

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 039**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AND TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION LAND STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM TO BROWARD COUNTY TO FUND PARK DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN'S COUNTRY ESTATES FISHING HOLE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATIONS; 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. This program will provide funding 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**, the proposed maximum grant is \$50,000 per project. Qualified Applicants are municipalities and county agencies that own and manage natural lands with native vegetative communities that have not previously requested county funding for public land impacted by invasive non-native vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, this program has no match requirement, however consideration will be given to those entities providing a match if funding is insufficient to award all applicants. The applicant's cost-share match can be direct (actual) or in-kind contributions (e.g. equipment, material, expenses or labor); and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will provide funds to clear exotic and invasive species from the site and preserve the native plant communities, specifically the jurisdictional wetlands, on the site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's grant policy requires 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 in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.000) with no Town match to Broward County before the grant deadline of March 30, 2012.

**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.

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

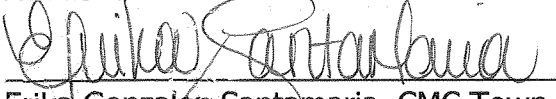
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2012 on a motion by Council Member Breitkreuz and seconded by Vice Mayor McKay.

Nelson	<u>YES</u>
Fisikelli	<u>YES</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>YES</u>
Jablonski	<u>YES</u>
McKay	<u>YES</u>

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

  
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Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
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Keith M. Poliakoff, Town Attorney  
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