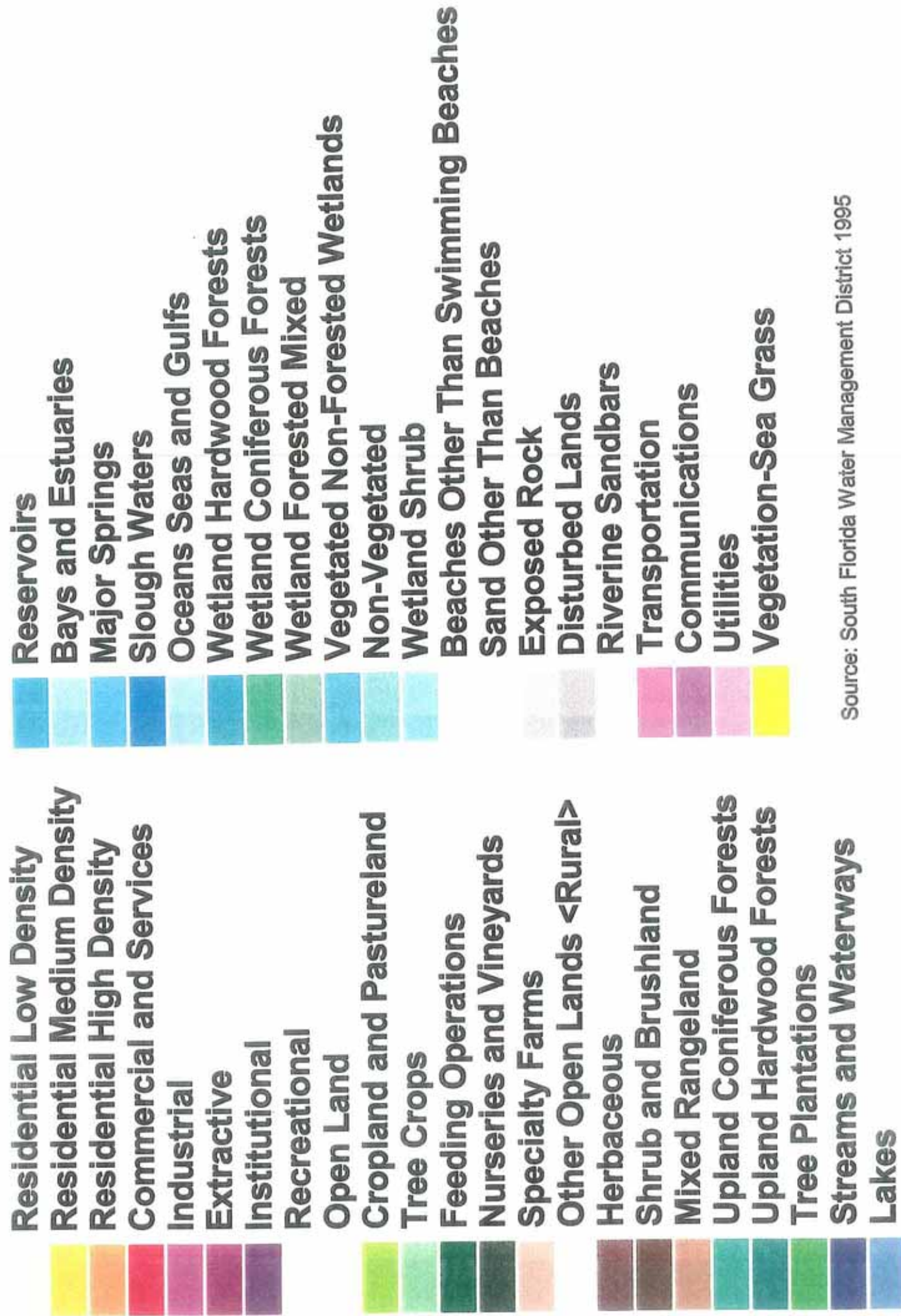


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Source: South Florida Water Management District 1995

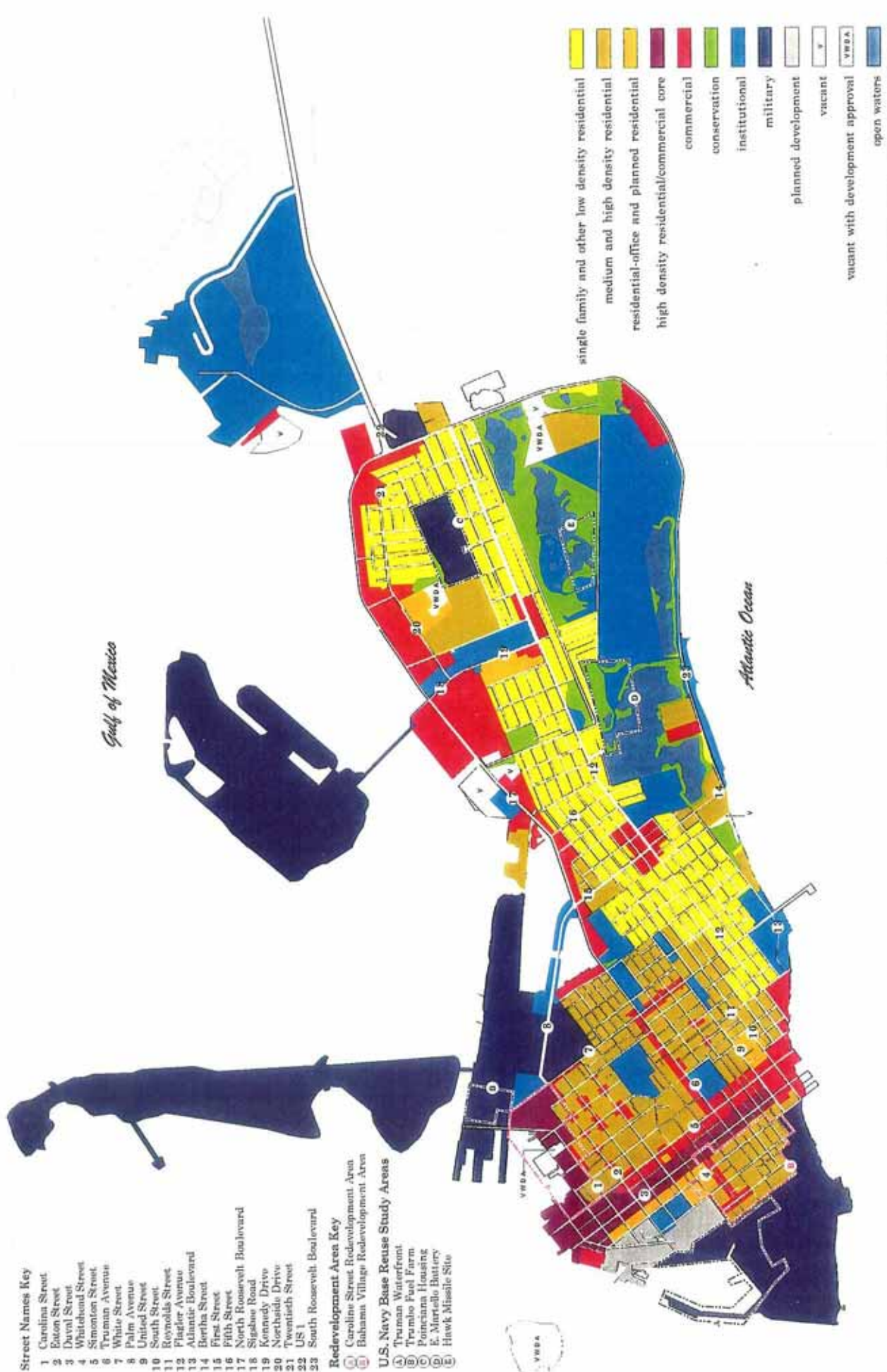
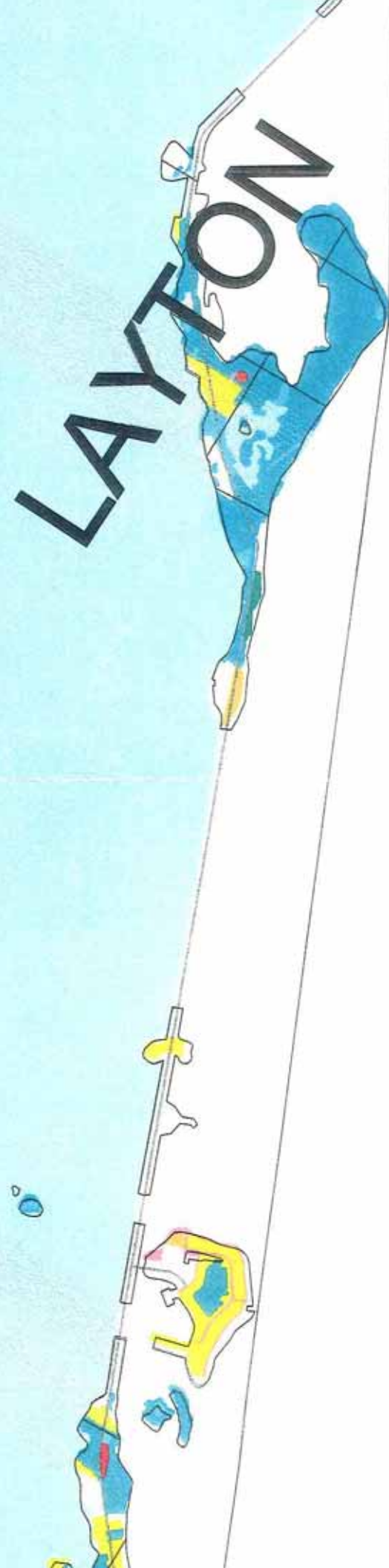
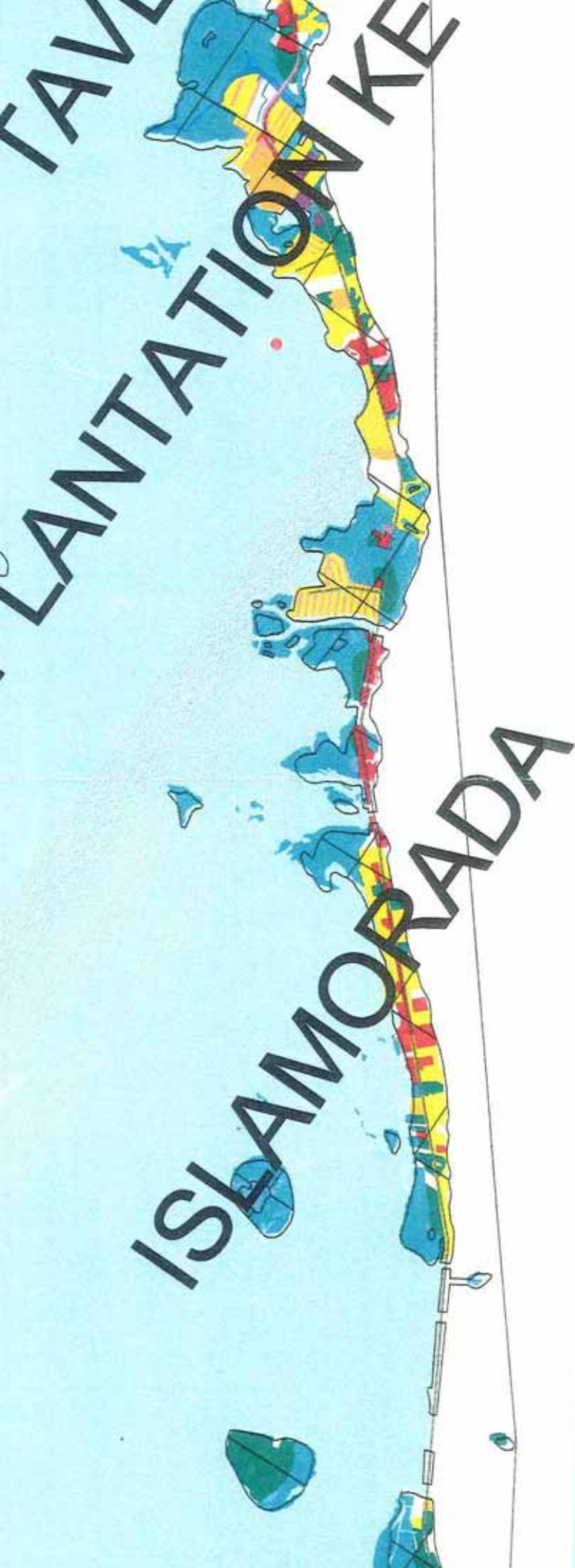
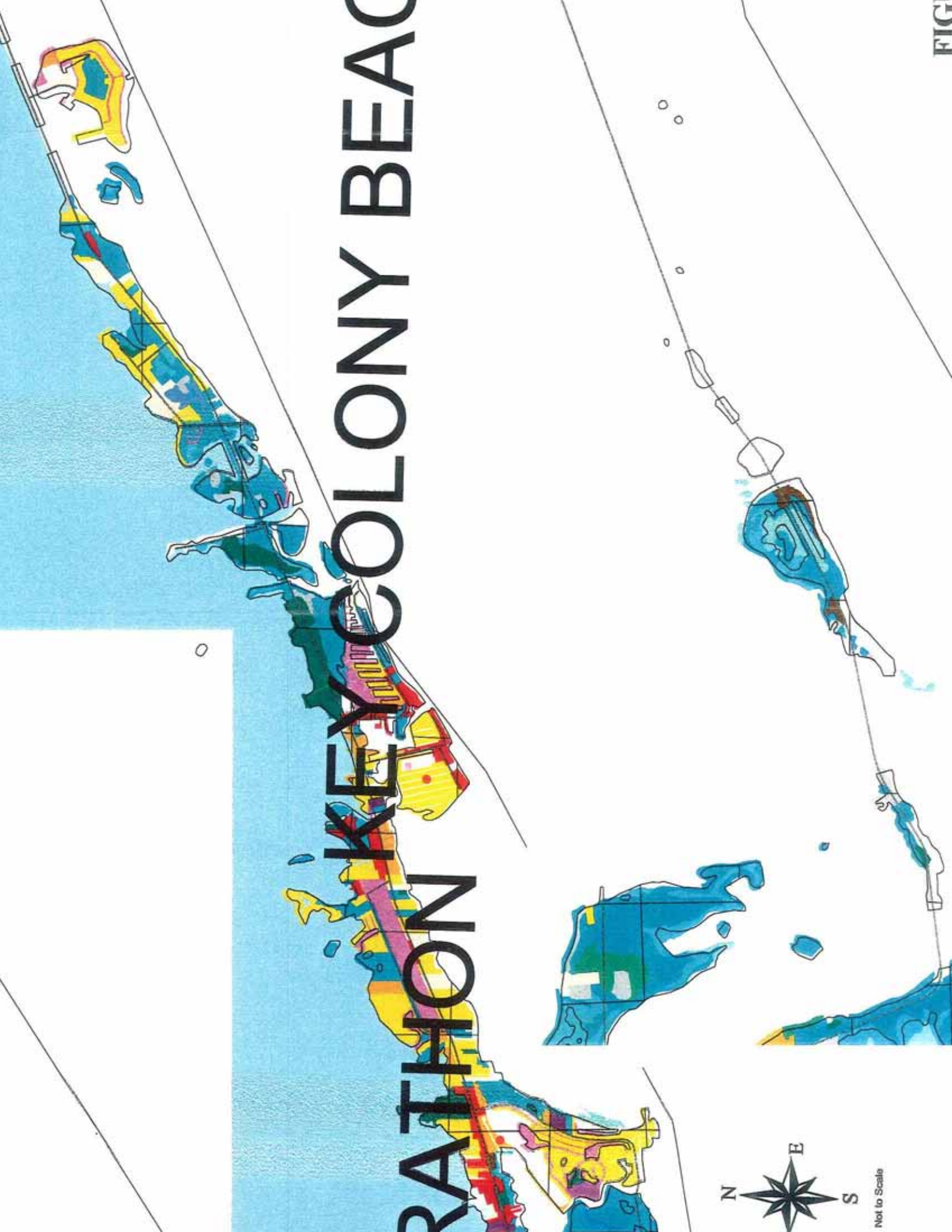


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Existing Land Use

Figure 1.1
Existing Land Use Map
City of Key West Comprehensive Plan
Robert K. Swarthout, Incorporated



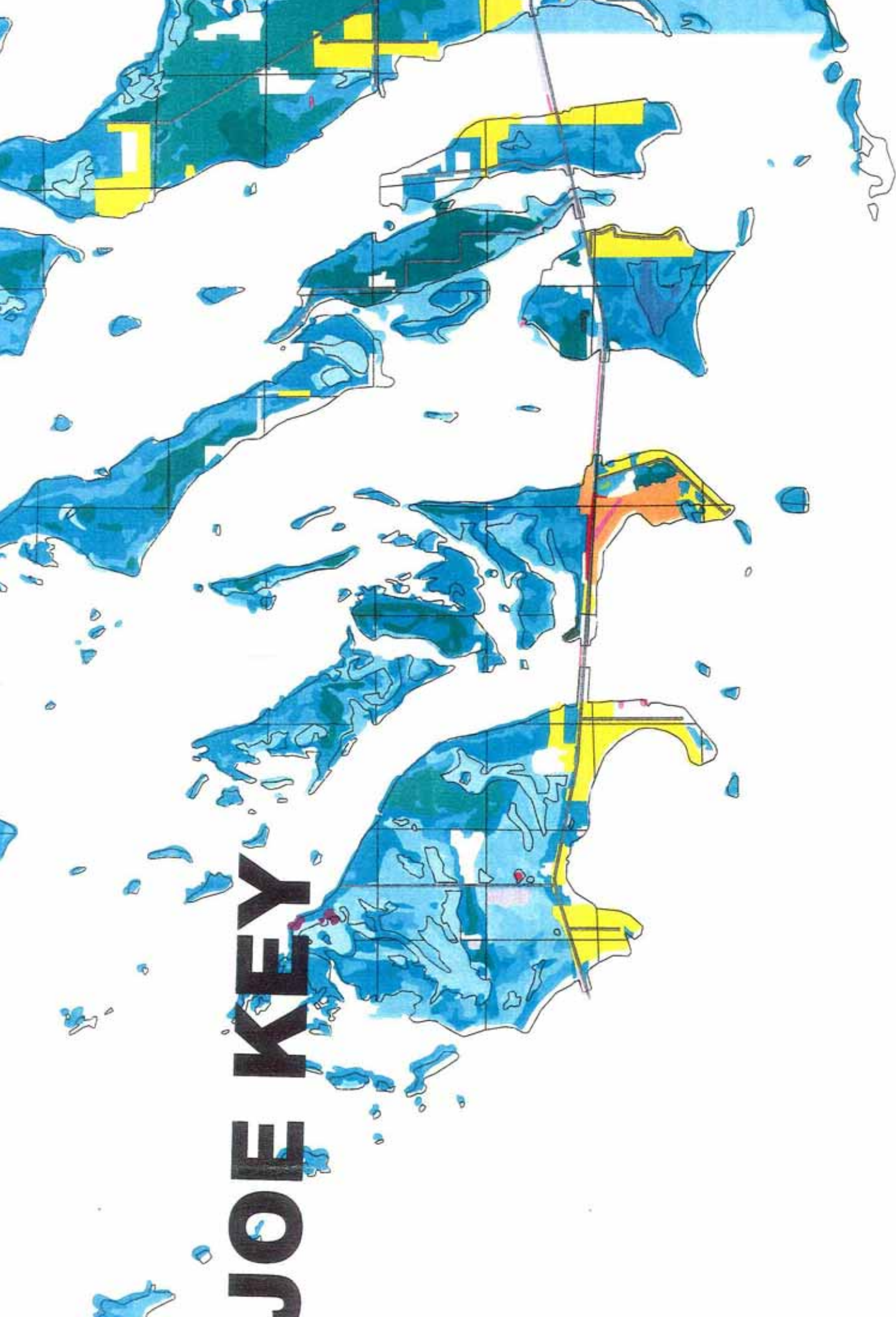




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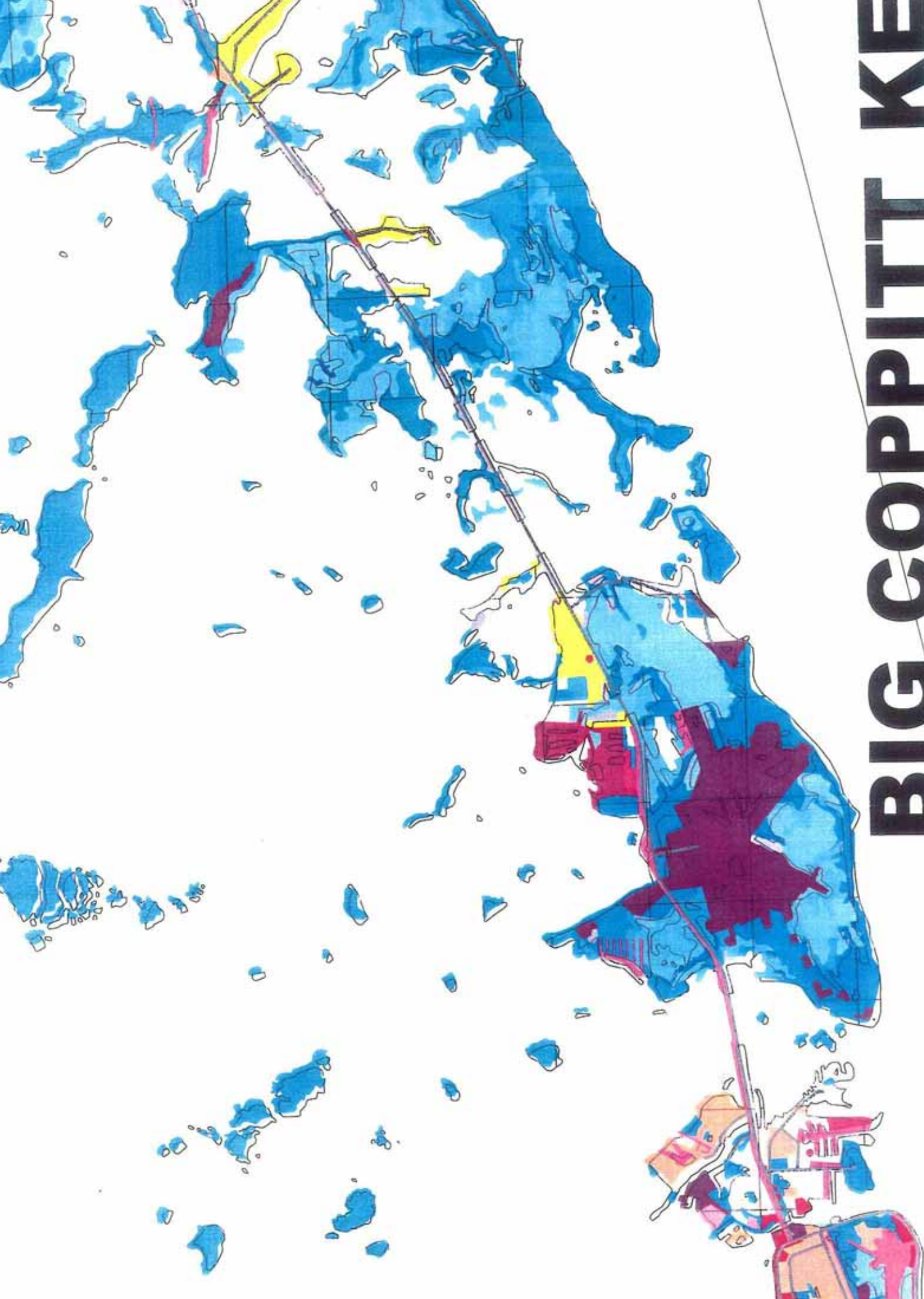


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Future Land Use



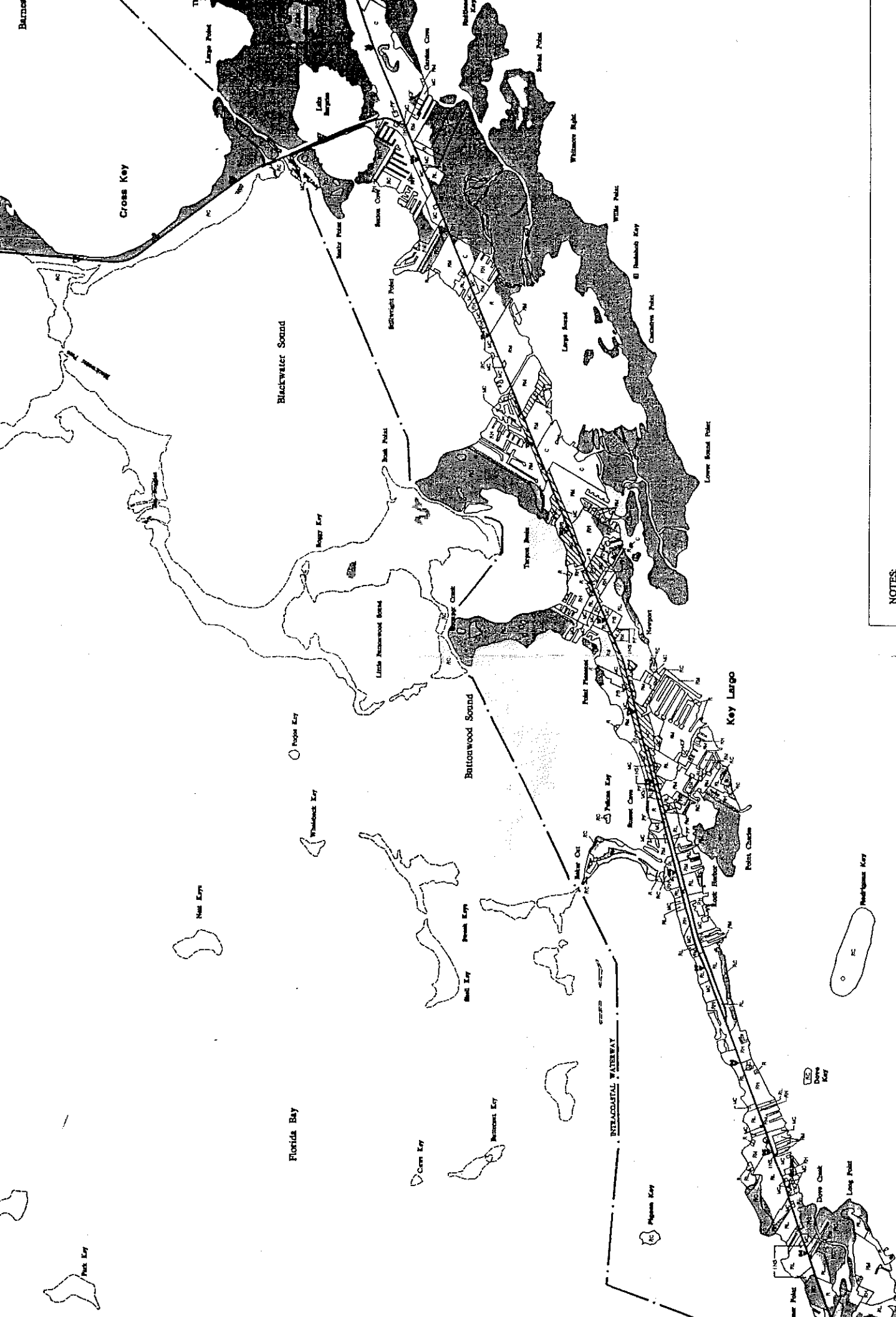
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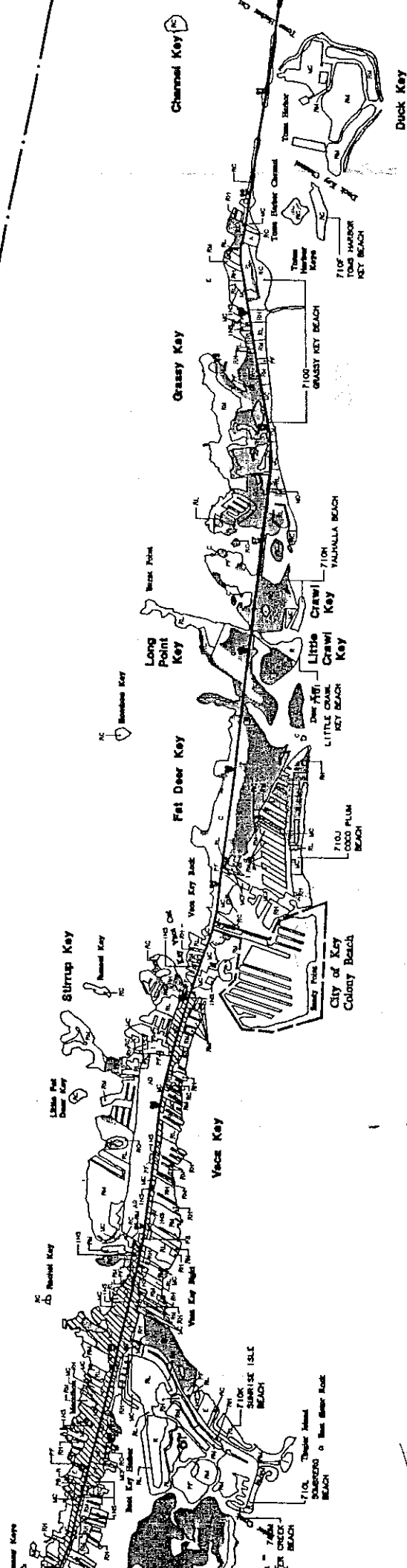
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Atlantic Ocean

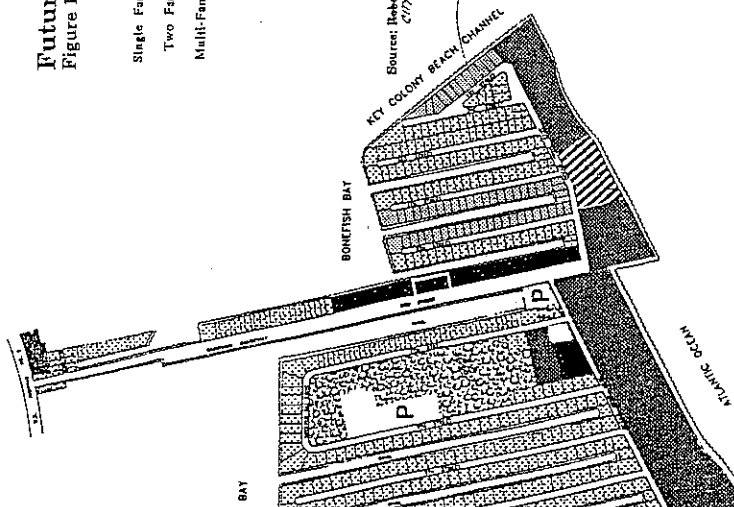
INTRACoASTAL WATERWAY



Future Land Use 2000
Figure 1

- Single Family Residential
- Two Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Commercial
- Resort
- Recreational
- Other Public
- Conservation

