Agenda Item #: 3.M.1.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 23, 2010

[X] Consent [] Ordinance [] Regular [] Public Hearing

Department: <u>Parks and Recreation</u>

Submitted By: <u>Parks and Recreation Department</u>

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) ratify the Vice Chair's signature on a 2009-2011 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant application submitted to the Florida Division of Forestry on February 10, 2010, requesting \$23,788.56 for a tree planting project at John Stretch Memorial Park; B) adopt a Resolution to enter into a Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, if the grant is approved; C) authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute the funding Agreement, task assignments, certifications, standard forms, or amendments to the Agreement that do not change the scope of work or terms and conditions of the Agreement, if the grant is approved; and D) authorize the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to serve as Liaison Agent with Florida Division of Forestry for this project.

Summary: This Grant Application requests \$23,788.56 from the Florida Division of Forestry for a tree planting project at John Stretch Memorial Park in order to create additional tree canopy in the park and to enhance the park's landscape buffer along US Highway 27. The grant money is being made available as part of a Federal Stimulus Grant Program and does not require matching funds. If the grant is awarded, the County will be required to enter into a Grant Memorandum of Agreement which outlines project costs, status reports, timelines and reimbursement procedures. The County will also be required to enter into a Grant Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement which requires the County to maintain the plant material established as a part of the project for a period of three years. The project and related expenditures must be completed by July 31, 2011. All reimbursement claims must be submitted by September 30, 2011. District 6 (AH)

Background and Justification: A total of \$1.4 million is being made available to potential grant recipients in the State of Florida through the United States Forest Service from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by the US Congress in February of 2009. Investments in reforestation will stimulate increased economic activity in the nursery, landscaping, and transportation sectors of the economy. If the grant is approved, the funding will create additional tree canopy at John Stretch Memorial Park. The additional tree canopy will also enhance the park's landscape buffer along US Highway 27.

Attachments:

- 1. Grant Application
- 2. Resolution

Recommended by:	Rimis Jullim	2/26/10
-	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	Jan	3/16/10
•	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures Operating Costs External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)	-0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	-0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	-0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	-0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	-0- -0- -0- -0- -0-
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Is Item Included in Curre	nt Budget?	Yes N	0
Budget Account No.:	Fund Object	Department Program	Unit

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

There is no fiscal impact at this time. Should the grant be awarded, a budget amendment will be presented to the Board for approval. No match is required for this grant.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

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C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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February 9, 2010

Ms. Christie Hutchinson **Purchasing Director II** Florida Division of Forestry 407 S. Calhoun Street, Room SB-8 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

2009-2011 FOREST HEALTH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE GRANT RE: PROGRAM

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

Attached is one original and five copies of the 2009-2011 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Application. The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department is applying for \$23,788.56 in grant funding to cover the cost of a tree planting project at John Stretch Memorial Park.

John Stretch Memorial Park is located in western Palm Beach County along the southern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The western part of Palm Beach County, also known as the Glades, was decimated by hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 seasons, resulting in the loss of much of its tree canopy.

This heavily used District Park features a playground, basketball court, cricket field, freshwater lake, group picnic shelter, family picnic shelters and a boat launching facility that provides access to Lake Okeechobee. The proposed project includes planting trees around the parking areas, basketball court, picnic areas, and lake, as well as planting a buffer along U.S. Highway 27 also known as State Road 80. The proposed project will provide much needed shade in this park.

The Glades area has some of the highest unemployment and poverty rates in the nation and this project will generate jobs in the nursery, landscaping, and transportation sectors.

An unexecuted Resolution is included as Attachment "F". The attached Resolution will be presented to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners on March 23, 2010, for their consideration. A fully executed copy of the Resolution will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available.

Please contact either myself at 561-966-6614 or Jean Matthews, Senior Planner 561-966-6652 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

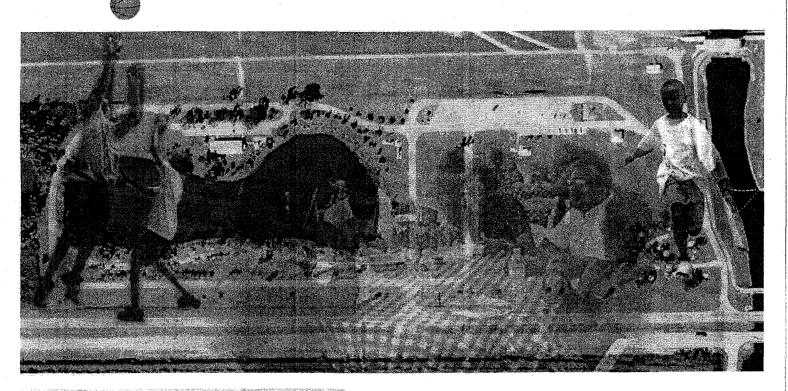
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Dennis L. Eshleman, Director Parks and Recreation Department



DIVISION OF FORESTRY

2010 Florida Forest Health Improvement Initiative



JOHN STRETCH MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department February 9, 2010



