

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 109

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING A \$150,000 FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT ("FRDAP"), WITH A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TOWN MATCH, FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN ACQUIRING THE REAL PROPERTY ALONG THE SW 172 AVENUE GREENWAY TRAIL; INSTRUCTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF THIS PROPERTY IN THE TOWN'S GREENWAY TRAIL PLAN, TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT IN THE TOWN'S FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE, AND TO CONSTRUCT THE PROJECT; INSTRUCTING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES; AND 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 assistance in purchasing real property for greenway trails; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches is desirous of purchasing the real property along SW 172 Avenue to link the Town's proposed Comprehensive mixed-use Greenway Trails system and 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 greenway trails satisfies the needs of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the purchase of the real property along SW 172 Avenue for the greenway trail system 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 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 \$150,000, with a 25% Town match, to assist the Town in purchasing real property along SW 172 Avenue for the Town's proposed Comprehensive mixed-use Greenway Trails system.

Section 3. The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the location of this property in the Town's Greenway Trail Plan, to place this project in the Town's five-year Capital Improvement Schedule, and to construct the project.

Section 4. The Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches is instructed to submit the grant application to FRDAP before its September 15, 2005 deadline and to be responsible for managing the project's implementation and monitoring.

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 September 8th 2005, on a motion by Council Member Maines and seconded by Council Member Knight.

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| Fink | <u>Y</u> | Ayes | <u>4</u> |
| Knight | <u>Y</u> | Nays | <u>1</u> |
| Blanton | <u>Y</u> | Absent or | |
| Maines | <u>Y</u> | Abstaining | <u>0</u> |
| Nelson | <u>N</u> | | |

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Mecca Fink
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari Canada
Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D.
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