



Olde Cypress

Hardy Development Group - Naples, Florida

Hole Montes, Inc. provided planning, permitting, surveying, engineering and construction management services for this 500-acre property that was to become Olde Cypress, a premier residential community in Naples, Florida. With its 18-hole golf course and luxurious community clubhouse, Olde Cypress is located on the north side of Immokalee Road, approximately one mile east of Interstate 75.

A British client selected Hole Montes in 1982 to begin permitting for the site; however, he had no immediate plans to develop the land. The site is a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and permitting took a number of years. The property was later purchased by the Hardy Development Group and serious work began in 1996 to develop the property under the umbrella organization of the Immokalee Road Partnership.

Old Cypress was a controversial project due to the extensive wetlands and wildlife issues that had to be addressed on the site. Many environmental groups filed lawsuits to inhibit development of the land. Hole Montes worked closely with biologist – Kevin Erwin of Kevin L. Erwin Consulting Ecologist, Inc. – to address all of the environmental concerns and as a result, 75 acres of the land were devoted to a wildlife preserve. The Immokalee Road Partnership also agreed to purchase additional lands off-site that would be regarded as wildlife preserve.