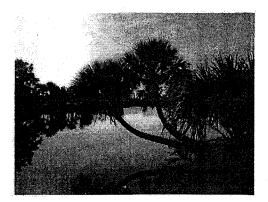
	Submit Bids to: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 407 South Calhoun Street - Mayo Building, Room SB-8 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800			
CHARLES H. BRONSON COMMISSIONER	Telephone: (85	50) 617-7181		
Page 1 of 56 Pages	BIDS NO. RFP/DF	F-09/10-47		
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CITY-STATE-ZIP Lake Worth, FL 33461	· · · · ·	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (TYPED) TITLE Commissioner Karen Marcus, Vice Chair		
TELEPHONE: (561) 966-66	and the second second second second	Palm Beach County Board of County Comm. t, or connection with any corporation firm, or person submitting a proposal for		
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CHECKLIST

X	_ 1.	The entire Request for Proposal (RFP) has been read.
X	_ 2.	The PUR Form 1001/1000 Instructions to Respondent's and General Contract Conditions (Page 1 of 8) is completed and signed. Do not submit pages 2-8 of RFP document (PUR Form 1001/1000).
<u> </u>	_ 3.	A complete address for the Proposer in the space provided (include street address or post office box, city, zip code and telephone number.) Please note: All future correspondence will be sent to the contact person listed on your proposal.
X	_ 4.	Conflict of Interest Statement (Attachment B) is completed and signed.
X	5.	Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment; Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters for Expenditure of Federal Funds (Attachment C) is completed and signed.
<u> </u>	6.	ARRA Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Proposal form (Attachment D) is completed and signed). Please note: All future correspondence will be sent to the contact person listed on your proposal.
X	7.	Detailed itemized budget summary (Attachment E) is completed.
X	_ 8.	In all instances where a local government's jurisdiction is impacted by the grant project, a resolution (by the local government) indicating support for the project must be submitted with the Grant Proposal Packet (Attachment F).
X	9.	This resolution (Attachment F) must also state that they will execute a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment H) with the Department of Agriculture.
<u> </u>	_ 10.	For Demonstration or Site Specific Projects along roadways, a map must be included showing both the U.S. Highway and S.R. (State Road) numbers separated by a slash (/), if both exist. If only one exists, please circle either "U.S." or "S.R." to indicate which numbers you are giving. At least three photos of the site should also be included.
x	11.	In conformance with Section 481.329(7), Florida Statutes, "Persons who perform
		landscape architectural services not for compensation, or in their capacity as employees of municipal or county governments, shall not be required to be licensed" This means that if the required design is completed by an unpaid volunteer or an employee of municipal or county government, a Florida registered architect does not have to sign and seal the drawings.
X	_ 12.	One (1) original with blue ink signature and five (5) copies of the proposal package have been submitted.
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ATTACHMENTS

Notification of Vendor Ombudsman's Name and Telephone Number A
State of Florida Conflict of Interest StatementB
Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment; Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters for Expenditure of Federal FundsC
Florida Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Proposal FormD
BudgetE
ARRA Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program ResolutionF
County Location MapG
Park Location MapG-1
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OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010 @ 2:00 P.M.

ATTACHMENT A

STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

NOTIFICATION OF VENDOR OMBUDSMAN'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

Vendors providing goods and services to an agency should be aware of the following time frames. Upon receipt, an agency has five (5) working days to inspect and approve the goods and service, unless the bid specifications, purchase order or contract specifies otherwise. An agency has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved.

If a payment is not available within 40 days, a separate interest penalty of .02740 percent per day will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount, to the vendor. Payments to health care providers for hospital, medical or other health care services, shall be made not more than 35 days from the date eligibility for payment is determined, and the daily interest rate is .03333 percent. Interest penalties of less than one (1) dollar will not be enforced unless the vendor requests payment. Invoices which have to be returned to a vendor because of vendor preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the agency.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payments(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516 or by calling the Department of Financial Services Consumer Hotline at 1-800-342-2762.

ATTACHMENT B

STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I, <u>Commissioner Karen Marcus</u>, <u>Vice Chair</u>, as authorized representative of <u>Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners</u> certify that no member of this firm nor any person having interest in this firm has been awarded a contract by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on a non-competitive basis to:

- (1) develop this Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Request for Proposal (RFP);
- (2) perform a feasibility study concerning the scope of work contained in this ITB/RFP;
- (3) develop a program similar to what is contained in this ITB/RFP.

Authorized Representative

2-10-10 Date

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ATTACHMENT C

CHARLES H. BRONSON COMMISSIONER Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Administration

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS FOR EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS

LOBBYING

As required by 7 CFR Part 3018, for persons entering into a contract, grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000 involving the expenditure of Federal funds, the undersigned certifies for itself and its principals that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be peid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying." in accordance with its instructions, and
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Commissioner Karen Marcus, Vice Chair PRINTED NAMETITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE Board of County Commissioner County Palm Beach

SIGNATURE OF REFRESENTATIVE / DATE

RFP/DF-09/10-47 CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER

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DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by 7 GFR Part 3017, for persons entering into a contract, grant or cooperative agreement over \$25,000 involving the expenditure of Federal funds, the undersigned certifies for itself and its principals that.

