

# TAX RED ALERT: URGENT NOTICE

**REJECTION DEADLINE: JULY 13, 2026**

## **The \$11.6 Million "Polluted Dirt" Trap**

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Collier County Commissioners have committed \$11,642,069 to purchase 1.5 miles of discontinued Seminole Gulf Railway corridor. The County Property Appraiser values this parcel at just \$104,688—an astonishing 11,000% premium paid by taxpayers.

## **Four Critical Fiscal Hazards**

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- **Toxic "As-Is" Liability:** The County accepts the land "AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS," inheriting all environmental remediation costs for heavy metals and arsenic.
- **Hidden "Phase 2" Costs:** The \$11.64M price covers only the land. Unbudgeted expenses for track removal, soil remediation, and infrastructure (e.g., pedestrian bridges) are estimated at \$10.38 million.
- **Reactivation Risk:** Under Section 20, the railroad retains permanent federal rights to reactivate service, potentially forcing the County to return the land and trail improvements for only "depreciated value".
- **Revenue Loss:** Lucrative existing utility and cell tower leases remain with private interests, providing zero return to taxpayers.

## **URGENT ACTION REQUIRED**

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Contact the Collier County Commissioners before the **July 13, 2026** deadline to demand they reject this agreement and protect taxpayer funds.

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**Source Documents & Full Details:** [usataxfighters.org](https://usataxfighters.org)

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