Source: Robert K. Smith & Associates, Inc.
City of Key Colony Beach, 1999



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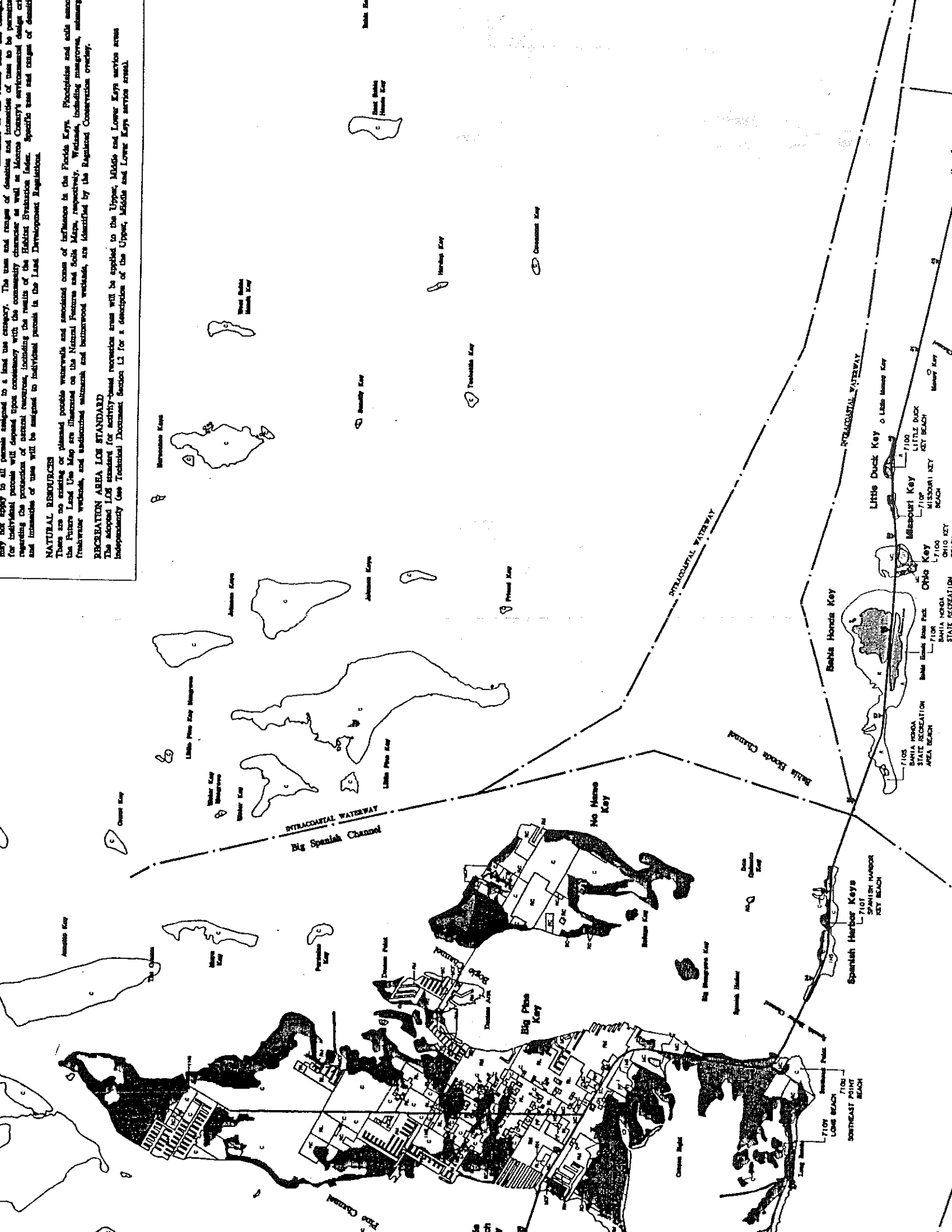
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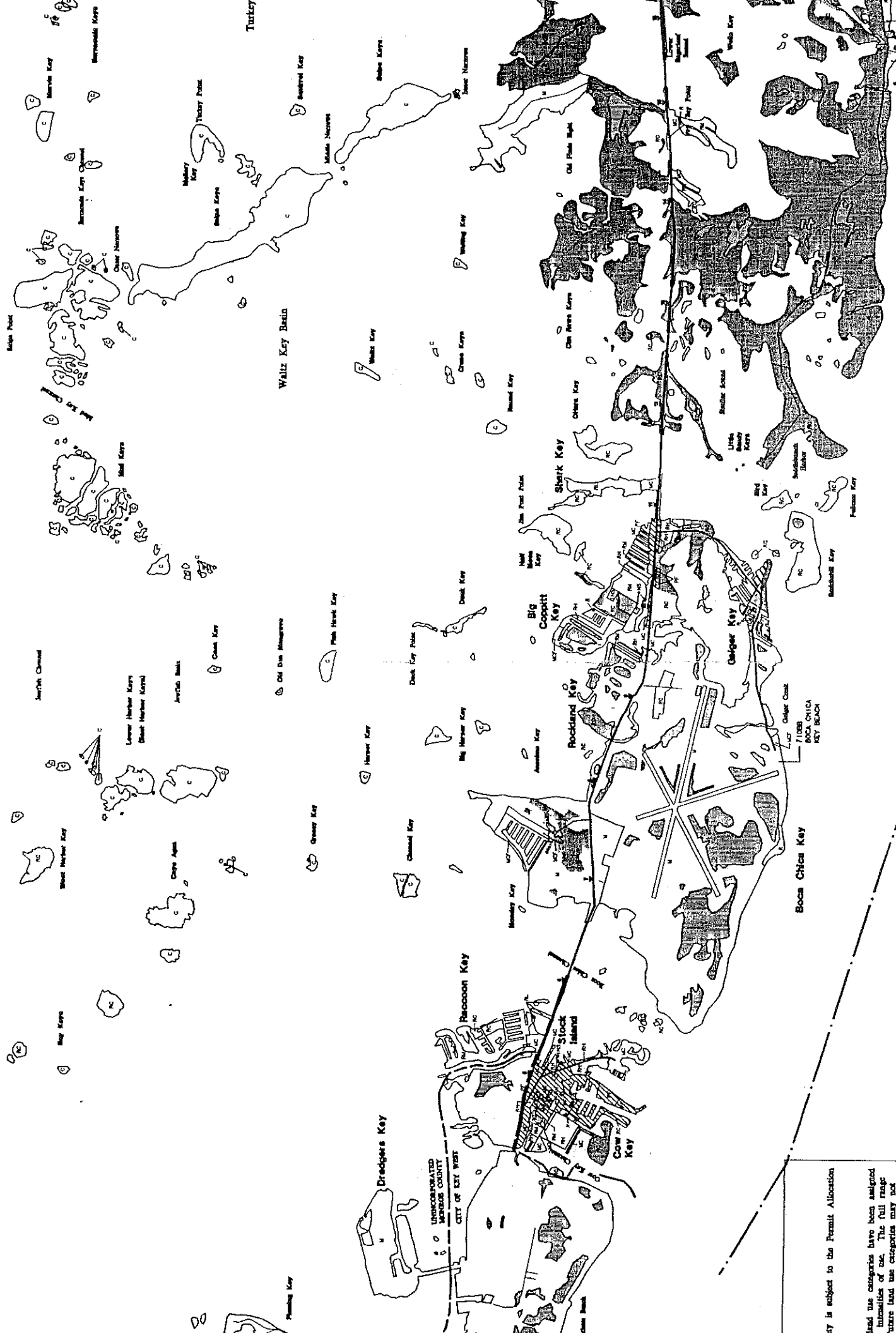
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Figure 5
Traffic Count Station Numbers

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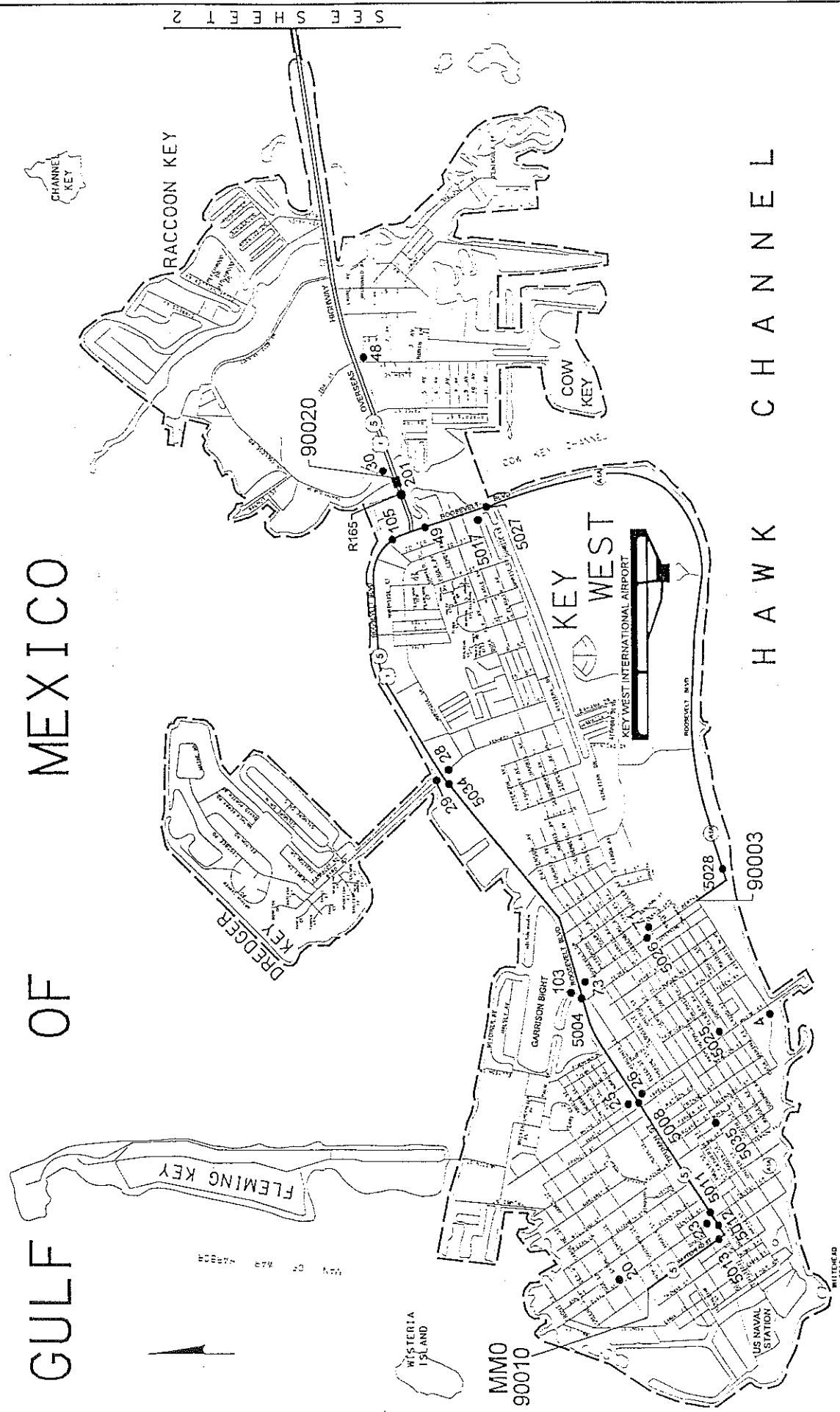


FIGURE 5
1997 LOCATION MAP
TRAFFIC COUNT STATION NUMBERS

GULF OF MEXICO

BIG HARTER KEY

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LONG POINT

MONDAY KEY

ROCKLAND KEY

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BIG COPPITT KEY

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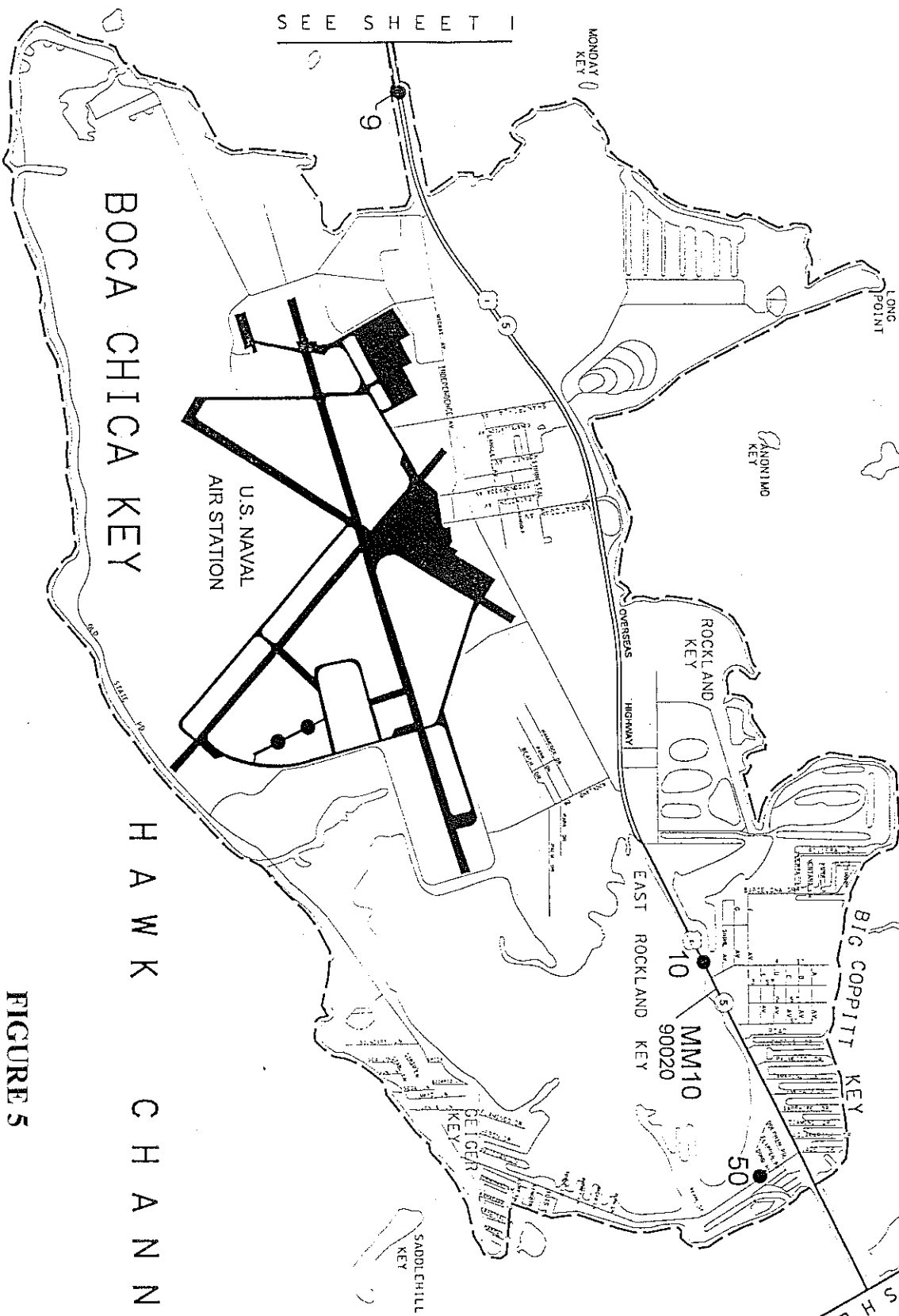


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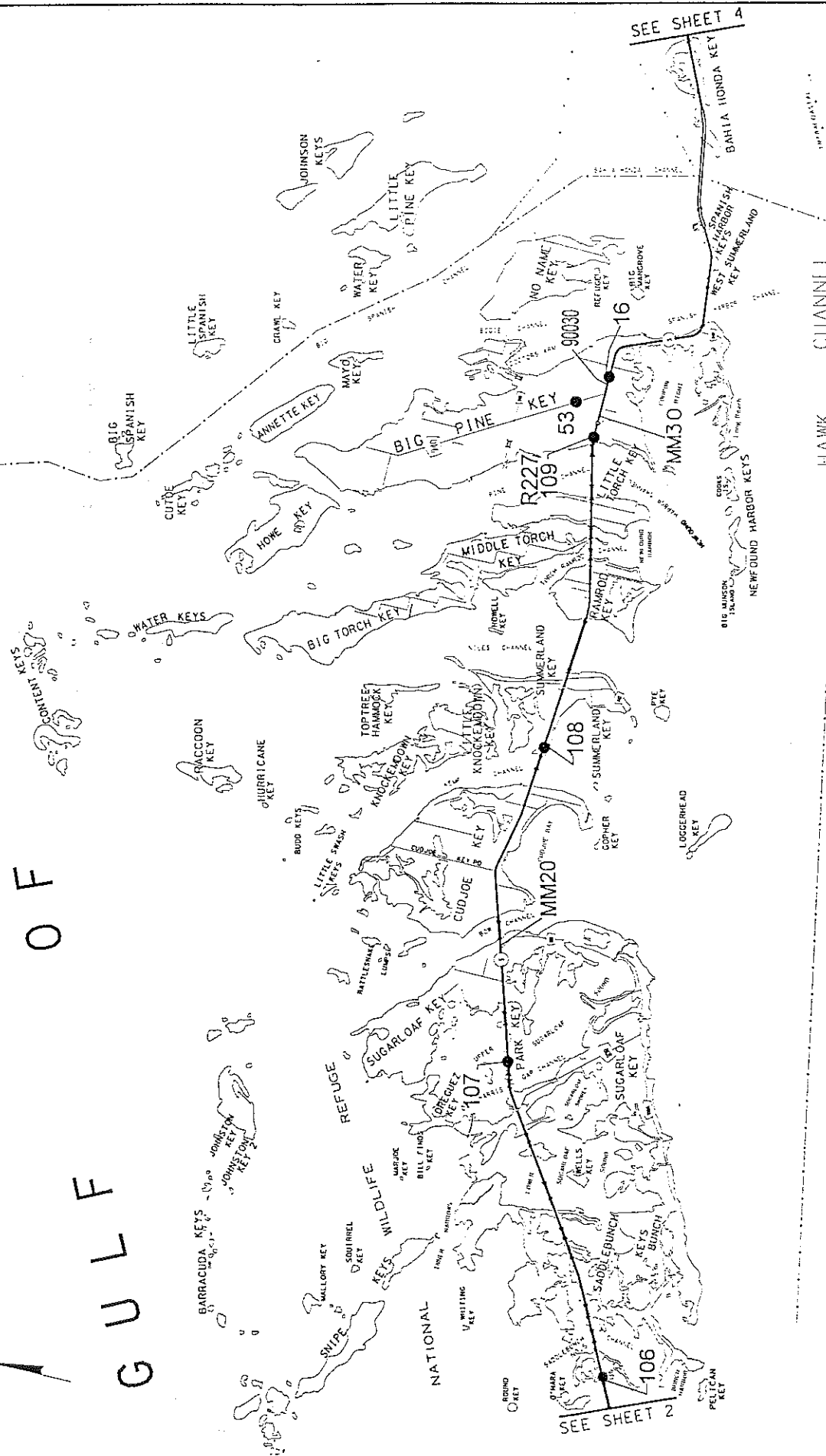


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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMS
DISTRICT SIX

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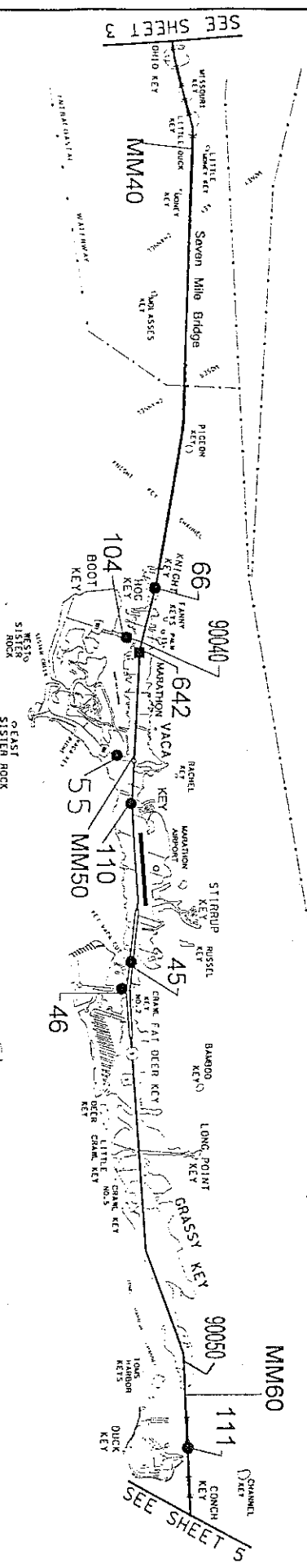


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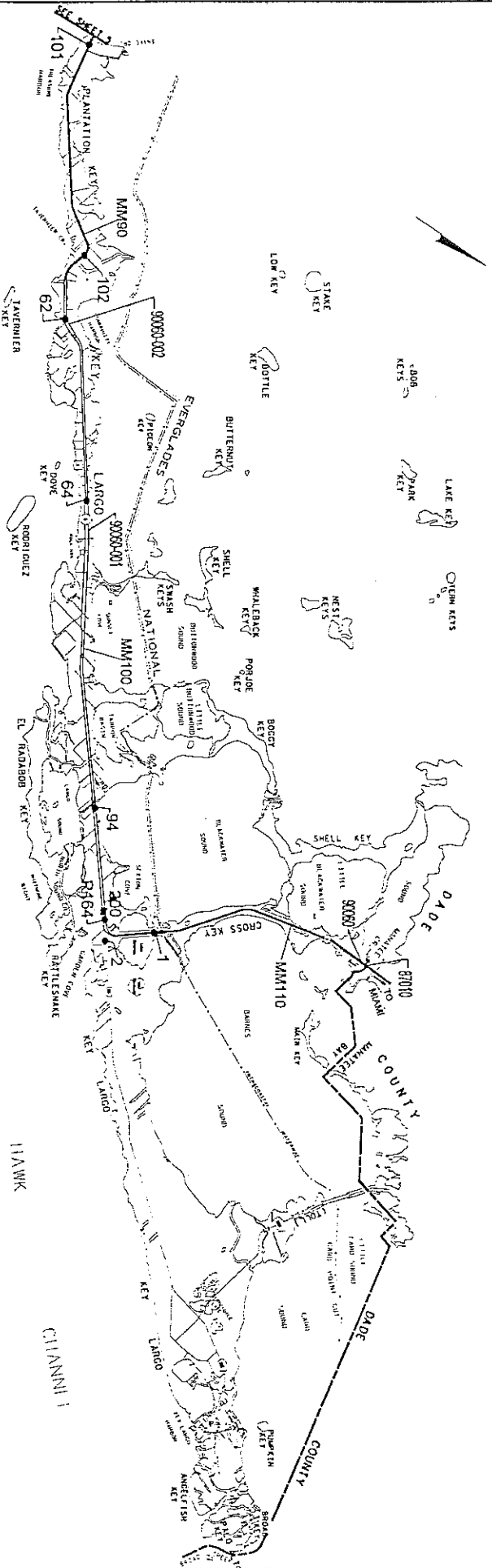
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DISTRICT SIX

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**1997 LOCATION MAP
TRAFFIC COUNT STATION NUMBERS**

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ATLANTIC OCEAN



FIGURES

Figure 6

Average Traffic Speeds and Level of Service

Control Point	Ending Control Point	Beginning Mile Marker	Ending Mile Marker
Key Haven Boulevard	Key Haven Boulevard	4.0	5.0
Rockland Drive	Rockland Drive	5.0	9.0
Boca Chica Road	Boca Chica Road	9.0	10.5
Harris Channel Br (N)	Harris Channel Br (N)	10.5	16.5
Bow Channel Br (N)	Bow Channel Br (N)	16.5	20.5
Spanish Main Drive	Spanish Main Drive	20.5	23.0
East Shore Drive	East Shore Drive	23.0	25.0
Torch-Ramrod Br (S)	Torch-Ramrod Br (S)	25.0	27.5
N. Pine Channel Br (N)	N. Pine Channel Br (N)	27.5	29.5
Long Beach Drive	Long Beach Drive	29.5	33.0
7-Mile Bridge (S)	7-Mile Bridge (S)	33.0	40.0
7-Mile Bridge (N)	7-Mile Bridge (N)	40.0	47.0
Cocoa Plum Drive	Cocoa Plum Drive	47.0	54.0
Toms Harbor Ch Br (S)	Toms Harbor Ch Br (S)	54.0	60.5
Long Key Br (S)	Long Key Br (S)	60.5	63.0
Channel #2 Br (N)	Channel #2 Br (N)	63.0	73.0
Lignum Vitae Br (S)	Lignum Vitae Br (S)	73.0	77.5
Tea Table Relief Br (N)	Tea Table Relief Br (N)	77.5	79.5
Whale Harbor Br (S)	Whale Harbor Br (S)	79.5	84.0
Snake Creek Br (N)	Snake Creek Br (N)	84.0	86.0
Ocean Boulevard	Ocean Boulevard	86.0	91.5
Atlantic Boulevard	Atlantic Boulevard	91.5	99.5
C-905	C-905	99.5	106.0
County Line Sign	County Line Sign	106.0	112.6
Overall		4.0	112.6

22 Segment Number

C/27.3	1999 LOS/Median Speed
B/30.1	1998 LOS/Median Speed

23 A/45.7
A/47.3

21 B/42.0
B/41.4

19 C/41.6
C/40.6

20 B/38.4
B/38.3

17 D/50.4
D/50.2

18 D/49.6
D/48.6

16 B/52.1
C/51.4

15 C/53.1
C/52.5

9 A/47.7
A/46.6

7 B/45.2
B/45.0

11 B/52.1
B/52.6

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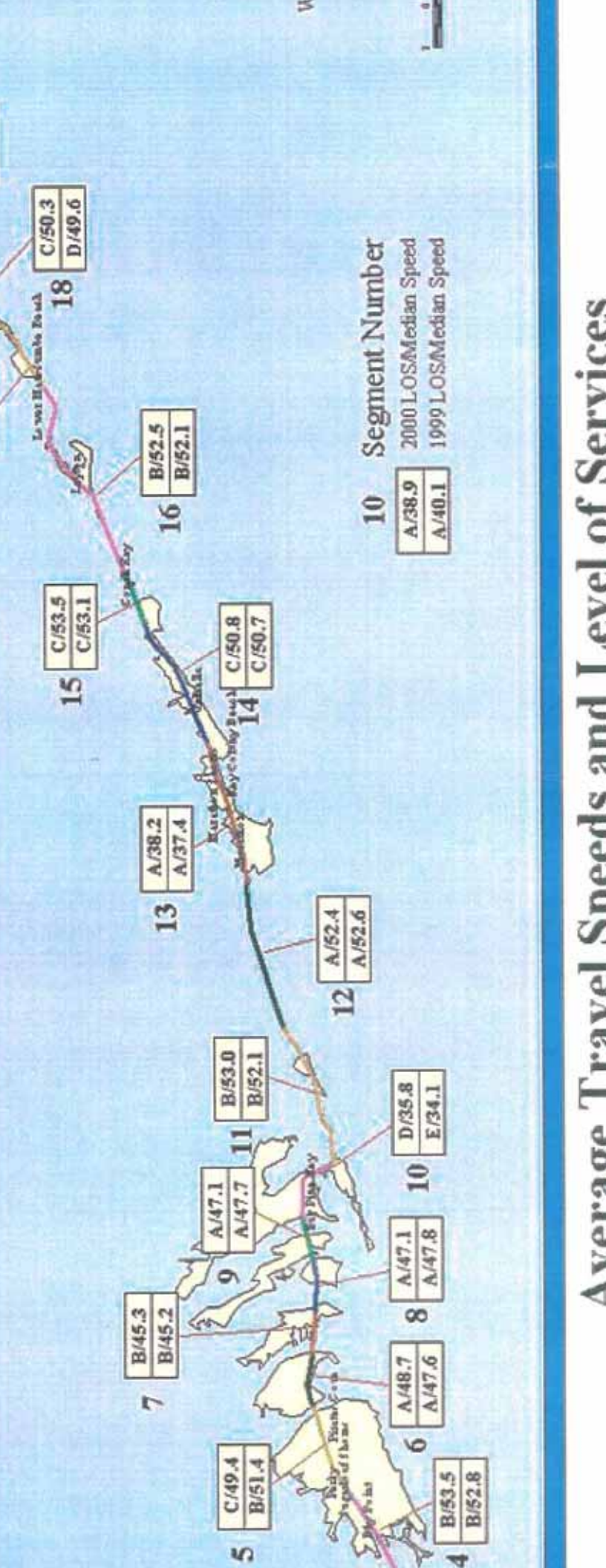
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FIGURE 6

Average Travel Speeds and Level of Service

1000 Travel Time Delay Study

Key Haven Boulevard	4,000	5,000	C	17.3	30.5
Rockland Drive	5,000	5,000	A	37.0	51.4
Boca Chica Road	5,000	20,500	C	45.5	46.9
Harris Channel Bridge (H)	10,500	26,500	B	52.8	53.5
Bow Channel Bridge (H)	16,500	20,500	B	51.4	49.4
Spanish Main Drive	10,500	22,000	A	47.6	43.7
East Shore Drive	25,000	25,000	B	45.2	45.5
Torch-Ramrod Bridge (3)	15,000	17,500	A	47.0	47.1
M. Pine Channel Bridge (H)	27,500	29,500	A	47.7	47.1
Long Beach Drive	19,500	33,000	D	34.1	35.0
7-Hills Bridge (3)	22,000	40,000	B	51.1	52.0
7-Hills Bridge (H)	40,000	47,000	A	51.6	52.4
Cocoa Plum Drive	42,000	54,000	A	37.4	38.1
Tom, Harbor Ch. Bridges (1)	54,000	60,500	C	50.7	50.0
Long Key Bridge (3)	60,500	67,000	C	53.1	53.5
Channel St. Bridge (H)	62,000	72,000	B	52.1	52.5
Lignum Vitae Bridge (3)	73,000	77,500	C	50.4	50.7
Whale Harbor Bridge (3)	77,500	79,500	D	49.6	50.3
Tea Table Relief Bridge (H)	79,500	84,000	C	41.6	41.1
Snake Creek Bridge (H)	84,000	86,000	B	31.4	34.5
Ocean Boulevard	86,000	91,500	C	42.0	39.0
Atlantic Boulevard	91,500	99,500	A	49.1	48.0
C-506	99,500	106,000	A	45.7	46.0
Courtesy Line Sign	106,000	111,500	D	50.3	47.7



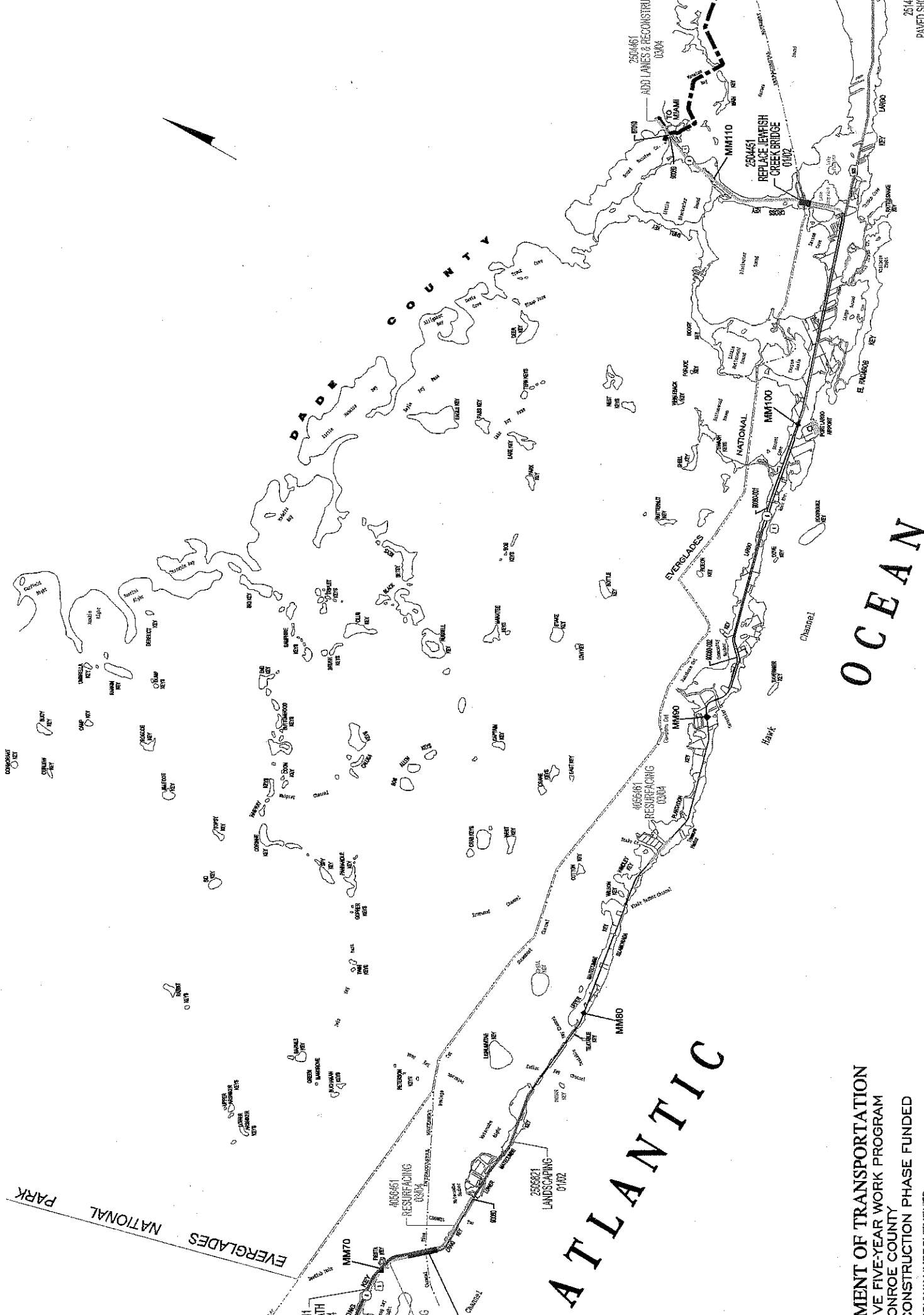
Monroe County Bicycle Pedestrian Projects
DPT Five Year Work Program
2000-2004

**MONROE COUNTY BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS
DOT FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM
2000-2004**

Project Name	Mile Marker	# Miles	Year	*Estimate (3/00)	Fund Type	Type of Work	Design Phase
CR 905	106.5 to Card Sound Road	7	2000	\$2,077,957	FHPP	Paved Shoulders	100%
Grassy Key	54.5-59.5	5	2001	\$118,920	ACSE	Separated Path	100%
Big Coppitt Key	11-15	4	2001	\$885,283	SE	Separated Path	100%
Knight's Key	47		2001	\$784,704	SE	Trail Head	90%
Saddlebunch Key	15-16.5	1.5	2002	\$382,134	SE	Separated Path	Not in Design
Bahia Honda to Little Duck Key	36.5-40.2	3.5	2003	\$895,230	SE	Separated Path	Not in Design
Key Haven to Big Coppitt	5.2-9.6	4.4	2004	\$1,104,290	SE	Separated Path	Not in Design
Summerland Key to Bahia Honda	25-37	12	2004	\$1,854,450	ASCE	Separated Path	Not in Design
				\$330,044	SE		
Sugarloaf Key to Summerland Key	18.5-24.5	8	2004	\$1,317,831	FHPP	Separated Path	Not in Design
Grassy Key to Long Key	59.2-65.2	6	2004	\$973,123	SE	Separated Path	Not in Design
City of Layton to Anne's Beach	88.4-73.8	5.4	2004	\$856,516	SE	Separated Path	Not in Design
		56.8		\$12,980,472			
* Construction Costs Only							
FHPP - Federal Highway Priority Project		ACSE - Enhancement		SE - Enhancement			

Figure 7

Florida Keys 1999/00 Five-Year Work Program



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM
 MONROE COUNTY
 CONSTRUCTION PHASE FUNDED
 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS
 BIKE-PEDESTRIAN PATHS/LANDSCAPING/
 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

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Table 8

Summary of Corridor Impression Surveys

TABLE 8
CORRIDOR IMPRESSION SURVEY COMMENTARY

<u>MM</u>	<u>Comments within Mile Markers</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
0	Bayside: historic Hemingway House	X	
	Bayside: old Conch Professional Bldg., nice landscaping	X	
	Oceanside: historic conch houses	X	
	Oceanside: beautiful, historic courthouse	X	
	Oceanside: tree lined street and historic church	X	
	Oceanside: nice, historic buildings	X	
	Oceanside: lots of litter and trash		X
	Oceanside: specimen Kapok tree	X	
	Oceanside: lighthouse and museum	X	
1.	Bayside: Condos, Saltponds beautification project across beach	X	
	Bayside: Mcloy Indigenous Park/picnic area, playground	X	
	Bayside: native trees	X	
	Bayside: apt bldg/hotels		X
	Bayside: attractive, upscale, residential w/landscape	X	
	Bayside: southern most point sign	X	
	Oceanside: residential old and new		X
	Oceanside: tree canopy	X	
	Oceanside: tree lined street	X	
	Oceanside: Bahama style, historic church	X	
	Oceanside: blooming Poinciana	X	
2	Bayside: Benihana Restaurant		X
	Bayside: industrial airport		X
	Bayside: lots of Seagrape trees	X	
	Bayside: historic brick Civil War fort w/gardens	X	
	Bayside: Saltponds, palm lined path		X
	Oceanside: landscaping	X	
	Oceanside: public beach/nice water view	X	
	Oceanside: beautiful, never ending, water view	X	
	Oceanside: lovely residential street	X	
	Oceanside: fishing pier on water	X	
	Oceanside: tree lined beach	X	
	Oceanside: parks and piers are very inviting	X	
	Oceanside: beautiful Marriott Bch Resort	X	
3	Bayside: bridge w/canal running through, mangroves, dead grass		X
	Bayside: nicely landscaped motels	X	
	Bayside: teen center and Highway Patrol		X
	Bayside: palm lined boulevard	X	
	Oceanside: house boat row, tacky		X
	Oceanside: many unnecessary signs on sidewalk		X
4	Bayside: construction on side of highway destroying park area		X
	Bayside: motels and residential area		X
	Bayside: grassy area w/bike path	X	
	Bayside: nicely landscaped motels and houses	X	
	Oceanside: historic Navy Hospital buildings	X	

