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Subject: New FOIA request received for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Attachments: [FOIA to FWS re Collier developments - 1-27-20.pdf](#)
[Dora Falco's confirmation #103086.pdf](#)

Dear Mara Shackman:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your request dated January 27, 2020. We have forwarded your request to our Atlanta office for processing. You will receive a formal acknowledgement shortly.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, please contact tiffany_mccharkin@fws.gov.

Respectfully,
Barb

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Headquarters Freedom of Information Act Office
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From: National FOIA Portal <usfdci.gov> <National.FOIAPortal@usfdci.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 12:30 PM
To: FOIA, FWHQ <FOWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New FOIA request received for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Hello,

A new FOIA request was submitted to your agency component:

The following list contains the entire submission submitted January 27, 2020 02:30:02pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

Contact information

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Request

Request ID: 103611
Confirmation ID: 103086
Request description: Please see attached document.

Supporting documentation

Additional Information: FOIA to FWS re Collier developments - 1-27-20.pdf

Fees

Request category ID: other
Fee waiver: yes
Explanation: Please see attached document.
Willing to pay: \$150.00

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing: no

Additional information

are_you_submitting_this_request_on_behalf_of_another_party: South Florida
Wildlands Association, Inc.

The following table contains the entire submission, and is formatted for ease of copy/pasting into a spreadsheet.

request_id	confirmation_id	address_country	are_you_submitting_this_request_on_behalf_of_another_party	attachments_supporting_documentation	email	expedited_processing	fee_amount_willing	fee_waiver	fee_waiver_explanation	name_first_name	last_name	request_category	request_description
103611	103086	United States	South Florida Wildlands Association, Inc.	FOIA to FWS re Collier developments - 1-27-20.pdf	maras@shackmanlaw.com	no	\$150.00	yes	Please see attached document.	Mara	Shackman	other	Please see attached document.

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January 27, 2020

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Via FOIA.gov

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

Dear Ms. McClurkin:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, South Florida Wildlands Association (SFWA) requests from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) copies of documents as described below:

All documents relating to Rivergrass Village, Bellmar Village, Longwater Village, and Hyde Park Village, all of which are proposed development projects in Collier County, Florida.

The term “document,” as used in this request, includes, but is not limited to, memoranda, reports, studies, manuals, guidelines, protocols, instructions, meeting notes, charts, photographs, maps, spreadsheets, and all other written communications (electronic or otherwise).

I would prefer that these documents be transmitted to me as e-mail attachment(s) in PDF, Word, or WordPerfect format if the documents are maintained in any of these formats, otherwise I would request that they be faxed to me at 954-206-0593, or mailed to me at 757 S.E. 17th Street, PMB 309, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316, in either print form or on a compact disc (CD).

SFWA requests a fee waiver for the costs associated with the response to this FOIA request. The basis for the fee waiver is set forth below.

1. The records concern the operations or activities of the Government.

The FOIA request is clearly limited to a narrowly specified activity of the FWS: its involvement in commenting on the impacts on federally listed species, especially the Florida panther, of proposed developments within the panther's core habitat.

2. The disclosure of the requested records is likely to contribute to public understanding of these operations or activities.

The requested material concerns the manner in which FWS provides input concerning proposed development projects that affect federally listed species, especially the Florida panther.

3. The release of these requested records will contribute significantly to public understanding of the governmental activities.

Public understanding of FWS activities will be significantly assisted by the release of the requested records by enabling the public to understand how FWS makes decisions and evaluates impacts on federally listed species, especially the Florida panther, from development projects.

Supporters of South Florida Wildlands Association (SFWA) are highly concerned about FWS' actions to protect federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act, including the Florida panther. SFWA intends to provide the requested information to the general public through —

- Release to the news media;
- Posts on SFWA's Facebook page, which has over 90,000 followers;
- E-mails to an e-mail list of approximately 10,000 recipients.

Through these methods, SFWA generates media coverage and increased public awareness. Matthew Schwartz, the executive director of SFWA, has been quoted numerous times on behalf of SFWA in the media. Moreover, SFWA e-mail alerts have been reprinted on numerous websites and recirculated by other grassroots environmental organizations around the country.

4. Disclosure would not serve a commercial interest of the requestor.

Disclosure is in no way connected with any commercial interest of the requestors in that SFWA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest organization concerned with protection of public lands, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. SFWA registered with the State of Florida as a non-profit corporation in March 2010, and has been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any further questions related to SFWA's fee waiver request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If the fee waiver is not granted, and if the expenses to be charged to my client exceed \$150.00, please obtain my approval before any such charges are incurred. You can contact me at 954-523-1131 or via e-mail at mara@shlackmanlaw.com for approval of expenses.

I will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I expect a detailed justification for withholding the records. I also request any segregable portions that are not exempt to be disclosed.

If you have any questions with regard to this request or have need for clarification with regard to the documents that are being requested, please contact my office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mara Shlackman

Mara Shlackman

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