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civit judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- (c) Are not presently indicated for or otherwise criminally or civily charged by a Government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

Commissioner Karen Marcus, Vic PRINTED NAMEATITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE RFP/Df-09/10-47 Vice Chair CONTRACT / PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE / DATE APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DACS-01522 03/09 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY Ne ant Ime 26 COUNTY ATTORNEY

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ATTACHMENT D

FLORIDA FOREST HEALTH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE GRANT PROPOSAL FORM 2009-2011

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all items pertaining to the Category Grant for which you are applying. The proposal packet must not exceed thirty (30) one sided pages, including attachments. All attachments must be 8 1/2" X 11", except any attached sketches, plans and maps which must be no larger than 2' X 3' and folded into 8 1/2" X 11". Six (6) copies (one copy with original signatures and five copies) of the proposal packet including the proposal form, the project description and all attachments must be received no later than February 12, 2010, at:

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Purchasing Office - Forest Health Improvement Initiative - 2009-11 PROPOSAL Mayo Building - Room SB-8 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800 Telephone (850) 617-7181
If you have any questions, please see ATTACHMENT J, "Division of Forestry District/Center Contacts"
PROPOSER INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)
Project Title: John Stretch Memorial Park Tree Planting Project
Proposer Name: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Name and Title of Contact Person: Jean Matthews, Senior Planner Parks & Recreation Dept.
Address: 2700 6th Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL jmatthew@pbcgov.org
Zip: 33461 Phone: 561 966-6652
FEID Number 59-6000785 US Congressional District Number 23-Rep. Alcee Hastings
Is your organization a Nonprofit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes? Yes NoX
If the applicant is a city or county government, does your urban forestry program have the following:
Professional Staff, in-house or contracted, List qualifications such as ISA certification, forestry degree, etc. Licensed Landscape Architects & graduate forester from accredited university
Citizen Tree Advisory Board or Tree Advocacy Group, describe: Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful
Urban Tree Inventory or Management Plan, how current? July 2007, "Urban Ecosystem Analysis Palm Beach County, Florida" analyzed tree canopy for the entire County. Tree Ordinance Covering either public or private lands, describe: 1986 Vegetation Protection & Preservt.
As the duly authorized representative of the Proposer named above, I hereby certify that all parts of the proposal and required grant information have been read and understood and that all information submitted herein is true and correct.
Authorized Executive Officer: Commissioner Karen Marcus,
Title: Vice Chair, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Signature: Date: 21010

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

John Stretch Memorial Park 2009-11 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program

Economic Need: John Stretch Memorial Park is a 56 acre district park located in western Palm Beach County along the southern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The western part of Palm Beach County, also know as the Glades, was decimated by hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 seasons resulting in the loss of much of its tree canopy. A County Location Map is included as Attachment "G" and a Park Location Map is included as "G-1".

The Glades area is very rural in nature and is known for its production of both sugar and winter vegetables. The Glades area consists of three municipalities Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee as well as large portions of unincorporated Palm Beach County. The Glades area has among the highest unemployment rate and highest poverty rates in the United States. According to a November 11, 2009, Palm Beach Post article "The Palm Beach County Economic Development Office says joblessness in the Glades reached "Depression levels" this summer, with 32 percent of people unemployed, compared with a countywide rate of about 11 percent. Including people who have given up seeking jobs, 40 percent of people in the Glades are out of work, the agency said in August." The article went on to say "Poverty is the norm,... with nearly 40 percent of residents receiving food stamps and 85 percent of students getting free or reduced-price school lunches." Portions of *No Visible Means of Support*, by Palm Beach County Economic Development Office, August 2009 are included for purposes of backup documentation as Attachment "H".

Because the Glades area is located over an hour's drive from the nearest mall or movie theater and locally there are limited commercial recreational opportunities, County parks in this area are heavily used by children, youth and adults. John Stretch Memorial Park fulfills many of the recreational needs of Glades area residents. The proposed John Stretch Memorial Park Tree Planting Project is being designed by a County Landscape Architect. Work on the project will be completed using an annual contractor, and will be overseen by a Certified Arborist. This project will help stimulate economic activity for the nursery, landscaping, and transportation sectors of our economy.

<u>Previous Urban and Community Forestry Grants:</u> Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has not received an Urban and Community Forestry grant within the past three years.

<u>Cost Effectiveness & Maximizing Results:</u> The John Stretch Memorial Park Tree Planting Project is being implemented by County staff and the work will be completed by using an annual landscape contractor. The County selects annual contractors based upon a competitive bid process with consideration given for contractors meeting Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals. These contractors are then assigned work based upon pre-agreed prices and conditions. The contract price includes plant materials, installation, staking and watering. The plant material will be watered for a minimum of sixty days and the contractor is required to guarantee 100% survivability of the landscape material for a period of one year. The cost estimate does not include any administrative or contract management costs.

