

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20050722**

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Present Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. Appreciation Resolution.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

**4. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: #3**

**9:30 #1**

**5. MEETING DATE:**

**05-31-2005**

**6. AGENDA:**

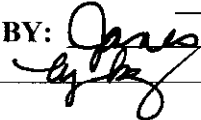
CONSENT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE  
 APPEALS  
  
 PUBLIC  
 WALK-ON

**7. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE  
(SPECIFY)**

STATUTE  
 ORDINANCE  
 ADMIN.  
CODE  
 OTHER

**8. REQUEST INITIATED:**

COMMISSIONER Commissioner Janes  
DEPARTMENT County Commission  
DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

BY: 

**9. BACKGROUND:**

**10. REVIEW FOR SCHEDULING**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**11. COMMISSION ACTION**

Approved  
 Deferred  
 Denied  
 Other



**LEE COUNTY**  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

***The Board of County Commissioners***

**RESOLUTION**

- Whereas:** In 1996 the Board of County Commissioners created the Lands Program, known as the Conservation 20/20 Program, to acquire and protect environmentally critical or sensitive land within Lee County; and
- Whereas:** The Conservation 20/20 Program is a willing seller land acquisition program that only considers the acquisition of environmentally critical or sensitive land from landowners who voluntarily submit an application to the County; and
- Whereas:** The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. was formed in 1976 to provide an organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of Pine Island; and
- Whereas:** The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. has about 800 volunteer members, is funded by a combination of donations and fund-raising activities, and owns about 2000 acres; and
- Whereas:** The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. has been a close partner with and tremendous asset to the Conservation 20/20 Program from its inception by identifying and prioritizing suitable land for acquisition, soliciting and representing willing sellers; providing valuable environmental site data; leading site reviews; offering funding contributions for the acquisition and stewardship of nominated lands; and partnering with Lee County staff to restore and manage acquired lands; and
- Whereas:** The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. Board of Directors has committed \$185,000 in funds to contribute to the acquisition or stewardship of nine Conservation 20/20 nominations on Pine Island, of which \$85,000 was paid toward four successfully acquired sites, known as Sites 147, 152, 155, and 184; and
- Whereas:** The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. enhances the public enjoyment of Lee County preserve areas on Pine Island through its public education efforts, including a 1999 publication named "The Nature Lover's Guide to Pine Island", which provides charts and maps of Pine Island preserves, public use opportunities, and illustrations of animal and plant life on Pine Island.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous contributions to the Conservation 20/20 Program made by the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc.**

Duly Executed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2005.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Chairman**