

**WORKSHOP ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 9, 2019**

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**Agenda Item:**

Discussion: 20/20 Program for conserving 10 acres along the Estero River, Village of Estero Conservation 20/20 Nomination 571

**Description:**

Possibility of the Village providing ongoing maintenance onsite as part of a collaboration with Lee County.

**Attachments:**

1. Information sheet provided by Debi Osborne, Director of Land Protection, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast

## ATTACHMENT 1



### Conserving 10 acres along the Estero River, Village of Estero Conservation 2020 Nomination 571



#### ❖ Flood Plain Protection



- 370+ feet of natural Estero river corridor filtering waters from upstream agricultural and residential uses before entering Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.
- Alleviates flooding in surrounding neighborhoods.
- USGS Monitoring Station onsite ● providing decades of Estero River water flow data.



#### ❖ Natural Habitat Protection

- Heritage live oaks and cypress surround the Estero River.
- Three species of endangered and protected air plants, pine flatwoods supporting many species of song birds and sandy soils housing the endangered gopher tortoise and other wildlife.

#### ❖ Management

- Village of Estero will enter into preserve management agreement with Lee County.
- Easy access from terminus of East Broadway  owned by Village of Estero, utility easements  from Estero and Three Oaks Parkways.

#### ❖ Private Contributions