Goals and Objectives: John Stretch Memorial Park is a heavily used District park featuring a basketball court, playground, cricket field, group picnic shelter, picnic facilities, historic pump displays, freshwater lake and a boat launching facility providing access to Lake Okeechobee. Park photos are included as Attachment "I". Prior to the 2004-2005 hurricanes, the park had adequate shade; however the hurricanes destroyed major portions of the tree canopy leaving park patrons to picnic and play in the hot south Florida sun. The

tree-grant monies will be focused in this one park in order to maximize the reforestry impact and tree canopy cover. We are proposing adding shade trees around the parking areas, basketball courts, lake, and picnic areas as well as installing landscape material to provide a buffer from the heavily traveled State Road 27/80 thoroughfare. The Landscape Plan is included as Attachment "J".

John Stretch Memorial Park is used every Sunday year-round by the Southshore Cricket Club, and every Mother's Day the Cricket Club hosts a free brunch that attracts over 3,000 women residing in the Glades area. This tree planting project will provide much needed shade for picnicking for groups such as these, as well as for smaller groups and individuals.

<u>Technical Implementation</u>: Standards for plant material and workmanship shall conform to the Florida Plant Board Standards for Nursery Plants, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Approved Planting Practice and Bailey's Hortus Second. All plant material provided shall be Florida No. 1 or better, and all specimen material will be Florida Fancy. Plant material provided shall be healthy, vigorous stock, free from disease, insects, eggs, larvae, and defects and shall conform to the current edition of "Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, State Plant Board of Florida for number one grade nursery". The Landscaping Details are included as Attachment "K".

The project is designed using predominately native trees or those recommended by the South Florida Water Management District that create habitats for wildlife. The project also follows the mission of Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful "to improve the quality of life in Palm Beach County through litter prevention education, beautification efforts and environmental stewardship" by planting the right tree in the right place.

Community Support: The tree planting project at John Stretch Memorial Park was discussed with the Cities of Belle Glade and South Bay as well as with the Director of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Glades Initiative, and Captain Larry Easton with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Letters of support are included as Attachment "L".

Positive Public Relations: The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department has an interactive website <u>http://www/parks/</u> that receives over 11,000 hits per year, as well as a full time Public Information Section which will issue a media release once the tree planting project is complete at John Stretch Memorial Park.

Tree City USA

Palm Beach County does not have a *Tree City USA* certification, nor has it been the recipient of a *Tree City Growth Award*.

Certified Arborist

Heather Grzybek, Resource Development Supervisor with Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, is a Certified Arborist. Ms. Grzybek will be involved in both the project design and project implementation, and her résumé is included as Attachment "M".

BID NUMBER: RFP/DF-09/10-47

OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010 @ 2:00 P.M.

ATTACHMENT E BUDGET

Specific Description: John Stretch Memorial Park Tree Planting Project

SUMMARY OF COSTS

Requested Grant \$

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Contractual costs		·
Equipment Use costs		***
Supplies costs		
Operating costs		
Tree costs		\$23,788.56
Total Requested Grant (I)	\$ 23,'	788.56

A budget, detailing all costs identified above must be attached.

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION (Please print or type - Complete where applicable)

County Palm Beach County

Describe the Specific Location of the Project: 47225 U.S. Hwy 27, Lake Harbor, FL 33459 5 miles west of South Bay on Lake Okeechobee

Who has responsibility for overseeing Project implementation (name and title): <u>Casey Pranckun</u>, Landscape Architect and Heather Grazybek, Certified Arborist

Who has maintenance responsibility for the Project after completion: Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department

Is the Land Ownership Public or Private?: ____Public Land owned by Palm Beach County

Name of Landowner: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Project Title: John Stretch Memorial Park Tree Planting Project

Applicant Name: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (Parks & Rec)

Email Address: ______ Jean Matthews jmatthew@pbcgov.org

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OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010 @ 2:00 P.M.

ATTACHMENT E BUDGET

Please note: All proposals must include a detailed itemized budget summary which lists all anticipated expenditures and explains all project costs. Proposals for site specific demonstration tree planting projects must list the quantity, species, and approximate size (container size, or caliper and height) of trees to planted.

