

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

Blue Sheet No. 20060640

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Authorize giving approximately \$48,000, the balance of the former Lehigh Acres CRA project, to the East County Water Control District (ECWCD), for acquisition costs associated with the Eco Park development in Lehigh Acres.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Provides monetary contribution to completing a former CRA project in Lehigh Acres.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve

4. Departmental Category: CGK **5. Meeting Date:** 5-23-2006

6. Agenda: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On	7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Statute <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code <input type="checkbox"/> Other	8. Request Initiated: Commissioner _____
		Department <u>Independent</u>
		Division <u>County Lands</u>
		By: <u>Karen L.W. Forsyth, Director</u>
		<i>5/11/06</i>

9. Background: The ECWCD is currently developing a park in Lehigh Acres called Eco Park, a former CRA project. To date, ECWCD has acquired 10 of the 14 lots necessary for the project. The project site fronts on Lee Blvd., approximately 1.5 miles west of Sunshine Blvd.

There remains approximately \$48,000 in the County's CIP from revenues collected by and through the former CRA project.

At the February 6, 2006, Management & Planning Meeting, it was the consensus of the Board not to have County staff dispose of any of the 84 County-owned Lehigh lots acquired by Escheat (non-payment of taxes) before the Lehigh Planning effort is completed. Given the Boards' position and recognizing the additional County staff time and expenses that would be associated with any exchange of land effort, staff recommends giving the \$48,000 to ECWCD as the County's total and final contribution towards the project.

Lee County currently owns and operates 148 acres of recreational park lands in Lehigh Acres.

Funds are available in 20925511512.506510 *11*

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services			County Manager/P.W. Director
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11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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