estero Pointe RPD) | 199.5 | 865.5 | 1,121 | 5.6 | 1.3 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborhood |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| | | | | | | | Suburban | | |
| The Preserve at Corkscrew | The Preserve at Corkscrew | 331.0 | 350.6 | 520 | 1.6 | 1.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhoo |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands | | Conservation |
| The Brooks | The Brooks of Bonita DRI/MPD | 1,048.0 | 2,528.0 | 3,800 | 3.6 | 1.5 | Suburban | - | Village Neighborhoo |
| | | | | | | | Rural | | Conservation |
| Stoneybrook DRI | Stoneybrook DRI/RPD/CPD (fka Corkscrew Pines) | 342.2 | 844.0 | 1,285 | 3.8 | 1.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhoo |
| | | | | | | | Wetlands General Interchange | · · | Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing CPD/RPD DRI | 675.0 | 2,525.2 | 3,912 | 5.8 | 1.5 | Outlying Suburban Wetlands | • | Village Neighborhoo Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| The Vines | The Vines | 269.0 | 269.0 | 440 | 1.6 | 1.6 | Suburban Urban Community | | Village Neighborhoo |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Estero Place | Estero Place | 28.2 | 57.4 | 102 | 3.6 | 1.8 | Urban Community Suburban | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborhoo Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Terra | Bella Terra | 342.7 | 1,011.9 | 1,930 | 5.6 | 1.9 | Suburban Wetlands | | Village Neighborhoo Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing Longlake RPD/CPD (Sandpiper Isles) | 174.9 | 184.4 | 408 | 2.3 | 2.2 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborhoo |
| Grandezza | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Suburban Wetlands | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborhoo Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | • | |
| Tidewater | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Urban Community | • | Transitional Mixed I |
| Mirasol | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPD/DRI) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | | Transitional Mixed |
| Rapallo at | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPD/DRI) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed |
| Bella Lago | Estero Golf Resort MPD | 280.5 | 314.6 | 820 | 2.9 | 2.6 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhoo |
| - | | | | | | | - | - | Conservation |
| Osprey Cove | Estero Golf Resort MPD | 280.5 | 314.6 | 820 | 2.9 | 2.6 | Suburban | • | Village Neighborhoo |
| Pelican Sound | West Bay Club/River Ridge RPD | 284.8 | 547.0 | 1,480 | 5.2 | 2.7 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborhoo |
| renear sound | West buy ends/niver mage in b | 204.0 | 547.0 | 1,400 | 3.2 | £? | - | | Conservation |
| Villa Palmeras | Villa Palmeras | 10.7 | 34.0 | 110 | 10.3 | 3.2 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborhoo |
| | | 10.7 | 5410 | | | | Suburban | - | Conservation |
| Reserve at | Reserve at Estero (fka Villages of Bernwood) | 126.0 | 154.6 | 500 | 4.0 | 3.2 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborho |
| Marsh Landing | Pelican Pointe RPD/Marsh Landing | 120.7 | 120.7 | | 3.3 | 3.3 | Suburban | | Village Neighborho |
| maron canuling | rencan Fornite KPD/Warsh Landing | 120.7 | 120.7 | 404 | 5.5 | 5.5 | - | - | Conservation |
| Colonial Oaks | Colonial Lakes RPD (fla Estero Lakes East) | 18.2 | 28.8 | 100 | 5.5 | 3.5 | Suburban | | Village Neighborho |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| The Villages | The Villages at Country Creek RPD (aka Rivers Reach) | 121.0 | 282.3 | 985 | 8.1 | 3.5 | Suburban | • | Village Neighborhoo |
| The Estates | The Estates at Estero River (fka Kristen Woods) | 18.0 | 30.0 | 105 | 5.8 | 3.5 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborhoo |
| Rookery Pointe | Creekside (aka Rookery Point) | 111.5 | 142.7 | 500 | 4.5 | 3.5 | Suburban | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Neighborhoo |

