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## **PRESENTATION**

### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**June 4, 1998**



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## **CORPS' PERSPECTIVE**

**✓ RAPID GROWTH.**

**✓ RECURRING PERMIT REVIEW ISSUES:**

- ✓ LOSS OF SPATIAL HABITAT  
(ENDANGERED SPECIES);**
- ✓ CHANGES IN WATER FLOW & QUALITY;**
- ✓ APPROPRIATE WETLAND MITIGATION.**

**✓ IS INCREMENTAL PERMIT-BY-PERMIT  
REVIEW ON THESE ISSUES ADDRESSING  
CUMULATIVE AND SECONDARY IMPACTS?**



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## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

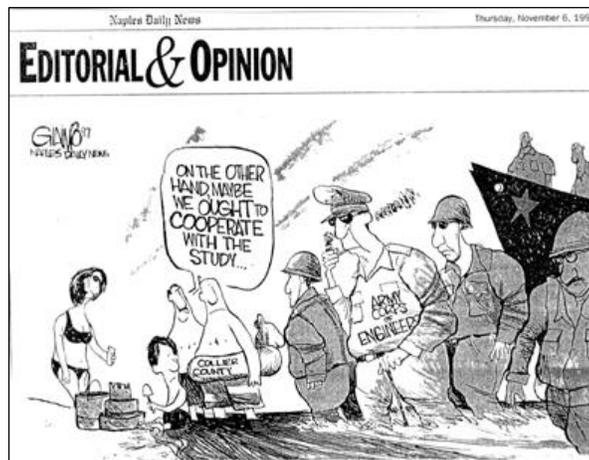


- ✓ **WHITE PAPER**
  - ✓ **CONTINUE AS-IS**
  - ✓ **CARRYING CAPACITY STUDY**
  - ✓ **EIS ON AN APPLICATION**
  - ✓ **PROGRAMMATIC EIS**
  - ✓ **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION**
  
- ✓ **DRAFT MOU LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES**
  - ✓ **NOT SIGNED**
  - ✓ **COUNTY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT**



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## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA THEATER OF OPERATIONS



**WE SHALL WADE THROUGH THIS TOGETHER !**



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## PUBLIC SCOPING

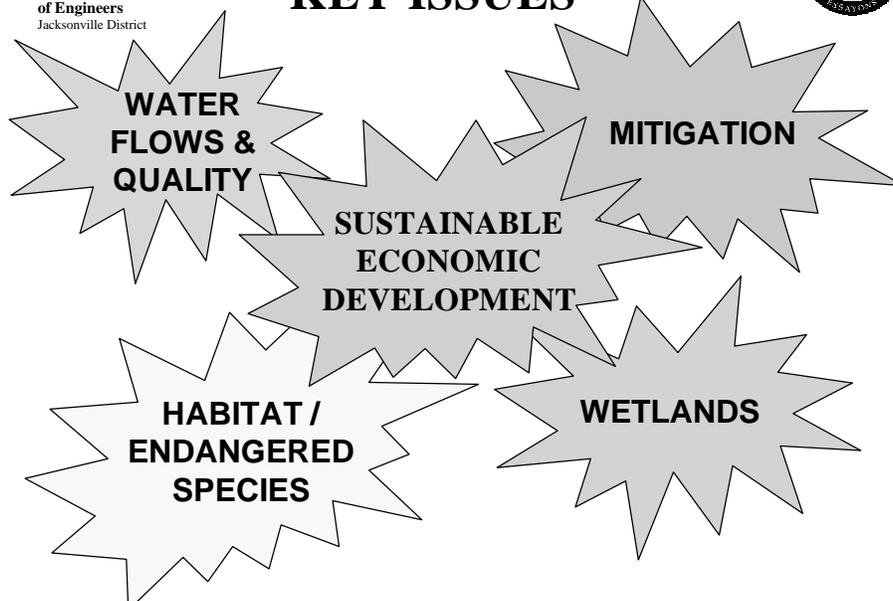


- ✓ NOTICES DATED JANUARY 12, 1998
  - ✓ FEDERAL REGISTER
  - ✓ PUBLIC NOTICE
- ✓ PUBLIC MEETINGS FEBRUARY 9, 1998
  - ✓ 200+ PARTICIPANTS 60 SPEAKERS
  - ✓ SUPPORTIVE OF EIS PROCESS
- ✓ COMMENTS RECEIVED ON GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ISSUES, AND PROCESS



