

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND BROWARD COUNTY'S SAFE PARKS AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE ACQUISITION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES IDENTIFIED ON BROWARD COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS LOCAL AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN (LAPC) FOR "OPEN SPACE" AND PASSIVE LOCAL RECREATION TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2000, the registered voters in Broward County voted in favor of a \$400 million Safe Parks and Land Preservation Referendum; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary purpose of the Referendum was to preserve and enhance as much of the vacant "open space" and natural amenities remaining in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches supported Broward County's program to purchase, preserve and enhance natural open space, archeologically significant and conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, The staff from Broward County Parks Department contacted the Town to determine the most appropriate possible vacant sites to purchase, preserve and enhance for rural open space, wildlife habitats, archeologically significant and recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The Town has conducted a preliminary inventory of all eight (8) identified archeological vacant sites on private property located in the Town on Broward County's Comprehensive Plan as Local Areas of Particular Concern (LAPC) which meet the criteria for Broward County to purchase, preserve and enhance for open space and passive recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Town wishes to immediately develop a partnership with Broward County for the purpose of having the County provide funds for the Town to acquire, with a portion of the funds set aside to purchase "open space," as many of the eight (8) archeological LAPC sites as possible for the purpose of protecting and providing passive local recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, The staff of Broward County, the staff of the Town and the Citizens Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee have met and agreed that the rural archaeological LAPC sites meet all "Open Space" criteria.

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

Section 1 The Broward County Board of County Commissioners and members of the Land Preservation Trust are hereby requested to consider and include the Town's program for purchasing as many of the LAPC sites shown on Broward County's Comprehensive Plan as possible, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 in the pending "Open Space" acquisition program.

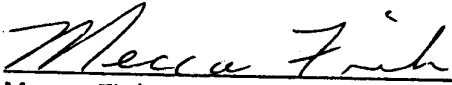
Section 2 The Town of Southwest Ranches will enter into an interlocal agreement with Broward County in which the Town would agree to purchase and maintain the parcel of land for passive local park and open space purposes.

Section 3 All Resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4 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.

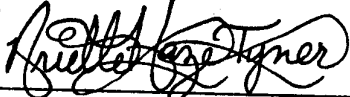
Section 5 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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



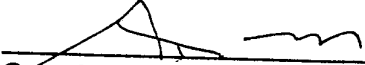
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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