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<u>MM</u>	<u>Comments within Mile Markers</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
4	Oceanside: Stock Island Bridge	X	
	Oceanside: timeshare/landscaped	X	
	Oceanside: bike path	X	
	Oceanside: gas stations and businesses		X
5	Bayside: golf course/blooming trees, shade trees	X	
	Bayside: dangerous intersection after bridge		X
	Bayside: Sandlewood trees	X	
	Bayside: bike path	X	
	Oceanside: roadway lined w/small businesses and marinas		X
	Oceanside: bridge over canal	X	
	Oceanside: public access boat ramp	X	
	Bayside: nice ocean area over bridge	X	
6	Bayside: nice water access for fishing w/parking	X	
	Bayside: foliage mix	X	
	Bayside: small signs		X
	Bayside: Boca Chica Bridge-water view w/small mangrove	X	
	Oceanside: water view	X	
	Oceanside: invasives/native Buttonwood & nicely trimmed trees		X
	Bayside: wetlands and trees	X	
	Bayside: bridge w/water view	X	
7	Bayside: mangroves on side of highway	X	
	Oceanside: historic Naval Air Station	X	
	Oceanside: large trees exotic and native		X
	Bayside: water/wetlands	X	
	Bayside: foliage mix		X
	Bayside: ocean view	X	
	Bayside: low lands/water area	X	
	Oceanside: Rockland Key Ponds w/ lots of mangroves	X	
8	Oceanside: Boca Chica Naval Station overpass/water view	X	
	Bayside: vegetation/mangroves	X	
	Bayside: water view	X	
	Oceanside: ocean view cluttered w/mangroves	X	
	Oceanside: salt ponds	X	
	Oceanside: wetlands w/birds	X	
	Oceanside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: businesses along side highway		X
9	Bayside: landscape needs care		X
	Bayside: commercial/billboards		X
	Bayside: tree lined wetlands/highly vegetated area	X	
	Oceanside: bridge over wetlands	X	
	Oceanside: storage building		X
	Oceanside: mangroves/exotics/natives/palms		X
	Bayside: water view	X	
	Bayside: billboards		X

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<u>MM</u>	<u>Comments within Mile Markers</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
11	Bayside: bike path	X	
	Oceanside: open water area w/public access boat ramp	X	
	Oceanside: mangroves	X	
	Oceanside: Shark Key	X	
12	Bayside: Shark Key Bridge w/water view	X	
	Bayside: palms	X	
	Bayside: luxury houses on water	X	
	Bayside: native foliage	X	
	Oceanside: large gap between mangroves & trees (needs filling)	X	
	Oceanside: open water w/open waters	X	
13	Bayside: bridge water view w/small islands	X	
	Oceanside: ocean view minimized by trees	X	
	Oceanside: some residential areas		X
14	Bayside: bridge water view w/mangroves	X	
	Bayside: wetlands	X	
	Bayside: native vegetation	X	
	Oceanside: water view	X	
15	Bayside: salt water ponds	X	
	Bayside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: bridge, water view w/islands	X	
	Oceanside: trees block ocean view		X
16	Bayside: bridge, ocean view	X	
	Bayside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: bay area w/nice housing	X	
	Bayside: foliage	X	
	Oceanside: mangroves	X	
	Oceanside: small marina	X	
	Oceanside: native foliage	X	
17	Bayside: ocean view-mangroves	X	
	Bayside: Fire Department		X
	Bayside: commercial		X
	Oceanside: sea grape trees	X	
	Oceanside: small bridge, ocean view	X	
	Oceanside: exotic and native foliage		X
	Oceanside: Sugar Loaf		X
	Oceanside: natives/exotics/palms		X
18	Bayside: bridge, water view/mangroves	X	
	Bayside: airplane on side of highway		X
	Bayside: Sugar Loaf Motel-nice landscape		X
	Bayside: natives/exotics		X
	Bayside: water view	X	
	Oceanside: foliage	X	
	Oceanside: large gap between highway & ocean wasted space		X
	Oceanside: vegetation blocks ocean view		X

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<u>MM</u>	<u>Comments within Mile Markers</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
19	Bayside: wetlands	X	
	Bayside: bridge, water view/mangroves/islands	X	
	Oceanside: natives/exotics		X
	Oceanside: bridge, water view	X	
	Oceanside: litter on side of road		X
20	Bayside: bridge, water view	X	
	Bayside: restaurant w/banana trees	X	
	Bayside: natives/exotics too dense to see water		X
	Bayside: few billboards		X
	Oceanside: bridge, water view	X	
63	Bayside: bay view	X	
	Bayside: Conch Key entrance commercial storefronts-messy		X
	Bayside: Fire Dept.-messy		X
	Bayside: bridge-scenic islands in back country	X	
	Oceanside: Conch Key south-trap yard and boat trailers-messy		X
	Oceanside: water view	X	
64	Bayside: view of bay from bridge w/islands	X	
	Oceanside: view of ocean from bridge	X	
	Oceanside: old bridge-birds	X	
65	Bayside: view from bridge-boats and islands	X	
	Bayside: tropical resort	X	
	Bayside: marina	X	
	Bayside: trailer park		X
	Oceanside: view from bridge	X	
	Oceanside: old bridge-people fishing,occasional osprey	X	
	Oceanside: condos		X
	Oceanside: beach	X	
66	Bayside: outdoor resort-nice landscape	X	
	Bayside: mangroves-trees and other great vegetation	X	
	Bayside: apartments-docks		X
	Bayside: mobile home park		X
	Bayside: tall weeds-ugly		X
	Bayside: broken view of bay	X	
	Bayside: fishing village and development	X	
	Oceanside: oceanfront homes-nicely landscaped	X	
	Oceanside: mangroves and palms	X	
	Oceanside: dense landscaping	X	
	Oceanside: tall weeds-dense		X
	Oceanside: concrete utility poles		X
67	Bayside: mangroves-occasional view of bay,buttonwood	X	
	Bayside: landfill		X
	Bayside: trees	X	
	Oceanside: Long Key State Park-foliage	X	
	Oceanside: occasional view of ocean	X	

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<u>MM</u>	<u>Comments within Mile Markers</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
67	Oceanside: scenic area near private road	X	
	Oceanside: dead trees		X
68	Bayside: cute gift shop and marina on bay	X	
	Bayside: bay view	X	
	Bayside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: cute bait and tackle store	X	
	Oceanside: Layton-commercial buildings		X
	Oceanside: Post Office		X
	Oceanside: tree lined bike path	X	
	Oceanside: mangroves	X	
69	Bayside: mangroves and wetlands	X	
	Bayside: Lime Tree Resort-cute		X
	Bayside: marina	X	
	Bayside: rock quarry		X
	Bayside: pretty Layton sign		X
	Oceanside: mangroves and wetlands	X	
	Oceanside: commercial		X
	Oceanside: microwave tower		X
70	Bayside: KOA Campground	X	
	Bayside: water view-marina	X	
	Bayside: wetlands	X	
	Oceanside: old FKAAsubstation-unsightly		X
	Oceanside: ocean view	X	
	Oceanside: foliage	X	
71	Bayside: view of bay and islands from bridge	X	
	Oceanside: view of Long Key from bridge	X	
	Oceanside: view of sailboats	X	
72	Bayside: view of bay and Channel 5 Bridge	X	
	Bayside: pull off spot w/nice cove	X	
	Bayside: revegetation of native plants	X	
	Oceanside: ocean view	X	
73	Bayside: Channel 2 Bridge-bay view	X	
	Bayside: sunken pilings from old bridge	X	
	Oceanside: view of ocean and boats	X	
	Oceanside: Anne's Beach	X	
74	Bayside: Boy Scout Sea Base	X	
	Bayside: small marina	X	
	Bayside: Tollgate Shores/residential		X
	Bayside: commercial/crab traps-unsightly		X
	Oceanside: large marina/gas station		X
	Oceanside: Caloosa Cove-well landscaped	X	
	Oceanside: billboards-ugly		X
	Oceanside: ocean view, sea oats	X	
75	Bayside: lobster traps/storage yard-unsightly		X

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75	Bayside: commercial and residential		X
	Oceanside: sea oats and beach-nice view	X	
	Oceanside: residential w/nice landscaping	X	
76	Bayside: mom & pop motels,bayfront residences-nice	X	
	Bayside: small commercial		X
	Oceanside: tropical style hotels-nice vegetation		X
	Oceanside: well maintained estates and condos	X	
77	Bayside: Islamorada Tennis Club		X
	Bayside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: restaurant		X
	Oceanside: quaint little cottage and motel in shady grove		X
	Oceanside: small residential-nice landscape	X	
	Oceanside: palm trees	X	
	Oceanside:decorative marina	X	
78	Bayside: water view	X	
	Bayside: overgrown weeds		X
	Bayside: native vegetation	X	
	Oceanside: ocean view	X	
	Oceanside: overgrown		X
	Oceanside: native vegetation	X	
79	Bayside: overgrown		X
	Bayside: water view	X	
	Bayside: lots of green space w/native vegetation	X	
	Oceanside: weedy		X
	Oceanside: water view	X	
	Oceanside: marina w/water view	X	
	Oceanside: native vegetation, lush landscaping	X	
80	Bayside: commercial		X
	Bayside: roadside park-very overgrown		X
	Bayside: TIB Bank-looks great	X	
	Bayside: lite commercial-lots of green native vegetation	X	
	Oceanside: motels & residential-nice landscaping,native plants	X	
81	Bayside: lite and heavy commercial		X
	Bayside: lots of native vegetation and lush landscaping	X	
	Bayside: bay view	X	
	Oceanside: commercial-lots of vegetation-nice native palms		X
	Oceanside: boat yard-looks bad		X
82	Bayside: commercial		X
	Bayside: good use of natives and lots of green	X	
	Bayside: Bass Pro and Morada Bay-very nice	X	
	Bayside: library	X	
	Bayside: native plants and trees	X	
	Bayside: new gas station-ugly		X
	Oceanside: commercial-native trees		X

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82	Oceanside: nice shops	X	
	Oceanside: Grove Park Café-island style	X	
83	Bayside: Island Christian School	X	
	Bayside: native vegetation	X	
	Bayside: Historic restaurant	X	
	Bayside: groomed foliage	X	
	Oceanside: commercial/residential		X
	Oceanside: marina w/ocean view	X	
	Oceanside: tropical landscaping	X	
	Oceanside: auto garage-very messy		X
84	Bayside: Whale Harbor	X	
	Bayside: bridge-nice water view w/mangroves	X	
	Bayside: herons and other wild birds	X	
	Bayside: Holiday Isle parking lot-messy		X
	Oceanside: Theater of the Sea-attractive landscaping	X	
	Oceanside: Holiday Isle, sand bar-nice boats	X	
	Oceanside: very nice view of ocean	X	
	Oceanside: Holiday Isle-ugly complex		X
	Oceanside: Howard Johnson's-ugly		X
85	Bayside: state geological site/fossil park rock quarry	X	
	Bayside: mangroves	X	
	Bayside: Snake Creek Bridge-great view, nice houses	X	
	Bayside: old gas station-ugly		X
	Bayside: Venetian Shores-residential	X	
	Bayside: OV Lounge-ugly		X
	Bayside: Cobra Marina area-messy		X
	Bayside: commercial north of bridge-ugly		X
	Oceanside: Hog Heaven and pink hotel-ugly		X
	Oceanside: bridge-ocean view	X	
	Bayside: commercial north of bridge-ugly		X
86	Bayside: abandoned key lime stand and radio station-ugly		X
	Bayside: Rain Barrel-quaint	X	
	Bayside: billboard, Theater of the Sea-cute	X	
	Bayside: Plantation Yacht Harbor-well maintained open area	X	
	Oceanside: weigh station-well maintained		X
	Oceanside: mangroves	X	
	Oceanside: Jammers		X
	Oceanside: Treasure Village-cute	X	
	Oceanside: nice view of old highway	X	
87	Bayside: Executive Bay Club-condo		X
	Bayside: Episcopal Church	X	
	Bayside: residential streets-foliage	X	
	Oceanside: trailer park-very ugly		X
	Oceanside: tropical nursery	X	

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87	Oceanside: gas station-unattractive		X
88	Bayside: nursery	X	
	Bayside: hospital	X	
	Bayside: police station and government center	X	
	Bayside: Summer Seas condo	X	
	Bayside: Marker 88 Restaurant	X	
	Oceanside: trees	X	
	Oceanside: commercial properties-well maintained		X
	Oceanside: billboard, Holiday Inn-ugly		X
	Oceanside: tropical nursery	X	
	Oceanside: vets office and pet supply-parking lot full of ditches		X
89	Bayside: Plantation Key School	X	
	Bayside: billboard, Holiday Inn-ugly		X
	Bayside: San Pedro Church-beautiful/nice trees	X	
	Bayside: commercial		X
	Bayside: storage in front of residential neighborhood-ugly		X
	Oceanside: Coral Shores High School	X	
	Oceanside: trees	X	
90	Bayside: commercial		X
	Bayside: billboard-ugly		X
	Bayside: Turek building(apt & business) very commercial		X
	Bayside: bank		X
	Bayside: Tavernier Creek Marina-ugly		X
	Bayside: bridge-view of water	X	
	Oceanside: commercial-ugly		X
	Oceanside: Tavernier Creek Bridge-nice water and house view	X	
91	Bayside: new hospital site		X
	Bayside: Tavernier Towne		X
	Bayside: trees	X	
	Bayside: FKA A –needs landscaping		X
	Bayside: Harry's Bar-dumpy		X
	Bayside: commercial		X
	Bayside: Post Office		X
	Oceanside: commercial		X
	Oceanside: Tavernier Hotel-historic landmark	X	
	Oceanside: Old church-landmark	X	
	Oceanside: Old Post Office-landmark	X	
92	Bayside: Elks Lodge-ugly no landscaping		X
	Bayside: commercial properties-no landscaping		X
	Bayside: billboard-ugly		X
	Oceanside: bike path that floods		X
	Oceanside: trailer park-nice foliage		X
	Oceanside: school and small businesses-well maintained	X	
	Oceanside: yellow commercial building-no landscaping		X

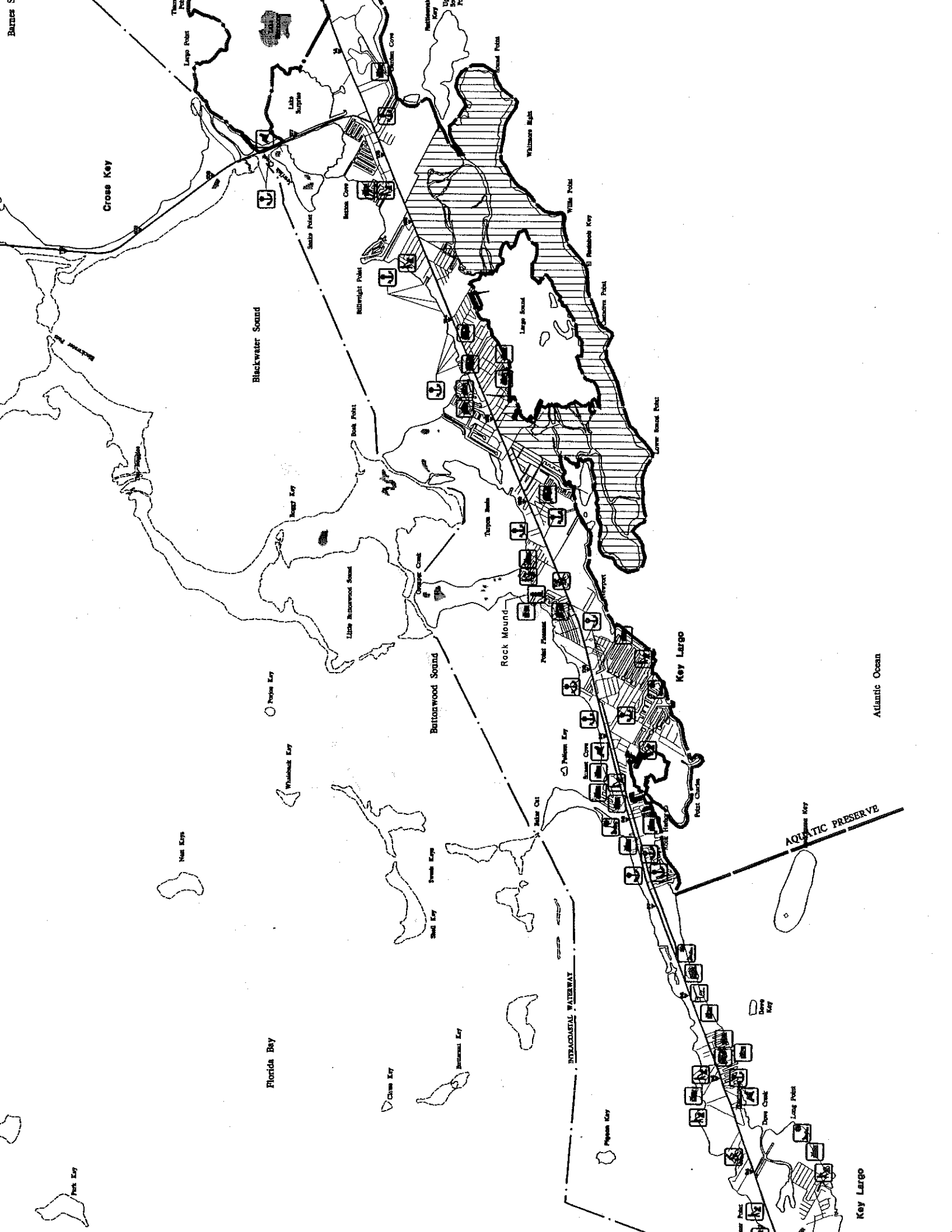
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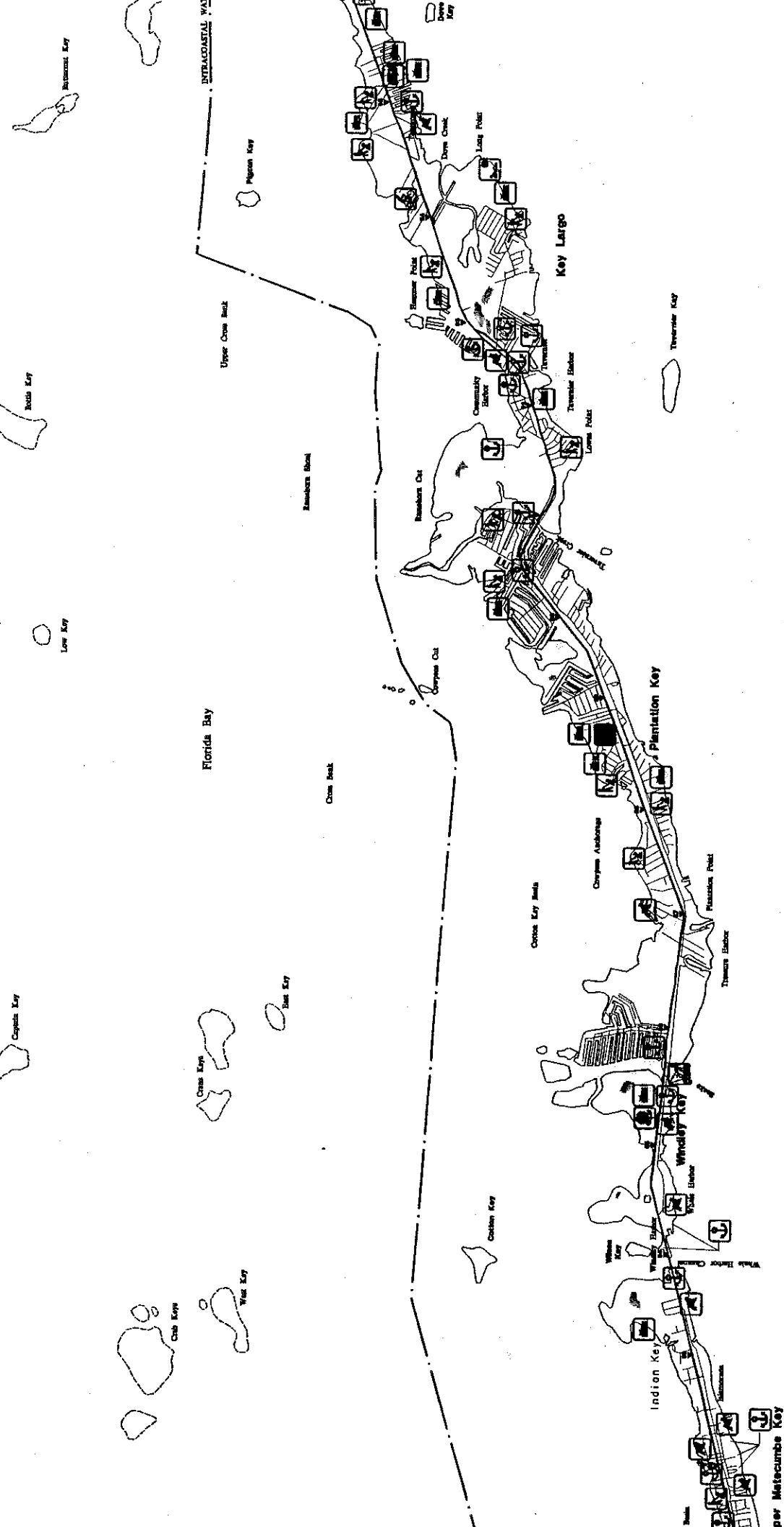
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92	Oceanside: road to Harry Harris Park	X	
	Median: disturbed lot used for parking/litter		X
93	Bayside: commercial properties		X
	Bayside: native hammock	X	
	Bayside: Hammer Pt subdivision	X	
	Oceanside: messy trailer park		X
	Oceanside: Jewish Community Center	X	
94	Bayside: Gator Golf		X
	Bayside: wild bird center	X	
	Bayside: native hammock	X	
	Bayside: commercial		X
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
	Median: needs landscaping		X
95	Bayside: hammock	X	
	Bayside: commercial and residential mixed		X
	Bayside: some "glimpses" of water	X	
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
	Oceanside: Key Largo Ocean Resort (trailers)		X
	Oceanside: commercial	X	
96	Bayside: commercial/run down		X
	Bayside: view to bay through pines		X
	Oceanside: Silver Shores (trailer park)		X
97	Bayside: Silver Shores (trailer park)		X
	Bayside: residential	X	
	Bayside: Sheraton-ok landscaping	X	
	Bayside: trees both sides of road/nice section- no color contrast		X
	Oceanside: Silver Shores		X
	Oceanside: power poles		X
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
98	Bayside: American Outdoors(campground)		X
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
	Oceanside: Shell World	X	
99	Bayside: commercial/boat yard		X
	Bayside: sculptures		X
	Bayside: absolutely ugly		X
	Oceanside: car dealer		X
	Median: commercial		X
100	Bayside: Mrs. Macs Kitchen		X
	Bayside: retail/commercial		X
	Bayside: absolutely ugly		X
	Oceanside: Holiday Inn African Queen	X	
	Oceanside: Waldorf Plaza-too much asphalt		X
	Median: Pizza Hut/KFC commercial-ugly		X
101	Bayside: commercial/retail-ugly		X

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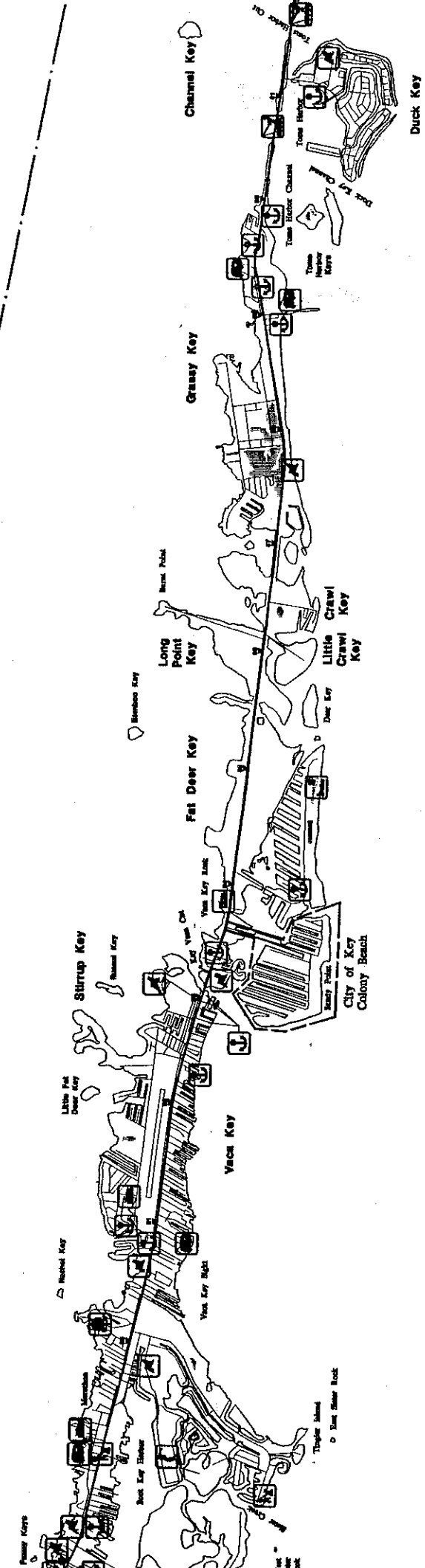
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	Bayside: lack of vegetation		X
	Oceanside: commercial/retail		X
	Oceanside: Friendship Park	X	
	Oceanside: low income residential	X	
102	Bayside: residential in hammock	X	
	Bayside: commercial-needs landscape		X
	Bayside: strip shopping-ugly		X
	Oceanside: strip shopping commercial-ugly		X
	Oceanside: John Pennekamp State Park-nice hammock	X	
	Oceanside: realtor building-ugly		X
103	Bayside: Pink Plaza-ugly		X
	Bayside: strip shopping-commercial/retail		X
	Bayside: Marriott Bay Beach Resort-nice landscape	X	
	Bayside: Key Largo Cut-nice bay view	X	
	Bayside: flea market-ugly		X
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
	Oceanside: residential development		X
	Median: native trees and palms	X	
104	Bayside: strip development/restaurant		X
	Bayside: marina-ugly		X
	Bayside: residential/commercial		X
	Bayside: Caribbean Club-ugly		X
	Oceanside: nice hammock	X	
	Oceanside: boat repair yard-ugly		X
	Oceanside: commercial strip shopping		X
	Oceanside: Key Largo Elementary	X	
105	Bayside: church-nice landscaping	X	
	Bayside: commercial/retail-needs landscape		X
	Bayside: billboard-ugly		X
	Oceanside: hammock	X	
106	Bayside: commercial strip shopping-needs landscape		X
	Bayside: residential development		X
	Oceanside: trailer park-ugly		X
	Oceanside: electric coop substation-ugly		X

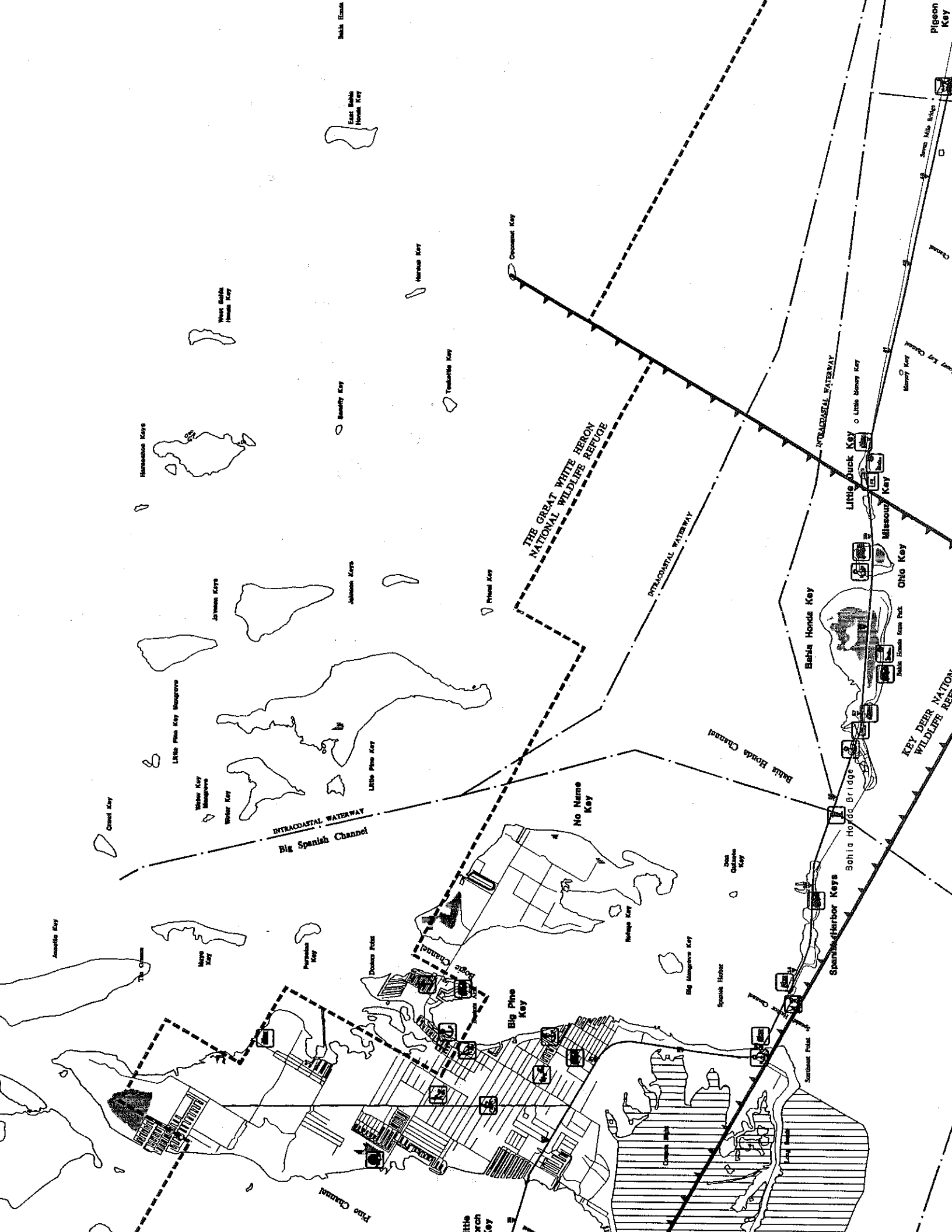
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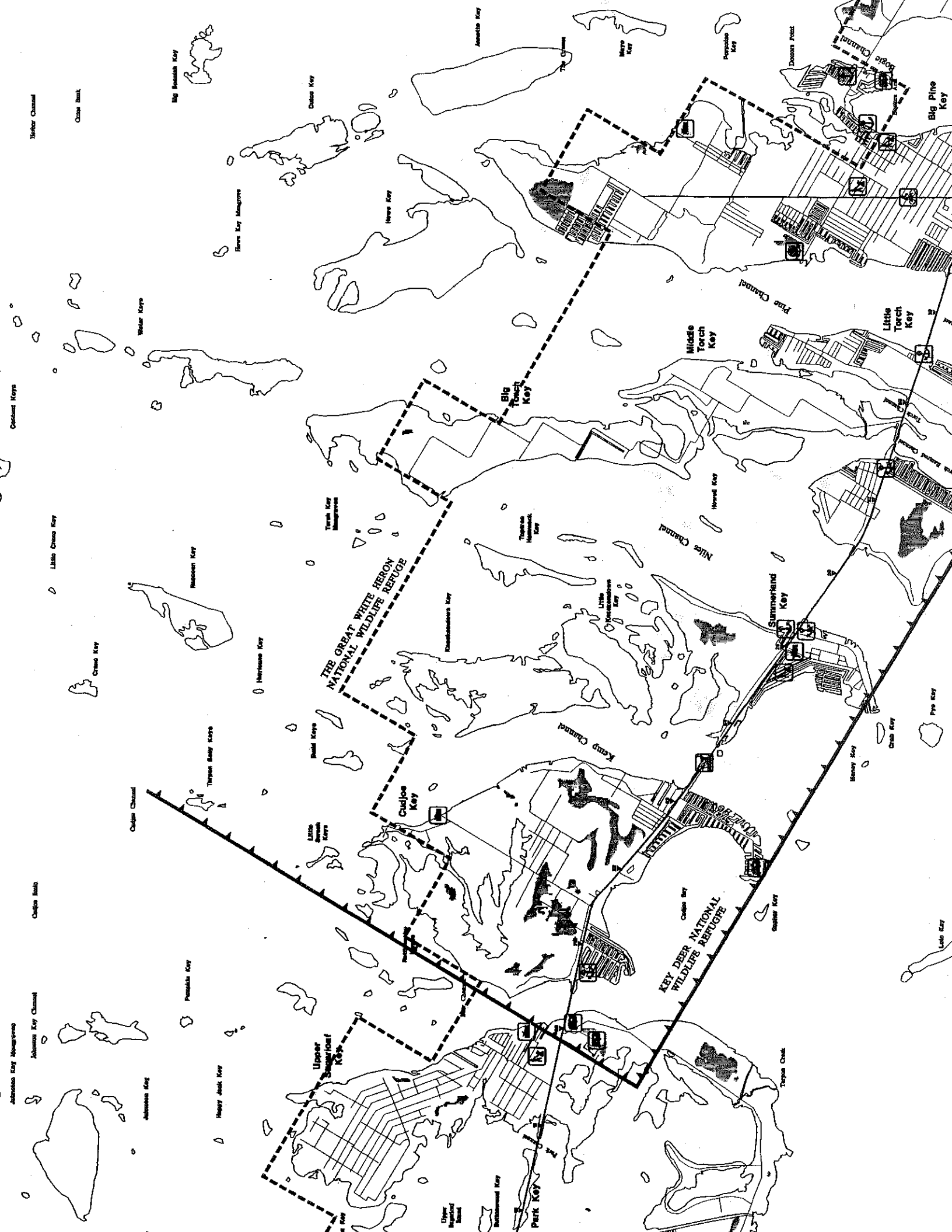




