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TAMIAMI TRAIL SCENIC HIGHWAY, GORDON RIVER GREENWAY:  
SUBJECT OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEETING

NAPLES, December 15—The League of Women Voters of Collier County will hear on January 15 about the need to have the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway designation reinstated by the county's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) when it meets this winter. The League meeting, with community activist Ellie Krier as speaker, will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Norris Center in Naples and is open to the public. She will also provide an update on plans for the Gordon River Greenway completion.

“Our League has supported the designation of the Tamiami Trail from Collier Seminole State Park to the Miami Dade county line as a Florida Scenic Highway since 1998 when it was first designated,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier County League.

“Since 1998, more than \$9 million dollars of improvements have flowed to this stretch of highway providing outstanding nature viewing opportunities,” Straton continued. “Unfortunately, administrative inattention and citizen misunderstanding have threatened the scenic designation and it was undesignated in 2005. Ellie Krier has been in the forefront of the effort to try and get the designation reconsidered by the MPO which is now expected to be on their agenda this winter.”

A former director, CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Ellie Krier, has also served as the Executive Vice President for Community and Government Affairs for the Naples Chamber of Commerce.

The Gordon River Greenway has been in the making under the leadership of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust for more than a decade. With the recent passage of a referendum to acquire land under and around the Naples Zoo, the last piece is in place for a continuum of green from Golden Gate Parkway to the Gordon River Bridge.

The public is invited to participate in a buffet luncheon at noon, preceding the environmental issues program. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members; call the League at 239-263-4656 by noon, Friday, January 16, for reservations.

For more information, visit [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org).

