

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 041

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PARKS FOR PRESERVATION LAND STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM TO BROWARD COUNTY TO FUND PARK DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN'S SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Biological Resources Division of the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department has initiated the Land Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Land Stewardship Program will fund the ecological restoration of natural lands within Broward County through the "Partners in Preservation" Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this program will provide \$500,000 a year for five years for the removal of invasive non-native vegetation and replanting with appropriate native plants on public properties in Broward County that contain one or more defined native vegetative communities; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funds to clear exotic and invasive species from the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary site and preserve the native plant communities, specifically the Red Bay Head portion of the site.

WHEREAS, the Town's internal grant policy has been revised to require the Town Council's authorization prior to the submission of any grant application; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks to comply with the Town's internal grant policy.

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.

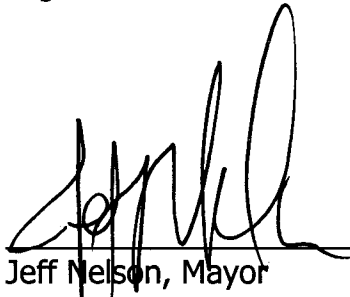
Section 2: Approval. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby ratify and authorize the submission of the grant application to Broward County before the grant deadline of February 27, 2009.

Section 3: Authorization. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable grant application, attend all necessary meetings and coordinate the execution of final grant agreements, if any, between the parties. Should the Town be required to make any monetary matches to obtain this grant, the Town shall deny acceptance of the award.

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

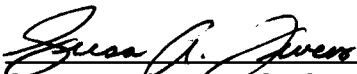
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 19th day of February, on a motion by Council Member Doug McKay and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Nelson	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Fisikelli	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
McKay	<u>Y</u>		




Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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