

TDC visitor center/I 75 Rest Stop

Charlotte County wrote to FDOT in mid-November, 2014 to confirm interest in obtaining from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) the parcel of land associated with the rest area located on the east side of Interstate 75 fronting on Jones Loop Road. The County intends to use the property for public purposes, namely a visitor center and related recreational activities.

At this time the State anticipates closing the rest stop at midnight on April 6, 2015.

Next step to discuss components of a visitor center. Preliminary ideas:

- Interpretive areas for Punta Gorda & Englewood/Cape Haze
- Interpretive areas for Harbor/Ecology
- Electronic media use
- Space required for brochures & displays
- Storage
- Staffing
- Use of grounds (festivals, farmer's market, etc)