

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-83

“ACQUISITION”

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING A \$200,000 FRDAP (FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN ACQUIRING THE ROLLING OAKS RURAL SITE FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE RURAL “OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWN; COMMITTING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED PROJECT’S ACQUISITION IN THE TOWN’S PENDING FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN’S FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 the “ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES;” and

WHEREAS, The Town Council has recently entered into a contract to purchase a parcel of land located in the Rolling Oaks neighborhood for the purpose of providing outdoor recreation while preserving and enhancing the parcel’s vacant “open space” and natural amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches support the FRDAP goals and objectives for purchasing, preserving and enhancing natural open space for outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town, with a population of 7,000 residents, is the newest municipality within Broward County, since this is the first year of incorporation, and has not had the opportunity to acquire any parks or open space lands; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Broward County, the staff of the Town, the Town Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and surrounding residents have met and agreed that the acres under contract meet all “Open Space” and outdoor recreation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the purchase of the land in the five-year capital improvement schedule of its pending Comprehensive Plan scheduled to be adopted in the Spring of 2002.

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

Section 1: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is hereby requested to consider and include the Town's request for a \$200,000 matching grant to assist the Town in acquiring the parcel of land included in the attached application for outdoor recreation and "Open Space" purposes.

Section 2: The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the acquisition of the parcel in its pending five-year Capital Improvement Schedule which shall be part of its first Comprehensive Plan that will be adopted in Spring 2002.


Section 3: The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is authorized to submit the grant application to FRDAP before its October 12, 2001 deadline and to be responsible for managing the project's implementation and monitoring.

Section 4: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5: If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

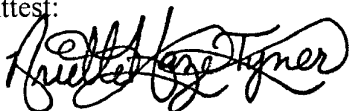
Section 6: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 13th day of September, 2001.



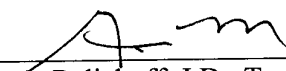
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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