

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 – 108

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA ACCEPTING A \$200,000 FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MATCHING 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 MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) has awarded the Town of Southwest Ranches a grant for the construction of the first phase of the public recreational facilities in the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary; 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 Town's five-year capital improvement schedule.

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

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

Section 2. The Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby accepts The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program's (FRDAP) \$200,000.00 matching grant to assist in the construction of the first phase of the public recreational facilities in the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary.

Section 3. The Town Administrator is hereby instructed to construct the proposed project and to include the project in the Town's five-year capital improvement plan.

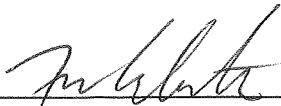
Section 4. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to enter into the Grant Agreement in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and to make such modifications, additions and/or deletions which they deem necessary and proper to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5. 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 8th day of September 2005, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Don Maines.

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

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]




Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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