

20/20 Land Acquisition Proposal

For Yellow Fever Creek and the forests that border it on both banks.

- ① In a very densely populated area of North Fort Myers, there exists a hidden gem of natural beauty, that we should do everything in our power to acquire and to protect.
- ② Yellow Fever Creek flows southward from Yellow Fever Creek Preserve down to Judd Park, (and from there it flows into the Caloosahatchee) It is roughly 4 miles long. Miraculously, it is still surrounded on both banks by dense forests and wilderness!
- ③ The creek itself is a beautiful, natural, meandering creek. For most of its length it is wide enough and deep enough for kayaking and canoeing. If we do not take steps to preserve this creek and the lands that surround it now, it is inevitable that at some time the forests will be cut down, the creek will be straightened and it will be turned into little more than a drainage ditch.
We should not allow that to happen!
- ④ As it happens, the creek flows between two parks; Yellow Fever Creek Preserve in the north and Judd Park in the south. All we need to do is to connect these dots to create a beautiful green corridor for the benefit of humans and animals.
- ⑤ It is easy to visualize a bike trail or a jogging path running along one side or both sides of the creek for its entire length. This is a park that would be well used!
- ⑥ Let us act now to acquire and preserve this creek and the pristine natural lands that surround it. This would be a large project, but I believe it is ideally suited to the vision and the mission of the 20/20 program.

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