Figure 8<u>B</u>: Residential Community Densities

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| | COMMUNITY NAME | PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NAME | RESIDENTIAL | TOTAL | RESIDENTIAL UNITS | NET DENSITY | GROSS DENSITY | Current | Current | Proposed |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | | PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NAME | ACRES | ACRES | RESIDENTIAL UNITS | Units/Residential Acre | Units/Total Acre | Future Land Use | Overlay | Future Land Use |
| | | | | | | | | Urban Community | | Transitional Mixed Use Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | - | | |
| | Pelican Landing | Pelican Landing NE RPD/DRI | 96.6 | 96.9 | 350 | 3.6 | 3.6 | Outlying Suburban Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | | | | | | | | Wetlands | - | |
| | Breckenridge | Marbella Estates RPD | 41.3 | 41.3 | 153 | 3.7 | 3.7 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | | | | | | | | Urban Community | | |
| | The Cascades | The Cascades at Estero (fka Indigo Isles RPD) | 111.8 | 188.9 | 755 | 6.8 | 4.0 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | Coconut Shores | Coconut Shores RPD (fka Woodside Lakes RPD) | 18.0 | 33.5 | 168 | 9.3 | 5.0 | Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | Fountain Lakes | Fountain Lakes | 145.4 | 145.4 | 804 | 5.5 | 5.5 | Suburban | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | | | | | | | | Wetlands | - | - |
| | Corkscrew Woodlands | Corkscrew Woodlands RDP (PH A, B, C, D) | 34.4 | 34.4 | 200 | 5.8 | 5.8 | Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 2 Conservation |
| | | | | | | | | - | | |
| | Copper Oaks | Longwood Villas RPD | 24.3 | 48.9 | 292 | 12.0 | 6.0 | Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | Breckenridge | Breckenridge | 103.0 | 103.0 | 617 | 6.0 | 6.0 | Suburban Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | Villa eie | The Gardens of Estero (fka Garden Oaks RPD) | 69.2 | 60.2 | 692 | 10.0 | 10.0 | | - | Villers Neisberghand 2 |
| | Villagio | The Gardens of Estero (ika Garden Oaks RPD) | 69.2 | 69.2 | 692 | 10.0 | 10.0 | Urban Community - | - | Village Neighborhood 2 Conservation |
| | Tahiti Mobile | Tahiti Mobile Village | | | | | | Suburban | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | The Tides | The Villas at Pelican Landing | 30.0 | 30.0 | 280 | 9.3 | 9.3 | Urban Community | - | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | The Groves | Grove Lakes RPD (The Groves) | 37.1 | 37.1 | 73 | 2.0 | 2.0 | Outlying Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | The Springs at Estero Apartments | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed Use |
| | University Highlands | Grandezza (fka Timberland & Tiburon) | 344.9 | 921.2 | 2,279 | 6.6 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed Use |
| | Coconut Point | Coconut Point MPD (fka Simon Suncoast MPD/DRI) | 98.1 | 482.4 | 1,214 | 12.4 | 2.5 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed Use |
| ities | Mayfair Village | Mayfair Village RPD | 5.52 | 5.52 | 16 | 2.9 | 2.9 | Outlying Suburban | - | Transitional Mixed Use |
| ated Commun | Meadow Brook | San Marino Pines (fka Allendale) RPD | 87.01 | 116.15 | 452 | 5.2 | 3.9 | Outlying Suburban | - | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | The Reef | Corlico Villages | 70.81 | 81.26 | 317 | 4.5 | 3.9 | Urban Community | | Transitional Mixed Use |
| | Estero Park | Estero Park | 5.02 | 5.02 | 30 | 6.0 | 6.0 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| Ung | Estero on the River | Estero on the River MPD | 0 | 85.3 | 530 | 0.0 | 6.2 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Village Center |
| | The Lakes of Estero | The Lakes of Estero (fka Corkscrew Hammocks PUD) | 35.26 | 50.14 | 234 | 6.6 | 4.7 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | Coastal Village | University Lakes Village | 22.8 | 22.8 | 200 | 8.8 | 8.8 | Urban Community | | Village Neighborhood 2 |
| | Coconut Crossing | Coconut Road MPD | 11.16 | 46.36 | 142 | 12.7 | 3.1 | Urban Community | | Village Center |
| | Downtown Estero | Southland Village | 34.1 | 34.1 | 310 | 9.1 | 9.1 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed Use |
| | Proposed Estero Crossing | Estero Crossing CPD | 35 | 42.97 | 350 | 10.0 | 8.1 | Urban Community | Mixed Use Overlay | Transitional Mixed Use |
| | Proposed Monte Cristo | Monte Cristo per Z-07-047 | 165.43 | 396.6 | 724 | 4.4 | 1.8 | Suburban | | Village Neighborhood 1 |
| | | | | | | | | Wetlands | • | Wetlands |

Figure 8<u>B</u>: Residential Community Densities (continued)

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URBAN SPRAWL

The determining factors in discouraging proliferation of urban sprawl are listed per Florida Statute Section 163.3177(6)(a)9.b, and each factor is addressed below.