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE USED. PROPOSERS NOT USING THIS FORM WILL BE RULED INELIGIBLE

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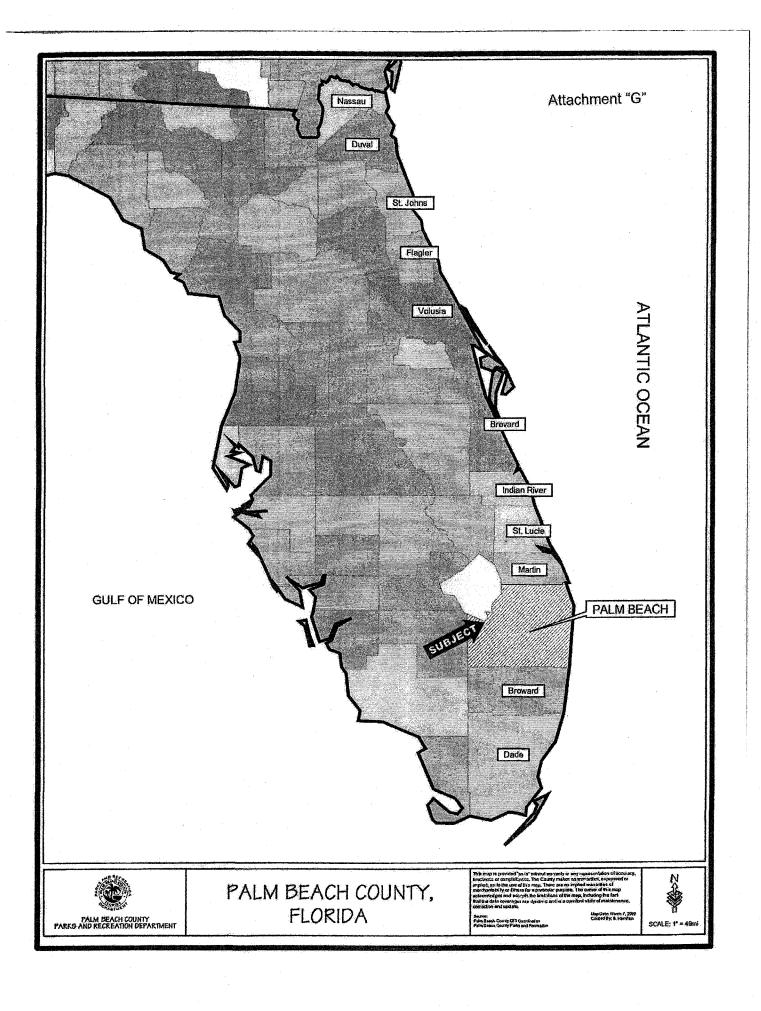
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Cost Items	Quantity #	Rate or Price (\$)	Grant Cost
Trees			
Live Oak <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	14	\$337.03	\$4718.42
Laurel Oak <i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	5	\$337.03	\$1685.15
Mahogany <i>Swietenia mahogany</i>	17	\$337.03	\$5729.51
Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora	13	\$365.00	\$4745.00
Sycamore <i>Plantus sp.</i>	З	\$325.00	\$975.00
East Palatka Holly Ilex x attenuate	3	\$326.66	\$979.98
Crepe Myrtle Lagerstroemia indica	10	\$295.55	\$2955.50
Palms			
Royal Palm <i>Roystonia elata</i>	5	\$400.00	\$2000.00
Total	70		\$23,788.56

*Cost per tree includes purchase, delivery, installation, and watering establishment.

Plant List as seen on Landscape Plan

QUANTITY	NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	SPACING
14	Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	3.0" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8' C.T., 32" Dia. Rootball B&B	as shown
5	Laurel Oak	Quercus laurifolia	3.0" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8' C.T., 32" Dia. Rootball B&B	as shown
17	Mahogany	Swietenia mahogani	3.5" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8' C.T., 36" Dia. Rootball B&B	as shown
13	Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	3.0" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8' C.T., 32" Dia. Rootball B&B	as shown
3	Sycamore	Plantus sp.	3.5" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8.0' C.T., 32" Dia. Rootball B&B	as shown
3	East Palatka Holly	llex x attenuate	3.0" Cal., 14' OA x 4.0' SPR, 7' C.T., 32" Dia, Rootball B&B	as shown
10	Crepe Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	30 3.0" Cal., 16' OA x 5.0' SPR., 8' C.T., 32" Dia, Rootball B&B	as shown
5	Royal Palm	Roystonia elata	14' OA, 6' GWFG	as shown



NAME:JOHN STRETCH MEMORIAL PARKENTRANCE:47225 U.S. Hwy. 27, Lake Harbor, FL 33459CLASS:DistrictACREAGE:56.2 AcresHOURS:Sunrise-Sunset

FACILITIES

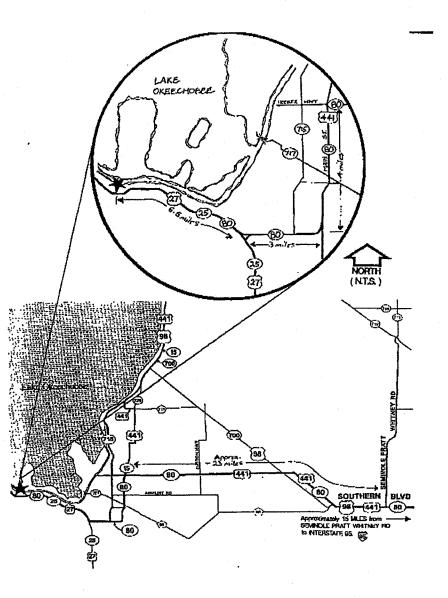
lake frontage	
fishing (freshwater)	
multipurpose field (cricket)	
basketball court	1
playground	1
reserved group picnic pavilion	1
single table picnic shelters	20
single table picnic areas with grills	
restroom facilities	
access to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers small boat launch area (very steep)
parking spaces (5 accessible)	86
boat/trailer parking spaces	29

LOCATION OF

South Florida Water Management District's Historical Pump Display Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

