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District Engineer
Department of the Army
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
1520 Royal Palm Square Boulevard Suite 310
Fort Myers FL 33919

Attention: Mr. Skip Bergman

Dear Mr. Bergman:

Reference is made to USACOE Permit Application SAJ 2008-1327 submitted by the Bonita Bay Group under the name North River Communities LLC.

There is widespread opposition to this development. The proposed Lee County Comprehensive Plan amendment has been deemed urban sprawl by the County staff and they have recommended denial. A copy of their report is attached. Other opposed organizations include the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, East Lee County Council, Concerned Citizens of Bayshore, Alva Inc. community association and the Responsible Growth Management Coalition.

The opposition described above preceded the very recent disclosure of the developer's intention to provide for 570 boats, dredging of wetlands, and commercialization of a river island.

We respectfully request the permit be denied. Specific reasons are:

- Uses requested under the permit are not consistent with the Lee Comprehensive Plan. While the applicant has requested Comprehensive Plan changes to accommodate their desires, these changes have not been approved.
- The magnitude of the project and damage to wetlands.
- The overwhelming impact of 570 boats on this very narrow section of the Caloosahatchee River.
- Resulting devastation to manatees visiting the nearby FPL Plant warm water discharge area.
- Destruction of lifestyle – creating a Fort Lauderdale-style marina in the last bastion of rural life in Lee County.
- The magnitude of public opposition.

- The Lee County Staff recommendation to deny the requested Comprehensive Plan change.
- Lack of demonstrated need for the development and the boat slips.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruby Daniels
President, Alva Inc

The following join Alva Inc. in this request for denial: