

What is a Listed Species?

Listed species, otherwise known as Endangered, Threatened or Species of Special Concern, are designated as such by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information concerning listed species go to <http://myfwc.com/imperiledspecies/default.htm>.



What are some examples of Listed Species in Charlotte County?

Florida Scrub Jay, Bald Eagle, Gopher Tortoise, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Burrowing Owl, Sea Turtle, Eastern Indigo Snake, Florida Panther, Gopher Frog, Crested Cara Cara and many more. For a complete list of Florida's listed species go to <http://myfwc.com/imperiledspecies/species.htm>.

Helpful Web-links

Charlotte County

www.charlottecountyfl.gov

Charlotte County GIS

www.ccgis.com

Department of Environmental Protection

www.dep.state.fl.us

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

www.myfwc.com

Fish & Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov

Army Corps of Engineers

www.usace.army.mil

Southwest Florida Water Management District

www.swfwmd.state.fl.us

Charlotte County Government
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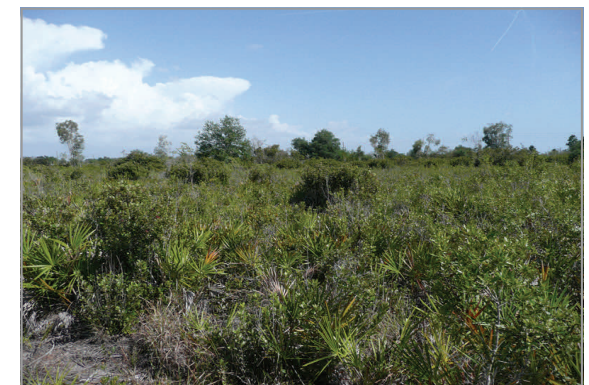
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Current Planning and Zoning Division Environmental Basics

Who is subject to an environmental review?

Currently, environmental staff reviews commercial and single family building permits; dock, lift, seawall, rip-rap and pier permits; large and small scale excavations, including ponds; and all miscellaneous tree permits. Any permit that falls into environmentally sensitive areas are also sent to environmental staff for additional review. Staff also provides comments for various boards, including but not limited to, special exceptions, variances, re-zonings, etc.



What does an Environmental Review encompass?

An environmental review consists of county staff reviewing for listed species and sensitive habitat issues that may need to be addressed prior to the approval of Charlotte County permits. Staff review consists of research utilizing GIS aerials, soil maps, and other various databases including a site inspection, when necessary. Staff also verifies that the proposed work meets all Charlotte County codes and ordinances. For a complete list of Charlotte County's codes and ordinances, visit www.municode.com.



What is Sensitive Habitat?

Sensitive habitat is defined as any area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable. Some examples of sensitive habitats located in Charlotte County are coastal dune areas, wetlands and xeric scrub habitat.



What state and/or federal agencies regulate listed species and sensitive habitat?

In the state of Florida, there are several agencies which address listed species and sensitive habitat. Some of these agencies include: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest and South Florida Water Management Districts and the Army Corps of Engineers.

What does environmental staff require for docks, lifts, seawalls and rip-rap permit review?

All applicable state and federal permits for the proposed work must be submitted to the county. See below for development standards.

Type of work	Natural water body	Man-made water body
Boating Structures	25% of the open water span or less than 15 feet from the centerline of the open water span or edge of marked channel, whichever is less.	25% of the open water span or 25 feet, whichever is less.



What is the average permit review time?

Environmental permit reviews and comments take approximately 1-5 days, depending upon the amount of reviews submitted to the county and whether or not the permit will require a site inspection.