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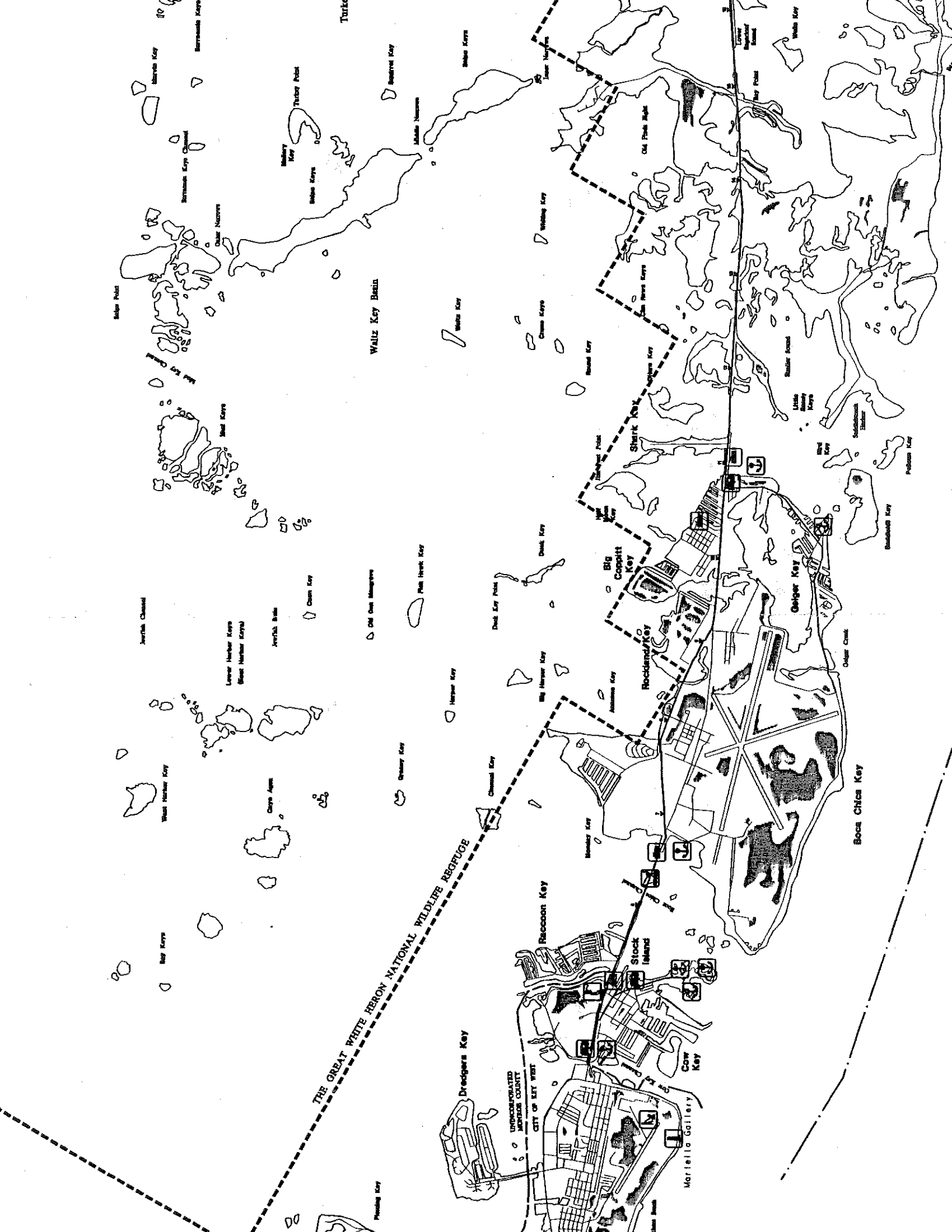
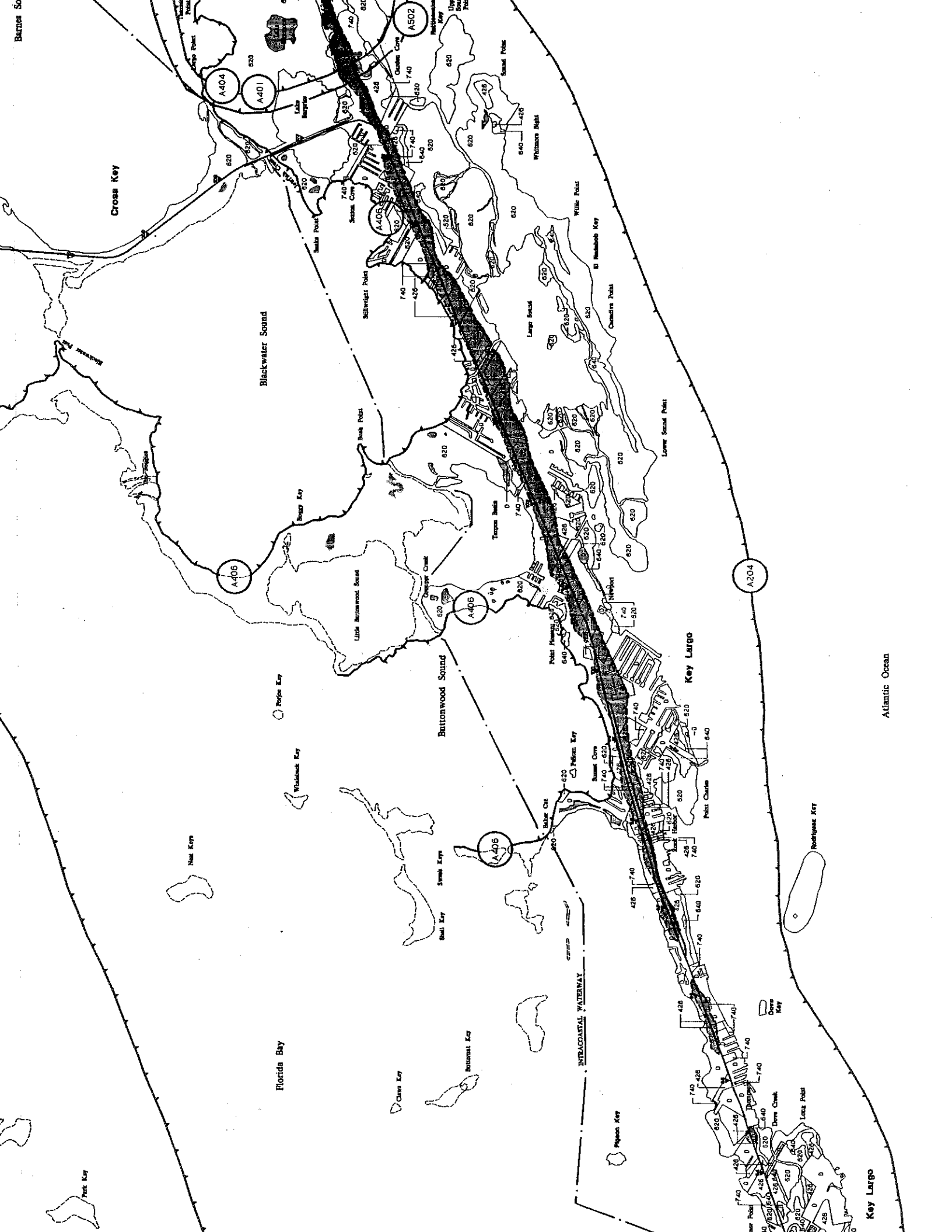
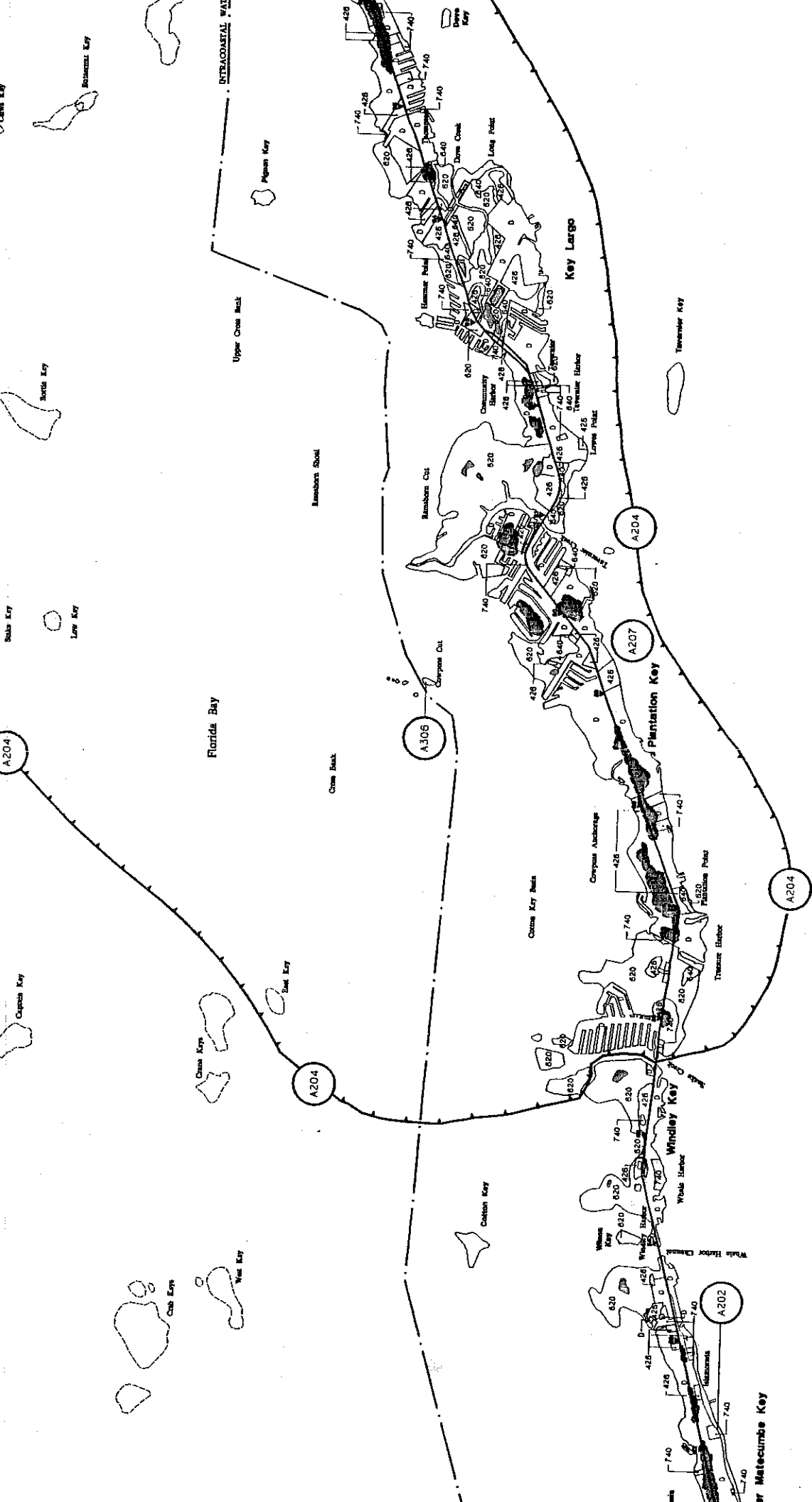


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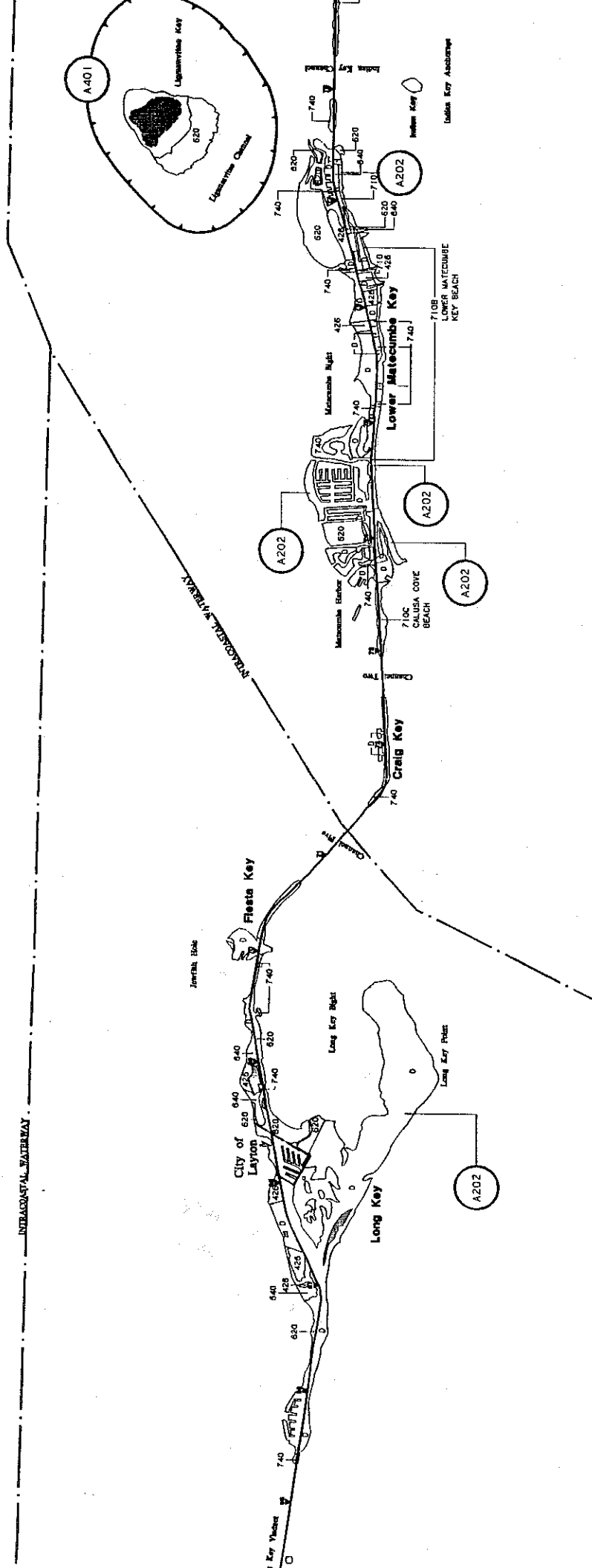


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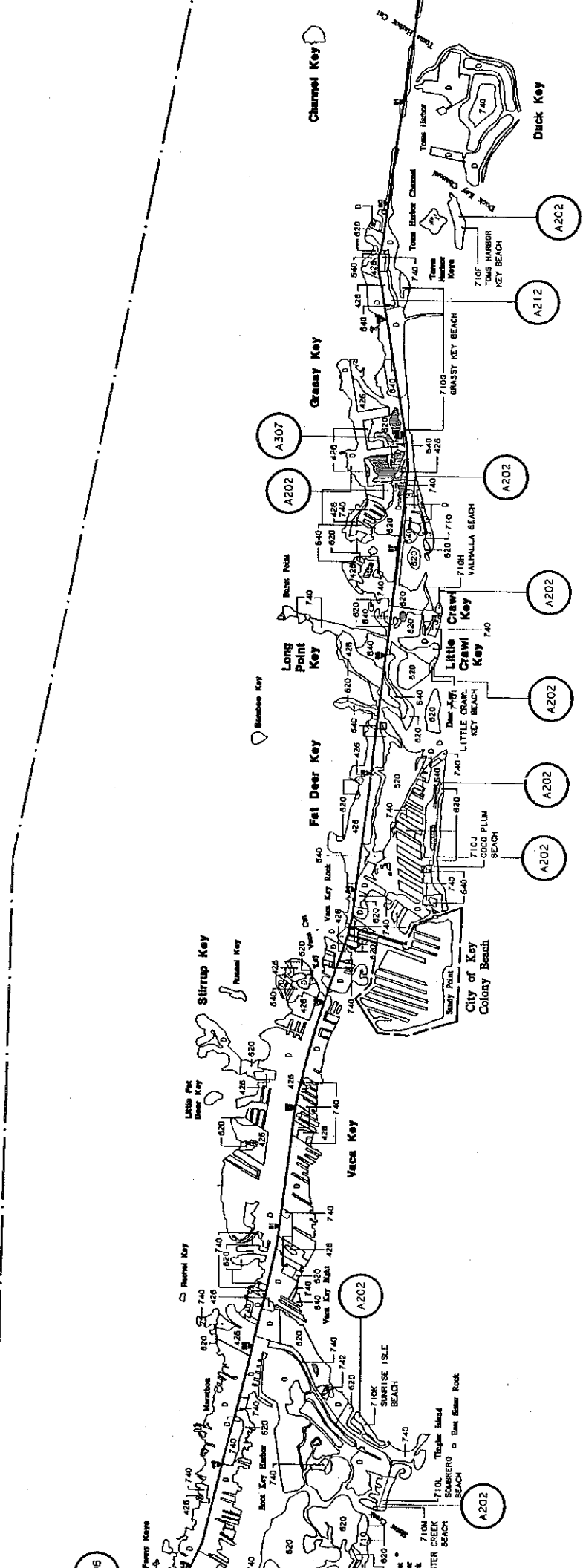
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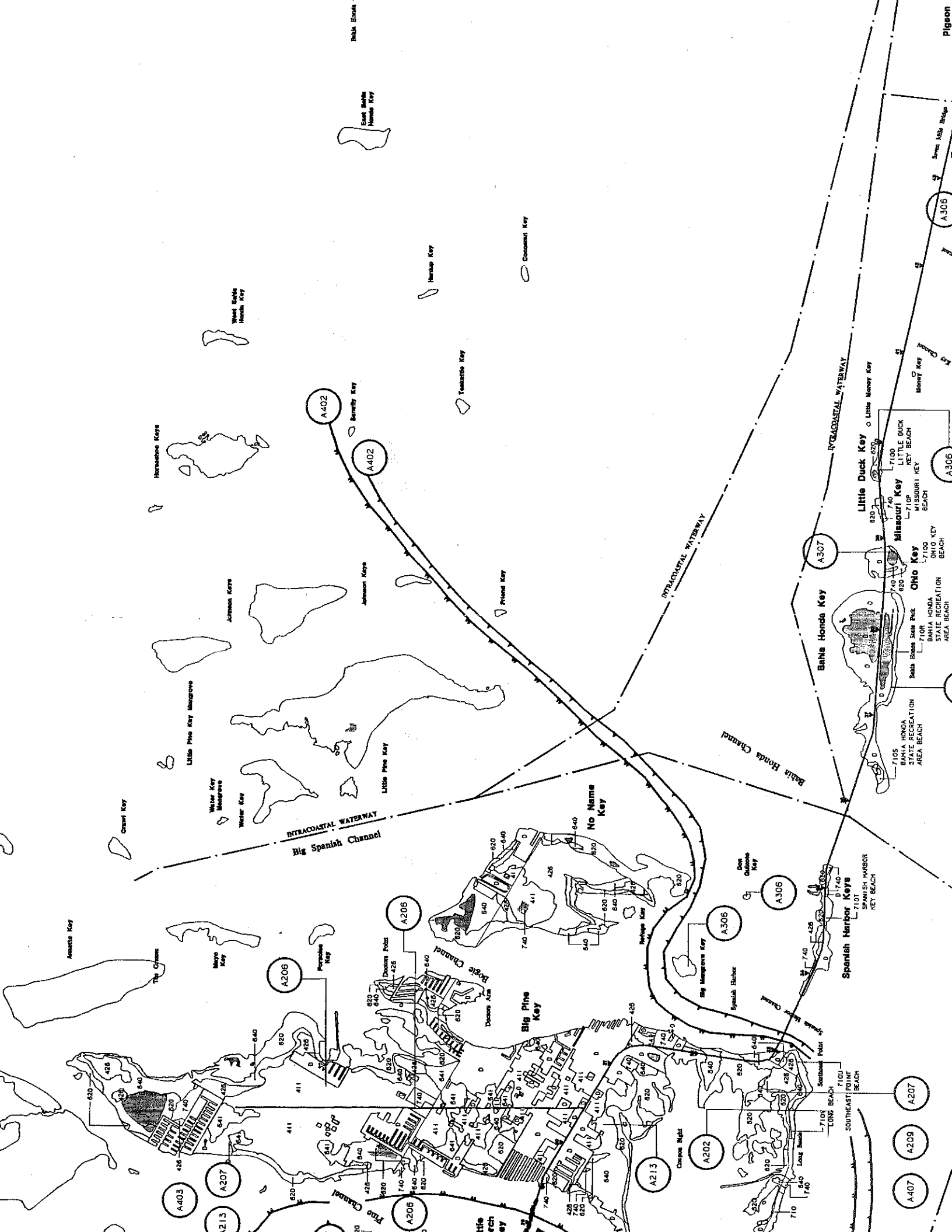


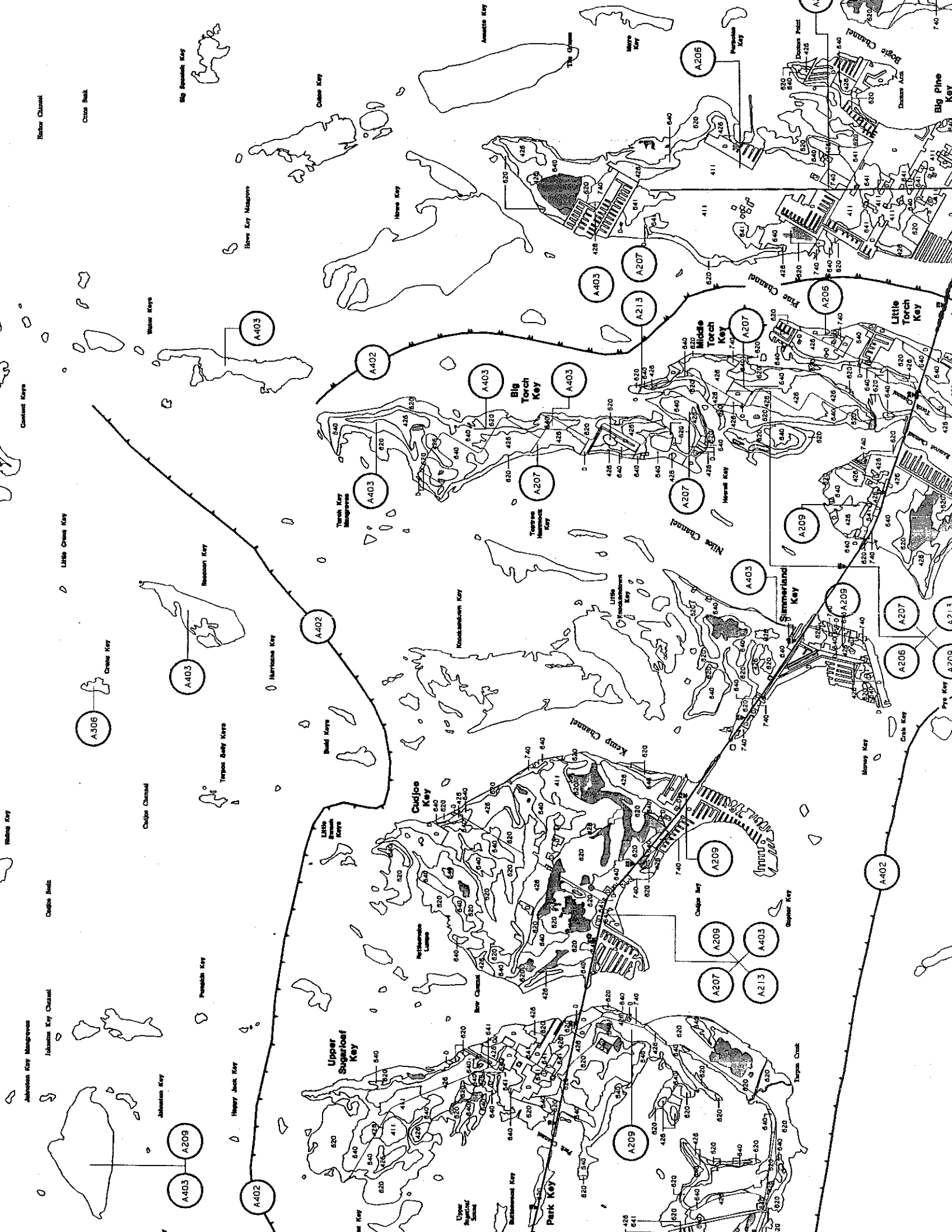
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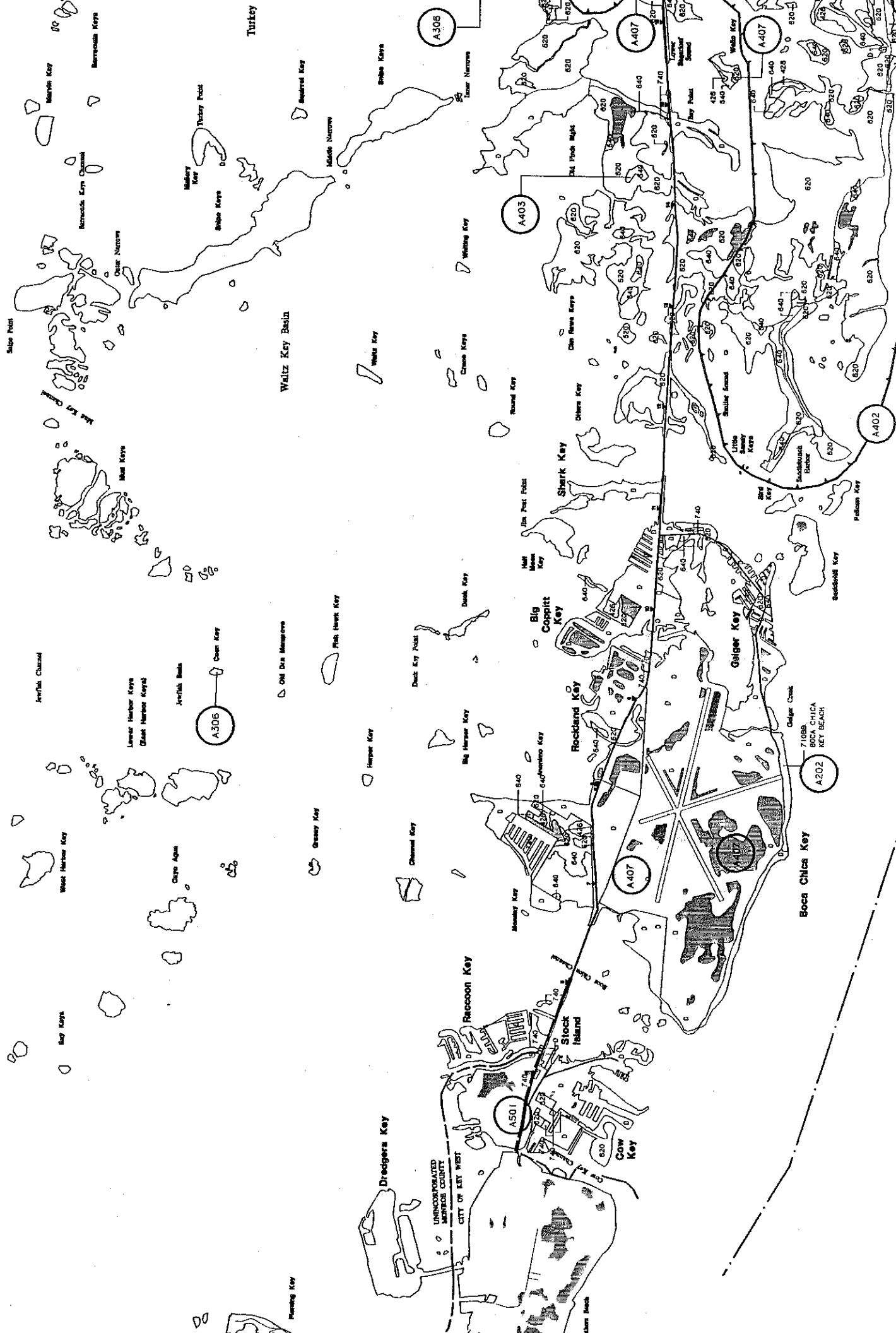


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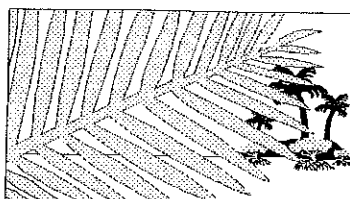




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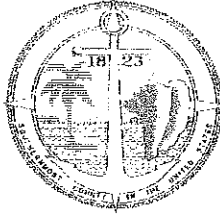
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April 26, 2001

Dear Trail Enthusiasts,

We cordially invite your attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Big Coppitt Bikeway. Toppino's Inc. officially begins construction this coming week on this four mile section of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.

Beginning with the original vision to preserve the historic bridges, to the completion of the master plan, Clean Florida Keys, Inc. has taken a lead role to cultivate the partnership that now exists between the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Monroe County, and the local governments in the Florida Keys. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of the partnerships built by the Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan, and look forward to the future Florida Scenic Highway designation for US1.

The ceremony will be held at MM 15 on Friday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us and show your support for this tremendous endeavor. Please contact me at (305) 289-2514 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Liz Holloway
Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner

AGENDA

Florida Keys Scenic Highway (FKSH) Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG)
Wednesday, March 28, 2001 3:30pm - 5:15pm
Monroe County Operations Center - MM 48.6- Marathon, Florida

1. Opening Welcome - John Clese

2. Self-Introductions

3. Purposes of Meeting:

*Update on FKSH Project
Communicate Ideas on Scenic Highway Vision
Discuss Startup of Steering Group
Review Initial Project Ideas*

4. Overview of FKSH Project and Timeline - J. Helbling, J. Clese,
M. Kleinmann, J. Malcolm

5. Benefits to the Community - June Helbling

*Scenic Highway Status provides key to state and federal funds earmarked for
"scenic corridors"; catalyst for increased partnerships; economic stimulus;
recognition of Florida Keys natural treasures; protection of historic sites; opens
possibilities for making corridor more safe and beautiful.*

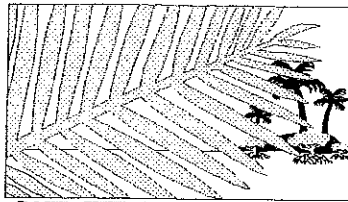
6. Project Update - Overseas Heritage Trail
Elizabeth Holloway, Debra Stucki

7. Discuss Corridor Management Plan (CMP) - John Clese

8. Initiation of Steering Group
Share Ideas and Make Initial Recommendations - John Clese

*Keep the communications lines open—multilayered projects in the Keys from a
variety of sources—how can we work together for benefit of the community
(county, local and state governments all have plans relating to US 1 corridor).
Specific goals and ways to achieve—team meetings on regular basis via email and
conference calls.*

9. Wrap-Up and Next Session



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DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Florida Keys Scenic Highway CAG Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2001 - Marathon, FL - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Present: June Helbling, Jim Malcolm, John Clese, Elizabeth Holloway, Deanna Lloyd; Merili McCoy; Marie Klemann; and Peggy Fowler via speakerphone.

Opening: John Clese called the meeting to order and thanked all for coming. He mentioned that we had not gotten together as a group for awhile and wanted to review tasks needed to finish the project and develop CME so that priorities could be set for the CMP. Peggy Fowler, CFK Consultant for the FKSH was brought into the meeting by speakerphone.

John initiated a review of the items included in Peggy Fowler's draft listing of the "CAG Activities Needed to Complete the CMP" (see list shared at meeting).

Community Participation Program - Under this heading Peggy reviewed each item and mentioned that the CAG had already done a lot-nine public meetings; over 50 presentations and more being done, etc.. However, she said the CAG still needed more specific letters of support for the scenic highway. Marie mentioned that we had a lot of letters supporting the trail, but few mentioned the scenic highway specifically. She agreed to send to everyone a sample letter to help get more letters for the scenic highway. Everyone agreed to help with this effort-letters are needed this month.

Peggy asked if anyone had an "original " of the Appendices of the Eligibility Application. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that she probably had the best original and Peggy agreed to get copy made of Appendix materials for the final product.

Also needed in this section are any additions to the listing of entities with a "stake in corridor designation" The listing under "Local Support" was reviewed , everyone agreed to get to Peggy any other groups they could think of in the Keys.

All partnerships should be listed-Peggy again said we had many already, but needed some more specifics. Peggy asked Elizabeth Holloway to help in getting any old resolutions from Monroe County in support of the trail and highway; contract agreements among Monroe County, FDEP & FDOT; other evidence of partnership areas between Monroe County and others (e.g., CommuniKeys Program). Also need to include examples such as CFK/FDEP initial grant for the first trail study-MM00 to MM20. Plus, partnerships with Chambers of Commerce, local governmental entities, etc.

Funding: Use current list and expand if needed.

Promotion and Marketing Strategies -John Clese agreed to develop plan. Merili will do new article on scenic highway, John will contact Island News and Marie will follow-up again with e-news Village Sun.com (Catherine Dew, Marketing Manager), Jim has contacts at Keynoter and will pursue. June also mentioned TV and radio-she will work with John to review list of what's been done already; Marie mentioned shows done on Channel 5 (three done on the scenic highway in 98-99). Marketing plan should include promo of eco-tourism.

John then reviewed where we were with all of the governmental resolutions of support-all seems on track here. Merili with City of Key West; June with City of Marathon; Elizabeth with Monroe County; John doing Layton and getting letter of support from Key Colony Beach; John and Elizabeth will check with Lew Scruggs (FDEP) about Islamorada contact.

John also asked about deadlines from Peggy-she replied that it would be best to get all info and materials to her at the latest by March 15th-earlier if possible. This is so she can put together and get CMP to FDOT for review, then to SHAC so we can have final designation hopefully by May. Means we can meet grant funding deadlines better too. There were also a lot of questions about what other groups had done with CMP, CME, etc. and how it applied to the Keys. Peggy mentioned that two key items are the draft copies of the Resolution and the CMP Summary-she asked if anyone had changes/updates. Deanna Lloyd suggested grammatical correction of "historic" to "historical" for consistency in the Resolution. Several suggested updates were given to Peggy for the CMP Summary-she said she would do these and send again to everyone.

Peggy also briefly reviewed that the CMP Summary is the nucleus for the startup of the Corridor Management Entity (CME). Merili asked what was expected of a CME participant. Peggy said that we should refer to the FDOT manual, but the CME participants should be versed in the overall project, be familiar with the CMP Summary and that several of the governmental entities (and others) may want to examine the actual final CMP submission in detail (e.g., Monroe County and Islamorada).

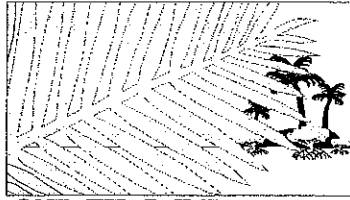
Several participants then asked Peggy more questions about the CME including how many meetings were expected. Peggy responded that meetings vary, but that most CME participants do not have time to go to many meetings, need to make sure CME members are well prepared when the CME meets and initial meeting is key. Peggy then signed off and the discussion continued.

A target date of mid-March was suggested by John for the first CME meeting. This was briefly discussed-several participants expressed concern about trying to complete work by end February/mid-March-e.g., resolutions; letters of support; research to compile final documents-and having time to invite and familiarize CME members with the project. John then suggested that we first give suggestions for potential members then work from there.

