

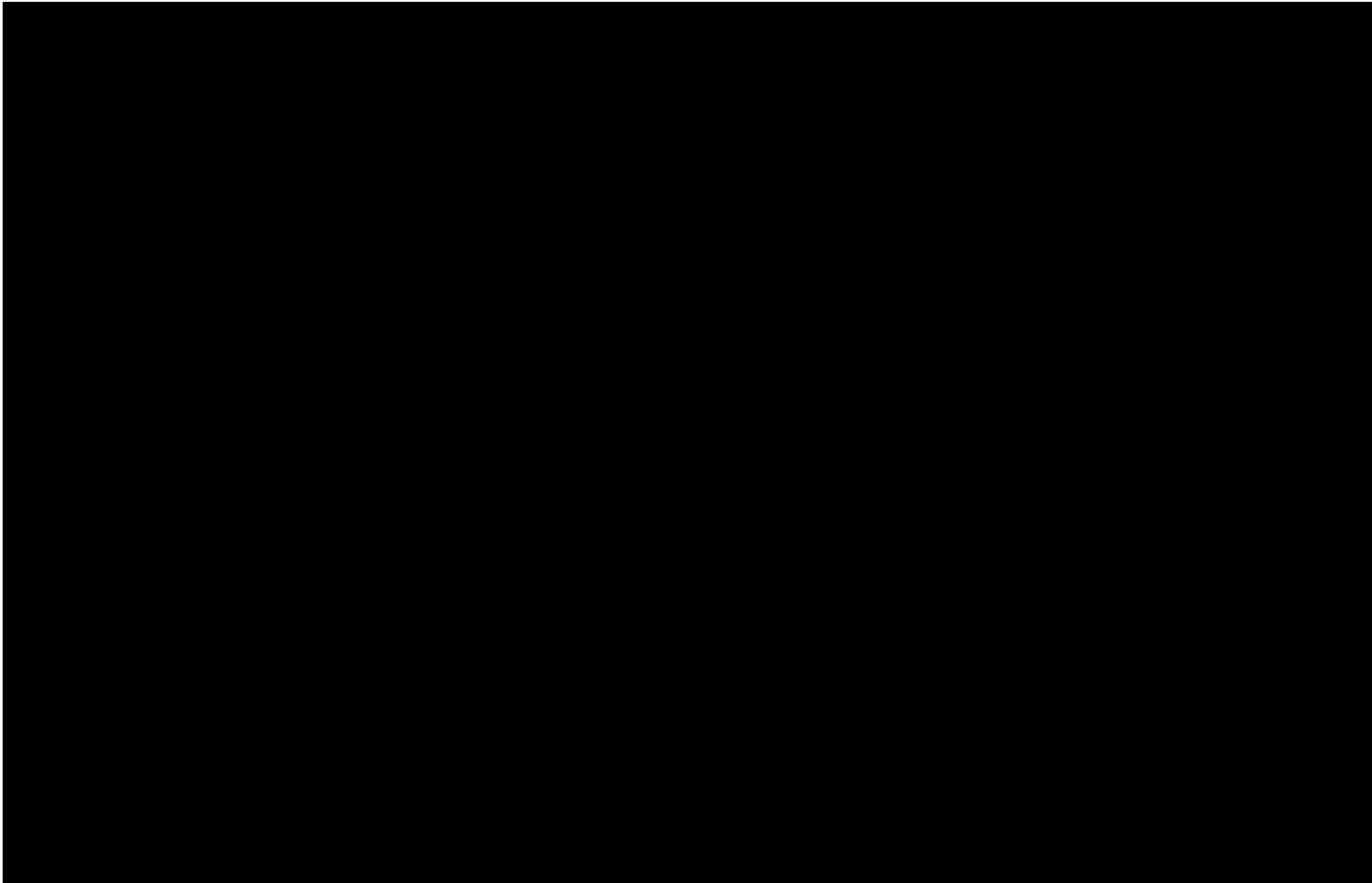
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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMcgTdaiR1w>



MONTHLY FORUM FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS



Only monthly forum where elected officials from 6 counties and 17 municipal governments can discuss issues:

- Lake Okeechobee Releases
- Fertilizer Ordinances
- Climate Change; Adaptation Plans and Resiliency Plans
- Economic Development



STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- Comprehensive Plan Reviews
- DRI Reviews
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Hendry & Glades Counties
- Intergovernmental Coordination Reviews



ASSIST WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Grant Research
and Writing

