

# Captiva Plan update

**NOTE:** These revisions to the Captiva Plan were originally approved by the Captiva Community Panel in April 2012 and submitted to the county for inclusion as part of the Horizon 2035 plan update. However, when the approval process for that larger plan update stalled, the Captiva-specific elements were left in limbo. Therefore, they (as shown below or in some revised form) should be included in any new submission the panel makes as part of its Captiva Plan update, to ensure their adoption into the county plan. – *Ken Gooderham*

## ***Captiva vision statement in Lee Plan***

Captiva Island is a coastal barrier island with a low-density residential lifestyle supported by commercial activities to serve residents and visitors who are drawn toward a tranquil, unhurried experience in a natural setting. Captiva's natural environment is its most important attraction. Captivans regard the protection of its beaches, wildlife, flora, mangrove fringe, water quality and dark night skies as matters of paramount importance. Toward this end, the Captiva community works together with Lee County and other regulatory bodies to preserve its unique historic character and sustain the fragile and limited resources of the island.

~~7. Captiva—This community includes the major islands of Captiva Island, Upper Captiva Island, Cayo Costa Island, Useppa Island, Buck Key, and Cabbage Key and the surrounding smaller islands. Although Captiva itself is a seasonal resort community, in comparison to the other islands in this community it is the center of activity. Due to the nature of this community, residents must satisfy their major commercial and industrial needs outside of this community. Conversely, the commercial aspects of the Captiva Community are utilized by many residents and tourists from outside of the Community. The population of Captiva is not expected to greatly change by 2030. Furthermore, the area will look much as it does today in the absence of a major hurricane or other natural disaster. (Added by Ordinance No. 99-15, Amended by Ordinance No. 07-12)~~

## ***Other Lee Plan text changes***

**POLICY 13.1.4:** Lee County will continue to support the effort of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, a beach and shore preservation authority under provisions of Florida law, to preserve, protect and maintain Captiva's beaches and inlets using environmentally responsible methods.

**POLICY 13.1.13:** ~~Within two years of the adoption of this policy Indigenous or native trees will be replanted and maintained along Captiva Drive between Blind Pass and the north end of Captiva Drive. The replanting of trees within the Captiva Drive right-of-way is needed to replace the loss of tree canopy following Hurricane Charley.~~ A comprehensive Captiva Drive landscape plan that addresses specific native tree species, tree placement, runoff control, public safety, access and utilities to facilitate the restoration of tree canopy will be created. The comprehensive Captiva Drive landscape plan will identify funding sources for implementing the plan and will designate the entity or entities responsible for long-term maintenance. Indigenous or native trees will be replanted and maintained along Captiva Drive between Blind Pass and the north end of Captiva Drive.