
Big Cypress FAQ

stewardship has been part of our company's history for almost a century. About 80 percent of the county's land today is in public ownership, permanently protected as parks and preserves. Almost all of this land was conveyed to government or nonprofit agencies by the Collier family and its companies.

Under the Rural Lands Stewardship Program (RLSP), Collier Enterprises will protect 10,000 acres of environmentally important wetlands and wildlife habitat in conjunction with the development of Big Cypress. After careful consideration, we identified lands that make strategic contributions to the protection of both the Camp Keais Strand and Okaloacoochee Slough, the two vital regional ecosystems within the Rural Lands Stewardship Area. We will set aside more than 7,000 acres within the Camp Keais Strand, protecting a continuous 10-mile length of the Strand through Collier Enterprises land holdings. We also will set aside nearly 3,000 acres of important wildlife habitat along the Okaloacoochee Slough east of Immokalee, which, ship Pr d

approved by the county in 2002. The RLSP is an innovative, incentive-based approach to planning and implementing a sustainable long-term growth in rural regions. Other similar efforts are under way in other