The future land use element shall be determined to discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl if it incorporates a development pattern or urban form that achieves four or more of the following:

(I) Directs or locates economic growth and associated land development to geographic areas of the community in a manner that does not have an adverse impact on and protects natural resources and ecosystems.

- The economic growth areas are designated as Village Center, Transitional Mixed Use and Urban Commercial categories on the Future Land Use Map. These categories are central to the Village, along major corridors in proximity to existing development and services. The economic growth areas are removed from and intended to protect the natural and conserved areas of Estero Bay to the west and Density Reduction / Groundwater Resource designated areas to the east.
- (II) Promotes the efficient and cost-effective provision or extension of public infrastructure and services.
 - The concentration of growth areas designated as Village Center, Transitional Mixed Use and Urban Commercial in central areas of the Village and along developed corridors is intentional to maximize the use of existing infrastructure where services are available and more cost-effective to deliver. Furthermore, the Village's Transportation Element contains a policy to discourage the increase of density to the east where infrastructure and services are not as available and more costly to deliver.

(III) Promotes walkable and connected communities and provides for compact development and a mix of uses at densities and intensities that will support a range of housing choices and a multimodal transportation system, including pedestrian, bicycle, and transit, if available.

- The Community Design Sub Element of the Future Land Use Element concentrates on policies related to the promotion of walkability and connectivity for residential, commercial and mixed use development types. The Future Land Use Element, particularly the Village Center and Transitional Mixed Use categories, incentivize mixed use compact development with densities and intensities that support a variety of housing types. The concept of Placemaking is a foundation of the Future Land Use Element, including illustrations and guidance on multimodal infrastructure solutions for the types of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit opportunities that support a walkable community.
- (IV) Promotes conservation of water and energy.
 - The Conservation Future Land Use category is designed to protect and ensure the conservation of large areas of the Village including water resources, such as the large scale Estero Bay Buffer Preserve and smaller scale conservation areas within communities. Energy conservation is an outcome of the centralized development pattern of the Future Land Use Map that positions the highest densities and intensities in the central nodes of the community. Energy conservation also results from the multimodal infrastructure solutions discussed above.

(V) Preserves agricultural areas and activities, including silviculture, and dormant, unique, and prime farmlands and soils.





- A total of 251 acres in the Village (or 1.5% of the Village's land area) is used for agricultural. Given the limited nature of agriculture in the Village, the Future Land Use policies acknowledge continuance of existing bona fide agricultural uses.
- (VI) Preserves open space and natural lands and provides for public open space and recreation needs.
 - Nearly one-third of the Village is designated on the Future Land Use Map in the categories of Public Parks and Recreation, Wetlands and Conservation. The designation of these lands on the Future Land Use Map demonstrates the Village's commitment to preservation of public open spaces, natural lands and recreational areas. The Village further promotes new designations of such spaces through Placemaking policies and policies that call for protection of natural resources in the Conservation and Coastal Management Element. (The table below is an excerpt from Figure 6 above.)

| Future Land Use (FLU) Category | | Acreage by FLU Category | Percent of Village Area |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Public Parks & Recreation | | 118 | 0.73% |
| Wetlands | | 2,888 | 17.80% |
| Conservation | | 2,217 | 13.66% |
| | Total | 5,223 | 32.19% |

(VII) Creates a balance of land uses based upon demands of the residential population for the nonresidential needs of an area.

Estero is uniquely situated with nonresidential assets including two regional shopping facilities (Coconut Point and Miromar Outlets), as well as a major employer with the world headquarters for Hertz corporation. While the Village's most predominant land use is single family residential, commercial land area is the second most predominant. The Village's Future Land Use Element is designed to accommodate future needs by introducing opportunities for higher density and mixed use development on the smaller parcels that are situated for development, infill and redevelopment. The Village Neighborhood and Urban Commercial Future Land Use categories acknowledge and protect the existing housing and commercial patterns. The Village Center and Transitional Mixed Use categories are established for the purpose of allowing varied, higher density housing and mixed use development types to balance residential and nonresidential growth opportunities and to respond to changing needs.

(VIII) Provides uses, densities, and intensities of use and urban form that would remediate an existing or planned development pattern in the vicinity that constitutes sprawl or if it provides for an innovative development pattern such as transit-oriented developments or new towns as defined in s. 163.3164.

In order to address the sprawling pattern of development that exists in the Lee County vicinity, the Village Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map designates nearly 1,524 acres of land in the Village Center, Urban Commercial, and Transitional Mixed Use Future Land Use categories, which provide for areas in the Village intended for concentration of medium to high density residential, mixed use, commercial, employment, and recreational opportunities.