Veterans
Transportation
Needs Study

Hendry County
Education
Improvement Plan

Agriculture Tours
Brochure for
Labelle

Clewiston
Downtown
Revitalization Plan

State Conservation
Lands Mapping

Equitable Economy
for MLK Corridor
in Ft. Myers

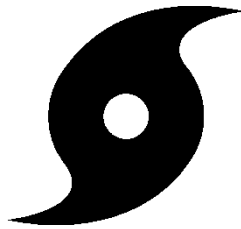
Solar Ready
Florida Study

Brownfield
Symposiums

Labelle Day Trip
Brochure



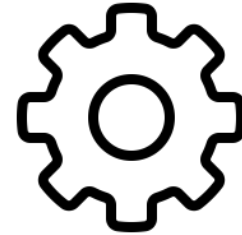
RESEARCH



**Hurricane
Surge
& Directional
Mapping**



**Economic
Value
of Wetland,
Mangroves, etc.**



**Invest in
Manufacturing
Programs**



**Legislative
Priorities**

BENEFIT OF COLLABORATION

- Federal Economic Development District
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDDS) – 2017 major update
- Florida Chamber Foundation Plan
- DEO Economic Development Strategy

*“If Everyone Is Moving Forward Together, Then
Success Takes Care of Itself”
---Henry Ford*



Jobs Agenda

How many more jobs needed in SW FL by 2030?
(Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota)

188,346

(1,121 net new jobs
every month)



TheFloridaScorecard.com

Source: TheFloridaScorecard.org, Florida Chamber Foundation

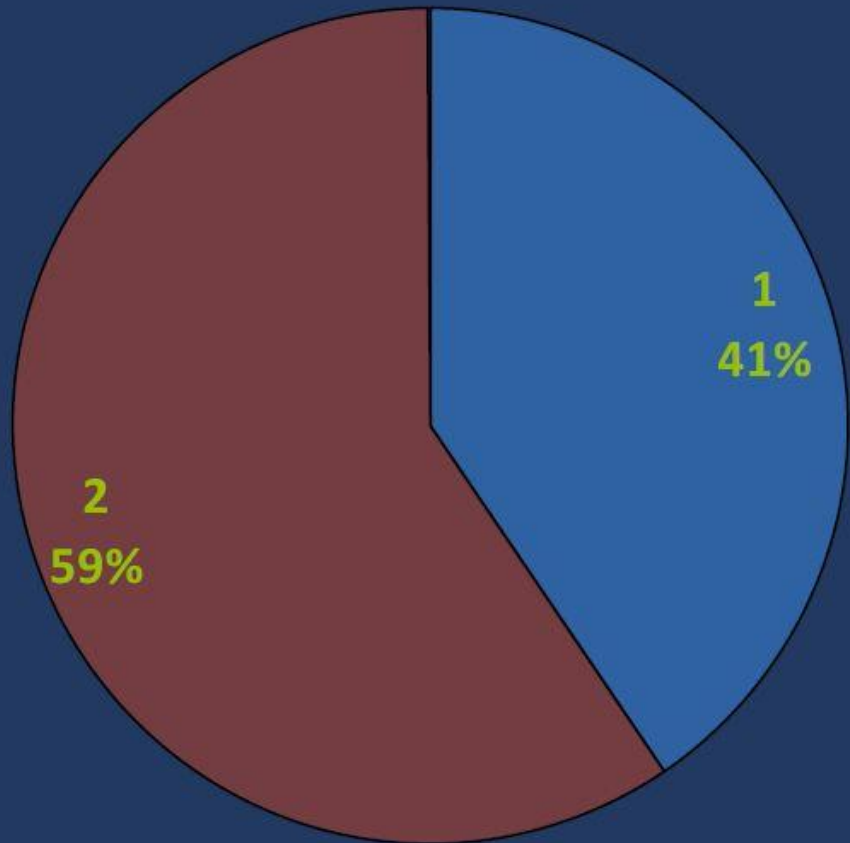
When you think about the future, is YOUR community & region positioned for...

global competition &
economic diversification

prosperity & high wage
jobs of tomorrow

vibrant and sustainable
communities

1) Yes 2) No



Prosperity Agenda

Percentage of Americans that can NOT cover emergency expense of \$400?

46%



TheFloridaScorecard.com



Source: Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System, May 2016

Arts, Culture, Heritage, Sense of Place

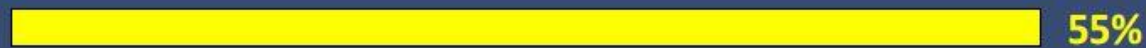
1. Strength & Improving



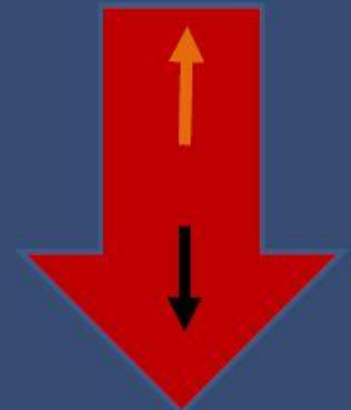
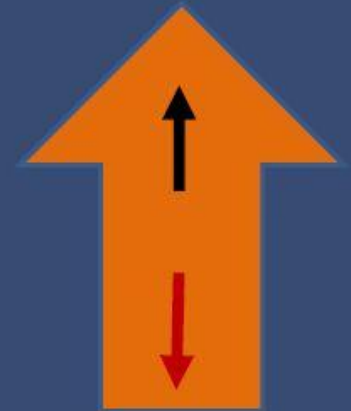
2. Strength but Weakening