INFORMATION

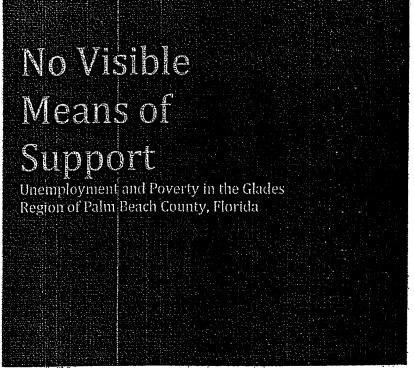
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picnic pavilion rental	. 996-4812
ballfield permits picnic pavilion rental general park information	.924-2728



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2006 PARK DIRECTORY



Palm Beach County Economic Development Office, 301 N. Olive, 10th floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 561-355-3624 www.gbcgov.com/edi August 2009

At the workforces were unemployed, with repld declines in production, sale of goods, and a severe rise in unemployment. Many people depended on-charity to survive. The Glades is a region at similar cross roads in 2009, with no visible means of support. This Report is a pro-census snapshot of unemployment and poverby in the Western Communities of Palm Beach County. Collaborating with leading service delivery providers such as Workforce Alliance, PBC Human Services, Florida AW, the Homeless Coalition, and the Glades Initiative, an examination is presented of the findings of official and unofficial unemployment and poverty in the Clades. This data is provided to assist local elected decision makers in creating a roadmap for economic recovery, to focus on the funding of service delivery agencies, jobs and infrastructure.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Where are we today? In June 2009, 40% of the Glades residents receive Food Stamps to prevent hunger. Unemployment increased officially to 32%. Not counted in this official unemployment rate, are people who are not looking, have given up hope, are unemployable, or, are undocumented immigrants who reside in the Glades without jobs. Including this under reported population raises the unemployment rate to 40%. This analysis attempts to report on existing conditions that include estimates of these under reported populations. No one knows for sure how many of these citizens and non citizens are in the non workforce but this is an analysis of what we think the actual conditions are today.

The PBC Plaining Division is launching efforts for the 2010 U.S. Census. During the 2000 U.S. Census, a large percent of residents in the Glades appeared to have been not counted, leaving estimators to wonder what the makeup of the citizenry really includes. At a recent U.S. Census briefing, Department of Commerce Census representatives sought assistance from local stakeholders to raise the number of persons responding to the new 2010 Census. Their example in the 2000 Census count was that only 35% of City of Belle Glade residents were tabulated. This disparity negatively affects the amount of federal and state dollars received by the local governments. Such an undercount deceives decision makers into inappropriate choices; under funding, and lastly, post Census redistricting efforts are impacted. More Congressional representation could be created.

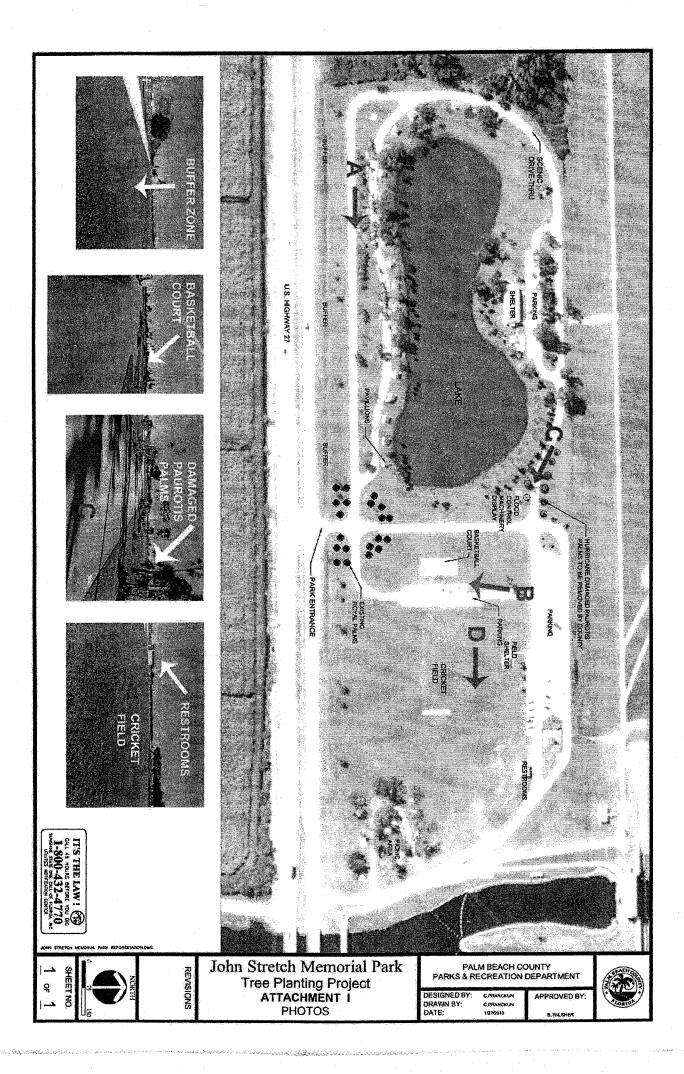
Today we believe the true figure of working age individuals in the Glades that are not employed is 5,693 people without work. The coefficient of error we are using is approximately 5% so the range of unemployment is 5,408 to 5,978. At the conclusion of the temporary Work Force Alliance sponsored six (6) week summer federal hiring period, the number of unemployed will grow by 339 persons to a total of 6,032.