The following are some of the suggested names and who will contact:

Monica Haskell (Monroe Council of the Arts)- Elizabeth
 Alice Allen (Tavernier Neighborhood Assn.; active in environmental groups) - Marie
 Frank Shaw (FDOT) - Deanna
 Roel Lopez - Deanna
 Bruce Pupham - Pres., Middle Keys Marine Fishermen(?) Assn. - June
 Sonny McCoy - Merili - Merili suggested she not serve on CME
 Bennett Orr - Org. of Florida Fishermen - June
 John Johnson - Marathon City Council - June
 Pete Scalco (FDEP)- Elizabeth
 Ed Sheehan - Key Colony Beach - June
 Representative from Layton - John
 Rep from TDC - June
 Re from Islamorada (maybe Greg Tindall) - John/Elizabeth
 Nature Conservancy - Marie Klemann
 Bicycle Rep - Jim
 Big Pine Liquors - Deanna
 Ed Swift - Merili
 Dave Whitney --???
 Brian Schmidt - Coldwell Banker - June
 City of Key West - Merili to get participant

Need reps from Key Largo area - other suggestions - contact John with ideas. All participants agreed to keep in communication and get info to Peggy as requested. John will be back in contact about follow-up on CMP and CME.



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Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Strategy

Strategy Plan for Scenic Highway Public Forum

REF: Attached brief announcement on session

Overall Goal: Feedback from public, government, business sectors added to what we already have to enable CAG to complete the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) by early January 2001.

***Objective:** Get government officials and staff excited about the project so they will be anxious to endorse it.*

***Objective:** Underscore importance of having CMP endorsed officially by all governmental entities in Florida Keys by February 2001 to meet grant deadlines—it's to their advantage, and to the advantage of residents to get this done. Need to have a one-on-one campaign to accomplish (e.g., Merili in Key West; George in Monroe Co.; June work with officials in City of Marathon and Key Colony Beach; etc...)*

***Objective:** Complete the CMP so that major concepts can be condensed into brief, easy to understand statements capable of being translated into official wording for the various resolutions needed by each governmental group. Have a 5 minute Powerpoint presentation ready to take to the various December and early January meetings as a final marketing piece.*

Background: Want to make this forum a successful graphic presentation that gets people excited (per our discussions) and makes them want to "jump on the bandwagon" and be part of the action—make the scenic highway and trail "THE THING" to be part of in the Keys and make it clear that Clean Florida Keys is leading the way.

The whole experience should make attendees feel excited and ready to open their checkbooks, sign up for CFK membership, volunteer to help.

Revised Draft - Program

**Florida Keys Scenic Highway Public Forum
November 18, 2000 - 10am - 2pm
Marathon Government Center - MM 48.5**

**Colorful pictures and food and beverages available at walk-in
Attractive signage**

Welcome tables manned by volunteers - Sign-in & handouts including:

- **general info on scenic hwy and trail**
- **newly designed CFK brochure including FKSH & Trail work highlighted**
- **CMP Survey - include draft vision and specific comment areas (safety; beautification; etc.)**
- **feedback sheets on overall meeting and chance for participants to ask questions, volunteer assistance, etc..**
- **other materials as appropriate**

**OFFICIALS HOSTED BY ONE OF THE TEAM—BE AVAILABLE TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS AND MAKE SURE THEY ATTEND OVERVIEW
AND EXHIBITS**

Exhibits/Materials:

- **Clean Florida Keys Scenic Hwy**
- **FDEP Parks & Recreation**
- **Rails to Trails National Conservancy**
- **National Park Service**
- **Brochures, info from local governments—Marathon, Islamorada—
Village of Islands, etc..**
- **Michael Design Associates**
- **Guidance Pathway Systems**
- **Concrete Modular Systems**
- **REDD Team - Pedestrian Bridges**
- **Landscaping**

PowerPoint Presentation

- *Develop for meeting and make available to CFK for future presentations*
- *Overview of the scenic highway and trail initiatives and get your direct feedback.*

First PowerPoint Session at 10:15am

Repeat as enough new people arrive, perhaps as many as 3 times

PowerPoint Presentation - Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project CMP

Note: Each speaker does self-intro

Opening - Marie and Greg -- 2 minutes

Thanks to all for coming to this exciting meeting on the Florida Keys Scenic Highway program -CFK role to keep the community involved in the process as we go from ideas to reality. Since 1995 CFK as has been the prime mover and promoter of citizen participation in the scenic hwy and trail process.

We want to hear from you about your ideas for these efforts, and invite you to be an active part of the process. Volunteer your time and resources as a member of CFK and the Florida Keys Scenic Highway-- See us or any member of the CFK board-- (identify) come by our exhibit and sign-up today. Introduce June.

Turn to June

June Helbling - 5 minutes

Personal commitment and dedication to scenic hwy and trail along the Key Largo to Key West corridor

Incredible opportunity for our community--residents and tourists alike -
- unique treasure nationally & internationally

Importance of getting state scenic hwy designation - opens the door to both state and federal funds to assist with aspects of the hwy and trail

FDOT scenic highway program and excitement about what's been done here in Keys (turn to FDOT rep if available - Buddy Cunill not available as of 11/1/00 - Chris? Suzie?)

Request participants to give input into Corridor Management Plan (CMP)
—How do you envision the Florida Keys Scenic Hwy? Will be available to talk with you here during the meeting.

Turn over to Forest Michael - 15-20 Minutes

PowerPoint presentation (Forest with Lew and others) visual demonstrations of possibilities - colorful, pictures of successes, specific trail and other scenic projects

Sample Draft Outline

- History - CFK chosen to initiate State Scenic Highway Process and setup and offer administrative assistance to the Corridor Advocacy Group - 1995 to present
- Corridor selected is US 1 from Key Largo to Key West - MM00 to MM 106.5
- FDOT requires that you demonstrate that at the corridor is important and qualifies for "scenic designation" because of historic, scenic, cultural, archeological, and natural resources and other features such as safety and usage (use pictures to demonstrate)

- **Benefits of Scenic Highway Designation:**
 - Ability of local government entities to apply for federal funds to certain projects (give quick overview of examples from Tamiami and others in Florida and elsewhere in US—ref: Rails to Trails)
 - **EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT CAN BENEFIT FROM "SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION"—OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL ----BACKGROUND: Old Keys Bridges Task Force 1997-1998 --**
- Turn to Dale Adams
 - Genesis of OKB Task Force and first Trail Study- MM 0 - 20—role of Clean Florida Keys and involvement of Michael Design-- new partnerships RTC, NPS
 - Engineering study underway - describe and part it plays in development of the Overseas Heritage Trail
 - Role of FDEP as trail managers will be discussed later
- Back to Forest
 - Eight public meetings - Overseas Heritage Trail project continued simultaneously with work on the Scenic Hwy Process - involvement of Clean Florida Keys, Monroe County, Rails to Trails, National Park Service, and teamwork of FDEP and FDOT

Turn to Lew Scruggs and Pete Scalco

- Lew and Pete give overview of role of FDEP, Division of Recreation and Parks --cooperate with the community on trail management - work with FDOT - give examples of current plans - Big Coppitt, Grassy Key, Sunset Park—turn to representative from another scenic highway area

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PINELLAS OR OTHER SUCCESSFUL GROUP
TO GIVE OVERVIEW OF EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS

Return to Forest

Highlight role of Clean Florida Keys as catalyst for scenic highway and leader in development of CMP – continue to play liaison role to facilitate communication and coordination among state and local groups

Highlight beauty of Keys and exciting possibilities for trail and highway
Environmental Sensitivity
Protection of historical areas
Beautification of corridor
Address Safety Concerns
Scenic improvements attractive to residents and visitors alike
Economic benefits to communities

Wrap-up Forest and June

Next Steps and Importance of Corridor Management -- emphasize feedback from participants—their vision of what US 1 from Key Largo to Key West should be like...

- Poster Session—Feedback on corridor characteristics
 - Complete and return surveys to Clean Florida Keys
 - Respond to survey on Home Page
 - Encourage visits to exhibits areas
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- *Clean Florida Keys Scenic Hwy - Auditorium*
 - *FDEP Parks & Recreation - Auditorium*
 - *National Park Service - display in downstairs area*
 - *Rails to Trails National - Jeff Ciabotti - VCR? - upstairs hallway*
 - *Guidance Pathway Systems - creative sign systems - Auditorium*
 - *Michael Design Associates - Auditorium*
 - *Concrete Modular Systems- Auditorium*
 - *REDD Team - Pedestrian Bridges - Auditorium*
 - *Landscaping - Auditorium*
 - *Brochures, info from local governments—Marathon, Islamorada—Village of Islands, etc.. - hallway areas upstairs and downstairs*

- CFK & FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY

Membership info available - pictures of projects, news clippings, etc..

VCR - video of scenic highway continual showing

Peggy to Manage Poster-Survey Area

June, Jim, Greg, Peggy, John, Marie—others

Poster Sections will have TOPICS listed for participant feedback —

Issues are requirements of FDOT to complete CMP

natural resources

scenic aspects

historic and archeological

usage and safety

cultural

Feedback one-on-one - make notes on comments & share - Have copies of the surveys available for completion at the meeting or to mail back and share outline of Corridor Management Plan & Draft Vision on Home Page

- FDEP Parks & Recreation

- Overseas Heritage Trail highlighted as major project benefiting from scenic highway designation

Lew and Pete with Park Service Rep in uniform - info on P&R services, maps, etc...VCR - video of trail project?

Exhibits on Scenic Highway & Trail Possibilities

- *Guidance Pathway Systems - creative sign systems - Auditorium*
- *Michael Design Associates - Auditorium*
- *Concrete Modular Systems- Auditorium*
- *REDD Team - Pedestrian Bridges - Auditorium*
- *Landscaping - Auditorium*

AGENDA

Team Meeting

Florida Keys Scenic Highway and Overseas Heritage Trail

Friday, November 17, 2000 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Monroe County Government Center

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Building - Second Floor

Marathon, Florida

1. Opening Welcome - June Helbling and Marie Klemann
2. Self-Introductions
3. Purposes of Meeting:
 - (A) Discuss the Interrelationships of Projects
 - (B) Communicate and Cooperate to Achieve Goals
 - (C) Roles and Responsibilities
 - (D) Review Public Forum Program
4. Overview of Florida Keys Scenic Highway - Suzie Ladouceur, FDOT;
June Helbling, Jim Malcolm, John Clese, Marie Klemann, Peggy Fowler
 - *Purpose of FDOT Program - SHAC Review of Eligibility Application November 28 in Tallahassee*
 - *Benefits of Scenic Highway Status - provides key to state and federal funds earmarked for "scenic corridors"; increased partnerships; economic stimulus; promotes beautification; recognition of Florida Keys natural treasures; protection of historic sites; others*
 - *Catalyst for Old Keys Bridges Task Force and Overseas Heritage Trail - Dale Adams*
 - *Partnerships with Government, Business, Civic and related organizations - Corridor Management Plan and Corridor Mgmt. Entity*
 - *Opportunities to Enhance and Beautify the Florida Keys --success stories from other "scenic highway" groups*

5. Overview of Overseas Heritage Trail - Lew Scruggs, Pete Scalco, Dale Adams, Marlene Conaway, Elizabeth Holloway, Forest Michael

- *FDEP Seed Grant (97-98) to Clean Florida Keys (CFK)*
- *Old Keys Bridges Task Force and Current Engineering Study*
- *Michael Design Associates Draft Plan for MM 00 - MM 20*
- *Partners contributing to trail process - FDEP, FDOT, Monroe County, CFK, Rails to Trails Conservancy, and National Park Service*
- *Michael Design Associates chosen for MM 21 - MM 106.5*
- *Current Overseas Heritage Trail Plan- Lew Scruggs*
- *Projects in Blueprint Stages—Grassy Key, Marathon-Sunset Key, Big Coppitt - Lew Scruggs*
- *Projects related to Overseas Heritage Trail and Florida Scenic Highway - need to communicate with governmental agencies about current and future planning—e.g., Islamorada—Village of Islands*

6. Relationships among FDEP, FDOT and Monroe County
Planning, Design, Maintenance, Funding—roles—specific issues?

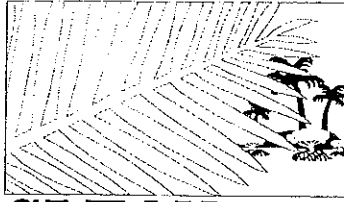
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8. Specific goals and ways to achieve—tasks, persons responsible, ways to communicate (email)—team meetings on regular basis via email and conference calls—next session?

9. Other issues relating to Florida Keys Scenic Highway and Overseas Heritage Trail.

10. Plans for Public Forum, Saturday, November 18, 2000
(Refer to Forum Program and PowerPoint Outline)



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TO: Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee Members

FROM: Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director

RE: CFK Overseas Heritage Trail Charette
Saturday, Sept. 12, 1998 - Sugarloaf Firehouse

DATE: August 27, 1998

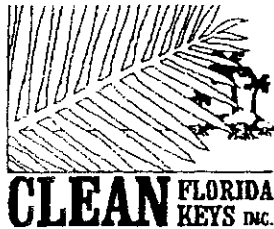
Enclosed are materials for you to use and distribute to help boost attendance at the charette:

- Generic letter of invitation
- One-sheet flyer on CFK to include with the invitation
- Envelopes and return address labels
- Posters
- Copy of Press Release

Send invitations to anyone you would like—if people get two, that's better than none. CFK has sent out about 800 letters to date and we are working with the press. Please contact me if you need more materials.

Also enclosed is an updated Action Plan for the charette— please feel free to contact me if there is anything else we can do to encourage participation.

Many, many thanks for all of your help! See you at the charette!



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August 1998

Dear Friend of the Overseas Heritage Trail:

You are cordially invited to attend a charette workshop and participate in review and comment on a survey for the development of a trail along US 1 from MM 0 to MM 20. This project is part of a larger effort to have US 1 declared a State Scenic Highway from Key Largo to Key West as the Overseas Heritage Trail. The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. formed a Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) to accomplish this along with the goal of creating a world-class recreation trail connecting all of the keys by utilizing old Keys Bridges and rights-of-way. The Overseas Heritage Trail will benefit residents and visitors alike and we hope to get all facets of our community to participate in the process.

What: Overseas Heritage Trail Charette/Workshop

When: Saturday, September 12, 1998 – 10:00am to 1:00pm (light refreshments available)

Agenda: 10:00am – 10:30am Kickoff Presentation with Slide Show – Trail Components/Trailheads
10:30am – 11:30am Address Each Site with Participant Input
11:30am – 1:00pm Work Tables with Facilitators—Participants invited to mark-up plans, share ideas and comments, interact with planners. Feedback from each table will be shared with entire group. Wrap-up comments from participants and team.

Where: Sugarloaf Firehouse – Mile Marker 17.5 – Gulf Side

Join in the discussion and review a draft conceptual design developed by Michael Design Associates, specialists in this field. We are seeking input from the entire community, so come yourself and invite neighbors and colleagues too. Come prepared to communicate your ideas, ask questions, make suggestions and share your vision for this exciting project. This is a great opportunity for the Keys community to begin to work together, so please save the date on your schedule and I personally look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

APPENDIX C

Community Participation

Florida Keys Scenic Highway

- **Presentations to Community Groups**
- **CMP Summary Mailed to Local Governments**

MARATHON CHAMBER DINNER

Date: March 22, 2001

Time: 6:00 p.m.

John Clese & Liz Holloway
will be speaking on the
**“Scenic Highway Project &
The Overseas Heritage Trail”**

- The Lighthouse of Blues at Sombrero Resort
- Ribs, Chicken and Shrimp Buffet is \$15.00
- Advance Reservations are required. 743-5417
- Please respond no later than Tuesday,
March 21, 2001
- 50/50 Drawing
- Business Spotlight Drawing

**Bring your Business Bulletin
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**Those making a special announcement must call
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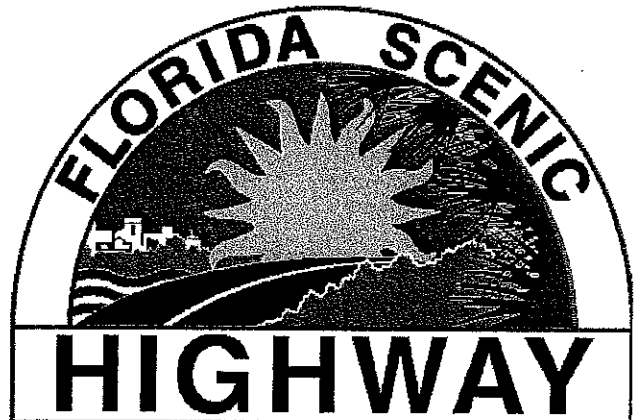
FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION The "Road to Paradise" - no, it's not an old Bob Hope & Bing Crosby movie...it's how folks in the Florida Keys describe the stretch of US 1 from Key Largo to Key West that travels through some of the nation's most spectacular scenery. This southern section of US 1 is part of "the old national road" that starts in Maine and travels down the East Coast to Florida. Visitors and locals enjoy the festivals, sunset celebrations, state parks and recreation areas, historic sites, museums, artists, the rich cultural heritage of the Keys, island cuisine, sunshine, and the laid-back, tropical atmosphere and friendly people of the Keys. US 1 is the only route to these resources and attractions, as well as being "The Main Street" for the Keys community—the daily roadway to jobs, schools, colleges, shops and commercial areas, hospitals and services—all the necessities of life for Keys residents.

This scenic corridor of the Florida Keys Overseas Highway is one of a kind in the world. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico stretching out as far as the eye can see - it winds through vistas of natural beauty, areas rich in history and legend, views of spectacular sunrises, sunsets, sparkling stars and moonlight. It's a highway where travelers from all over the world experience their own adventures in paradise - many have come for a visit and never gone home. The Overseas Highway is a magnificent route worthy of the Florida Scenic Highway designation - a pathway to innumerable hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

PROCESS In 1995 the State of Florida, through the Department of Transportation, established a program to promote the recommendation of state roads for consideration as scenic highways. This state program mirrors many aspects of the long-established federal program and project sponsorship is achieved through a grassroots effort with broad-based, public support.



In 1996 Florida Keys community leaders identified Clean Florida Keys Inc., (CFK), a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., as a perfect choice for sponsorship given CFK's mission to "enhance the beauty of the Florida Keys from Key West to the Everglades." Clean Florida Keys established The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) to begin the enormous task of completing the required documentation of why US 1 from MM 0 to MM 106.5—Key West to Key Largo—should be designated as a state scenic highway. This has been a major undertaking requiring significant time, dedication and involvement of volunteers throughout the Florida Keys.

Old Keys Bridges and the Overseas Heritage Trail-Vital Resources for the Scenic Highway

Simultaneously, CFK recognized the unique value of the Old Keys Bridges along the US 1 corridor. Pressure was on to lease the Old Keys Bridges to commercial entities, so CFK acted quickly to promote the historic and recreational value of the bridges rather than lose them to private developments. This campaign resulted in establishing the Governor's Task Force on the Old Keys Bridges. The recommendations of the Task Force sparked support for funding from the state legislature to keep the bridges open for *public* use and study the long-term maintenance requirements associated with creating a trail along US 1 for bicycle and pedestrian use, the Overseas Heritage Trail that would follow Henry Flagler's historic old railroad route.

Relationship of Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project and the Overseas Heritage Trail

For years the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Monroe County have provided bike paths throughout the Key. However, a long-term strategy for the development of an overall trail from Key Largo to Key West was lacking. As part of the CAG's ongoing work, it seemed appropriate to assist in the development of a long-range vision for the Overseas Heritage Trail. Traveling US 1 from Key Largo to Key West along US 1 this singular route provides access to: cultural, archeological, historical, scenic, environmental and recreational resources that are unique and treasured by residents and visitors alike. Indeed, feedback from the public supported the concept of a well-planned, developed and maintained Overseas Heritage Trail as part of the scenic experience for US 1 travelers.

Promoting Citizen Participation in the Development of a Trail Master Plan

CFK applied for and received a small seed grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to develop a draft plan for one small segment of the trail—Key West to Sugarloaf – MM 00 to MM 20. CFK formed a partnership among FDEP, FDOT, Monroe County, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the National Park Service. A draft plan was then developed utilizing the partnerships and the professional services of Michael Design Associates—specialists in trail design. This draft plan was discussed in two public meetings and input from the public was incorporated into the revised draft.

Public Feedback Supports Overseas Heritage Trail and Scenic Highway Plans

Feedback from the public received at many public meeting and presentations strongly supports the concept of collaboration and teamwork. Partnerships are essential if the Florida State Scenic Highway designation and plans for the Overseas Heritage Trail are to become realities. With the Overseas Heritage Trail, government agencies liked the idea of developing a cooperative vision and the County received matching grants both from FDOT and FDEP to complete a Trail Master Plan for the entire length of the Keys. A second round of six public meetings were held throughout the Keys in December 1999 and May 2000.



After these public meetings, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners adopted a recommendation that the FDEP Recreation and Parks Division assume management of the Overseas Heritage Trail. In addition, FDOT and FDEP with Monroe County are working together on plans to create a trailhead at Sunset Park (near Knight's Key) and to start trail segments on Big Coppitt Key and Grassy Key in 2001. Clean Florida Keys will also continue to garner citizen feedback to make the planning and development of the Overseas Heritage Trail an integral part of future planning for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway.

CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN On Saturday, November 18, 2000, the sixth Public Forum in a series of public meetings on the scenic highway and the trail took place in Marathon. The goal was to gain feedback for a draft of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan ("CMP"). This CMP draft was developed using input from the previous public meetings and research conducted by the CAG. Nearly 100 people showed up to take part in lively one-on-one and group discussions that included a PowerPoint presentation and visual displays. Individual citizens, local neighborhood and environmental groups, local elected officials, governmental staff and consultants interacted with representatives from the CAG, FDOT & FDEP, specialists in landscaping, trail design, signage, and facilities to make the scenic highway and trail more safe, beautiful and user friendly.

The final step in the Florida Scenic Highways Program designation process is the completion of the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) that serves as a record of a scenic highway's development as well as the plan by which the scenic highway is implemented, maintained and enhanced indefinitely. The CMP provides a record of the actions and agreements necessary to implement and sustain the scenic corridor. The CMP is a dynamic document, which will be revisited and revised as necessary to satisfy the vision and goals for the scenic corridor.

All local government jurisdictions through which the corridor runs must approve the Corridor Management Plan and incorporate applicable provisions into their local Comprehensive Plans. A representative from each local government will be required to serve as a member of the Corridor Management Entity (CME), a type of steering committee whose purpose is to coordinate and administrate the implementation of the CMP. Other members of the CME should include those necessary to fully implement the CMP. For example, representatives from the CAG, Chambers of Commerce, community associations, historical, cultural and environmental groups, hikers and bicycle groups, and agencies with management responsibilities within the corridor should be included in the CME.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway CAG, in a collaborative process, developed the following Vision Statement, during the eligibility phase to guide the activities that will be used to implement the Corridor Management Plan. The goals, objectives and strategies that follow the Vision Statement were developed and prioritized by the CAG and through input gathered at numerous public meetings and presentations during the eligibility and designation phases of the process. Ultimately, an Action Plan will be developed by the CME that delineates a series of projects and activities proposed to implement the goals, objectives and strategies.

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY VISION STATEMENT

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway from Key Largo to Key West is a magnificent journey across more than 100 miles of unique interconnected islands. The islands abound in rich historical, cultural, recreational, natural and scenic treasures, and offer an unrivaled paradise for the senses, body and soul.

The Overseas Highway welcomes residents and travelers on a safe and relaxing tropical journey that conjures up images of bygone eras. Striking views open to the crystalline turquoise and emerald waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. Native mangroves and tropical hardwood hammocks dominate the roadside landscape with distant barrier islands on the horizon.

A magnificent pedestrian and bicycle trail parallels the length of the highway, meandering through a landscape of native plants and trees and across historic Old Keys Bridges - the remnant of Henry Flagler's railway. The trail is a world-class attraction for the enjoyment of residents and visitors and provides safe access to shops, restaurants and nightlife - a boon to the local economy. Opportunities for camping, boating, fishing, cycling, swimming, and hiking in pristine environments abound.

Small-scale buildings hug the water's edge and reflect the scale of the island communities with their funky and informal architecture. Commercial areas are clean, uncluttered and well landscaped. Buffer yards screen industrial areas, large parking lots and unattractive views.

The Overseas Highway links Keys communities with a diverse local, state and national park and refuge system which protects the coral reef, beaches, mangroves and hammocks, and the unique plant and animal species found here. The Overseas Highway is well marked with excellent night lighting - especially at busy intersections. Overall it is well maintained and litter free with roadside pullouts and scenic overlooks at points of interest. Rest areas, facilities and amenities are also provided. Educational kiosks and interpretive information uncover the fascinating tales of the islands and their histories along this fascinating route across the state.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Protect, preserve and enhance the resources found within the Florida Keys Scenic Highway corridor. Provide an integrated environment that allows flourishing habitats for indigenous plant and animal communities while permitting appropriate access to these resources consistent with sound environmental planning.

Manage vegetation along the corridor in order to preserve, maintain and enhance the natural resources and scenic views.

- Develop a comprehensive vegetation management plan that:
 1. identifies areas within the corridor where exotic or invasive species are concentrated and where views are obstructed;
 2. develops an appropriate methodology for selective clearing within these areas that will maintain the environmental integrity of the corridor; and,
 3. prioritize selective clearing projects.
- Provide information directly, or through other land management agencies, to private property owners along the FKSH regarding the importance of vegetation management and describing environmentally sensitive methodologies.



Ensure that design and construction along the FKSH corridor preserves, maintains and enhances its scenic and natural resources.

- Coordinate with FDOT to design and construct guardrails that enhance or, at a minimum, do not detract from the scenic beauty of the surrounding landscape.
- Coordinate with Monroe County, the cities of Key West, Key Colony Beach, Marathon and Layton, and Islamorada, Village of Islands, and with state and federal agencies in developing aesthetic/design guidelines for the FKSH corridor to assist adjacent property owners in the design and construction of their projects.



Enhance recreational opportunities along the FKSH corridor.

- Enhance existing roadside parks and design new ones to include amenities such as boardwalks, picnic areas, hiking trails, and wildlife observation areas where appropriate.
- Coordinate with Monroe County, FDOT and FDEP in the restoration of the Old Keys Bridges as pedestrian facilities that include opportunities for hiking, bicycling, fishing, boat ramps, picnicking, etc.

Preserve US 1 as an arterial highway that accommodates the needs of both vehicular and non-motorized users and provides opportunities for alternative modes of transportation throughout the corridor while providing access to natural areas, connecting communities and neighborhoods, and enhancing cultural resources.

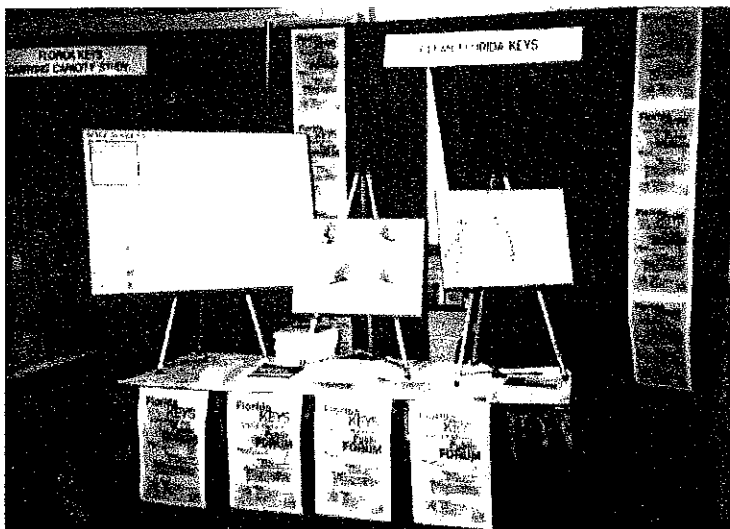
Coordinate with the FDEP, FDOT and all other local, state and federal agencies in planning activities within the FKSH corridor, or plans that may have an effect on the corridor.

- Participate in the development and implementation of the Overseas Heritage Trail, an interconnected linear trail for shared use, recreational use, and alternative transportation uses incorporating existing local pathways and the Historic Bridges along the US 1 corridor from MM 0 (Key West) to MM 106.5 (Key Largo).
- Participate in the development and implementation of the following local governments' plans for the FKSH corridor within their jurisdictions: Islamorada, Village of Islands; Key Colony Beach; Key West; Layton; Marathon; and, Monroe County.
- Coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation in the development of the Five-Year Work Program for District 6.

Provide for the safety of pedestrians and motorists within the FKSH corridor.

- Ensure the safety of the trail by providing secure trailheads, bathrooms, rest stops with shelter, drinking water, periodic call boxes or telephones, and safe travel clearances for all trail users.
- Identify roadway improvements necessary to promote ease and safety of access into and within the corridor for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Provide safe pullouts and pulloffs along the scenic highway corridor.
- Monitor accident rates along the highway to identify future improvement needs.

Provide residents and business of the Florida Keys with a variety of opportunities to participate in the planning and implementation of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan, based on their interests, skills, and time they can offer to the effort.



Provide a variety of opportunities for public involvement in the Corridor Management Planning process and in its implementation.

- Schedule regular meetings of the Scenic Highway CAG/CME that are open to and advertised to the public.
- Assure that CME membership includes a wide range of residents and business owners from throughout the Keys.
- Develop partnerships with other private and public entities to share information and planning activities.
- Ensure that widespread public involvement is required as an integral element for any planning projects within the corridor.

Develop an on-going citizen participation/education program to update citizens on activities of the Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan.

- Participate in a speaker's bureau or similar organization and educate the citizens of the Keys on activities of the CMP.
- Partner with the public schools and colleges to notify students about corridor activities.

Provide educational opportunities that will heighten awareness of the globally unique scenic elements of the Florida Keys by interpreting the rich and unique historical, archaeological, cultural, and natural resources of the Keys that are united by US 1, the transportation backbone of the region.

Promote the Overseas Heritage Trail as an outdoor classroom for the Keys' citizens, school children, and visitors, advocating respect for the natural, historical, and cultural resources found along the US 1-based trail corridor.

- Conduct an interpretive signage study to identify the location and content of interpretive signs along the highway corridor. This signage study should include archaeological, environmental, and cultural aspects of the area.
- Construct information kiosks that explain the cultural and historical significance of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway.
- Develop brochures and audio tours of the highway corridor that emphasize the unique environmental resources and the culture and history of the highway.

Provide a corridor experience that enhances environmental-friendly regional economic development, oriented primarily towards eco-tourism with appropriate recreational and commercial support opportunities.

Provide corridor improvements that will enhance interaction with local businesses along the US 1 corridor.

- Provide amenities such as the Overseas Heritage Trail, trailheads, landscape planting, intersection improvements, and rest stops that are strategically placed for maximum connectivity with US 1 businesses.

Provide information to residents, visitors and potential visitors.

- Develop a standardized joint (private/public) brochure that promote the services and amenities within the corridor. Coordinate with local and regional tourism-related businesses to distribute this promotional information.
- Develop an internet webpage that promotes the services and amenities within the corridor and link this webpage to local, regional, state and international tourism-related websites.


Coordinate promotional campaigns with businesses and tourism-related associations along the highway corridor.

- Develop a series of promotional events related to the resources within the corridor that will promote awareness of the corridor. These could include events such as marathons, cleanup days, cultural festivals, bicycle races, fishing tournaments, etc.



Information on March 28, 2001 Public Forum

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TO: KEY WEST CITIZEN NEWSPAPER
ATTENTION: SABRINA – PUBLIC NOTICE CLASSIFIEDS
FROM: MARIE KLEMMANN 
DATE: March 20, 2001
RE: TEXT FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
SEND INVOICE TO: SEE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE
TAX STATUS: TAX-EXEMPT REFER TO CERTIFICATE ATTACHED
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Please place the following Public Notice Classified in:

Key West Citizen – Friday, March 23 and Sunday March 25
Solares Hill – Friday, March 25
Free Press Islamorada – Wednesday, March 28
Free Press Marathon – Wednesday, March 28

As instructed, text is 21 characters, 7 lines:

FL KeysScenic Hwy Mtg
Public Invited – Wed.
Mar 28, 3:30-5:15PM at
Marathon Oper. Center
MM 48.6 – Gulfside to
Review Draft Corridor
Mgmt. Plan "Vision"

BRIEFS

Meeting today on mental illness

The Rev. Evelyn Casper, minister emeritus of Unity of the Keys, will address a meeting of NAMI - the voice of the Florida Keys on mental illness - today at noon at the Holiday Inn Beachside.

She will speak on bridging the gap between traditional psychotherapy and spiritual counseling.

Cost is \$11.

Scenic highway forum Saturday

An open forum on the Florida Keys Scenic Highway will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marathon

Government Center.

Clean Florida Keys is hosting the meeting to provide an update on the effort to have U.S. 1 from Key Largo to Key West designated as a Florida Scenic Highway.

KWHS alumni to meet Sunday

The Key West High School Alumni Association will meet Sunday at 1 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Attendees are requested to bring a covered dish and beverage.

Animal Park will be closed the next two Sundays and will reopen Dec. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Scottish Rite to elect officers

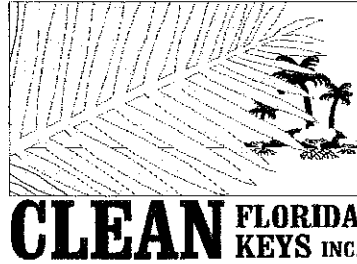
The Key West Scottish Rite will elect officers for 20001 tonight at 8 at the Masonic center, 533 Eaton St.

YMCA to hold camp registration

Registration for the YMCA's winter-break day camp will be held Friday at the Y's new office at 3145 Flagler Ave., next to the skate park.

Children's Animal Park closed

The sheriff's office's Children's



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March 20, 2000

CONTACT: John Clese, Project Director, Florida Keys Scenic Highway
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Meeting on Florida Keys Scenic Highway

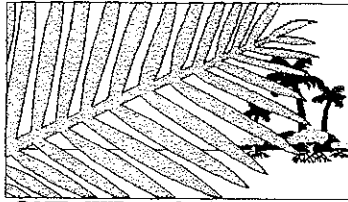
You are invited to attend an open meeting of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group ("CAG") to discuss the draft Corridor Management Plan ("CMP") being developed as a "vision" for US 1 in the Florida Keys. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 from 3:30pm – 5:15pm on the first floor of the State Government Building--Marathon Government Center at Mile Marker 48.5 in Marathon.

