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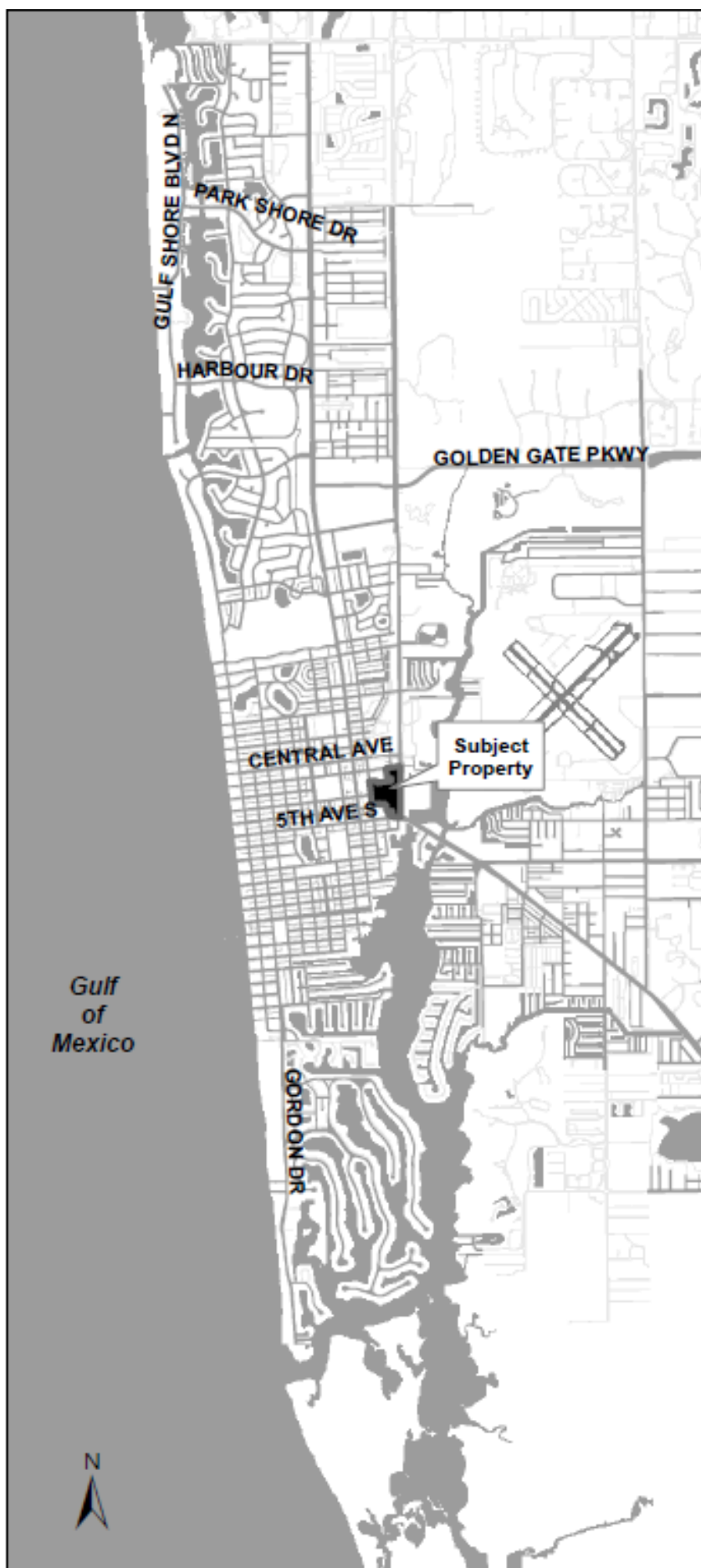
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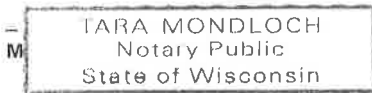
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# Batten

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the University of Florida who works at the Immokalee area.

In 1997, he told Lightizer, there were about 300 medium-sized vegetable producers in Southwest Florida, most of them family farms.

Now, the number is closer to 80.

He blames Mexican farmers selling their products at less than what it costs them to produce them, resulting in unfair competition.

"Should these practices be allowed to continue, it is difficult to see how many of the remaining farms will be able to continue to survive," he said.

He cited statistics showing Florida production steadily declining since 2000 while imports from Mexico, which shares a growing season with Florida, have increased.

"Florida growers support free trade, but it must be fair trade," McAvoy said.

Mike Joyner, president of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association was another witness.

He stressed the importance of domestic agriculture. "Our industry is essential in feeding Americans. Fresh U.S.-grown produce from November through late spring. However, our ability to do so has severely eroded over the past two decades because of unfair trade practices by Mexico," he said.

He estimated the Mexican government spends about \$200 million a year subsidizing its produce industry, spending money on things like irrigation and equipment.

"Without these unfair subsidies — Mexico's produce industry would not have enjoyed the same skyrocketing growth trends that studies document," Joyner said.

Lightizer outlined a multi-step process for considering the Florida farmers' concerns.

The Florida hearing, and another one scheduled for growers in Georgia, is one of the first.

At the same time, the USTR office will gather data to identify the Mexican policies the farmers say are at work.

Lightizer said his office may enlist the help of the International Trade Commission to monitor imports of seasonal produce. If warranted, the USTR will initiate trade cases, using agreements from as far back as the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, Lightizer said.