FACILITIES ANALYSIS

The narrative below provides a summary of the analysis of the availability of facilities and services as the basis for the Future Land Use Map per Florida Statute Section 163.3177(6)(a)8.a.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION & HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES

The existing traffic circulation system is illustrated in the Roadway Level of Service Map incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan. A full analysis of the existing traffic circulation system is provided in the Transportation Element Data and Analysis.

The Future Land Use Map is assembled with the concentration of higher density and intensity development situated in central locations where activities can be concentrated and mixed so that alternatives to vehicular access for nearby residents are viable.

Given the Village's recent incorporation, the major roadways are County or State maintained, including the hurricane evacuation routes of US 41, Corkscrew Road, and I-75. The policies of the Transportation Element identify that the Village will periodically review conditions of roadways in the Village to identify needs to be considered as part of the capital improvement plan.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Lee Tran is the provider of public transportation in Estero. Lee Tran is operated by Lee County. A significant connection point and transfer location between Lee Tran and Collier Area Transit is located in Estero at Coconut Point.

The Future Land Use Map is assembled with the concentration of higher density and intensity development situated in central locations where activities are proposed to be concentrated and mixed along the corridors of the Lee Tran bus routes, as shown on the Alternative Transportation Map incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan.

Policies of the Transportation Element are directed at further coordination with Lee Tran to promote viability of increases in service within Estero.

WASTEWATER

As outlined in the Data and Analysis for the Infrastructure Element, the proposed population growth in the ten-year planning horizonlong-term planning period and associated nonresidential development is accommodated with the capacity available from the wastewater service providers, Lee County Utilities and Bonita Springs Utilities.

The concentration of growth areas designated as Village Center, Transitional Mixed Use and Urban Commercial on the Future Land Use Map are in central areas of the Village and along developed corridors to maximize the use of existing infrastructure where services are available and more cost-effective to deliver.





SOLID WASTE

As outlined in the Data and Analysis for the Infrastructure Element, the proposed population growth in the ten-year planning horizonlong-term planning period and associated nonresidential development is accommodated with the capacity available from the solid waste service provider, Lee County.

The concentration of growth areas designated as Village Center, Transitional Mixed Use and Urban Commercial on the Future Land Use Map are in central areas of the Village and along developed corridors to maximize the use of existing infrastructure where services are available and more cost-effective to deliver.

POTABLE WATER

As outlined in the Data and Analysis for the Infrastructure Element, the proposed population growth in the <u>long-term planning period</u>ten-year planning horizon and associated nonresidential development is accommodated with the capacity available from the water service providers, Lee County Utilities and Bonita Springs Utilities.

The concentration of growth areas designated as Village Center, Transitional Mixed Use and Urban Commercial on the Future Land Use Map are in central areas of the Village and along developed corridors to maximize the use of existing infrastructure where services are available and more cost-effective to deliver.

PARKS AND RECREATION

As outlined in the Data and Analysis for the Recreation and Open Space Element, the proposed population growth in the <u>long-term planning period</u>ten-year planning horizon is accommodated with the capacity available in existing parks.

The public involvement associated with this comprehensive plan revealed that parks and recreation facilities are a great priority for community members who participated. A Public Parks and Recreation Future Land Use category is designated on the Future Land Use Map to ensure identification and protection of these resources. Policies of the Future Land Use Element, particularly Placemaking policies in the Community Design Sub Element, emphasize the importance of publicly accessible and functional open spaces and gathering places in new developments.

To address future needs and facilities Village-wide, policies within the Recreation and Open Space Element identify that the Village will prioritize a master planning effort to assess current conditions and identify and prioritize recreation and open space needs and desires of the community.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To address the trend toward an increased school population, the Village's Future Land Use policies allow for schools in most Future Land Use designations. Schools are specifically indicated as allowable on the Future Land Use Categories summary table found in Policy FLU-1.2.1.

To address school facility capacity challenges and needs, the goals, objectives and policies of the Public School Facilities Element are structured to promote coordination with the School District on planning for improvements and addition of school facilities.





ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Archeological, Historic and Cultural Resource related policies of the Comprehensive Plan are to provide general information on identified site and resources and ensure the protection of natural and historic properties in the Village of Estero.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Portions of today's Village of Estero were originally incorporated as the Town of Estero in 1904. The Town of Estero was abolished in 1907. Many of the identified historic structures in the Village of Estero are part of this early history.

