

RESOLUTION No. 2002-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, URGING THE PEMBROKE CENTER DEVELOPMENT TO ENHANCE QUALITY WETLANDS ON SITE AND OPPOSE WETLANDS MITIGATION THAT IS NOT CLOSE TO THE IMPACTS, AND URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO NOT ALLOW WETLANDS MITIGATION THAT IS NOT LOCAL AND FURTHERMORE URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CHALLENGE THE PEMBROKE CENTER WETLANDS PERMIT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, wetlands ecosystems provide important benefits to the environment, economy, and quality of life of the Town of Southwest Ranches and all of Broward County; and,

WHEREAS, wetlands provide nesting, feeding and breeding habitats for fish and wildlife and for threatened and endangered species; and,

WHEREAS, wetlands provide flood protection, erosion control, wave attenuation and reduce pollution through nutrient removal; and,

WHEREAS, wetlands improve the quality of life and provide recreational benefits important to the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Broward County Comprehensive Land Use Plan protects wetlands through policies, such as Policy 9.05.18 which determines that mitigation shall be used to restore, enhance or replace wetlands and directs wetlands mitigation to the eastern part of the county; and,

WHEREAS, Pembroke Center is proposing a development which would destroy 124.9 acres of quality wetlands and mitigate for wetlands loss in South Dade County; and,

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District has issued a conceptual permit to allow the destruction of wetlands and to allow the mitigation of these wetlands to occur in South Dade County, approximately 45 miles from the site of the impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is challenging the permit for Pembroke Center and the City of Pembroke Pines is opposed to the issuance of the permit.


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

Section 1: That the Town of Southwest Ranches urges the developer of Pembroke Center to enhance the quality wetlands on site and to not support wetlands mitigation that does not occur locally and within the C-11/C-9 drainage basins; and

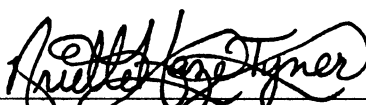
Section 2: The Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches urges the South Florida Water Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to oppose any wetlands mitigation that does not occur locally or is in violation of the Broward County Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

Section 3: The Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches urges the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to vigorously pursue all legal challenges to the Pembroke Center permit or any development that is in violation of the Broward County Comprehensive Land Use Plan wetlands policies.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 11th day of October 2001.


Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:


Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


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