Limerock Mining Amendments

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Limerock mining has always been, and remains, a permitted use in the DR/GR land use category of the Lee Plan.

The 2019 Plan amendments added new permissions for limerock mining in Lee County.

Chapter 12 of the Land Development Code extensively regulates limerock mining which are unchanged by the 2019 Plan amendments.

The 2019 Plan amendments loosen the rules and regulations of limerock mining.

Map 14 had no bearing on locations of new mines.

Map 14 prohibited locations for new mines.

The 2019 Plan Amendments have no adverse impacts on water quality, surface water flows, groundwater levels, transportation networks, residential developments, water tables, or any rare, unique or endangered wildlife or habitat.

The 2019 Plan amendments negatively impact Southwest Florida's natural habitats and water quality.

Limerock mining has occurred in Lee County since at least the 1970s.

Limerock mining would be new to Lee County.

All mining applications are reviewed for compliance with the requirements of Chapter 12 of the Land Development Code which is unaffected by the existence of Map 14.

The removal of Map 14 makes it easier for mining applications to be approved.

The 2019 Plan Amendments resolved ambiguities in the Lee Plan.

The 2019 Plan Amendments created internal inconsistencies in the Lee Plan.

The goals, objectives and policies of the Lee Plan in whole together with the requirements of Chapter 12 of the Land Development Code properly monitor and regulate mining activities even after 2019 Plan Amendments.

The 2019 Plan Amendments removed the ability to properly monitor and regulate mining activities.

Limerock mining is only allowed in the DR/GR future land use category in Southeast Lee County and is limited by resource availability and location, unchanged by the 2019 Plan amendments.

The 2019 Plan Amendments expanded the land available for limerock mining.