The draft CMP is part of the final phase of the scenic highway process of the Florida Department of Transportation to enable "state scenic highway designation" for US 1 from Key Largo to Key West. The plan has been developed as the result of:

- feedback received from participants at nine public meetings and fifty presentations throughout the Keys;
- comprehensive plans of the governmental entities in the Keys;
- input from the Florida Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection

The CMP is a "living" document and reflects a variety of concepts and feedback.

Come share your ideas.



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March 23, 2001

Mayor Ed Sheahan
City of Key Colony Beach
P.O. Box 501527
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

Dear Ed:

It was great to talk with you this morning and invite you to attend a meeting of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway group to learn more about the project and participate in a review of a draft initial plan/vision (see enclosed) for the highway. Enclosed in this packet are a memo sent to our group that includes an update and requests attendance at the meeting next Wednesday, March 28th in Marathon from 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm at the State Building, Mile Marker 48.6 across from the Monroe County Sheriff's office. A Press Release on the meeting is also enclosed, along with a summary of both the scenic highway and related trail project.

After nine public meetings and over fifty presentations to the public about the highway (and related project—The Overseas Heritage Trail) we collected data and put together a draft Corridor Management Plan (CMP). The CMP will be submitted to FDOT to fulfill their requirements for a start-up vision for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway. As the Press Release mentions, this CMP is meant to be a flexible plan that responds to current issues affecting the historical, cultural, archeological, environmental, scenic and other qualities of the highway such as beautification and safety.

We are so delighted that the City of Key Colony Beach is interested in the Florida Keys Scenic Highway project and as we discussed, we will be happy to make a presentation to your Commission to bring them up to speed on what's been happening. As I mentioned, we have been working for over five years to get US 1 from Key Largo to Key West designated as a state scenic highway so we are anxious to complete the process. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday and please feel free to contact me or John Clese, Project Director with Clean Florida Keys (see information in Executive Summary enclosed) who is working on the trail and scenic highway effort. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director

Enclosures



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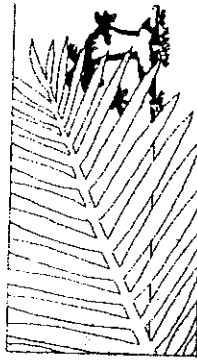
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• Liz Holloway Monroe County			
• Ruth Ladd Lexington Massachusetts		use e-mail ✓	
• Richard Rosemary Boyd Big Coppitt Key		✓	
• Don Johnson City of Marathon	743-4049	—	JOHN80012@aol.com
• Debra Stucki	Debra.Stucki@dep.state.fl.us	✓	
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Joe Kelly CFK		
Jim Macdon CFK		
D. Lloyd Crane Point Museums		✓
(website) www.cranepoint.org		
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Information on November 18, 2000 Public Forum

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Scenic Highway Public Forum



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Over 1,400 postcard
invitations mailed

You Are Invited to Attend

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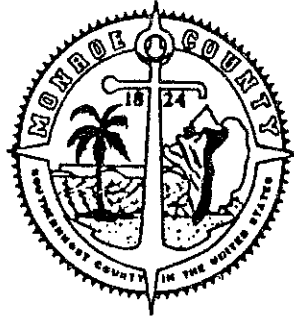
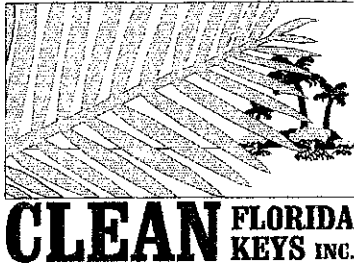
Presented by: **Clean Florida Keys, Inc.** An Affiliate of Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. and Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Location: **Marathon Government Center - US 1 Mile Marker 48.5**
Monroe County Office Building Second Floor

Date & Time: **Saturday, November 18** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Speakers will give an overview of the project and address ways for you to participate in creating plans to make the scenic highway and the trail a reality. There will also be exhibits on signage, landscaping and other special features to make the scenic highway and the trail beautiful and user friendly.

COME AND BRING NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!



OPEN FORUM PUBLIC MEETING Background Information & Program

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Participants are invited to visit display areas and give feedback and ideas for incorporation into the ongoing plans for these exciting projects.

Florida Keys Scenic Highway

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The Florida Keys Scenic Highway display area is arranged for you to:

- Review a draft vision statement and goals listed on the easels and handout sheet. Meet and talk to facilitators and share your ideas.
- What would you like to see as you travel along US 1 from Key Largo to Key West. What would your ideal ride be like?
- Are there areas that need to be changed?
- Are there natural resources that need to be protected?
- How safe is it to travel along this route?
- What about historical sites—such as the Seven Mile Bridge area?
- Would you like to walk, hike, roller blade or bicycle along the highway? (Be sure to visit the other display on the Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan to see how this might be accomplished)

Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan

Through work on the scenic highway eligibility process, the CAG recognized that the Old Keys Bridges were an important part of the intrinsic resources inherent in scenic highway designation. Through support from local groups, CAG members were appointed to the Governor's 1998 Old Keys Bridges Task Force.

One of the resulting recommendations from the Task Force was to incorporate the old bridges into plans for a bicycle and pedestrian trail under development by Monroe County and the Florida Departments of Transportation (FDOT), in coordination with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

CFK simultaneously received a small seed grant from the FEDP to develop a trail plan for MM 00 to MM 20 (Key West to Sugarloaf) that would incorporate the old bridges. CFK sought out expertise to accomplish this goal that resulted in a team that included:

- Rails to Trails Conservancy, Florida Field Office (RTC);
- National Park Service (NPS);
- Michael Design Associates (MDA), experts in trail design.

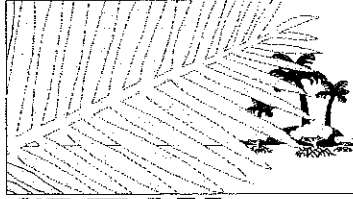
Public meetings were held on the resulting plan in September 98 and January 99 and citizens were excited about the prospect of continuing the effort. Monroe County joined in a cooperative venture with FDOT and the CFK/RTC/NPS/MDA team to map-out plans for the remaining trail from MM 20 – MM 106.5 (Sugarloaf to Key Largo).

The Overseas Heritage Trail display area is arranged for you to:

- Review large maps of the trail route.
- Take time to look at a video of the Overseas route.
- Meet and talk to facilitators and share your ideas.

What would you like to see as you walk, bicycle, hike or roller blade along the magnificent route? What about rest areas? Trailheads? Historical sites? Access for recreational boating? Fishing from the old bridges? Trash receptacles?

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE A FEEDBACK SHEET—YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE. THANKS FOR COMING AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME.



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POWER POINT PRESENTATION FROM 11/18/00 PUBLIC FORUM

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slides start here and your
comments are welcomed.

Please note that the animation of the slides is not completed"

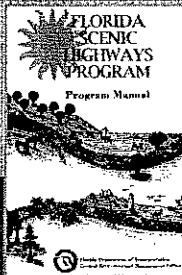
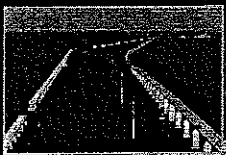
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U. S. 1 Scenic Highway

FDOT District 6

The application for U. S. 1 to
be designated as a "Scenic
Highway" is under
consideration by the
Department of Transportation



Clean Florida Keys is facilitating the
designation of U. S. 1 as a Scenic Highway



"MISSION: The Florida
Scenic Highways
Program will preserve,
maintain, protect and
enhance the intrinsic
resources of scenic
corridors through a
sustainable balance of
conservation and land
use. Through
community-based
consensus and
partnerships, the program
will promote economic
prosperity and broaden
the traveler's overall
recreational and
educational experience."





Scenic Highway Mission -

- Showcase intrinsic
Keys resources
- Encourage partnering
- Provide community
benefits
- Tell the story of the
Florida Keys



**"Showcase 6
intrinsic resources"**

The intrinsic resources identified in the Florida Scenic Highway Program represent special features in the Florida Keys that are deserving of recognition.





- 1) **Cultural Resources**
Traditions, values, customs and arts of social groups.
- 2) **Historic Resources**
Reflect historical events, content in past events, structures or objects.
- 3) **Archaeological Resources**
Embodiment of the physical evidence in terms of human life, activities or culture.


Florida Keys Archipelago

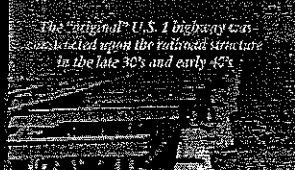
The Scenic Highway and Trail will provide greater opportunities for residents and visitors to interpret the colorful history of the Keys.



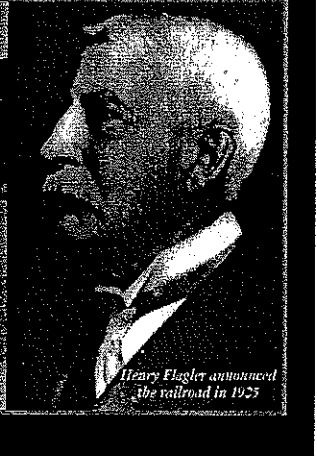

The Scenic Highway and Trail will provide insight into Henry Flagler's development of the Florida East Coast Railroad through the Florida Keys.



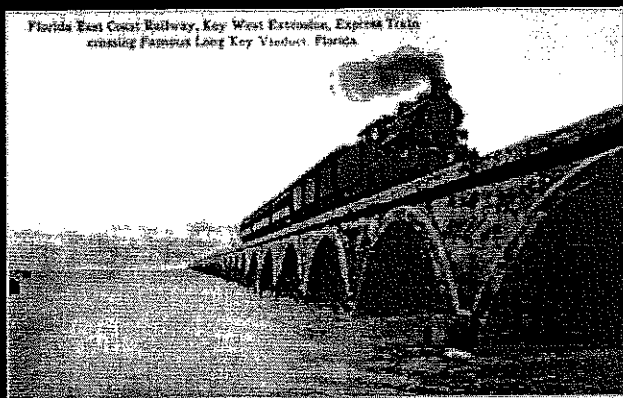
...and constructed the railroad at Pigeon Key by 1912.



The "original" U.S. 1 highway was constructed upon the railroad structure in the late 30's and early 40's.



Henry Flagler announced the railroad in 1925.



Florida East Coast Railway, Key West Extension, Express Train
crossing Famous Long Key Viaduct, Florida

The Scenic Highway corridor includes the remaining 23 historic railroad bridges



The new U. S. 1 highway was constructed adjacent to the historic railroad bridge in the 60's



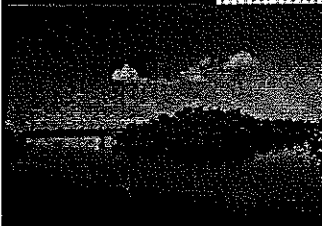
Bahia Honda Bridge, Overseas Highway, Florida Keys

The U. S. 1 highway through the Florida Keys has always been an attraction

"Showcase 6 intrinsic resources"

Continued

*The Scenic Highway Program will
address the preservation and
interpretation of the Mangrove
habitat along U. S. 1*



- 4) Recreational
Resources:
structures dependent upon
community and natural
elements of the landscape



- 5) Natural Resources:
natural landscapes
showing life of the
ecosystem or natural



- 6) Scenic Resources:
Contributions of natural and
manmade features giving the
visual landscape scenic value,
beauty and significance



The Scenic Highway Program is considering the qualities of U. S. 1 highway improvements through the Key Deer habitat on Big Pine Key



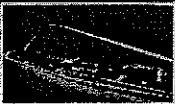
Tidal flows damaged in the construction of the Florida East Coast Railroad are being considered for restoration along U. S. 1



Rare sand beach habitat and others will be interpreted along U. S. 1 Scenic Highway

"Provide Community Benefits"

Partnering relationships with most agencies have already been established with both the Scenic Highway & the Trail



Partnering with Multiple Agencies, State Departments & Advocacy Groups

FEDERAL

- National Park Service
- US Coast Guard
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Florida Marine Sanctuary
- US Army Corps of Engineers

STATE & LOCAL

- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Transportation
- Department of State
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

- Old Keys Bridges Task Force
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Clean Florida Keys
- Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group and Clean Florida Keys
- Other local advocacy groups

"Provide Community Benefits"

Encourage partnering between citizens, communities & agencies

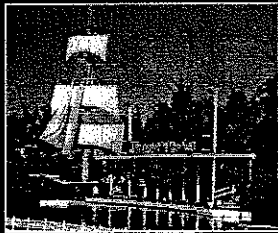
The Keys Communities

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- Villages of Islamorada
- City of Lorton
- City of Marathon
- City of Key Colony
- Big Pine
- City of Key West
- And Monroe County



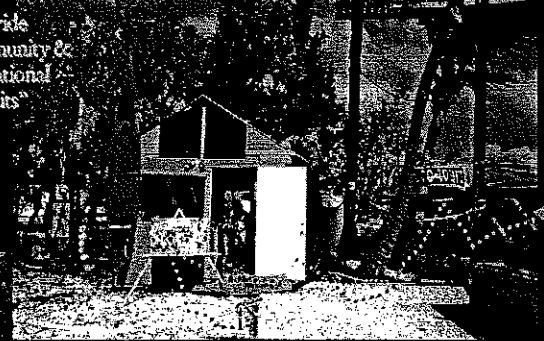
"Provide community benefits"

Local businesses will benefit from improvements to U. S. 1 highway corridor



Tourism oriented business enhancement along U. S. 1

"Provide community & recreational benefits"



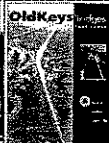
The implementation of the U. S. 1 Service Highway will provide enhanced opportunities for ecotourism oriented businesses

"Provide community & recreational benefits"

The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Pigeon Key Historical Museum are examples of how partnering benefits the public

Examples of civic facilities, for all -
All public civic resources in the Florida Keys were accomplished through partnering.

Existing Trail at John Pennekamp State Park

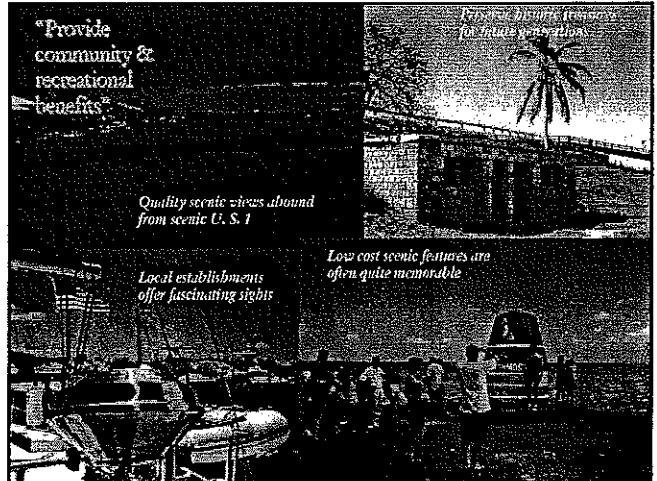


"Provide community & recreational benefits"

Quality scenic views abound from scenic U. S. 1

Local establishments offer fascinating sights

Low cost scenic features are often quite memorable





"The Florida State Highway Department process is divided into 3 phases"



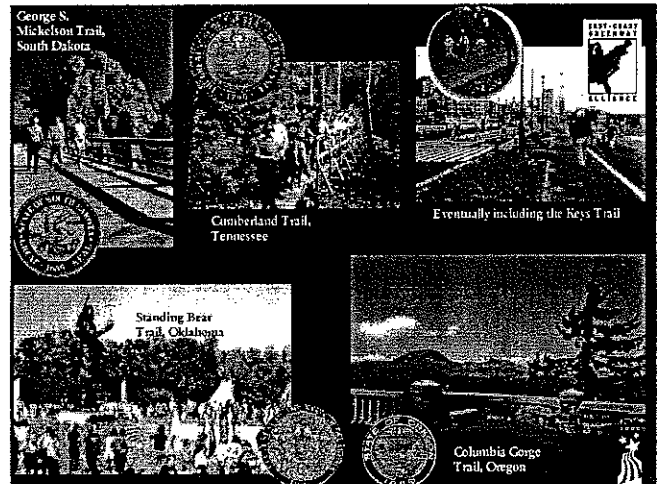
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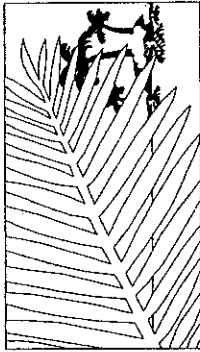
- 1) Eligibility Phase
- 2) Designation Phase
- 3) Implementation Phase

"Trail slides
start here and will be provided at
the Friday rehearsal in
Marathon"

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A couple of samples are
provided...





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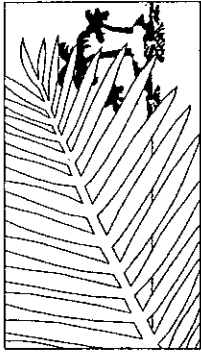
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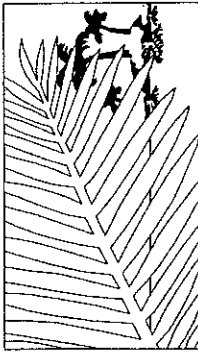


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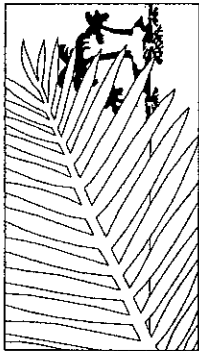
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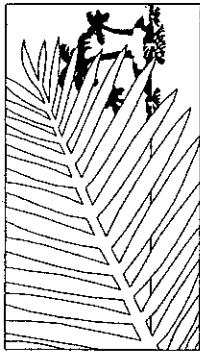
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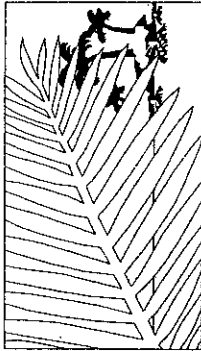
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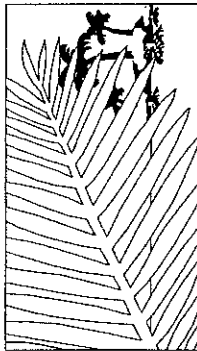
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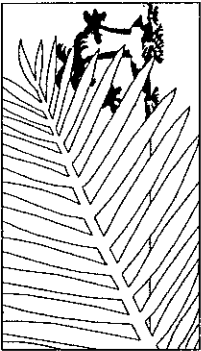
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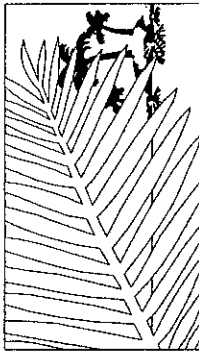
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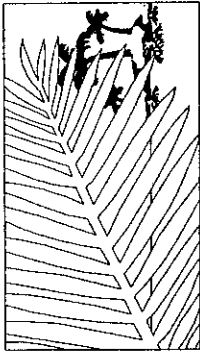
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Friends of the Florida Keys:

Envision yourself experiencing the scenic beauty of the magnificent Florida Keys along a bicycle and pedestrian trail linking our communities through the use of the Old Keys Bridges.

Clean Florida Keys, Inc. cordially invites you to the presentation of a

**“Concept Design for The Overseas Heritage Trail
Key West to Sugarloaf”**

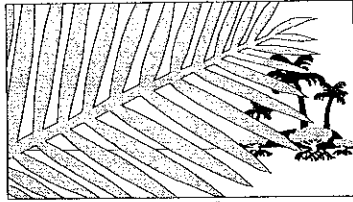
***Tuesday, January 12, 1999 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Hosted Reception following program - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM***

Holiday Inn Beachside-Key West--on the Gulf side of US 1

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project Committee of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. is coordinating an effort to have US 1 from MM 00 to MM 107 designated as a State Scenic Highway and this trail concept is part of that effort.

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PROGRAM

FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY PROJECT OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL

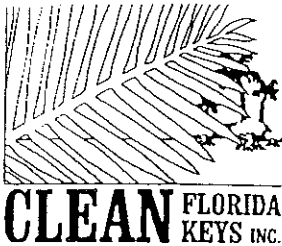
Holiday Inn Beachside – Key West

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 1999– 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

- **Opening and Welcome** **6:00PM – 6:05PM**
Marci L. Rose, Chair and Greg Sullivan, Chair Elect of CFK
- **Overview of US 1 Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project** **6:05PM – 6:15PM**
A Project Uniting the Florida Keys Community
Dave Henderson, Scenic Highway Program Coordinator, FDOT
June Helbling – CFK Board/Co-Chair of Florida Keys Scenic Hwy Project
- **Old Keys Bridges Task Force** **6:15PM – 6:25PM**
Percy W. Mallison, Jr, Director, Division of State Lands, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection; Chair, Governor's Old Keys Bridges Task Force
- **Overseas Heritage Trail Concept Plan – MM 00 to MM 20** **6:25PM – 6:40PM**
Forest Michael, Michael Design Associates, Inc. will present drawings and sketches of concept plan for Overseas Heritage Trail and highlight FKSHP's coordination of the project with local, county and state groups
- **Local, State, National and International Importance of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project & the Overseas Heritage Trail** **6:40PM – 6:50PM**
Ken Bryan, State Director, Florida Field Office, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- **Introduction of New CFK Officers & Directors**
- **Turn Over Gavel** **6:50PM – 6:55PM**
Marci Rose, Chair, CFK and Greg Sullivan, Vice Chair, CFK
- **Invitation to Support CFK's Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project and the Overseas Heritage Trail -- Wrap-Up Comments** **6:55PM – 7:00PM**
Greg Sullivan, Chair, CFK

All Invited to Reception Immediately Following Program – 7:00PM to 8:00 PM

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Dear Friend of the Florida Keys:

Envision yourself experiencing the scenic beauty of the magnificent Florida Keys as you walk or bicycle along a trail linking our communities through the use of the Old Keys Bridges. Clean Florida Keys, Inc. cordially invites you to attend the presentation of a concept design for Phase One of The Overseas Heritage Trail--

Tuesday, January 12, 1999 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a reception following from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn in Key West--on the Gulf side of US 1 as you enter Key West.

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project Committee of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. is coordinating an effort to have US 1 from MM 00 to MM 107 designated as a State Scenic Highway and this trail concept is part of that effort. Through a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Michael Design Associates, Inc. has assisted in the development of a plan for the first twenty mile segment from Key West to Sugarloaf and their team will outline the concept. Other speakers will include representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Rails to Trails Conservancy, and the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project. At the conclusion of the presentation, new officers and directors of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. will be installed, followed by a hosted reception where you can further discuss the concept with speakers and board members.

Mark the date on your calendar and take part in a project to benefit the entire Florida Keys community. We value your ideas and welcome the opportunity to meet and talk to you about this exciting venture. For further information call 305-296-3791 and we look forward to seeing you on January 12, 1999.

Sincerely,

June Helbling and Marie W. Klemann, Co-Chairs
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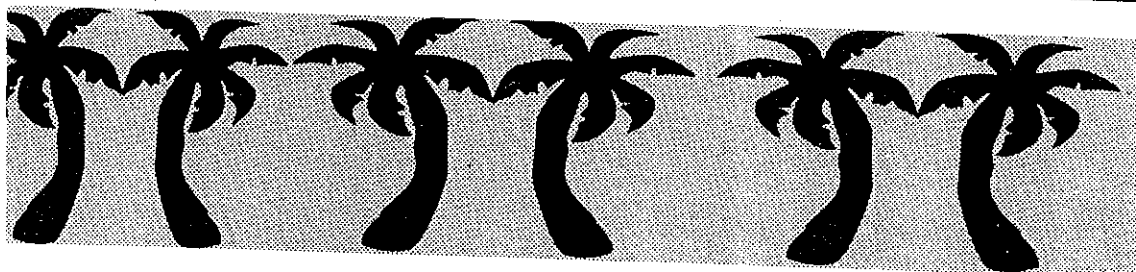
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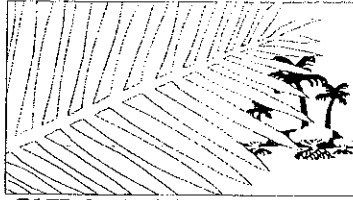
Public Notice of Charette (Workshop) Overseas Heritage Trail – Mile Marker 0-20

The public is invited to participate in a charette presentation on a survey for the development of a trail along US 1 from MM 0-20. This project is part of a larger effort to have US 1 from Key Largo to Key West declared a State Scenic Highway.

Through a grant from the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, The Florida Scenic Highway Committee of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. worked with Michael Design Associates, Incorporated of Florida—specialists in environmental design and landscaped architecture—to develop the draft trail plan.

The charette is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 1998 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Sugarloaf Firehouse at MM 17.5. The presentation will encourage the exchange of ideas and suggestions and provide an opportunity for the public to participate in an effort that will benefit the entire Florida Keys.





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Overseas Heritage Trail Charette Invites Community Participation

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CLEAN FLORIDA KEYS, INC.

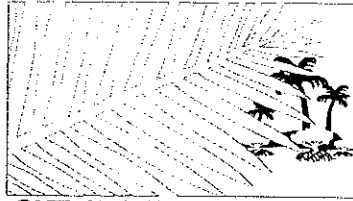
The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. is leading the effort to have the Overseas Highway in the Florida Keys designated as a State Scenic Highway. This grassroots organization has formed a volunteer team to work together on the numerous facets of research and documentation required for the scenic highway designation. The group is committed to seeking input on this effort from all corners of the Florida Keys community.

The long-term goal is to create a world class recreational trail connecting all of the Florida Keys through use of the Old Keys

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Bridges and rights-of-way. To encourage community participation in this project, a charette(workshop) is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 1998 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Sugarloaf Firehouse at MM 17.5. A conceptual trail plan for a portion of the Overseas Heritage Trail, from MM 0 to 20 will be presented for review and comment. Through a grant from the Florida State Department of Environmental Protection, Michael Design Associates, Incorporated of Florida (specialists in environmental design and landscape architecture) were brought in to develop the trail plan. The Michael Design Associates team will present their draft findings and facilitate the participant discussion. The presentation will encourage the exchange of ideas and suggestions and provide a great opportunity for everyone to take part in an effort that will benefit the entire Florida Keys community.

Clean Florida Keys, Inc. is a not-for-profit affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and part of the Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. network. Volunteers work on programs targeting litter prevention, cleanup campaigns, recycling and beautification.



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Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project

Overseas Highway

Heritage Trail

**CFK is working with the community
to have U. S. 1 designated a**

State of Florida

Scenic Highway

KEY LARGO TO KEY WEST OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL

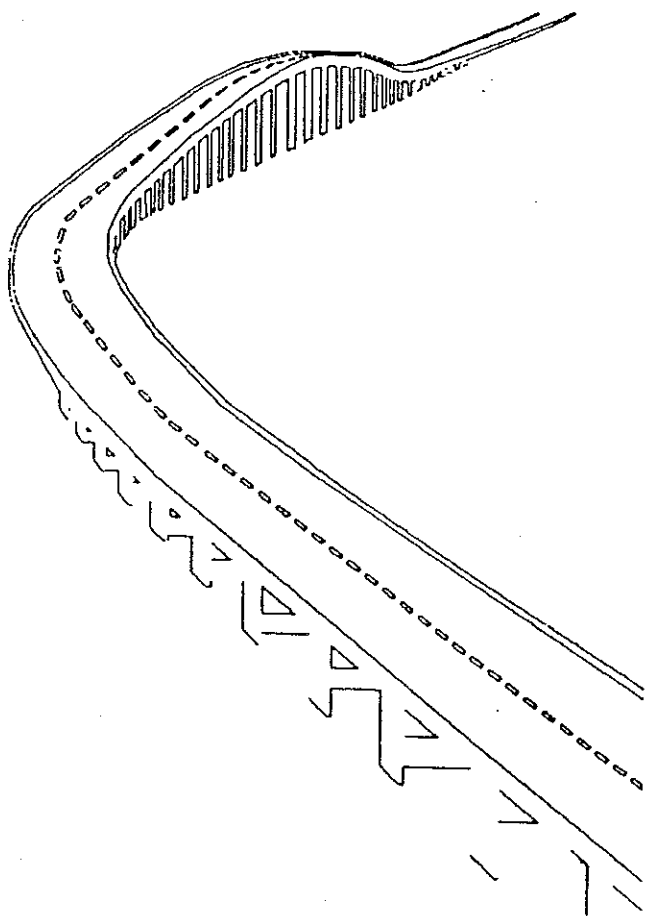
Following the Trail of Flagler's Most Spectacular Railroad . . .

At the turn of the century, when Henry Flagler announced his intention to build the Key West Extension to his Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway, everyone thought he was crazy. Almost everyone, that is, except the ingenious engineers who helped him build the 156-mile railway through swamps and hammock, and over swift-current channels to the southernmost point in the continental U.S. When Flagler celebrated the connection of the final link in the crossover span in 1912, over 36 bridges connected the Florida Keys to the mainland for the first time.

The successful completion of "Flagler's Folly" marks a turning point in Keys history. Easier access enticed homesteaders to brave the hurricanes and mosquitoes for the pioneering life.

Although the railway was destroyed in the 1935 hurricane, Flagler's influence on the Keys' development didn't end there. The railway bed was converted into the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District in the late 1930's, bringing further development and more people to the Keys.

Much of the present Overseas Highway, U.S. 1, lies atop of the railbed of the FEC. Some new bridges have now replaced the old, and U.S. 1 takes a slightly different routes in places, but the essence of Flagler's Key West Extension still remains.



Reviving the Railway as Greenway...

A trail leading from Key Largo to Key West is the perfect way to not only celebrate Flagler's spectacular feat and the pioneering heritage of the Florida Keys, but also to provide much-needed, non-motorized links between Keys, and between community and tourist facilities. As a linear community, strung out like beads on a necklace along the Keys' lifeline, U.S. 1, the Keys are well suited to the concept of a greenway. The Overseas Heritage Trail could accomplish many things. It could connect homes, schools, libraries, shopping areas, workplaces, restaurants, and parks via walking and biking trails. The trail could connect hotels to visitor centers, beaches and tourist attractions. The intent of a greenway is twofold: to make it easier and more pleasant to get from one place to another, and to provide recreational facilities for when you may not need to get from one place to another in a hurry, but just want to get a little exercise while enjoying the natural beauty of the Keys. The intent of the Overseas Heritage Trail adds a third "fold": to enhance residents' and visitors' appreciation of the heritage of the Keys by connecting historic sites and utilizing the FEC railbed when possible.

Like most communities, Monroe County already has many bike paths, beaches, picnic areas, libraries and playgrounds. The challenge now is to start looking at the community facilities as a whole, to see how they fit together, and how the existing resources can best be utilized or enhanced to form a comprehensive network.

Building the Network...

Several "bridges" are being crossed in order to make the Overseas Heritage Trail a reality:

- The County has secured various grants to acquire park lands, in those areas, such as the Upper Keys, which are currently lacking.
- The County has a seven-year bike path plan, updated periodically, to expand and maintain the bike path system.
- The County has applied, and will continue to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to obtain ISTEA enhancement funding for transportation-related projects.
- Inclusion into the Florida Greenways program with recognition from the Governor has occurred.
- The support of the Florida Greenways Council for the Overseas Heritage Trail should be solicited.
- An overall plan and feasibility study for the Trail is underway.
- In areas where the old FEC railbed or old Toll Road still exist, they should be utilized as a separate bike and pedestrian facility wherever feasible.
- The County should work with the State to assess the feasibility of using the old bridges as separate bike/pedestrian facilities. Where this is not possible, joined or separate bike paths along the new bridges should be constructed.
- Community input and support should be solicited at each major decision point in developing the Trail plans.
- Enhancements to existing facilities, such as better signage, striping, crosswalks, and regular maintenance for bike paths should be pursued.
- Land/water connections, including bike-to-canoe or ferry should be explored.
- Federal, state, tourist-tax, and private funding should be pursued to finance the proposed Trail.

Please direct any ideas, suggestion, questions or comments about the Overseas Heritage Trail to:
Monroe County Growth Management Division
2798 Overseas Highway, Suite 400
Marathon, Florida 33050-2227
Phone: 305-289-2500



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You are cordially invited to attend a charette and participate in review and comment on a survey for the development of a trail along US 1 from MM 0 to MM 20— part of a larger effort to have US 1 declared a State Scenic Highway from Key Largo to Key West as the Overseas Heritage Trail..

Come and invite neighbors and colleagues too—this is an opportunity for the Keys community to begin to work together on a great project.

What: Overseas Heritage Trail Charette
Survey of MM 0 – MM 20

Presented by: Clean Florida Keys, Inc. Florida Keys
Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group
and Michael Design Associates

When: Saturday, September 12, 1998 – 10:00am to 1:00pm
(light refreshments available)

Agenda: 10:00am – 10:30am Kickoff Presentation with
Slide Show Trail Components/Trailheads
10:30am – 11:30am Address Each Site with
Participant Input
11:30am – 1:00pm Work Tables with
Facilitators—Participants invited to mark-up plans,
share ideas and comments, interact with planners.
Feedback from each table will be shared with entire
group. Wrap-up comments—participants and team.

Where: Sugarloaf Firehouse – Mile Marker 17.5 – Gulf Side



APPENDIX D
Resolutions and Letters of Support

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 01-03-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING LOCAL EFFORTS TO SEEK
FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR
THE FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HIGHWAY; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the character of the resources found within and adjacent to U.S. Highway 1 in the Florida Keys is unique in Florida and beyond;

WHEREAS, a Corridor Advocacy Group consisting of citizens, businesses and government representatives has been formed for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway as required by Florida Statutes for the purpose of designation as a Florida Scenic Highway;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Scenic Highway Designation is to protect, enhance, preserve, and maintain the cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, natural and scenic resources of the designated corridor, while utilizing these resources for appropriate economic development and tourism;

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, believes that significant benefits of additional resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement, recreational amenities, public information, and economic development can result from the scenic highway designation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor Management Plan, which delineates the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway corridor, has been developed and will be implemented with the approval of the local governments of the jurisdictions through which the corridor passes, without state or federal restrictions on land use within the corridor by virtue of this Designation.

