

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-84

“TRAILS”

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING A \$150,000 FRDAP (FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC RECREATIONAL TRAILS CONSISTENT WITH ITS PENDING COMPREHENSIVE GREENWAY TRAILS MASTER PLAN; COMMITTING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE TOWN'S PENDING FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) has announced that it is accepting applications from municipalities to provide grants for the “CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL, MIXED-USE, NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS;” and

**WHEREAS,** The Town Council has recently entered into a contract to purchase a parcel of land located in the Rolling Oaks neighborhood for the purpose of providing outdoor recreation including equestrian facilities that must be linked to The Town's proposed Comprehensive Greenway Trails system to preserve and enhance the Town's “Rural Lifestyle;” and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches support the FRDAP goals and objectives for constructing existing natural equestrian trails for outdoor recreation purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town, with a population of 7,000 residents, is the newest municipality within Broward County, since this is the first year of incorporation, and has not had the opportunity to acquire any parks or open space lands that are linked by equestrian trails; and

**WHEREAS,** the staff of the Town, the Town Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and surrounding residents have met and agreed that the proposed design of the equestrian trail system shall link the Town's outdoor open space and recreation areas in order to be in compliance with the Town's pending Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the construction of new trails in the five-year capital improvement schedule of its pending Comprehensive Plan scheduled to be adopted in the Spring of 2002.

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

**Section 1:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is hereby requested to consider and include the Town's request for \$150,000 with a 25% matching grant to assist the Town in developing the equestrian greenway trails system for outdoor recreation and "Open Space" purposes.

**Section 2:** The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the location of the Trails in its pending Greenway Trail Plan and the construction of the trails in its pending five-year Capital Improvement Schedule, which are both part of its first Comprehensive Plan that will be adopted in Spring 2002.

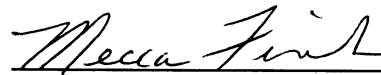
**Section 3:** The Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches is authorized to submit the grant application to FRDAP before its October 12, 2001 deadline and to be responsible for managing the project's implementation and monitoring.

**Section 4:** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 5:** 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 6:** 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

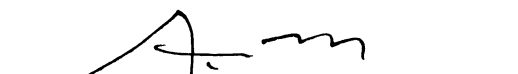
  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



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Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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