

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 078**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR MUNICIPAL TREE-RELATED PROJECTS PURSUANT TO HURRICANE WILMA RESTORATION PROGRAMS UP TO \$25,000, WITH A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) LOCAL MATCH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS,** the tree canopy in the entire 13 square miles of the Town of Southwest Ranches was significantly damaged by on Oct 22, 2005 as a result of Hurricane Wilma; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Southwest Ranches has been notified that a Program is available from a 1995 Farm Bill, passes by the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress to promote grants to communities in support of their urban forestry programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has announced a new 2006 Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Urban and Community Forestry Grant program, which will provide multiple grants to municipalities up to \$25,000 with a 25% local match for tree related projects such as but not limited to conducting damage assessments and replanting shade trees; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town is interested in promoting the planting and protection of trees in furtherance of the preservation of its rural lifestyle.

**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 Council hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to apply to the State of Florida for urban and community forestry grants up to \$25,000 with a 25% local match provided from the Town's Beautification Budget for municipal

tree related projects, specifically to repair some of the damage caused by Hurricane Wilma.

**Section 3:** The Mayor, Town Administrator, and Town Attorney are hereby authorized to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry.

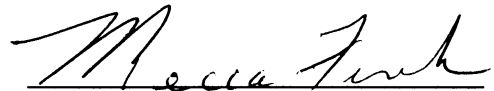
**Section 5:** The Mayor, Town Administrator, and Town Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 6:** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Maines.

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| Fink    | <u>4</u> |
| Maines  | <u>4</u> |
| Blanton | <u>4</u> |
| Knight  | <u>4</u> |
| Nelson  | <u>4</u> |

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| Ayes       | <u>5</u> |
| Nays       | <u>0</u> |
| Absent     | <u>0</u> |
| Abstaining | <u>0</u> |




Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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