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## KEY ISSUES

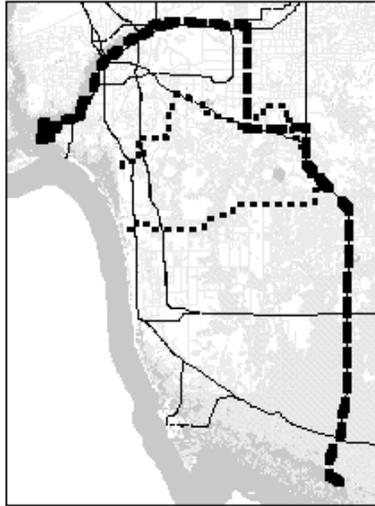




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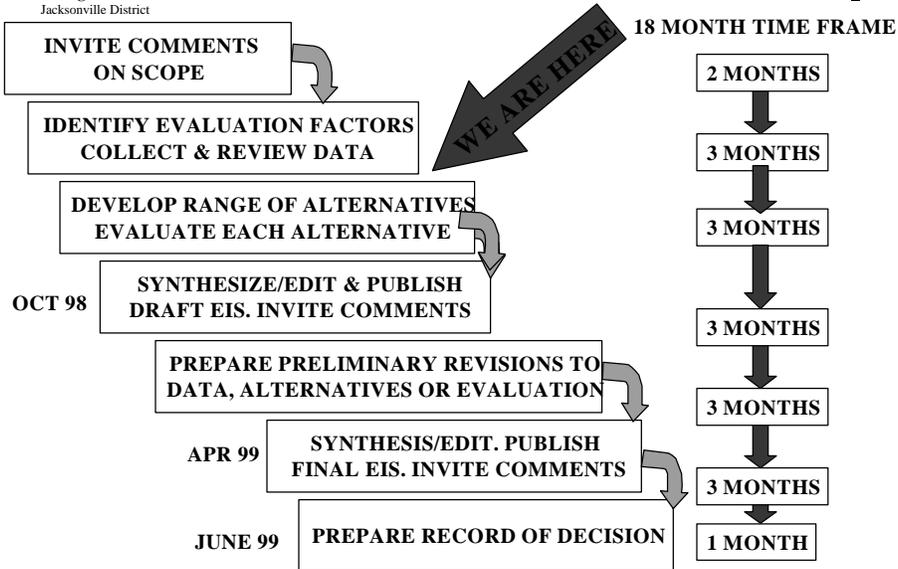
# GEOGRAPHIC AREA



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# EIS PROCESS





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## ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT GROUP



- ✓ **31 MEMBERS**
  - ✓ **BALANCED VIEWS & EXPERTISE**
  - ✓ **CITIZEN GROUPS, LANDOWNERS, DEVELOPERS, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TALKING**
  - ✓ **COMMITTED TO TEN 2-DAY MEETINGS**
  
- ✓ **DEVELOP AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES**
  - ✓ **BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION**
  - ✓ **FACILITATED CONSENSUS PROCESS**



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## EVALUATION MATRIX



	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3
Alternative 1			
Alternative 2			
Alternative 3			
Alternative 4			



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## SELECTED LOCAL PERSPECTIVES



**“CORPS PRESENCE IS SUSPECT”**

- **“WE’RE DOING FINE - CORPS NOT NEEDED!!!”**
- **“WE DON’T TRUST YOU - YOU REPRESENT THE HEAVY HAND OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT”**
- **“YOUR FEDERAL PERMITTING PROCESS IS TOO SLOW, TOO COSTLY AND INEFFICIENT”**
- **“CORPS IS TRYING TO STOP OR LIMIT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT”**
- **“CORPS IS THE LAST GREAT HOPE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS”**
- **“CORPS IS THE “DARTH VADER” OF THE DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS”**
- **“ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CAN’T PASS THEIR AGENDA AT THE BALLOT BOX - SO THEY ARE TRYING TO GET YOU TO FURTHER THEIR AGENDA”**
- **“YOU’RE LIKE GOING TO THE DENTIST - IT HURTS INITIALLY, BUT IS GOOD FOR US IN THE LONG RUN”**
- **“WHY NOW?”**



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## EXPECTED RESULTS



**✓ RESULTS OF THE CORPS RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS REQMTS OF NEPA, CWA, ESA.**

**✓ IMPROVED INFORMATION BASE TO MAKE BETTER REGULATORY DECISIONS**

**✓ HOPE FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL PERMIT**

**✓ UNIQUE LINK BETWEEN REGULATORY AND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS**