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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

R-2003-0332

Meeting Date: 03-11-03 Consent Regular
 Workshop Public Hearing

MS/N 7-0

Submitted By: Economic Development Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: STAFF RECOMMENDS MOTION TO ADOPT: A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE TRI-CITY LEAGUE AS THE COMMUNITY-BASED ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE DIRECTION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GLADES CHAMPION COMMUNITY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Summary: The adoption of this Resolution designates the Tri-City League as the broad-based community advisory board to support the implementation of the Glades Champion Community's strategic plan, and meets the requirements of the Federal Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. *District 6 (DW)*

Background and Policy Issues: The Tri-City League is comprised of representatives from the municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. The purpose of the League is to coordinate efforts between the Glades municipalities and the surrounding unincorporated areas. The Tri-City League is made up of three (3) City Mayors, twelve (12) Commissioners, three (3) City Managers, and is attended by department heads from the municipalities. These meetings are also attended by the District County Commissioner. The Tri-City League Meetings are held upon request and information is taken back to each community for approval. All meetings are open to the public and minutes are taken.

On December 7, 1999, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed creating Palm Beach County's Glades communities (consisting of the municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee and the unincorporated areas) as a Champion Community in the State of Florida.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Memorandum of Agreement R99-2270D
- Federal Register - 7 CFR Part 25 Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

Recommended By: *Wanda LaFlee* 3/4/03
Interim Economic Development Coordinator Date

Approved By: *Vivian Bonavita for V.B.* 3/6/03
Deputy County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
External Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Program Income (PBC)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
In-Kind Match (PBC)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 NET FISCAL IMPACT	 <u>0</u>	 ==	 ==	 ==	 ==
 # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	 ___	 ___	 ___	 ___	 ___

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes ___ No ___
 Budget Account No: Fund ___ Agency ___ Org. ___ Object ___
 Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

H. Bergerson 03.04.03
 OFMB
 3/4/03

Ann J. Jacobson 3/5/03
 Contract Administration
 3/1/03

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Dawn J. 3/5/03
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

D. Background and Policy Issues: (Continued from page 1)

RESOLUTION NO. R-2003-0332

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE TRI-CITY LEAGUE AS THE COMMUNITY-BASED ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE DIRECTION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GLADES CHAMPION COMMUNITY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida recognizes that the Tri-City League, made up of representatives from the three municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee, reflects the entire socio-economic spectrum in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Tri-City League plays an important role and integral part in the decision-making process for the municipalities and the surrounding unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Tri-City League is in compliance with the requirements of the Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) 7CFR 25.404 (b)(3), and pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement To Create Palm Beach County's Glades Communities As A Champion Community In The State Of Florida R99-2270D.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section I. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section II. Palm Beach County hereby expresses its desire to designate the Tri-City League as the advisory board for the Glades Champion Community.

Section III. The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Masilotti who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newell and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS, CHAIR	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER TONY MASILOTTI, VICE-CHAIR	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER JEFF KOONS	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER WARREN H. NEWELL	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER MARY McCARTY	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER ADDIE L. GREENE	<u>Aye</u>

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 11 day of March, 2003.

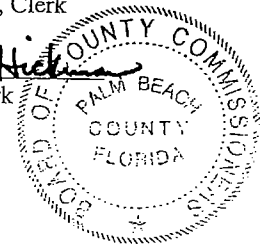
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: [Signature]
County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO CREATE PALM BEACH COUNTY'S
GLADES COMMUNITIES
AS A CHAMPION COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF
FLORIDA

R99 2270D

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This agreement will set up a collaborative effort to enhance community development in the specified area that has experienced economic distress as the state's rural economy has changed. It will provide a model for building a new rural economy for other rural areas with similar problems.

I. PARTIES

This is an agreement among the following parties:

- ◆ Florida Rural Development Acting State Director Louis E. Frost
- ◆ Champion Community Palm Beach County on behalf of the Glades Communities

II. BACKGROUND AND DESIGNATED AREA

Rural Champion Communities are established in USDA regulations at 7 CFR 25 and are designated by USDA from among the pool of applicants seeking Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community status. The number of Champion Communities is limited to the number of applicants that did not receive either an Empowerment Zone or an Enterprise Community designation. Champion Communities meet all rural eligibility criteria requirements as stated in 7 CFR 25.100.

County data/information would go here.

State	County	Census Tract
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III. PURPOSE

The Champion Community, Palm Beach County's Glades Communities is established to improve economic and community development of a rural region and to mitigate the negative effects of a lack of employment opportunities and job losses, affordable housing, educational resources and social services to rural communities. This Champion Community is also established to create an environment for communities to find strategies to solve their own problems and gain sustainable development. The outcomes and lessons learned will help USDA to assist other communities throughout rural America experiencing similar problems.

IV. STRUCTURE

A. Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development: The Rural Development Mission Area acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture and USDA will mobilize and coordinate the participation and support of other mission areas within the Department and agencies of the Federal Community Empowerment Board in funding and implementing the initiatives of the pilot project. The Secretary will instruct the USDA Florida Rural Development State Director to award State Director discretionary points, where appropriate, for applicable Rural Development programs in an effort to give a competitive advantage to eligible community projects.

