

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
 Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Agency _____ Org. _____ Object _____

Reporting Category _____

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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. However, the County could lose over \$6 million if it submits a successful matching grant application to FCT in 2009 and there are no Florida Forever funds in FY 2010 to provide this grant.

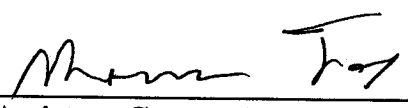
C. Department Fiscal Review: JP

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:

 OFMB 2-13-09 SW 2/12/09 CN 2/10/09	 Contract Administrator 2/13/09
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B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney
 2-17-09

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE FLORIDA FOREVER LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND FUTURE YEARS BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Florida Forever Program and its predecessor Preservation 2000 Program (P-2000) have been the State of Florida's premier land preservation programs since 1990 and have provided funds to acquire and thereby protect for future generations much of Florida's best remaining natural land; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has received more than \$37 million in state matching funds for land acquisition through the Florida Forever Program and more than \$43 million through the P-2000 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Forever Program was reauthorized by the Legislature in its 2008 Session for an additional 10-year period, to begin in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Florida's population continues to grow by more than 1,100 people per day and such population growth has caused the rapid conversion of forests, wetlands, farms, wilderness and other green space to residential or commercial property; and

WHEREAS, the amount of state funds for land acquisition in Florida has not increased since the P-2000 Program began in 1990, while the costs of land acquisition have escalated; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over \$20 billion in current dollars is needed to acquire wilderness areas, parks and open space to provide for Florida's increasing population; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the State and local governments to protect, preserve, and restore water and land resources for natural systems and human use, as well as for habitat for plants, animals and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the State and local governments should provide exceptional opportunities for outdoor recreation for all Floridians and visitors in order to enhance Florida's quality of life and economy through increased ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, Florida's native plant and animal species require additional habitat for survival, and Florida's wild lands are being invaded by nonnative plant and animal species and must be managed to protect them from such invasions; and

WHEREAS, land acquisitions under the P-2000 and Florida Forever Programs have provided significant environmental protection but have not yet completed the job of setting aside enough land and water areas to meet Florida's pressing natural resource needs; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities throughout the state proposed, and voters approved, referendums in 2008 with the expectation that state matching funds would be available to those partners through the Florida Forever Program for additional acquisitions; and

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The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK &
COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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