

RESOLUTION NO. 2004- 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RURAL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OR GREEN SPACE FROM GRANTS MADE AVAILABLE FROM BROWARD COUNTY'S LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPEN SPACE GRANTS #VI AND, IF NECESSARY, TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S COMMUNITIES TRUST TO ACQUIRE OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has set aside \$15 million from their Land Preservation Program to offer Open Space or Green Space Grants #VI to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space before the County's March 2, 2004 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has set aside \$66 million from its Florida Forever Program to offer grants to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has determined that purchasing additional rural public open space or green space for recreational and environmental purposes furthers many of the major objectives passive adopted in the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has identified a 11.79 acre site, known as the entranceway preserve which contains: a fenced pasture, vacant open space and offers the opportunity to link the head of a secondary drainage canal to the SW 172 Avenue outfall.

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 a Grant application to the Broward County Land Preservation Program and, if necessary, to the Florida Forever Program for purchasing the parcel for passive purposes open space or green space, before their respective deadlines.

Section 3: Authorization. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable Grant Applications, 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 ADPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 15th day of January 2004.



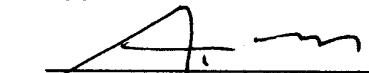
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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