CERTIFIED COPY OF ORIGINAL


CAROL SIMPKINS, VILLAGE CLERK

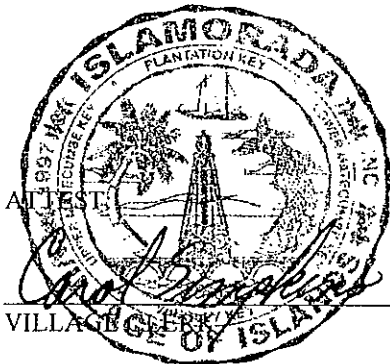
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

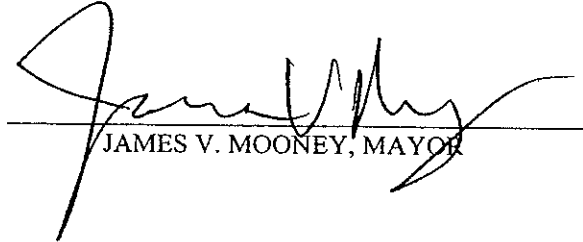
Section 1. That the Village Council supports the Designation of US Highway 1 as a Florida Scenic Highway.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the appropriate legislators.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2001.




JAMES V. MOONEY, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Motion to adopt by Vice Mayor Kulisky seconded by Councilman Gregg

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor James V. Mooney

Yes

Vice Mayor Frank R. Kulisky

Yes

Councilman George Geisler

Yes

Councilman Mark Gregg

Yes

Councilman Ron Levy

Yes

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY SUPPORTING
LOCAL EFFORTS TO SEEK FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY
DESIGNATION FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS
HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, the quality of the natural, cultural and historical resources found within and adjacent to U.S. Highway 1 in the Florida Keys is nationally and globally significant, and

WHEREAS, a Corridor Management Entity consisting of citizens, businesses and government representatives has been formed for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway as required by Florida Statutes for the purpose of designation as a Florida Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the scenic highway designation is to protect, enhance, preserve, and maintain the cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, natural and scenic resources of the designated corridor, while utilizing these resources for appropriate economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners believes that significant benefits of additional resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement, recreational amenities, public information, and economic development can result from the scenic highway designation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor Management Plan, which delineates the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway corridor, has been developed and will be implemented with the approval of the local governments of the jurisdictions through which the corridor passes, without state or federal restrictions on land use within the corridor by virtue of the designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that we register support for the designation of the **Florida Keys Scenic Highway** in Monroe County as a Florida Scenic Highway, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will strive to incorporate appropriate elements of the Corridor Management Plan for the Florida Keys Scenic Highway into the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan.

PASSES AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 22nd day of February, 2001.

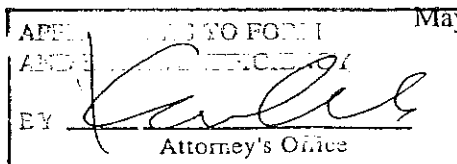
Mayor George Neugent	<u>yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Nora Williams	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Murray Nelson	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Dixie Spehar	<u>yes</u>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: George R. Neugent

Mayor/Chairperson

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DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 01-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LOCAL EFFORTS TO SEEK FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY DESIGNATION FOR THE FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the quality of the natural, cultural and historical resources found within and adjacent to U.S. Highway 1 from Key Largo to Key West in the Florida Keys is nationally and globally significant; and

WHEREAS, a Corridor Management Entity consisting of citizens, businesses and government representatives is now forming for the Florida Keys Overseas Highway, as required by Florida Statutes, to be designated as a Florida Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the scenic highway designation is to protect, enhance, preserve, and maintain the cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, natural and scenic resources of the designated corridor, while using these resources for appropriate economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission believes that significant benefits of additional resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement, recreational amenities, public information, and economic development can result from the scenic highway designation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor Management Plan, which delineates the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Florida Keys Overseas Highway Corridor, has been developed through citizen participation at public meetings and will be implemented with the approval of the local governments of the jurisdictions through which the corridor passes, without state or federal restrictions on land use within the corridor by virtue of the designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That designation of the Florida Keys Overseas Highway in Monroe County as a Florida Scenic Highway is hereby supported; and

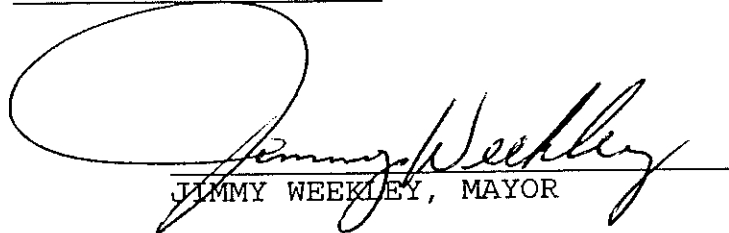
Section 2: That the City of Key West will strive to incorporate appropriate elements of the Corridor Management Plan for the Florida Keys Overseas Highway in the City of Key West Comprehensive Plan.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 21st day of February, 2001.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on February 22, 2001.

Filed with the Clerk February 22, 2001.


JIMMY WEEKLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK

Letters of Support

Bert A. Whitt
1312 Catherine Street, Key West, Florida 33040

March 30, 2001

Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P. O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041

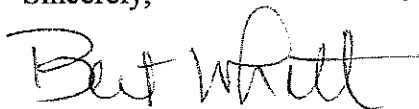
Dear Mrs. Klemann:

As a property owner and resident of Key West and Monroe County, I strongly support having US 1 designated as the Florida Key's scenic highway.

As curator of the Harry S. Truman Little White House Museum for the past eight years, I can see firsthand the positive impact this designation will have on tourism in Monroe County. A large number of our visitors drive down US 1 because of its natural beauty and environmental attractions. Recognizing this fact and designating this a scenic highway is long over due. By doing this, we will attract more environmentally sensitive visitors from all over the world. This will help to enhance the quality of life of local residents and business owners.

I wish to commend Clean Florida Keys, Inc. on spearheading the effort to make the Overseas Scenic Highway a reality. If I or the Museum can be of any assistance at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert Whitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Bert A. Whitt



Gay & Lesbian Community Center ▼ Key West

March 30, 2001

Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P. O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041

Dear Mrs. Klemann:

As President of the Key West Gay and Lesbian Community Center, with a membership of over 300, we fully support the efforts of Clean Florida Keys, Inc. to have US 1 designated as a scenic highway.

Our membership feels that this designation will greatly enhance the quality of life in Key West and in the Florida Keys and now is the time to make it happen.

Our organization is committed to continuing support once the Overseas Scenic Highway becomes a reality. If we can be of any assistance at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Beaver
President

SOUTHGATE PROPERTIES
1207 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040

March 29, 2001

Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P. O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041


Dear Mrs. Klemann:

As a business owner and resident of Key West and Monroe County, I strongly support having US 1 designated as the Florida Key's scenic highway.

Having managed rental properties and a bed and breakfast guest house for numerous years, I can see firsthand the positive impact this designation will have on Eco tourism in Monroe County by attracting more environmentally sensitive visitors from all over the world. This will help to enhance the quality of life of local residents and business owners.

I wish to commend Clean Florida Keys, Inc. on spearheading the effort to make the Overseas Scenic Highway a reality. If my business or I can be of any assistance at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis A. Beaver". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Dennis A. Beaver

**Key West Business Guild
Beautification Committee**
728 Duval Street
Key West, Florida 33040
Phone: 294-4603

March 27, 2001

Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P. O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041

Dear Mrs. Klemann:

As Chairman of the Beautification Committee of the Key West Business Guild, I rededicate the support of our membership in having US 1 designated as the Florida Key's scenic highway.

Our membership of over 450 businesses and supporters have been active with the beautification of Key West through park maintenance, street beautification, and beach cleaning during the past ten years.

We feel that the Scenic Highway designation will greatly enhance the Florida Keys as a tourist destination and improve the quality of life for local residents.

Our organization is committed to continuing support once the Overseas Scenic Highway becomes a reality. If we can be of any assistance at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis A. Beaver".

Dennis A. Beaver
Chairman

I am writing to ask
Rt 1/Overseas Hwy be designated
a scenic route, it is well worth
the designation.

Sincerely,
Candice Rhoads
53 Barcelona Dr
Key West, FL
33040

Rt 1 is a obviously scenic
route obviously worth the
designation.

Sincerely,
Esley Kelly Baskins
53 Barcelona Dr
KW, FL 33040



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March 26, 2001

June Helbling, Chair
Florida Keys Scenic Highway
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
PO Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041-1521

Dear June:

It is about time that US 1 from Key Largo to Key West is recognized as a state scenic highway and we are glad to know that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee is continuing to work toward this goal.

Sincerely,

Mandy Rodriguez
Executive Vice President

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Southernmost Community Traffic Safety Program

March 15, 2001

June Hebling, Co-Chair
Florida Keys Scenic Highway
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041-1521

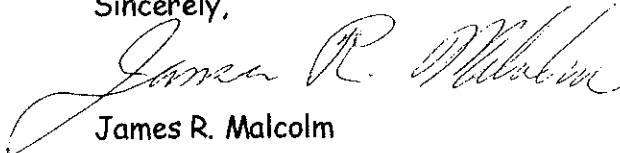
Dear June:

The members of the "Southernmost Community Traffic Safety Program" are pleased to hear that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway effort has progressed to the eligibility phase and is approaching designation. The members of the Southernmost CTSP want to lend our support to this important project. US 1 from Key Largo to Key West travels through an incredible landscape and as local residents, we are pleased to see you working to have the state of Florida recognize the importance of safety and comfort enhancements that will come with the "Scenic Highway" designation of this historic route.

Please keep us informed about activities and how we can help. This is an exciting project for the entire Florida Keys and Key West.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Sincerely,



James R. Malcolm
Chairman
Southernmost CTSP
2505 Patterson Ave.
Key West, Fl. 33040



Big Pine Key Civic Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 430190

Big Pine Key, Florida 33043-0190

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March 12, 2001

Ms. June Helbling, Co-chair
Ms. Marie Klemann, Co-chair
Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, Florida
33041-1528

Dear Ms. Helbling & Ms. Klemann:

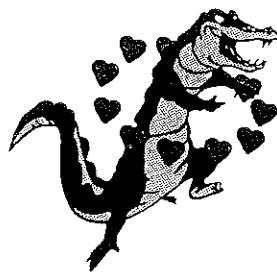
Both Board members and general members of our Association have had one or more opportunities to participate in the "public information programs" which your organization has conducted regarding the Florida Keys Scenic Highway project. We have been favorably impressed by both the level of planning and especially the developmental concept underlying this project. Unlike some previous "Greenways" programs which emphasized motor transportation and gave only lip service to highway beautification, the Scenic Highway project shows promise of providing significant benefits for residents without further clogging our roadways.

A representative of your organization was the guest speaker at one of our general membership meetings. Based upon that presentation, a motion was made and unanimously approved to indicate our support for your ongoing development of this project. That support, however, is conditional upon costs for both development and maintenance being kept to reasonable and appropriate levels. At this time it is our understanding that the great majority of the cost will be covered by non-local governmental funding.

The fragile beauty of the Keys needs to be preserved and protected. Towards that end, we recognize the benefits which will accrue to the Keys by an official state designation of Scenic Highway for U.S.1 and we encourage your continued efforts towards this goal.

Regards,

Robert E. Schneider
President, B.P.K.C.A.



FLORIDA

March 5, 2001

Dear Mrs. Helbling,

My husband and I are in total support of the Florida Keep Scenic Highway effort. We are local residents and are pleased that you are working to have the state of Florida recognize the importance of this beautiful + historic route.

Being retirees, we have time to volunteer. If we can help with any Scenic Highway activities, please let us know. This is an exciting project for the entire Keep Community.

Keep up the good work; we fully support your efforts.

Sincerely,
Bruce + Barbara Meyer
130 Hilson Court
Tavernier, FL 33070
e mail Bmeyer2072@aol.com

June Helbling, Chair
Florida Keys Scenic Highway
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041-1521

March 6, 2001

Dear June:


Our kayak & canoe club, Paradise Paddlers, is pleased to hear that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway effort is progressing. US 1 from Key Largo to Key West travels through an incredible landscape and, as local residents, we are pleased to see you working to have the state of Florida recognize the importance of this extraordinary road. I know that when I travel, I look for scenic highways and make a special effort to drive those routes when time permits.

Please keep us informed about activities and how we can help. Our latest newsletter had an article about the highway project so hopefully some of our members will be sending you individual letters of support. We are working on our adopt-a-shore status for a site in Key Largo that we clean regularly and also participate in many cleanups in other areas of the Keys each year. If you ever have projects that need volunteers, such as exotic plant removal, clean-ups, National Trail Day, etc. we can post them in our newsletter.

My husband and I own a business, Florida Bay Outfitters Kayak & Canoe Center, and we are working on a similar effort called the Florida Keys paddling trail. It is a big project that we don't have much time to work on right now but we do have our non-profit status and have worked a bit with Pennekamp State Park. We also hope to work together with the OHT in whatever way possible. We have attended some of your planning meetings and will continue to do so if you let us know when and where they are held. Perhaps some of the stops along the OHT can be of benefit to paddlers (for example rest areas).

The Florida Keys is a fragile place ecologically. We feel that people need to be constantly educated about this -- both locals and tourists alike. With US 1 designated a National Scenic Highway and with our paddling trail, we hope more ecotourists are enticed to visit the area!

Sincerely,



Monica Woll

Paradise Paddlers
PO Box 1657
Key Largo, FL 33037

Florida Bay Outfitters
PO Box 2513
(104050 Overseas Hwy)
Key Largo, FL 33037
305-451-3018
kayak@terranova.net

Subj: **Yes for the Scenic Highway**
Date: 11/20/2000 1:13:37 PM Eastern Standard Time
n: AJAJAA
to: KeysBeauty

After just receiving your address I must have my say about the Scenic Highway. It is a great idea, so many times on my way home from work I see people pulled over on the side of the road taking pictures of the glorious sunset. However, I am concerned about the re-application of the monster tower on Cudjoe Key. A 967 foot tower with a 5,000 sq ft building on top would be a travesty. It would spoil the views for miles! It would be a shame for one greedy company to spoil so much for so many. Also, I remember reading somewhere that there would be a rest stop near Crane Blvd on Sugarloaf. (Maybe that was for the bike path) That would not be a good idea with the school there. I can envision possible perverts hanging out there lurking for their next victim. But I do support the scenic hwy designation. Peggy Alander Sugarloaf Key

Subj: **KWSR Scenic Highway**
Date: 11/18/2000 9:12:41 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: mojogil22@msn.com (Joel Gilbert)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

Good Morning,
I support having US1, suspended between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico,
be called a "Scenic Highway".
Sincerely,

Maureen Gilbert, LMT
FSMTA Chapter President

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Subj: **A trail up the Keys**
Date: 11/16/2000 9:37:07 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: howdy@keysdigital.com (C. Howard Crane)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

Please add my encouragement to the idea of a biking, running, hiking trail beside US #1, from Key West to Key Largo and beyond. Sorry I can't make the meeting in Marathon.

Howard Crane

Subj: **US #1**
Date: 11/17/2000 6:44:36 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: TRIDENTLTDVIDEO@webtv.net (George Craig)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

Please be advised that we are in favor
of US#1 The Overseas Highway in
Monroe County, Florida be designated
as a Scenic Highway.
George & Lois Craig
Summerland Key, FL

Subj: **Public Forum**
Date: 11/17/2000 1:00:40 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: theresa.szymanis@islamorada.fl.us (theresa)
Reply-to: theresa.szymanis@islamorada.fl.us
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com (Clean Florida Keys)

Good Luck, Marie,

Greg Tindle, Assistant Village Manager, who is orchestrating the bikeway and
corridor enhancement, WILL be able to attend the Public Forum, and will
bring along table top displays.

Cheers,
Theresa

Subj: **an asphalt highway as art (nature's best gift to us)**
Date: 11/16/2000 9:33:45 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Kimott
To: KeysBeauty
CC: don.n@juno.com

In light of what has happened in so many places in south Florida--Coconut Grove being the best (or worst) case in point--the
Keys needs to look long and hard at expanding/changing anything that would make the place look more "manmade" and
"modern"--retain the charm that is the Keys. Let nature run rampant and keep things as they are...declare US1 a scenic
highway. Look to Europe as an example. They take pride in preserving/respecting what is old and historic. They do not tear
down and/or try to modernize everything in sight. Help preserve what is most precious in the way magical place called the
keys. Declare US1 a scenic highway.

Kim Ottaviani, snorkeler, runner, birder, protector of planet earth and all her creatures...
Hollywood, Florida

Subj: **US1-Support**
Date: 11/17/2000 8:06:44 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: blakeman@bellsouth.net (Rhonda Blakeman)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

I am emailing you in concern with my desire as a resident of Key West, Florida to US 1 declared a scenic highway. I will be unable to attend the meeting Saturday morning in Marathon but I still wanted to express my support in favor of the US 1 scenic highway status. I feel this status will allow more none motorize traffic to enter the Keys and enjoy the beauty, sights, and sounds.

Sincerely,

Joel V. Blakeman

5051 Overseas Hwy
Key West, FL 33040

Subj: **Scenic Highway**
Date: 11/16/2000 4:10:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Lee.Ridley@Entex.com (Ridley, Lee)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com
Cc: ArleneHaes@aol.com

Hi,

I'm a native Floridian who currently lives in CO - I'd vote yes to designate US1 down to Key West as a "scenic highway" and protect the natural beauty!

Thanks,

Lee Ridley

Subj: **US1 is a Scenic Hwy!**
Date: 11/16/2000 9:11:18 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: ArleneHaes
To: KeysBeauty

I am in support of **our** (this is a democracy, right?) declaring US 1 in the Keys a Scenic Highway. Once a week I drive from Marathon to Key West and although I spend much of the time lost in thought there are always a few moments when I come in to the present and give thanks for being permitted to enjoy this beauty that is all around us. I believe our stretch of US1 is an Historic Highway the stories around its history are fascinating.

Arlene Haessler
1219 Pearl Street, Rear
Key West, Florida Keys

Subj: **Scenic Highway Forum**
Date: 11/16/2000 8:28:23 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: gilchris_b@popmail.firn.edu (Bryan Gilchrist)
To: keysbeauty@aol.com (Marie Klemann)

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Hi Marie,

I received your voice mail message, but haven't had a chance to call you back. I have effectively notified a little over 200 people (staff and students) at the college about the forum on Saturday, and placed signs all over campus, so hopefully we'll get some to show up. I also missed the Clean KW Task Force Meeting and was hoping to speak to you there. I will, however, see you on Saturday.

Good luck!

Bryan Gilchrist
Technology Support Services
Florida Keys Community College
5901 College Rd.
Key West, FL 33040
305/296-9081 xt.279

Subj: **Scenic Hiway**
Date: 11/16/2000 6:59:30 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: PERMITFLY4
To: KeysBeauty

I am writing to voice my concern about the possibility of the US1 Highway becoming a Scenic Highway. I think that it is the most beautiful and unique stretch of road I have been on and I would like to see it get this designation. I would also like to express my opinion that there needs to be a contiguous bike, running and walking path along its length.

Best Regards,
Tom Rowland
Permitfly4@aol.com
Big Blue Flyfishing, Inc.
Key West, FL

Subj: **Scenic highway**
Date: 11/15/2000 7:49:20 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: shelbnkw@yahoo.com (Shelbn KW)
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

Hello,
I can not show up in person on November 18th, but would like to support making Highway 1 a Scenic Highway.

Respectfully
Shelby Harrington
Key West

Subj: **Ahoy city slickers!**

Date: 11/15/2000 2:42:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: pbraisted@pocketmail.com

To: bls265@juno.com, ajajaa@aol.com, tridentltdvideo@webtv.net, PARADISEATLAST@PRODIGY.NET,

DolphinDarling@aol.com, catsanddogs1@juno.com, info@heliographics.com

CC: keysbeauty@aol.com

Out of my way alligator, back you dastardly skeeters and belay you vicious no-see-ums, no wonder city slickers are hunkered down near MM0 instead of way up North near MM23.5, in their kayaks.

So how go things? Sat 18 Nov is the KW Garden Club Plant Sale & the FDOT Keys Scenic Hiway presentation in Marathon.

This is a continuation of trying to get US1 declared a scenic hiway, and open the state & federal coffers for landscaping, pull-off-the-road rest and sunset viewing areas, roadside parks, bike-skate trails and garbage pickup at fishing piers.

Why it takes so long to get a Scenic designation when "the road that went to sea" is the most incredible hiway in the world is truly mind boggling. But then, IF one does not follow the procedures, then nothing gets done.

Can all of you get your e-mail people and friends, B4 Nov 18th, to write KeysBeauty@aol.com in support of having US1, suspended between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, declared a "scenic highway"?

Seriously, if one can't show up as a warm body, log-in with e-mail to KeysBeauty@aol.com and vote as if your life depended on that ol'RR highway being granted scenic status! Might count for and return more, than the last great vote...

pete sends-

Subj: **US 1 beautification**

Date: 11/13/2000 2:02:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: DAVIESEA

To: KeysBeauty

Hi! I work at the Summerland Key Post Office and I would like very much to see US 1 turned into a scenic highway. I don't know how this impacts business, bicycle paths etc. But I believe that bicycle paths along a beautiful highway would be an asset to the keys. Jeanie Gargano

Subj: **Making US#1 a Scenic Highway**

Date: 11/13/2000 1:35:06 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: IslandFunLover@webtv.net (David Dodd)

To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

CC: pbraisted@pocketmail.com

Having done a bit of traveling, I'm always so pleased to come back to our Highway #1. It is one of our treasures! Please do your part to make it OUR Scenic Highway, we need your help.

Thank you for taking the time to listen

David Dodd

320 William St. #4

Key West, Fl. 33040

Subj: **US1 Key West-Florida City = scenic highway of global standing!**
Date: 11/13/2000 4:19:44 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: pbraisted@pocketmail.com
To: KeysBeauty@aol.com

My wife and I have lived in the Lower Keys for over 25yrs. US1 continues to enthrall us with its beauty and vistas. Please make certain its FDOT status matches its beauty!

Pete & Margaret Braisted
PO Box 420687
Summerland Key, FL 33042

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Ms. Marie W. Klemann, Executive Director
Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
Florida Keys Scenic Highway
Corridor Advocacy Group
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041-1528

July 11, 2000

Dear Ms. Klemann,

I am very pleased to hear that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project is progressing and I would like for you and the CAG to know that I support your effort, fully.

Although I have only lived in the Keys for about 3 years, every time I travel this magnificent route I feel that US1 from Key Largo to Key West should be recognized as a state and national treasure. The history, the beauty and the fragile ecology of the entire Florida Keys should be preserved for us who live here and for those many visitors to the Keys from all over the world. We are truly an international destination and I hope everyone can enjoy the Keys.

This is an important project for both visitors and us residents alike and I fully support the CAG efforts. Please keep me informed about the CAG activities and how I can help you with this great program for the entire Keys.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Connie R. Logan".

Connie R. Logan
Resort Manager



Key West Garden Club

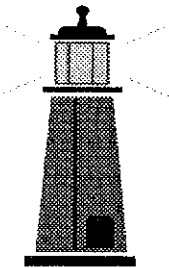
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KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33045

Nov. 17, 1999

Kathy Torubio
c/o Clean Florida Keys
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041

The Key West Garden Club
would like to express our support
for your Scenic Highway Project and
the Overseas Heritage Trail. Our
membership certainly enjoyed your
presentation at our November
general meeting. We also found it
to be a wonderful learning experience.

Sincerely
The Key West Garden Club
Arlene Klein, Corresponding
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Dear Sirs/Madams:

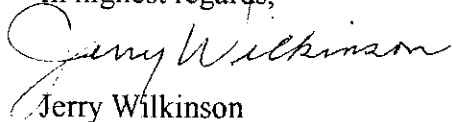
From my understanding you are undertaking a program dear to my heart. I apologize for missing the first Upper Keys meeting due to conflicting schedules. Now it appears that I will miss the second meeting due to a long-standing Veterans Administration Hospital appointment on May 8, 1998.

The highway's name originated somehow from the days of the Florida East Coast Railway. The passengers view of passing overseas was due to the narrow train bridges from which only water could be seen regardless of how much one would strain his or her neck. It might have also been suggested as the Key West Extension was known as the railroad that went to sea.

In 1954 when the tolls were removed, the State Road Department erected signs naming it the "Florida Freeway." Overwhelming protests from local citizens brought down the short lived signs. It had been the Overseas Highway too long.

I would be greatly honored to be considered as a member from the Upper Florida Keys. I can easily schedule the meeting once I am aboard.

In highest regards,



Jerry Wilkinson
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Articles Supporting Scenic Highway Designation

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Smith, Ed Cunningham, Ken Miedema, Bill Bolton, Sharon Alvarado, Kristy Petersen and Ken Burton.

GET INVOLVED!

Support the Florida Keys Scenic Highway

By Marie Klemann, Director, CFK

Top priorities for Clean Florida Keys (CFK) continue to be the Florida Keys Scenic Highway program and the Overseas Heritage Trail project. The designation of US 1 from Key Largo to Key West as a state scenic highway has been a multi-year project and we are working with the Florida Dept of Transportation on the final phase. We still need letters of support and would appreciate any you can send from your group or as individual citizens.

Included at the end of this note is a sample letter of support FYI. Please send them to us by March 25, 2001. Also attached is the latest overview of the work of Clean Florida Keys. If your group would like a presentation on the scenic highway and/or trail, please advise us and we will be happy to assist. You can contact John Clese, Program Director, Clean Florida Keys at mjv-longview@mindspring.com or by calling him directly at 305-292-1556.

Monroe County and the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Transportation (FDOT) are working as a team with all of the Keys communities to make the Overseas Heritage Trail a reality. CFK was the catalyst for this effort with Monroe County that grew out of work on the scenic highway. Many of you attended one of the nine public meetings CFK produced to get feedback from citizens on the scenic highway and the trail. Your generous donation of time, resources, talent and volunteer hours are greatly appreciated to assist in helping to keep our Florida Keys clean and beautiful.

Sample Paragraphs for Letter of Support:

Send to: June Helbling, Chair
Florida Keys Scenic Highway Clean Florida Keys, Inc.
P.O. Box 1528
Key West, FL 33041-1521

It is great to hear that the Florida Keys Scenic Highway effort is progressing and we lend our support to this important project. US 1 from Key Largo to Key West travels through an incredible landscape and as local residents, we are pleased to see you working to have the state of Florida recognize the importance of this historic route.

Please keep us informed about activities and how we can help. I have personally enjoyed travelling this magnificent highway for many years and wish you success in achieving your goal. This is an exciting project for the entire Keys Community.

Visitors come from here and abroad to enjoy the Florida Keys. The natural beauty, wildlife, unique environment, and spectacular scenery are enriching to everyone who lives here or visits the Keys. US 1 in

the Keys certainly should be declared a Florida state scenic highway. We were surprised to learn that it was not already a state scenic highway. This certainly is an important project for both residents and visitors alike and should be a boost to the Keys economy. We fully support your efforts.

CFK Overview Mission Clean Florida Keys (CFK) is dedicated to enhancing the beauty of the Florida Keys from Key West to the Everglades. CFK is a not-for-profit volunteer organization promoting community stewardship to protect and improve the environment and natural resources of the Florida Keys. CFK is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. CFK leads the initiative to have US 1 from Key Largo to Key West declared a Florida state scenic highway. To achieve this goal, volunteers completed surveys, research and data gathering requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to be eligible for scenic designation.

An important goal State scenic highway designation will open doors to state and federal funding to make US 1 more beautiful; improve safety; preserve scenic, historic, cultural, archeological, and natural resources; and enhance recreational opportunities.

Saving the Old Keys Railroad Bridge Responding to citizen concerns, CFK acted to save the Old Keys Railroad Bridges. CFK members served on the Governor's Old Keys Bridges Task Force that recommended maintaining the bridges for recreational uses of fishing, running, walking and bicycling.

Overseas Heritage Trail CFK was the catalyst in developing a partnership among Monroe County and the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Transportation (FDOT) to design and fund plans for the Overseas Heritage Trail (OHT). FDOT will help to build the trail and FDEP Division of Recreation and Parks will manage the trail. Plans are underway to make the OHT part of the Florida State Parks System. CFK promotes community involvement in this exciting bicycle and pedestrian route to be built along the Key Largo to Key West US 1 corridor. It's an example of a project that can benefit from state scenic highway designation.

Beautification Projects CFK promotes the planting of native trees and wildflowers and a variety of other cleanup and beautification projects throughout the Keys such as the "Dumpster Art" program where students create artistic works on dumpsters.

Adopt-A-Shore and Cleanup Programs CFK promotes and supports volunteer groups willing to take responsibility for "Adopt-A-Shore" cleanup and beautification of selected areas in the Florida Keys. Forty groups participate representing civic associations, business groups; schools, clubs, churches; neighborhoods and other organizations. 500 volunteers donate thousands of hours and clean 80,000 pounds of debris annually. The Great American Cleanup and Earth Day 5K Run/Walk in Spring, plus the Florida Coastal Cleanup in Autumn are annual litter prevention and beautification events.

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18 December 2000

June Helbling
TIB Bank of the Keys
1103 Indies Drive South
Marathon, FL 33051

Overseas Heritage Trail

Dear June,

The travel section of the largest newspaper in Maine published the enclosed AP article about your trail. If you ever needed proof of the tourism draw of your project as both a historical preservation project and a recreation/transportation project to people outside of your State, I hope that this article helps.

The entire Board of the East Coast Greenway Alliance met Ty Symroski at our December Board meeting in Broward County earlier this month. He did a good job of sharing the vision for a great trail which we view as the gateway for the East Coast Greenway.

We look forward to our continued collaboration in promoting the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail.

Sincerely,

Copy to:

Ceylon Barclay, *FL Chair*
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Ty Symroski, *City of Key West*



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DUKE ROOD

Epic Themes And Whimsical Toys

By Matt Dukes Jordan

During sculptor Duke Rood's childhood in the Cascades in Oregon, he loved to watch a lumberman uncle of his carving toys. "My great uncle would never be without a stick that he was whittling. He made wonderful small sculptures: charming horses and objects that he gave us. You would hang around just to get something he'd made."

"I took art courses at the state college I went to, but the biggest impact on my decision to do wood sculpture was my great uncle. The charm of the toys stayed with me."

Rood has lived in Key West for several decades, and had been working on a novel set in the Northwest; however, when he began carving wood figures in the 90s, he found his metier. "I made small pieces like my uncle had made. Friends said they liked them. That encouraged me to make bigger pieces."

Soon he was showing at galleries in town, and the work was selling out. His

Duke Rood admires one of his animal sculptures

imagery is of archetypal figures: angels, kings, queens, fools, clowns, dancers. His sculpture is serious and whimsical, somber and joyful. There are always echoes of the toys that first inspired him. "The beauty of the cabinets and furniture that I saw being made in my home town had little impact on me, whereas the toys and small objects are memorable to me."

Toys continue to inspire him, yet he is constantly learning and expanding his range. "I'm relatively new as an artist who shows and exhibits. I'm still a student of sculpture. I like reading how other sculptors have worked and solved problems. There are continual puzzles that I encounter while working in a three-dimensional art form."

"I look at the masters and see what they did, how they solved the same problems I'm dealing with. It's amazing what insights you get from great works of art from all ages."

Rood has regularly spent several months in France each summer studying art. Last summer he concentrated on galleries and bookstores. "You can get books on European artists there that you can't get in the United States. I particularly enjoyed the parks because they feature the work of many famous sculptors."

"The French often honor their writers, artists, composers with parks. One of my favorite parks is called Georges Brasson. It has a lot of looming huge apartment buildings overlooking this wonderful park. I like to go over there and work on a piece of wood. I like to absorb Paris, looking down from a hill at old Paris."

"What I adore about

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Bike Safety On A Roll

Smooth Riding In The Keys, But Bumpy In Key West

By Matt Dukes Jordan

Due to efforts by many dedicated groups and individuals, the Keys are steadily getting more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians. Beautification of the Overseas Heritage Trail (OHT), a ped-bike path that includes the old railroad bridges that link the Keys, will soon be funded with federal dollars, and some of the OHT is being designated as part of the East Coast Greenway, a bike trail from Key West to Maine. Unfortunately, the city is lagging behind on its part of the process,

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despite having committed to a strategic plan
for bike and pedestrian safety.

"There's never been a line item on the city budget for the bicycle plan except for the Staples Avenue bridge, which was from the plan," said Jim Malcolm, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator for the City of Key West. "I'd like to see the city develop a budget and implement the bike component. Right now it's being done piecemeal and with leftover dollars."

In a resolution (#96-396) adopted by the city commission on April 2, 1996, the commission affirmed that "Key West is widely recognized as a great city for pedestrians and bicyclists" and that we "have the highest per capita bicycle ridership in the nation." It also said that the city wants to encourage bicyclists and pedestrians and help relieve traffic and parking problems. The City Manager was authorized to develop a plan and recommend funding.

"The city's plan is minimal," Malcolm said. "The people working on it kept cost in mind. They didn't remove parking or change the direction of streets. They didn't redesign the city for bikes. They tried to work with what's there."

There will be improvement in significant areas that the city doesn't have to pay for. "When they redo North Roosevelt Boulevard, that will make a big difference," Malcolm said. "That will be a sidewalk along the inland side of the boulevard and crosswalks. That is being paid for by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The county will pay for Palm Avenue. They will redo storm water drainage this year and put in bike facilities.

**Clean Florida Keys
And The Overseas Heritage Trail**

Clean Florida Keys (CFK) is a volunteer, non-profit group working to enhance the beauty of the Florida Keys from Key West to the Everglades. Since 1995, CFK has worked to have US-1 from Key Largo to Key West declared a Florida State Scenic Highway.

Part of CFK's work has been to save the Old Keys Railroad Bridges. In part through CFK's efforts, the Governor's Old Keys Bridges Task Force recommended maintaining the bridges for mixed use — fishing, walking, running and bicycling. CFK worked with the Rails to Trails organization, a group that works to convert old railroad paths to bike paths.

CFK's partnership with Monroe County and the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Transportation (FDOT) established in 1999, led to plans for the design and funding of the entire Overseas Heritage Trail (OHT). This trail will go from Mile Marker 00 to Mile Marker 106.

For information, visit www.KeysBeauty.org.

They're covering over the culvert there and putting in six-foot bike-pedestrian lanes on each side separated by a green strip.

The only thing for the city to pay for as far as bikes was the Staples Avenue bridge and road striping and signage for bike paths. The

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The East Coast Greenway

Elizabeth Holloway, Monroe County bicycle/pedestrian coordinator, wrote the following description of this national trail.

The East Coast Greenway will be the nation's first long-distance, city-to-city, multi-modal transportation corridor for cyclists, bikers, and other non-motorized users. The goal is to connect existing and planned trails that are locally owned and managed to form a continuous, safe, green route — easily identified by the public through signage, maps, user guides, and common services.