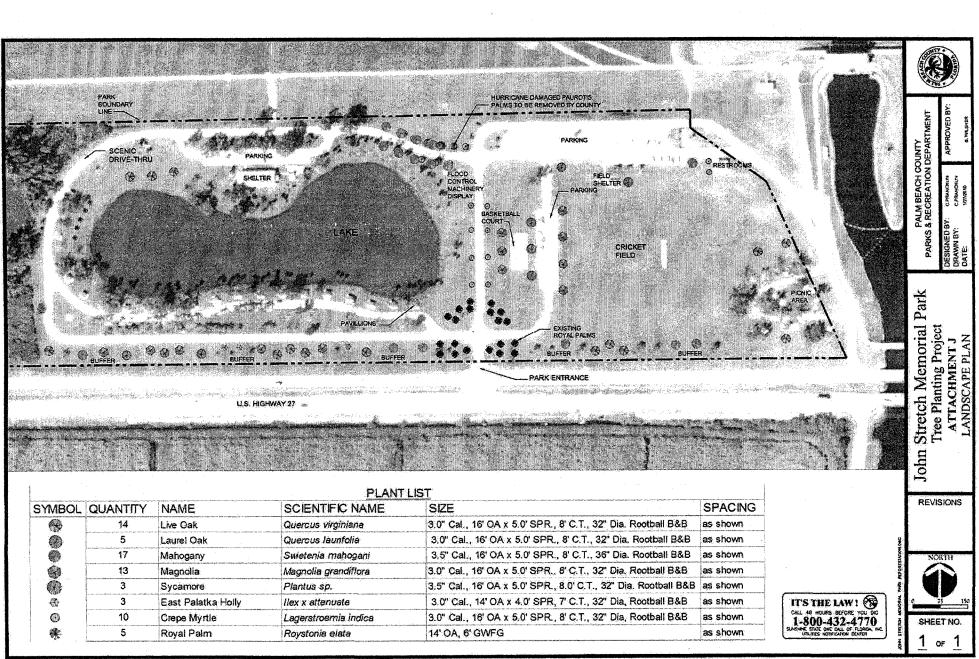
Unemployment numbers bring the Tri Citles to a tipping point where. The disturbing reality is that things have gotten worse; there is a distinct lack of private sector investment in development, and in emerging and knowledge based industries. Rather, government jobs and federal contracts dominate. This is not sustainable. Our not reported and under employment estimates are based upon the following:

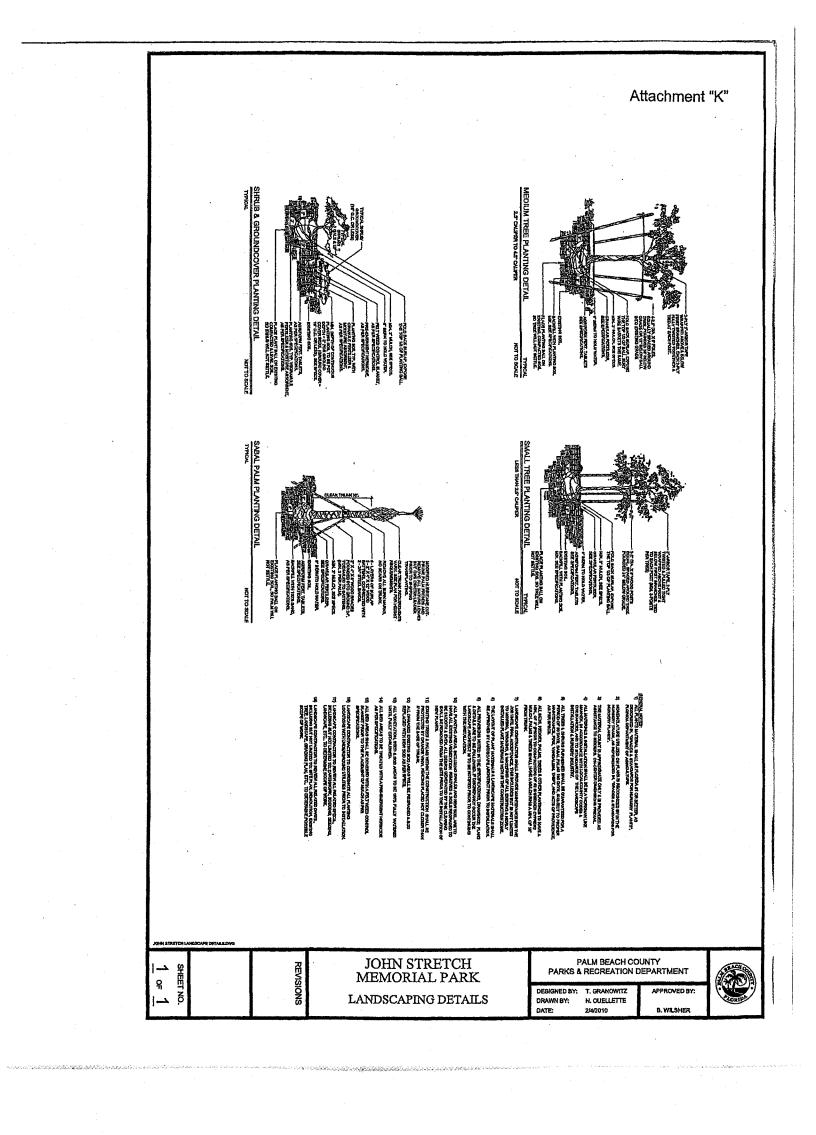
Assumptions.

