

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 39

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RURAL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FROM GRANTS MADE AVAILABLE FROM BROWARD COUNTY'S LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPEN SPACE #V AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S COMMUNITIES TRUST TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF THE VACANT LAND LOCATED ON THE WEST AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT'S PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has set aside \$20 million from their Land Preservation Program to offer Open Space Grants #V to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space before the County's May 2, 2002 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has set aside \$66 million from its Florida Forever Program to offer grants to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space before the State's June 10, 2002 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has determined that purchasing additional rural public open space for recreational and environmental purposes furthers many of the major objectives proposed to be adopted in the Town's pending Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has identified a 37+/- acre vacant site, known as the western and southern portion of the New Testament Church property, as the proper location for restoring the site's natural ecological functions for wetlands and storm water storage purposes while providing land to construct an on-going agricultural/educational organic community farm.

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

Section 1: Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: Approval. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby ratify and authorize the submission of a Grant application to the Broward County Land Preservation Program and the Florida Forever Program for reimbursing the Town for purchasing the New Testament vacant parcel before their respective deadlines this Spring.


Section 3: Authorization. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable Grant Applications, attend all necessary meetings and coordinate the execution of final Grant agreements, if any, between the parties

Section 4: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 10th day of April 2003.


Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:


Artelle Haze Tynet, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


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