

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING A \$200,000 FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT ("FRDAP") FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY; COMMITTING THE TOWN TO CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT IN THE TOWN'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 FACILITIES;" and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches has recently acquired a 22-acre vacant parcel located in the Green Meadows/Deems Ranches neighborhoods for the purpose of providing outdoor recreation including neighborhood recreational facilities linked to the Town's proposed Comprehensive mixed-use Greenway Trails system to preserve and enhance the Town's "Rural Lifestyle;" and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the Town Council and the residents of the Town support FRDAP's goals and objectives for constructing outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town, with a population of approximately 7,200 residents, is one of the newest municipalities in Broward County, and has not had the opportunity to provide parks or open space lands linked by equestrian trails; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Town, and surrounding residents have met and have agreed that the proposed design of the equestrian park satisfies the needs of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the construction of the park facilities in the five-year capital improvement schedule.

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

Section 1. The Town of Southwest Ranches respectfully requests the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) to consider and to include the Town's request for \$200,000, with a \$200,000 Town match, to assist the Town in construction the first phase of the park's development.

Section 2. The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the location of the Park in the Town's Greenway Trail Plan and maintain construction of the park's FRDAP improvements in the Town's five-year Capital Improvement Schedule.

Section 3. The Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches is authorized to submit the grant application to FRDAP before its November 13, 2004 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 of 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.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this November 2004, on a motion by Council Member Blanton and seconded by Council Member Maines.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>	Absent or	
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		

Mecca Fink
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari Canada
Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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