

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 044

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A \$200,000 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ("LWCF") GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, PROVIDING FOR A TOWN MATCH, TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TOWN'S PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY; COMMITTING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT WITHIN THE TOWN'S FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program ("LWCF") has announced that it is accepting applications from municipalities to provide grants for the "Construction of Public Recreational Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has recently acquired a 22-acre vacant parcel of land located in the Green Meadows/Deems Ranches neighborhoods for the purpose of providing outdoor recreation, including neighborhood recreational facilities linked to the Town's proposed Comprehensive mixed-use Greenway Trails system to preserve and enhance the Town's "Rural Lifestyle"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches support the LWCF goals and objectives for constructing outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town, with a population of 7,200 residents, is one of the newest municipalities in Broward County, and has not had the opportunity to seek funding to construct the first phase of the Town's Public Recreational Facilities in the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Town, and surrounding residents have met and agreed that the proposed design of the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary satisfies the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the construction of the park facilities in the Town's the five-year capital improvement schedule.

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

Section 1. The Town Council hereby respectfully requests The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Land and Water Conservation Fund Program to consider and to include the Town's request for \$200,000, with a \$200,000 Town match, to assist the Town in the construction the first phase of the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary's recreational development.

Section 2. The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the location of the Park in the Town's Greenway Trail Plan and to maintain the construction of the park's LWCF improvements in the Town's five-year Capital Improvement Schedule.

Section 3. The Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches is authorized to submit the grant application to LWCF before the LWCF's March 1, 2005 deadline and to be responsible for managing the project's implementation.

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 party or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part of 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 10th day of February 2005, on a motion by Vice Mayor Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Forest Blanton.

Fink Y

Knight Y

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Blanton Y
Maines Y
Nelson Y

Absent or
Abstaining 0

Mecca Fink
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari Canada
Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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