

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN AND INCLUDE THE RURAL VACANT PARCELS WITHIN THE TOWN IN THE SAFE PARKS AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING "GREEN SPACE", PRESERVING AND ENHANCING; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2000, the registered voters in Broward County voted in favor of a \$400 million Safe Parks and Land Preservation Referendum; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary purposes of the Referendum was to preserve and enhance as much of the vacant open "green space" and natural amenities remaining in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches supported Broward County's program to purchase, preserve and enhance natural open space, archeologically significant and conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Staff from Broward County Parks Department contacted the Town to determine the most appropriate possible vacant sites to purchase, preserve and enhance for rural open space and wildlife habitats, as well as those which are archeologically significant and those which could be used for recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted a preliminary inventory of all vacant sites that are expected to meet the criteria for Broward County to purchase, preserve and enhance for open space and passive recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town, as the newest municipality within Broward County, since this is the first year of incorporation, has not had the opportunity to acquire any green space lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to immediately develop a partnership with Broward County for the purpose of having the County consider acquiring, with a portion of the \$60 million set aside to purchase "Green Space," the remaining rural parcels included in the Town's preliminary inventory of prime vacant parcels of land located within the Town's boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

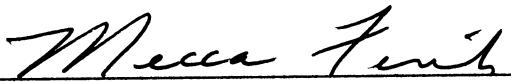
Section 1: The Broward County Board of County Commissioners and Members of the Land Preservation Trust are hereby requested to consider and include the parcels attached hereto in the pending "Green Space" acquisition program.

Section 2: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 3: If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

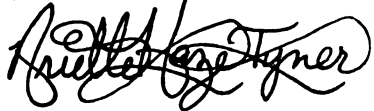
Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 14th day of June 2001.



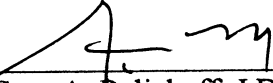
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney