



## **Update on Baywalk Park and Boardwalk**

The ACCF Board of Directors and staff wanted to take this opportunity to give the members of the Audubon Community an update on this future project. A lot of activity has been taking place behind the scenes and just this month, we have a few things coming together.

The land that is required for this project is under contract with the Foundation and will shortly become ours. It is a complex piece of property with uplands and wetlands which required various activities from consulting engineers to evaluate and survey.

We are working with both Grady Minor and Associates (a civil engineer), and Passarella and Associates (an ecological and environmental consultant) to navigate through the myriad of permits required. A number of these permits will be submitted in the coming weeks including:

- Collier County site development plan (SDP) for two different aspects of the project; the boardwalk/boathouse area and the upland area that will include shell paths and such.
- South Florida Water Management District environmental resource permit (ERP) for the same two components as mentioned for the County.
- Army Corps of Engineers Dredge and Fill Permit- submittal coincides with ERP application for the nature trail and boardwalk/viewing platform-submittal. This permit does not affect any work we might do in the upland areas, just over water and wetlands.
- In addition to all of this, we still need to consider that there is technically an active eagle nest in the area even though it is not occupied. This will have to be resolved before any construction activities.

Of the above submittals, the Army Corp of Engineers approval will take the longest in our consultant's estimation. We could be into 2018 before this approval is in hand. The others we could potentially have in the 2017 calendar year.

In the meantime, we will work to get a better handle on costs and work hard to make sure we can bring this amenity to the Audubon Community.

If you have any questions feel free to contact our General Manager, Steven Pietrzyk at the Foundation office.

Thank you,

Audubon CC Foundation