

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 17, 2026**

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**Agenda Item:**

Eco-Historic Planning Study

Motion to accept the Eco-Historic Planning Study.

**Background:**

The Village received a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for an Eco-Historic Planning Study. The Planning Study covered an approximately 1,000-acre area that includes properties along US 41 from Estero Parkway to south of Williams Road, including the Koreshan State Park and Village property along the Estero River.

Unlike other areas within the Village that have benefitted from detailed master planning and integrated development plans, much of the study area lacks a cohesive plan and the necessary infrastructure and services critical for development and long-term redevelopment.

The Council selected Land Design, Inc., a firm from Orlando who began work in May 2025. Land Design and its subconsultants evaluated the area, including opportunities and constraints of the natural environment as well as economic/market demand to develop a vision, recommendations and master plan.

**Description:**

Staff is seeking the Village Council to formally accept the plan to signify the conclusion of the CDBG-DR grant funded project. Acceptance does not require or commit the Council to implementing every or any of the recommended actions in the plan. The formally accepted plan will strengthen potential future grant pursuits related to additional planning and implementation phases.

**Process and Timeline:**

The Village secured the grant and began the study in May 2025, with a requirement to complete it within one year. Staff received the final planning report at the end of May 2026, satisfying the grant's timeline requirements. The report is now under review for acceptance.

**Action Requested:**

Motion to accept the Eco-Historic Planning Study.

**Financial Impact:**

Funded by CDBG-DR grant.

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**Attachments:**

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Eco-Historic Study Report – May 2026