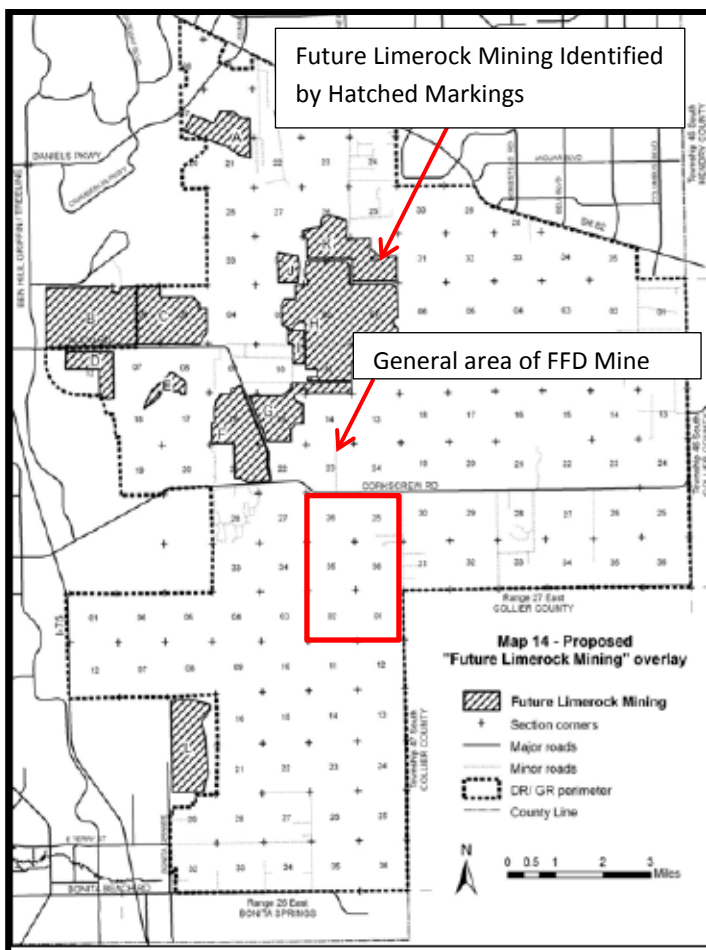


## Florida Farm Development (FFD) Proposed Mine What YOU Need to Know!

Florida Farm Development (FFD) wants to put a limerock mine on 4,397 acres south of Corkscrew Road, in close proximity to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed lands and residential neighborhoods!

Their request would utilize over 2,900 acres of the site for the mining operation extending over a 50-year period. It would allow excavation to a depth of 100-feet and place 2,548 two-way truck trips on Corkscrew Road each day.



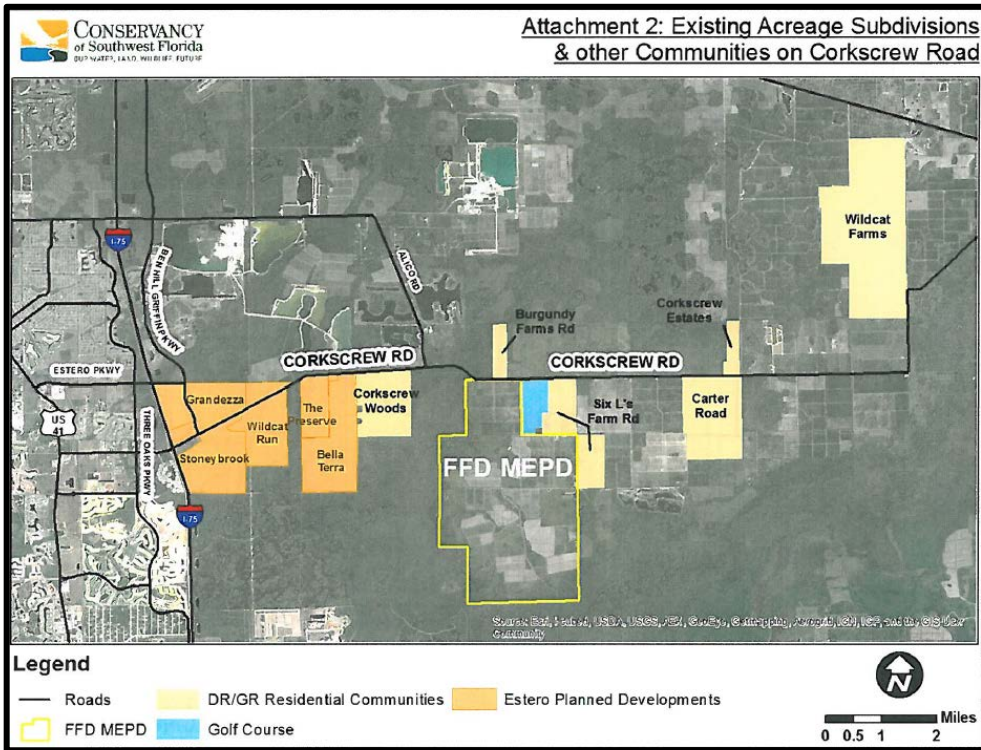
In 2013, the Lee County Hearing Examiner recommended denial of the rezone due to inconsistency with Map 14 and over 60 other Lee Plan policies. Map 14 identifies the areas most compatible for limerock mining to supply the regional need through 2030. It is difficult to overemphasize the importance of Map 14 and its separation of mining from other land uses in the DR/GR.

In May 2013, the Lee Commission unanimously voted to deny the rezone.

On April 8, 2014, FFD filed a Notice of Bert Harris Act Claim against Lee County for their denial of the rezone application, alleging that the inability to convert their agricultural operation to a mine results in a \$39 million loss.

If FFD prevails and is allowed to mine on this site:

- The integrity of the entire DR/GR Overlay and important restrictions contained in Map 14 that were created over a 5+ year period will be weakened (or worse).
- Subsequent mines will claim a precedent was set through a FFD settlement that will pave the way for their mining projects located outside of the allowed area as depicted on Map 14.



The mine was not compatible with the existing or planned uses in the surrounding area.

The anticipated 2,548 daily two-way truck trips would place an undue burden on Corkscrew Road.

The mine would adversely affect the environmentally critical areas in the vicinity, and would adversely affect natural resources in the area, including habitat and foraging areas for listed species (especially the Florida panther and wood stork).

Limerock mining does irreparable damage to groundwater and flowway patterns and levels, and those patterns and levels can never be restored once a property is mined.

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