

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 1, 2007 (X) Consent () Regular
() Ordinance () Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Environmental Resources Management
Submitted For: Environmental Resources Management

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the revised Management Plan for the Delray Oaks Natural Area.

Summary: The Delray Oaks Natural Area Management Plan was originally approved by the Board on June 17, 1997. The Management Plan was revised in 2006-2007 to include additional information regarding the history of the site and its biological resources, a chronology of significant events and activities occurring since the County's acquisition, improvements in management techniques, and other new information. The County continues to manage the natural area with the assistance of the City of Delray Beach. District 4 (SF)

Background and Justification: The Palm Beach County Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) reviews the management plans prepared by County staff for each natural area managed by the County and recommends approval of the plan by the Board of County Commissioners. The goal is to review each approved plan every five (5) years after the initial management plan is approved and every ten (10) years thereafter. Revision of this management plan was delayed due to staff shortage and higher priority projects. Each management plan should be revised as necessary on the basis of new information, research data, improvements in management techniques, or other relevant factors. NAMAC has reviewed the revised Management Plan for the Delray Oaks Natural Area and received public comments on the Management Plan at several of its meetings during 2006. NAMAC recommended approval of the revised Management Plan at its February 16, 2007 meeting. Capital improvements for site development (fencing, signage, trails, management roads/firebreaks, initial exotic vegetation removal, and public use facilities) have been completed. Annual maintenance and operation costs, including biological monitoring, on-going exotic vegetation treatment, and repair and replacement of facilities, as needed, are estimated to be \$72,307. The County will be responsible for \$62,707 of these costs. The remaining \$9,600 will be provided in contributed services by the City of Delray Beach, as a management partner with the County. The next scheduled review of the Management Plan will be in 2017.

Attachments:

1. Management Plan

Recommended by: Richard E. Wolinsky 3/21/07
Department Director Date

Approved by: [Signature] 4/9/07
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>	<u>\$62,707</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No _____
 Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
 Program _____

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

Funds for management costs will be provided by ERM's Natural Areas Fund (1226).

C. Department Fiscal Review: *JP*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:

<p><u><i>John Buh</i></u> 3-27-07 OFMB CN 3/26/07</p>	<p><u><i>John J. Javel</i></u> 3/29/07 Contract Administrator E. J. Javel 3/28/07</p>
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Monica Fox
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review: Property & Real Estate Management

 Department Director