3. Weakness but Improving



4. Weakness & Getting Worse



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Regional
Transportation
Plan



Regional
Economic
Development
Opportunity
Map



Water Quality
and Water
Resources



Quality of life

- Arts and Culture Grants to promote this industry and create/maintain a sense of place
- Crime and safety

10 Year

**Federal Designation
for Hendry, Glades
and Immokalee**

**Priority Access to
Federal Funding**



**5 Full Time Vista
Volunteers**



**Tax Incentives if
enacted by
Congress**

**Approximately
\$2 M in
Grants Received**

**Approximately
\$3 M in
Grants Pending**

GOALS



Create Jobs



Enhance Economic Activity



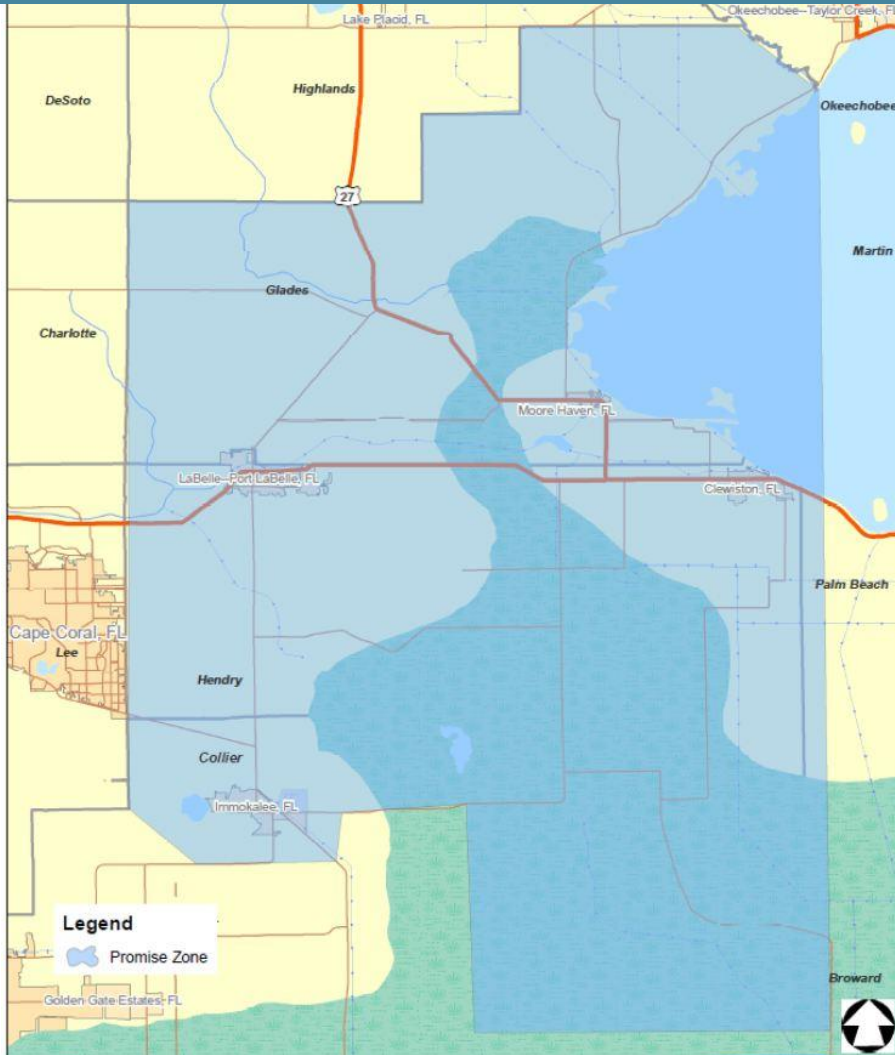
Improve Educational Opportunities



Reduce Crime



Improve Community Infrastructure



Newly Added an Agriculture Task Force

80 + Individuals on the task forces

6 Individuals on the Steering Committee



Crime Task Force

Reduce Violent Crime



Economic Development Task Force

Increase Economic Activity



Education Task Force

Improve Educational Opportunities



Infrastructure Task Force

Improve Community Infrastructure

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*“Success will never be a big step in the future;
success is a small step taken right now”*

---Unknown

