

-Original message from Phil Buchanan <coolcherokee@comcast.net>: -----

Here follows is my rewrite of the county staff recommendations for Pine Island Plan changes relating to commercial uses in the villages and coastal rural areas. Please review and comment as soon as possible--we have to get this to the county in the next few days to maintain their schedule for Land Plan changes.

POLICY 14.1.1: The designated Future Urban Area at Pine Island Center is targeted for most future commercial and industrial uses, as permitted by other portions of this plan. [NOTE: This policy is unchanged and included here for reference purposes only.]

POLICY 14.4.2: Commercial development at other urban locations on Greater Pine Island (i.e., the villages of Bokeelia, Matlacha, and St James City) should be limited to marinas, fish houses, minor commercial uses to serve local residents, and uses to promote ecotourism and serve island visitors. Such uses include art and gift shops, restaurants, bait and tackle shops, boat and kayak sales and rentals, convenience stores, gasoline sales, and barber and beauty shops. Commercial uses in the coastal rural areas (between the villages) should be limited to uses that serve the rural residents and farms. Such uses include produce stands, nurseries, farm and feed supply stores, lawn and garden supply, and equestrian facilities. All such development must be sited and designed to minimize disruptive influences to the greatest degree possible. (Amended by Ordinance No. 94-30, 00-22)

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