The Office of Community Development (OCD) will provide overall monitoring of this project and will empanel an internal team of experts to collectively identify and mobilize applicable resources in USDA to participate in Champion Community projects. OCD will work with the Department's mission areas to identify any resources, including technical assistance, they can provide to assist the Champion Community. Agencies will be encouraged to use the Champion Community for testing new development theories and projects. OCD will engage the services of the land grant colleges and its National Centers of Excellence to participate in the process and use the project as a laboratory for sustainable development practices.

Appropriate federal departments/agencies will be sent projects from the Champion Communities for their review and assessment of ways to assist with their implementation.

B. Florida Rural Development: The Florida Rural Development Acting State Director will serve in a program management and facilitation capacity. The professional Community Development staff of the Rural Development State Office will work with the Champion Community to provide support, guidance and technical assistance in its strategic planning and implementation efforts.

V. CHAMPION COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

To set forth immediate actions necessary to improve the economic viability, diversity and competitiveness of the local economy and its participation in the state, national and global markets; to assist local communities in developing strategies together and separately to maintain essential municipal functions, basic infrastructure, education, rural health care, housing and telecommunications, and to assist families with the crisis of displaced employees and joblessness; and to provide financial and technical assistance.

USDA efforts shall be responsive to local needs and encourage flexibility and innovation, process improvements, the removal of program impediments, and coordination of Federal, State and local resources.

USDA and other local partners will take into account that the economic base in Florida faces unique challenges for rural development. The Champion Community pilot program will examine strategies to deal with these challenges.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. Refinement of Strategic Plans: **By December 7, 1999**, the Champion Community will direct and develop a final strategic plan for their areas. The plans shall include benchmarks as described in 7 CFR 25.202. It must ensure that "essential functions" such as education; housing and health care are all addressed as well as indicate the use of the strategies outlined below:

- ◆ A detailed plan for integrating and implementing the relevant programs and services of the Department of Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Small Business Administration, and the Labor Department;
- ◆ A detailed plan for utilizing private and non-profit associations programs and funds;
- ◆ A detailed plan for a clearinghouse of services for federal and local officials, individuals, and firms; and
- ◆ Limits on administrative expenses and overhead for services provided to workers, business, and communities.

The Champion Community will use a "bottom up" approach to their strategic planning process as also specified in 7 CFR 25.202. The Champion Community will engage on regional basis local and private resources to participate and contribute to the process. The demonstration area will engage the resources of the private sector and foundations to participate and contribute staff time and financial resources to the various investment committees and funding programs to be established as part of the strategic planning process. The demonstration area will utilize hearings and "town hall" forums, as well as other activities deemed appropriate, to obtain grassroots participation.

B. Approval of Strategic Plan: Within 30 days of receipt the USDA State Director for Rural Development will either concur or suggest modifications to the plan.

C. Development of Benchmarks: The Champion Community shall enter benchmarks into the OCD Benchmarking Management System, within 120 days of the approval of the strategic plan.

VII. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The programs of the Rural Development mission area will form the core of the funding for the Champion Community. However, heavy emphasis will be placed on partnering with other Federal agencies and fully accessing private resources.

Within 30 days of final approval of the strategic plan, the Under Secretary for Rural Development will provide a comprehensive outline of other Federal programs identified for this demonstration project through the Federal Community Empowerment Board.

The following are financial resources that will be available through Rural Development and USDA:

- ◆ USDA state staff will continue to aggressively market Rural Development financial programs for projects developed from the strategic plan.
- ◆ USDA recognizes the need for rural housing and will work to target direct housing loans and loan guarantees to adequately address the needs of community housing tied to economic development projects.

VIII. REPORTING AND EVALUATION

The Champion Community shall prepare an annual report for the Under Secretary for Rural Development according to instructions in 7 CFR 25.400. The report will: (1) assess the progress made in the preceding period toward the goals and objectives identified in the strategic plan, and (2) suggest any adjustments that need to be made.

IX. LIABILITY

This is not a legally binding or enforceable agreement. The matters covered in this memorandum are intended only to improve the internal management of the Executive Branch and are not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any other person.

X. TERMS

The terms of this agreement are for five years from the signing of this document, with an option to renew for an additional five years if agreeable to all parties subject to the agreement. This agreement may be amended by unanimous consent of the parties. Any party may terminate its participation in this agreement without cause.

IX. CONCLUSION

The communities and agencies involved in this cooperative effort will ensure that an inclusive process of community involvement/citizen participation is an essential element to the Champion Community.

The term of this agreement will be for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2005.

This agreement is dated: December 10, 1999

Federal Government

United States Department of Agriculture

By:

[Signature]
Louis E. Frost

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Florida Rural Development State Director

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Lead Entity:

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

City of Belle Glade

By:

[Signature]
Harma M. Miller

Title

Mayor

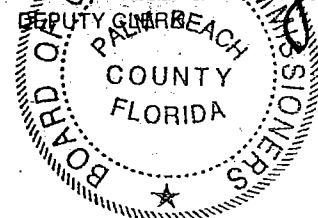
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DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK
Board of County Commissioners

By *[Signature]*



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