

Change likely in sensitive grounds

Further development, mining at water source

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More mining and development could be coming to an environmentally sensitive southeast Lee County area that provides residents and visitors with drinking water.

A report posted on the county's Web site late Tuesday afternoon means change is likely in this 83,000-acre region, which county commissioners decided to protect 18 years ago to gain state approval of their growth plan.

The area is known as the Density Reduction/Groundwater Resource area.

The report outlines three possible scenarios:

☐ The first leans toward preservation, while allowing more mining and development.

☐ The second has the same amount of development, but a little more mining.

☐ The third favors mining the most, while keeping development the same as in the first two scenarios.

Scenario 1 is recommended, potentially because it manages growth the best.

"Even though the scenarios are a little bit vague, the report is thorough," said Mary Gibbs, the county's community development director.

- ☐ See **PROPOSALS A2**
- ☐ Also see scenario **1 A2**
- ☐ Also see if you go **A2**

