

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 11, 2008 ☒ Consent ☐ Regular
 ☐ Workshop ☐ Public Hearing

Department

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

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) approve five (5) contracts with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for \$128,490 in cost sharing for qualified land management activities on Natural Areas under the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), expiring September 30, 2013;

B) approve a budget amendment of \$128,490 in the Natural Areas Fund to establish a revenue budget from USDA; and

C) authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications and other forms associated with the USDA agreements and necessary amendments that do not change the scope of work or terms and conditions of the agreements.

Summary: WHIP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) for USDA to cost share in activities which improve wildlife habitats. ERM will be reimbursed 75% of costs such as exotic species control, habitat restoration, and prescribed burning on five Palm Beach County natural areas for an amount not to exceed \$128,490 (Yamato Scrub \$34,999, Juno Dunes \$34,987, Hypoluxo Scrub \$20,819, Seacrest Scrub \$17,139, and Highridge Scrub \$20,546). The County match of \$42,830 is available in the Natural Areas Fund. Countywide (SF)

Background and Justification: These grants will partially offset the cost of land management and restoration on five natural area sites acquired between 1992 and 1999 for purposes of preservation and habitat restoration.

Attachments:

1. Contract WHIP 724209070ZM(High Ridge)
2. Contract WHIP724209070ZP(Juno Dunes)
3. Contract WHIP 724209070L3(Yamato Scrub)
4. Contract WHIP 724209070ZO(Hypoluxo Scrub)
5. Contract WHIP 724209070L4 (Seacrest Scrub)
6. Budget Amendment (1226)

**Agenda Item is more than 50 pages;
may be viewed in Administration.**

Recommended by:

Department Director

Date _____

Approved by:

County Administrator

Date _____

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	<u>\$15,737</u>	<u>\$39,535</u>	<u>\$32,479</u>	<u>\$31,135</u>	<u>\$52,435</u>
External Revenues	<u>(11,803)</u>	<u>(29,651)</u>	<u>(24,359)</u>	<u>(23,351)</u>	<u>(39,326)</u>
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
 NET FISCAL IMPACT	 <u>\$3,934</u>	 <u>\$9,884</u>	 <u>\$8,120</u>	 <u>\$7,784</u>	 <u>\$13,109</u>

ADDITIONAL FTE
POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____

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

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

USDA WHIP Program	\$128,490	75%	CFDA 10.914
Natural Areas Fund	42,830	25%	

C. Department Fiscal Review:

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

atwillhite 2/6/08 *for Dr. J. Jacob 2/11/08*
OFMB *2/6/08* *CN 1/31/08* Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature]
Assistant County Attorney

This item complies with current
County policies.

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director