Structures dating to the early history of this area include a post office, store, blacksmith, saw mill, schools, an Art Hall for the symphony orchestra and theater group. Some of these remaining historic structures are being maintained at the Koreshan State Historic Site. An early school and restored 1902 house can be found in the Estero Community Park. Additionally, a four-room school with indoor plumbing and Mediterranean Revival styling was built in 1921 to accommodate 100 students. Called the Broadway Estero School, it operated until 1949 and still sits next to the old post office on Broadway.

Archeological resources in the Village of Estero reflect the diverse natural areas of Southwest Florida and the Village's early history. Mapping of Historical standing structures, archeological sites, cemeteries and archeological / historical resource groups are mapped below per the Florida Department of State in October 2016.







RESOURCES

Florida Master Site File

The Florida Master Site File is the State's archive for information on archaeological sites, historical structures and field surveys for such sites. It is administered by the Bureau of Archaeological Research, Division of Historical Resources, within the Florida Department of State.

The Master Site File does not designate properties as "historic." Entries into the Master Site File depend on the reporting of outside individuals and organizations. About 35,000 sites are entered on the Master Site File. Recording is mandated if State funds are used to conduct the historic surveys; otherwise it is voluntary.

Listing on the Master Site File does not require any minimal site age (although most sites entered are more than 50 years old), nor a level of site significance.

The sites listed in the Master Site File within the Village of Estero include:

Archeological Sites listed on the Florida Master Site File

- Lone Slash Pine
- Lone Cabbage Palm
- Dead Tree Site
- Halfway Creek
- Koreshan Unity Scatter
- Founder's House
- Estero Riverbank
- Rookery
- Koreshan Waterline for Planetary Court
- Membership Cottage
- Small Machine Shop
- Guiding Star Publishing House Foundation

Historic Structures listed on the Florida Master Site File

- Estero School
- Corkscrew Rd Store
- Whitten Grove and Store
- Soto Place
- Fernandez Hall
- Alvarez Home
- Alvarez Packinghouse
- County Barn
- John Hall
- School House
- Meade/Loughman House
- Sandy Lane House

- Limerock Retaining Wall
- Machine and Woodworking Building
 Foundation
- Boatworks #2 & Blacksmith & Plumbing
- Apiary
- Estero on The River Scatter
- Boatworks/Plumbing Shop/Apiary
 Scatter
- Publishing House Scatter
- College of Life Scatter
- Critter Site
- Cactus Site
- Koreshan Bakery
- Menge Place
- Menge Packing House
- Boomer Caretaker House
- Boomer House
- Rugg Home
- Lewis Home
- Trebell Garage
- 20575 S. Tamiami Trail
- Edith Trebell House
- 20950 S. Tamiami Trail
- 3440 Broadway
- Rustic Tea Garden Outhouse





- Holly Park House
- Lockwood House
- 20721 Highlands Avenue
- Campbell-Bigelow Farm

- "Sunlit"/ Hayes House
- Koreshan Boat House
- Seabord Air Line
- CSX Railroad

Historic Cemeteries listed on the Florida Master Site File

- Johnson Cemetery
- Koreshan Unity Cemetery
- Horseshoe Bend on River Koreshan Unity

Historic District listed on the Florida Master Site File

Koreshan Unity Settlement Historic District

Lee County Historic Preservation Ordinance

The Lee County Historic Preservation Ordinance designated sites and districts of historic significance within the jurisdiction of the County. Improvements to properties designated are generally evaluated for compliance with the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation and any specific guidelines designated for the site and/or district.

Lee County Historic Preservation Designations within the Village of Estero:

- Koreshan State Historic Site/Koreshan Settlement
- Happehatchee (Historic House)
- Estero Community Park Historic District consisting of the Estero Schoolhouse and the Hall (Collier) House

National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is an official listing of historically significant sites and properties throughout the country. Maintained by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior, it includes districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that have been identified and documented as being significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture. These sites and properties reflect the prehistoric occupation and historical development of our nation, state, and local communities.

Listing in the National Register does not, in itself, impose any obligation on the property owner, or restrict the owner's basic right to use or dispose of the property as he or she sees fit. It does, however, encourage the preservation of significant historic resources. Protection of historic resources is done through the local (municipal or county) designation process.

National Register of Historic Places Listings:

• Koreshan Unity Settlement Historic District





Architectural and Historical Surveys

- An Archaeological Site Inventory and Zone Management Plan for Lee County, Florida; Piper Archaeological Research, 1987
- Lee County Historic and Architectural Survey Florida Preservation Services; December 1986.
 - To support the preservation of the Village's historic and archeological assets, Future Land Use policies support the recognition and identification of historic features and encouragement and incentivization of preserving historic assets.