"The Florida growers' complaints have been heard before, to little avail."

This time, they're hoping things will be different.

"We're grateful for the administration's commitment to remedy the unreasonable Mexican trade practices and policies that have devastated Florida's seasonal and perishable produce industry over the past two decades," said Lisa E. Luchidge, director of public affairs for the FVA.

"We appreciated the opportunity to offer testimony during the field hearing to the trade commission's questions are in and our need to reflect," she said. "We hope that a timely trade action will be forthcoming."

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# Save

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environmental specialist with the city. "Having mangroves in front of a property is the best way to protect it and the house when a storm comes through. These trees are adapted to hurricanes and stabilize the shore."

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has been working under the current Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act since 1996. Since then, seven other cities and counties have requested the permitting authority under that act. If Naples is successful, it will become only the eighth municipality to oversee the permitting process.

The delegated authority will give the city of Naples a more localized approach to issuing mangrove trimming permits. "It is in the (trimming) act that delegated authorities can implement stricter regulations, but are not allowed to change the trimming exemption regulations," Mulloy said.

The city of Sanibel received the delegated au-

thority the same year the act was passed in the state.

Dana Detmar, a biologist with Sanibel's natural resources division said a permit there costs \$72 and contractors need to take a class before trimming mangroves. If a mangrove is going to be completely removed, a two-to-one mitigation plan must be followed — the same requirement FDEP requires.

Mulloy said the process to receive the authority from the state could take 12 to 18 months.

Naples' natural resources department has also been speaking to Sarasota County's natural resource unit, one of the more recent recipients of the permitting authority.

"It will be a good six months to pull the package together to submit to the state, and Sanibel has been very helpful with us by answering our questions," she said. "Of course, hopefully, we can start lobbying the governor's office a lot sooner than that."

Those lobbying efforts are already on the city lobbyists' priority list and Mulloy said they've drafted a letter to DeSantis and have been reach-



Mangroves grow along Rock Creek in Naples on Aug. 6. ALEX DREHBAUS/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

ing out to other municipalities and sharing that template.

The purpose of lobbying the governor is to get FDEP to look at its Environmental Resource Permit Program more carefully.

The ERP permits, among other things, allow homeowners to remove mangroves if they're building a dock without going through the review of the 1996 trimming act. "My recommendation to (city) council is to lobby the governor's office to allow more stringent permitting," Mulloy said. "Start looking at ERP permits with respect to intent."

the trimming act, according to data collected by the Daily News.

The city of Naples offers resources for homeowners on its website. Proper trimming guidelines are given as well as other advice.

For instance, it's a general rule not to exceed trimming mangroves shorter than 6 feet as measured from the roots, Laakkonen said.

"There are a lot of caveats to that: if you harm or potentially kill a tree by carrying that out, you are not allowed to trim that short," she said. "The guide is so valuable."

The natural resources division is also planning outreach materials for homeowners and homeowners associations, Mulloy said.

"People are doing themselves a disservice when they rip (mangroves) out of don't let them thrive since this is natural protection for shorelines," Laakkonen said.

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# Diversity

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hold ourselves accountable and to publicly vow to do better.

Our census shows we are roughly on par with the community for women in leadership with 54.5% of our leadership team being women versus 50.9% women in the community. But there is a gender gap in the overall newsroom, where just 42.6% are women.

When it comes to race and ethnicity in the newsroom, we are a long way from parity. While more than a third — 35.4% — of our community's population are Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Native Pacific Islander, fewer than a quarter — 24.6% — of our newsroom workforce are. We have even more room

to grow when it comes to leadership in our newsroom, where we have just one person of color in a leadership role.

Hiring a diverse workforce will help bridge the gap of inequality that we see in our newsroom and many others. It's the right thing to do.

But it's not just about the numbers. It's good for business and good for journalism.

Without diversity, we risk missing important nuances in coverage of our community. And that threatens our credibility. Covering the whole community is a matter of accuracy; it's our obligation.

It also requires us to think outside of the confines of our own, personal backgrounds.

The more diverse we are and the more we think about diversity, the more accurate, thorough

and high quality our coverage will be.

Human nature is such that we easily gravitate toward people who are like us and we all have built in implicit biases. We see the world through our own lenses and that can be limiting.

Diverse backgrounds bring strength to our organization.

We have set a goal to make our workforce match the racial, ethnic and gender makeup of our community by 2025.

To get there, we will reach out to organizations across the country to recruit the best talent, but we'll also start our

searches at home, looking for aspiring journalists at local high schools and colleges. For each hiring opportunity, we will ensure we have a diverse pool of candidates. Meanwhile we are recognizing our natural biases and the limitations they can bring. We are having regular and intentional conversations about how we can make our coverage more diverse, inclusive and better reflect our community.

We are vowing to reach out to all parts of our community, especially vulnerable communities. We are expanding our listening posts beyond our own churches, schools, coffee shops and organizations. We are growing our source lists. We are committing to telling stories of social justice and amplifying the voices of those who might otherwise go unheard.

We are committed to action that that improves our newsroom, our coverage and our community.

Cindy McCurry-Russ is executive editor for the Southwest Florida region of the USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA, which includes The News-Press and the Naples Daily News.

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