The route will be at least 80 percent off-road, using waterfront esplanades, park paths, abandoned railroads, canal tow paths, and parkway corridors. It will serve cyclists, hikers, skaters, equestrians, people in wheelchairs, and other non-motorized users.

The objective of the route is to be an urban alternative to the Appalachian Trail, located in the shadows of skyscrap-

ers and within suburban green-parks, but also in surprisingly rural areas that still exist between our east coast cities.

It will enable residents to travel short distances from their homes to local points of interest, and tourists to travel for a few days or even weeks to visit the rich store of history and culture within the east coast region.

While seeking the most direct feasible route between cities, we also value a route offering an interesting, varied experience. It will link with a host of other greenways and trails being developed within the region, forming a true greenway network functioning much like the interstate highway system.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance is a grass roots based, private non-profit group organized nine years ago. Individual trails that exist or are planned may be designated as part of this USDOT National Millennium trail.

Check out www.greenway.org.

TRAVEL

Derelict bridges of Oversea Railway have new future

● A rails-to-trails project could open up more of the Keys highway to recreational pursuits.

by BRENDAN FAIRINGTON
for Associated Press

PIGION KEY, Fla. — Driving long U.S. Route 1 through the Florida Keys is not to gaze out at the ocean. It's to look at the rail line that once ran parallel to the highway through the island chain.

Though many structures are inaccessible to all but pelicans, herons and osprey, they serve as a monument to a railroad that cost one man millions of dollars and about 200 others their lives.

The most famous stretch is the old Oversea Railway. It's featured in automobile commercials and movies and is the most amazing feat in an incredible project. These days one can travel only 22 miles before risk- ing a fall into the shark-infested water.

The bridges once behind upon up the Oversea Railway are in the process of being restored to their original glory. They now serve only joggers, fishermen, bicyclists and anyone who acts in a stroll and enjoy watching ocean views or a slice of local history.

"There's just something about this place — you see birds and pieces of it everywhere and film. It's a focal point of the Keys," said Derek Bell, 47, who has lived in the Oversea Railway area for 15 years. "It's beautiful in the fact that it's a historical site that broke up all sea," said Dan Gallagher, the Pigeon Key Foundation's education coordinator.

The Keys, who split their time



The Balis Honda Bridge, foreground, is one of the old Oversea Railway bridges that run through the Florida Keys island chain. Though many stretches of the bridges are inaccessible to all but pelicans, herons and osprey, they serve as a monument to a railroad that cost one man millions of dollars and about 200 others their lives.

The extension was finished in 1912, stretching 128 miles from Homestead to Key West. It included 42 bridges over 18 miles of ocean.

The project "was arguably the greatest single railroad construction feat in American and possibly world history," said Seth Brennan, the Florida East Coast Railway company chairman.

Every time he drives to Key West, Brennan looks at the old bridge and thinks about the people who built it. "It's a testament to the men who built it," he said. "It's a testament to the men who built it." "It's a testament to the men who built it," he said. "It's a testament to the men who built it."

"It's something in you," he says. "You have to say 'My God! How did they do that in those days?'"

The Flagger Station Oversea Railway History Museum in Key West provides a history of the railroad with a video, photos, a restored train car and a history interpreter to talk to visitors.

An almost hidden treasure on the way to Key West is Pigeon Key. Once a camp that housed 400 workers, the island, just 100 yards from the mainland, is now a national historic landmark. It's the site of a program for about 5,000 students a year.

The island is almost a sliver back in time. Mary of the railway camp

buildings have been restored and a museum recalls the remarkable link to the country's southernmost city.

Visitors can walk, hike or take a trolley from Marathon over the old bridge, but only about 50 people a day make the trip, Gallagher says.

A few miles east, Tom Orr of Naples, Fla., was standing with a fishing pole on a short stretch of the old railway bridge. Grassy and duck blind, the use there, she says, is that it's a great fishing spot. "They're like a giant fishing pier," Orr says. "I fish different ones. Word gets out of which ones are hot. I've caught tarpon, snook — everything off this bridge."

He's been fishing the Keys for 15

years and swears the bridges are better than paying a guide and going out on a boat. "Their history also caught his interest and he bought a book to learn more."

"I don't think people realize the cost of these bridges, with people dying and everything else," he said.

A hurricane in 1935 damaged 42 miles of track. With the Great Depression, the Florida East Coast Railway in bankruptcy receivership and the growing popularity of cars, the company decided not to repair it.

Gallagher says, and changing times killed the railroad, but it's easy to blame it on a hurricane," he says. "The hurricane didn't wash out any bridges. It didn't do anything that couldn't be fixed — it was time for cars."

The railroad right-of-way was sold to the state for \$600,000. The state later widened the bridges, paved over the tracks and opened the Oversea Highway in 1958. The present Oversea Highway opened in 1962.

The railway also sold land used for a terminal for \$800,000. The railway got back \$1.4 million of a \$10 million investment. Brennan says, "The rebuild that extension would probably be in the vicinity of a maximum of \$3 billion to today's money."

New an effort is being made to open up more of the old bridges, including the rest of the Seven Mile Bridge and the spectacular Bahia Honda bridge, for recreation.

The Rails to Trails project hopes to call the state to help create a 110-mile park along the railroad right-of-way, says organizer Jane Hebling.

She knows the project will cost millions of dollars. But the bridges are a good shape and it would be a shame not to use them, she says. "Good ideas already given us the most scenic spots in the Keys. We're going to the world," Hebling says. "What Flagger has left behind for us can get us a little closer to those vistas."



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THE KEYS

Marathon asking state for funds for entryways

BY LISA EISS

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MARATHON — The Marathon City Council is eyeing a Florida Department of Transportation grant that would provide funding for historic-themed entryways to the city, a project local officials say would give the recently incorporated municipality some long-sought identity.

City Councilman Jon Johnson will submit today a 1½-inch-thick grant proposal that requests \$100,000 in state funds to construct welcome stations at the east and west ends of Marathon. The city hopes to match a DOT contribution with \$156,000 of its own toward the project, which would convey the history of Henry Flagler's railroad that once ran through the Middle Keys town.

Johnson, who heads the city's Parks, Public Works and Recreation committee, envisions small, unclosed replicas of railroad stations

Officials say the project would give the new city some long-sought identity, welcome residents and tourists, and provide rest stops for outdoor enthusiasts, particularly bikers.

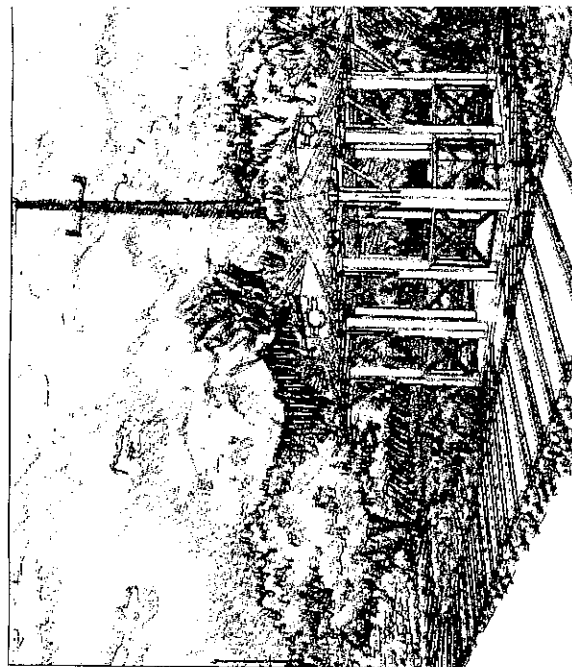
near Knight's Key and Tom's Harbor Bridge on Grassy Key. There would be a structure at each entryway with innovative landscaping and artificial railway tracks running across the front.

The scenic entryways would not only welcome residents and tourists,

Johnson says, but also beautify the city's roadsides and provide rest stops for outdoor enthusiasts, particularly bikers. The proposed entryway at Knight's Key would be incorporated into the Heritage Trail, a proposed bike path that would eventually run the length of the Florida Keys.

"The idea was to make Marathon's entryways unique, and I think that's what we've got here," said Johnson, who is spearheading the proposal. "I was driving through Aventura and saw the walls welcoming people to the city, but I said to myself, 'That doesn't look like the Keys.' I thought about it some more and railways came to mind. We have such a tradition with the railroad in Marathon. It just made sense to pick that theme."

In the early 1900s, the community began as a base camp for thousands of Flagler's railroad workers, who named their new settlement Marathon — legend has it — after their own endurance. The heart of the community in



HISTORIC THEME: Marathon's planned entryways, above, w of railway stations that allude to Henry Flaglers historic Overseas

the railroad construction period, and for the 23 years between the official opening of the line and the hurricane of 1935 that ended it, was the area around Marathon's ballpark near the Florida Highway Patrol Station.

Johnson hopes the DOT will consider Marathon's rich history when doling out \$2 million in highway beautification grants. Last year, the department awarded funds to only 16 of 37 applicants. Should the DOT deny Marathon's request, Johnson says, the city may build the welcome stations on its own.

Marathon Realtor Bettye Chaplin

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KEY WEST

Idea would link bike trails along East Coast

It's billed as the urban alternative to the backcountry Appalachian Trail: a 2,600-mile greenway from Key West to Calais, Maine, the last town before the Canadian border.

The idea to link existing and planned bike trails hatched in the minds of urban planners and cycling enthusiasts in the Northeast about 10 years ago.

Now, members of the East Coast Greenway Alliance believe cities, counties and states along the Atlantic Seaboard can team up to pull it off by 2010.

And Florida would have a preeminent role: Monroe County's proposed Overseas Heritage Trail would be the first segment. The 102-mile Heritage trail will run from Key Largo to Key West, mainly along the old Flagler Railroad.

The Greenway Alliance acts as a master planner and quality control inspector. It doesn't pay to build or maintain trails. State and local governments must find funding to landscape and pave a path to convert it to a trail.

BIG PINE KEY/LOWER KEYS

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

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Joseph "Jay" Moore of Bay Point has been a volunteer with the Sugarloaf Volunteer Fire Department for several years, according to. He works for Little as a special at each year ent hosts fire activities at jobs.

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Highway targeted for 'scenic' designation

Goal is recreational trail in Keys using old bridges and right-of-ways

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee of Clean Florida Keys Inc. is leading an effort to have the Overseas Highway designated as a state scenic highway, and the grassroots organization has formed a volunteer team to work on research and documentation required for designation.

The long-term goal is to create a world-class recreational trail connecting all the Keys through use of the old Keys bridges and rights-of-way.

To encourage community participation, a workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Sugarloaf Key firehouse, mile marker 17.5.

A conceptual trail plan for a portion of the Overseas Heritage Trail, between mile markers 0 and 20, will be presented for review and comment.

Through a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection, Michael Design Associates Inc., specialists in environmental design and landscape architecture, were brought in to develop the trail plan.

The Michael Design Associates team will present its draft findings and facilitate discussion. The presentation will encourage the exchange of ideas and suggestions and provide an opportunity for everyone to take part in getting the scenic-highway designation.

Clean Florida Keys Inc. is a not-for-profit affiliate of Keep America Beautiful Inc. and part of the Keep Florida Beautiful Inc. network. Volunteers work on programs targeting litter prevention, cleanup campaigns, recycling and beautification.



This photograph, taken in the Lower Keys, is one of many that will be showcased in the traveling exhibit 'Natural Inspiration,' a collection of photographs showcasing the Florida Keys its four national wildlife refuges.

Call goes out for nature photos

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges — or FAVOR, for short — a recently formed organization that supports the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge, is sending out a call to photographers to submit art for an exhibit that will celebrate "Natural Inspiration" as found in the Florida Keys.

The photo exhibit will be designed as a traveling show, which will premier Nov. 7 at the Key West Hilton.

The photography exhibit is part of this year's birthday celebration for two of the Keys' refuges, the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge, established on Oct. 27, 1938; and the Key West National Wildlife Refuge, designated on Aug. 8, 1908.

Interested persons are asked to submit slides by October 17. Submissions will be limited to three slides per entrant and must be 35 mm and labeled "front-up". They should be sent, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to Bob Muenz, 513 Fleming St., Suite 5, Key West, FL 33040.

Accepted works must be ready to be hung and will be offered for sale at the exhibit with all the artists receiving full proceeds.

Groups seek scenic designation for U.S. 1

By MARJORIE DOUGHTY
Staff Writer

A grassroots project developing in the Keys is to have U.S. 1 declared a Florida Scenic Highway. This covers an approximate 107 miles in length, from MM 106 at the Jewfish Creek Bridge to MM 0 in Key West.

Although residents of the Keys will be working together to bring this project to fruition, those living on each island will determine how this enhancement will be done for their particular area.

Jerry Wilkinson, a member of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Project committee, said he is working with a number of interested people who want to beautify U.S. 1 without destroying any of its integrity.

Dennis Taylor with the First National Bank is also actively involved in this enhancement effort. He said the first step for funding has been taken by submitting a letter of intent to the Florida Department of Transportation.

"We assigned different people to parts of the Keys," he said. "This phase of the project was named the Corridor Impression Survey."

"These people, in turn, had 10 persons each who went and down U.S. 1, making notes on what is impressive, what is not impressive, recognizing historical, archeological, natural, cultural, scenic and recreational sites, just a complete survey of everything that might be involved in the project."

This information was compiled for the next step, which is the eligibility document. Once this application receives approval from FDOT, the final submission is an implementation of the project, showing how

the project will be handled by Keys residents.

Wilkinson said he wants to save the old Henry Flagler bridges. "I don't particularly care about their use, I just want to save them because they are a part of our history," he said. "One bridge at Rockland Key was so well built it drove three companies into bankruptcy trying to remove it. Of course, this was long before EPA came along with its environmental concerns."

There are 23 old Key bridges that were abandoned in the 1980s when the new bridges were built. Eight of the old bridges were converted by the Florida Department of Transportation into fishing piers. Other bridges are off limits because spans were removed to allow for safe navigation and to isolate unsafe sections.

Wilkinson said he felt strongly that symbols such as these of the Flagler empire, which built up the East Coast of Florida, should be preserved.

"The Overseas Highway, for example, tells the history of the railroad and the vehicular highway," he said.

Taylor said committee members are against anyone taking over the intact bridges to be used for commercial purposes, as was originally proposed by interested developers.

When the scenic highway project gets underway, much emphasis will be placed on recognizing the uniqueness of each community and preserving it, said Wilkinson.

"We have to look into different things. Tavernier is different from Key Largo, and so is Islamorada, so we must leave it to each community to make a decision

on how to implement this project, if and when it comes about," he said.

"The primary benefit of this effort is the opportunity to preserve, protect and enhance the intrinsic resources identified in each particular community," said Wilkinson.

"First we need the grants because there are no free lunches," he said. "However, when that money comes through, this will open all kinds of doors for other grants."

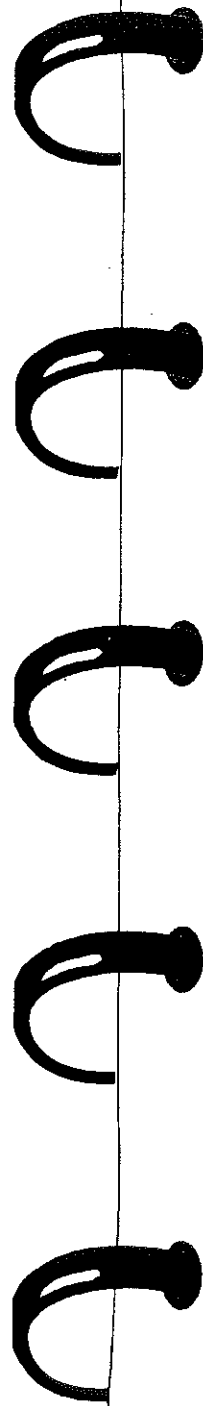
The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee has already received a \$110,000 grant from the Buckaroo Land Co. and a \$30,000 appropriation secured by the Office of Greenways and Trails from the state Legislature.

"Monroe County has approved a matching grant of \$60,000 to that which came from the state legislature as a result of the efforts of the Old Keys Bridges Task Force," said Taylor.

Taylor said part of the plan is to have a heritage trail that will allow people to use those bridges that are still intact.

"We are working on development of a trail alongside U.S. 1 from MM 0 to MM 20," he said. "People can walk, bicycle, however they want to travel along this trail."

An Overseas Heritage Trail meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sugarloaf Firehouse, MM 17.5, gulfside. This is an opportunity for participants to interact with planners and begin work together on this particular project.



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10 a.m.-2 p.m.
200 Kennedy Drive, Key West

Mon., Sept 6
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Mon., Sept 7
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Tues., Sept 8
Fishermen's Hosp. Bloodmobile
1 p.m.-5 p.m.
3301 Overseas Highway

Sun., Sept 20
San Pablo Ch Bloodmobile
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
550 122nd St (Ocean)
Marathon

Mon., Sept 21
Key West Donor Center
3 p.m.-7 p.m.
1200 Kennedy Drive, Key West

Tues., Sept 22
Mariners Hosp Bloodmobile
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
MM85.5 50 Highpoint Rd
Plantation Key

Wed., Sept 23

Workshop will look at state scenic highway

The Florida Keys Scenic Highway Committee of Clean Florida Keys, Inc., is leading the effort to have the Overseas Highway in the Florida Keys designated as a State Scenic Highway, says Marie Klemann, executive director.

This grassroots organization has formed a volunteer team to work together on the numerous facets of research and documentation required for the scenic highway designation. The group is committed to seeking input on this effort from all corners of the Florida Keys community, Klemann says.

The long-term goal is to create a world-class recreational trail connecting all of the Florida Keys through use of the old Keys bridges and rights-of-way.

To encourage community participation in the project, a workshop is scheduled for Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Sugarloaf Firehouse. A conceptual trail plan for a portion of the Overseas Heritage Trail, from MM0 to MM20 will be presented for review and comment.

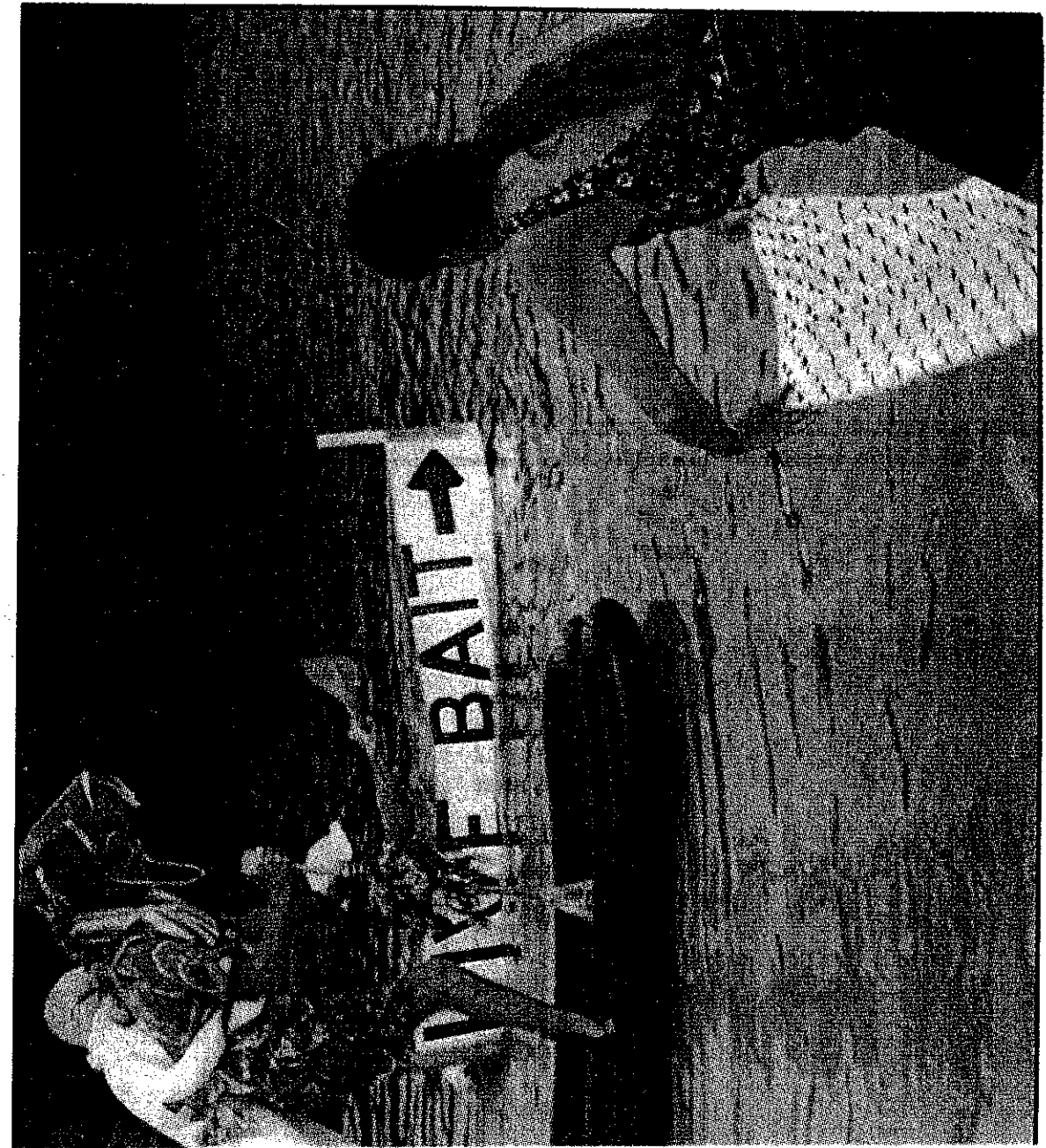
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SCENIC HIGHWAY SCHEDULES CHARETTE



by Dawn Kawzinsky

Both the new and old components of the Overseas Highway are definitely scenic and certainly are historic.

Organizations and governmental entities with their advocacy groups, task forces, scoping committees, studies, public workshops, charettes and, of course, consultants all have a vision of how to preserve, protect and improve what we all treasure. Then there's the grant money, funding for studies ready to be plucked from the taxpayers' pockets.

CLEAN Florida Keys, Inc., Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group is one of these groups. This Saturday, September 12 they will be sponsoring an informational workshop and survey to present their conceptual plan for a recreational trail from MM 0-20. The meeting called the Overseas Heritage Trail Charette Survey will be at the Sugarloaf Firehouse, MM 17.5 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm.

Through a grant from the FL. State Dept. of Environmental Protection an environmental design firm, Michael Design Associates, Inc. of Florida has already been hired to develop this plan. The firm will present their draft findings at this workshop. After the presentation public comment and discussion of this plan will be taken.

All members of the community are invited to attend the presentation and give their comments, suggestions and

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APPENDIX F
Overseas Heritage Trail Project



Executive Summary

The Trail Vision

The first vision for a continuous trail the entire length of the Florida Keys that would utilize the Historic Bridges developed out of an interest by citizens and individuals in the Monroe County Planning and Public Works departments. The concept was then presented at the 1993 Florida Rails to Trails Conference in Dunedin, Florida, and later a public workshop, was held as part of an eco-tourism session at Hawk's Key in Monroe County. The Monroe County Public Works Department was consistently providing bicycle paths and lanes throughout the Keys communities. In the year 2000, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection agreed to construct and manage the trail at the request of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six.

Need for a Trail

For years, Monroe County citizens have expressed the need for a trail along U. S. 1 that would enhance community recreation opportunities, provide safe non-motorized transportation to schools and businesses, and enable residents and visitors to enjoy the magnificent natural resources along this famous route. In response, Monroe County has been working to fulfill this vision of a continuous recreational trail that traverses the length of the Florida Keys and provides alternative transportation and recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors to the islands. *The project goals include:*

Safety

Protecting Children and Families

Establish a safe, two-way, non-motorized trail with secure trailheads, bathrooms, rest stops with shelter, drinking water, periodic call boxes or telephones, and safe travel clearances for all trail users. Limit vehicular traffic interaction with trail traffic, but when interaction must occur, provide warning to both drivers and trail users at all intersections. Maximize separation from U.S. 1, local streets, and congested parking areas by the use of traffic barriers, underpasses, overpasses, and the Historic Bridges.

Alternative Transportation

Commuting in the Keys

With so many visitors wanting to see the natural beauty of the Keys it has become increasingly important to find alternative ways to accommodate both visitors and residents, while at the same time protect the environmental, historical and cultural resources of the area. A safe and interconnected trail system will give people the freedom to choose an alternative form of transportation, this will in turn help reduce congestion on local roadways.

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FLORIDA KEYS OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL MASTER PLAN

MM 0 - 106.5

AUGUST 2000

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Building on previous studies:

Trail planning milestones include the Old Keys Bridges Task Force Report to the Governor, the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the Conceptual Plan for the Overseas Heritage Trail MM 0 - 20



Clean Florida Keys, Inc., a local nonprofit, has an ongoing citizen participation program illustrating the importance of the Keys trail as an integral part of the U.S. 1 Scenic Highway Program and Keys resident's lives.

Goals continued...

Trail Connectivity

Reflecting the Needs of the Community

Establish an interconnected linear trail for shared use, recreational use, and alternative transportation uses incorporating existing local pathways and the Historic Bridges into a continuous trail linking communities, parks, schools, businesses and natural features along the U.S. 1 corridor from MM 0 (Key West) to MM 106.5 (Key Largo). Coordinate the trail alignment with the Keys citizens and communities and with governmental entities having jurisdiction along the U.S. 1 corridor in Monroe County. Provide community involvement throughout the planning and development of the trail, including interaction with each community and incorporation of their recommendations and other existing planning efforts.

Environmental

Unique Florida Keys Environment

Monroe County is unique in that it consists of more water than land. The Keys contain innumerable tidal flats and estuaries with great swamps, savannas, and forests, rimmed by countless miles of ocean. Famous environmentalists from John James Audubon, Guy Bradley, Bob Allen, and John Pennekamp have fought to protect the pristine habitat and wildlife of the Florida Keys, such as the Florida Key Deer and the Great White Heron.

The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail is planned to incorporate the great teachings of past and present environmentalists. For the master planning process, the environment has been an important aspect for both protection and interpretation. It will incorporate education through such elements as information kiosks and signage, as well as hands on exposure.

***Mangroves of
Florida Bay***



***Key Deer on Big
Pine Key***



Photograph courtesy of Clean Florida Keys, Inc.

Cultural/Historical

Preserving the Past, Improving the Future

Trails and greenways provide a window into our history and culture by connecting people to the past. They often link, provide access to, and incorporate historic features, such as battlefields, bridges, historic buildings and canals. The preservation of these places lets us learn about and understand the history of our continent. They are an important part of preserving the past for future generations. The trail incorporates historic features such as Henry Flagler's Historic Bridges and significant environmental elements unique to the Florida Keys. By preserving transportation corridors and historic sites Americans give a valuable gift to future generations to learn about and cherish our culture.

Photographs courtesy of the Pigeon Key Foundation



***Viaduct construction and the founder of the Florida
Keys Overseas Railroad, Henry Flagler***

Public Involvement

At the center of the Master Planning Process is Public Involvement. There was strong emphasis on both public participation and interaction with agencies having jurisdiction along the trail corridor in an effort to create a successful trail. This ongoing process has been important to the information presented in the Master Plan. Public involvement included two series of workshops in the Lower, Middle, and Upper Keys, newsletters, television and radio interviews, newspaper articles, and public presentations. A technical advisory group, Monroe County project contact person, traveling trail video presentation, and state trails conference presentation were also coordinated by Monroe County in an effort to keep everyone involved and informed of the trail master planning.

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Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan

Trail Location Map

For the Upper Keys Middle Keys & the Lower Keys



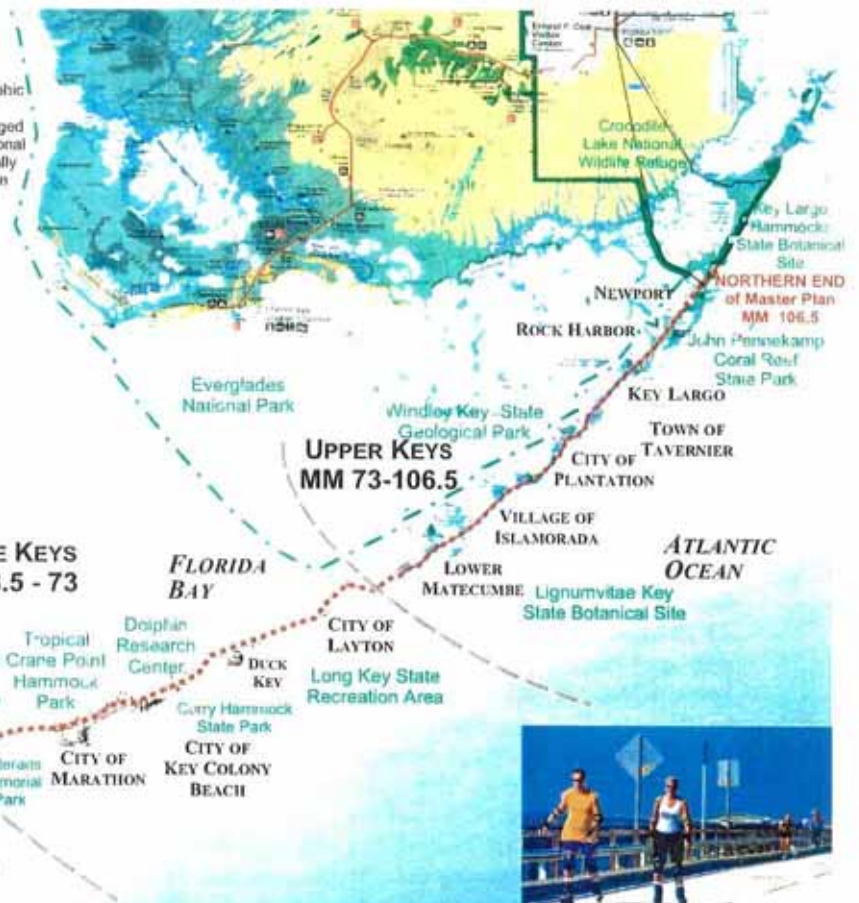
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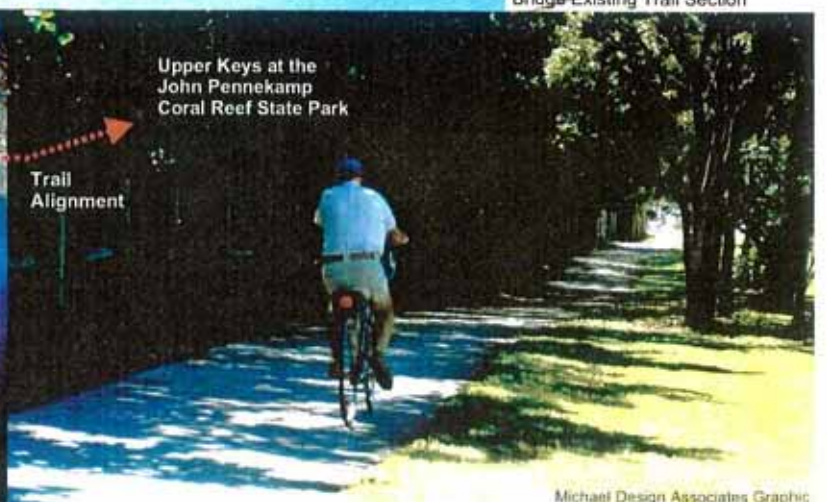
Most of the land and submerged areas in the Everglades National Park are in the Congressionally designated Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness Area.

Peninsula of the State of Florida

U.S. 1 to Miami



Middle Keys at the Seven Mile Bridge-Existing Trail Section



Upper Keys at the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

The Trail, Bridges & Trailheads

*The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail consists of three basic components including the **trail**, (the alignment and pathway itself including crossings), the **bridges** (and other special features), and **trailheads** (places of group access).*

Determining the Best Trail Route

The trail alignment uses the U. S. 1 highway corridor, including the publicly owned 1912 era Historic Bridges from the Flagler Florida East Coast Railroad. Although not incorporating the Historic Bridges, the previously prepared Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provided analysis and recommendations that were supported by the Board of County Commissioners. These findings were incorporated into this Master Plan along with other factors to determine the optimum trail alignment. Safety, the location of existing bike paths, existing trails, abandoned roads, and environmental impacts were considered resulting in a blending of previous studies and the current wishes of the public throughout Monroe County.



Old Keys Bridges and the New Bridges

All 23 Historic Bridges and the 18 newer U. S. 1 bridges that are being used for the Keys Trail project exist between MM 0 to MM 106.5. As one travels throughout the Florida Keys the Historic Bridges are a visible reminder of the evolution of the bridging of the Keys for transportation purposes. The Historic Bridges have evolved from the original railroad use (1912 era), to the old U. S. 1 highway use (early 1940's era), and now to recreational and commuting use. Where possible, the Master Plan is recommending that the Historic Bridges have the Old U. S. 1 highway bridge modifications of the 1940's era removed, exposing the original 12' width of the original Overseas Railroad. Where the Historic Bridges have been completely removed and only the newer U. S. 1 highway bridges remain, several new bridge alternatives are being explored.



Existing Fishing Pier
at 12' wide

The bridge width reduction of the 24' wide old U. S. 1 highway bridges to 12' wide will expose approximately 7.1 acres of valuable aquatic habitat.



Trailheads and Rest Stops

In an effort to plan a more sustainable trail, the Master Plan recommends co-using existing parks as much as possible instead of developing new trailheads. In addition to the environmental benefits of utilizing existing facilities are the economic and social benefits. Many local businesses such as convenience stores, restaurants, bike shops, and other businesses that offer goods and services to trail users are located close to trails and will benefit economically from increased trail use.

Implementation & Management

Funding the Trail

Funding sources for this project include but are not limited to the TEA-21 Enhancement Program from the Department of Transportation, the Florida Forever funds provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Recreational and Development Assistance Program and others. While there are many current funding opportunities, there is still a need for additional funds to complete the entire trail including retrofitting the Historic Bridges.

Permitting and Managing the Trail

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has agreed to construct and manage the Trail as an integral segment of the Statewide Trail System. Numerous permits will need to be obtained for the project. FDOT will be constructing some of the trail within the FDOT right of way. Generally the trail corridor is located in the FDOT right of way or on Division of State Lands property, however the trail does traverse areas of Monroe County property. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has jurisdiction over the proposed fill impacts and will be the primary state permitting agency. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be evaluating issues regarding permitting, as will the U. S. Coast Guard for the navigational waterways. The Trail Master Plan strives to create a balance between the community based user and natural environment. The community clearly wants trail management that establishes partnerships with Federal, State, and local agencies to ensure that no undesired strain is put on Monroe County or local municipalities.

For more information, please contact the Monroe County Planning Department at (305) 289-2500

