

**The Lehigh Pride Team**  
**Beautification and Conservation Sub-Committee**  
Of the LEHIGH ACRES COMMUNITY PLANNING CORP.  
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**SUB-COMMITTEE INITIAL REPORT**

Chairman Fleming and members of the community of Lehigh Acres, Florida.

It is my pleasure to submit this first report of the Sub-committee that we will be *calling* **the LEHIGH PRIDE TEAM.**

We have secured two capable leaders in Dr. CHARLIE VAVRINA of the University of Florida and Master Gardener and Author TERRY WOLFLEY. Landscaper DON HEIN has also agreed to give us advice when asked. I am APPEALING to the community for folks who would like to do all they can to make LEHIGH ACRES a SHOWCASE of South Florida's TREES, FLORA, AND NATURAL ECOLOGY through CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPING, AND PLANTING.

We will begin at the point where the Community Redevelopment Association has brought us to date. ORVIL KURTZ, MYRA KESSLER, and DEBORA SCHUMAN worked to qualify Lehigh Acres for GRANTS that were the catalyst for PACE SETTING improvements among the BUSINESS COMMUNITY demonstrating that if we organize and SHOW the way, WE WILL SEE OUR NEIGHBORS RESPOND.

WE endeavor to CANVAS THE PEOPLE and determine their SUGGESTIONS, and CONCERNS regarding ALL things related to CONSERVATION, GREEN SPACE, and the DRESSING UP of OUR HOMES, OUR STREETS, and OUR BUSINESSES. **TOGETHER** we have the opportunity to **ESTABLISH THE VISION** of how EVERYONE can CONTRIBUTE and everyone can **BENEFIT!**

The general OUTLINE of my plans are in the BLACK BINDER with several photos by Terry Wolfley and myself. We want all of our VOLUNTEERS ON BOARD as we ORGANIZE each section of the work to COMPLETION.

I wanted to call attention to the EXTENDED DROUGHT. The song goes "IT NEVER RAINS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE GIRLS OH THEY WARN YA". There are several things that WE CAN DO to help the WATER SITUATION as we add BEAUTY to our properties and I want our team to address this POTENTIAL. As more new LOTS are cleared and ROOFTOPS replace the VEGATATION we can do our part by SMART PLANNING in our OWN YARDS.

Dr. CHARLES VAVRINA is going to provide us with the necessary EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE to assure that we fully understand the PLANNING PROCESS as it relates to OUR subcommittees. **Dr. Vavrina is a Professor of Horticultural Services and a Director of the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center.**

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