Certain assumptions were taken in calculating the number of persons who are unemployed and not in the workforce. The number of people affected by employment problems can add up to be much higher than the official figures. Using the Bureau of Labor Statistics official figures for July 2009 for the US, the total of unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (the official

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Letters of Support

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- Glades Initiative
- Sheriff's Office
- Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce



Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6th Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

John Stretch Memorial Park is located along the southern shore of Lake Okeechobee in western Palm Beach County. The park features a playground, picnic facilities, cricket field, restroom, freshwater fishing and a boat launch which provides access to Lake Okeechobee.

The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$24,000 Florida Division of Forestry grant to funding planting of additional trees at John Stretch Memorial Park.

Every Mothers Day the Southshore Cricket Club hosts a free annual brunch at John Stretch Memorial Park attracting over 3,000 women residing in the Glades area. This tree planting project will provide much need shade for picnicking as well as provide a landscape buffer along State Road 80.

The mission of the Glades Initiative is to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the health and human service delivery system in the Glades. Enhancing the recreation facilities at John Stretch Memorial Park would be a benefit for residents of the Glades Community.

Sincerely,

Karis Engle

141 S.E. Avenue C, Belle Glade, FL 33430 Phone (S61) 996-3310 * Fax (S61) 996-3349 * www.gladesinitiative.org PAILM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF

February 1, 2010

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6th Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

In 2006, the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office was contracted to provide law enforcement services for the three Glades area municipalities, Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee, as well as continuing to provide these same services to the unincorporated region west of 20-mile bend. As you are aware this area of the county is rural in nature and are located almost an hour from the nearest major shopping area, or movie theater. Because of the nature of the region, there are limited recreational opportunities for the children and youth in the Glades area.

It has come to my attention that Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation is applying for a Florida Division of Forestry grant to fund planting of additional trees at John Stretch Memorial Park, which is situated on the east side of Lake Okeechobee. This park features both a playground and basketball court, providing additional shading can only enhance these recreational activities, providing for a better environment for families to recreate in western Palm Beach County.

The Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office western districts wishes to express its support for this grant application, and will provide any assistance needed to enrich this area of the county. If you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Western Regional Bureau



540 South Main Street Belle Glade, Florida 33430 PH 561-996-2745 FAX 561-996-2272

E-mail: bgchamber@aol.com Web page: www.bellegladechamber.com

January 29, 2010

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6th Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

It is my understanding the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a Florida Division of Forestry grant for a tree planting project at John Stretch Memorial Park.

John Stretch Memorial Park is located on State Road 80, a heavily traveled thoroughfare running from the Atlantic Ocean in Palm Beach County to the Gulf of Mexico in Ft. Myers.

Adding trees along the perimeter of the park adjacent to State Road 80 will not only buffer park patrons from traffic noise, it will enhance the appearance of the park by people traveling in the area.

The Glades area has among the highest unemployment rates in the state and this project will provide much needed jobs. The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce wishes to express their support for the County's Division of Forestry grant application.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Bunting Executive Director

Attachment "M"

Heather D. Grzybek 218 SE 26th Ave. Boynton Beach, FL 33435 hgrzybek@yahoo.com

Education:	West Virginia University Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Parks Management Specialization in Natural Resources
Employment:	
Jan 2008-Present	Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Development Resource Supervisor Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Responsible for 16 acres of Japanese Garden, Museum, Garden Staff and Inside Maintenance, ordering, payroll, special event set- up/break down, all maintenance issues
Nov 2005-Jan 2008	Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service Horticultural Supervisor Mounts Botanical Garden Responsible for 13 acres of Botanical Garden, ordering, garden design, Garden Staff, special events set-up/break down
Nov 2002-Nov 2005	5 Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Gardener Morikami museum and Japanese Gardens Japanese landscape/pruning, head gardener, specialized garden maintenance
Jun 2001-Nov 2002	2 Kurisu International Japanese landscape/pruner Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Japanese landscape/pruning and specialized garden maintenance
Certifications:	Palm Beach County Master Gardener Spring 2007 Golden Palm Award Recipient
<u>Special skills:</u>	Japanese Gardening design and maintenance Appeared in "Southern Living Presents", "Eye on Gardening", PBC Channel 20 with Gene Joyner, and WLRN television

ATTACHMENT "F"

ARRA Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program

RESOLUTION 2010-

A RESOLUTION BY PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA TO ENTER INTO A GRANT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of our community; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners desires to apply for a Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant which would provide monies to improve the condition of the community's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners wishes to enter into a Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Memorandum of Agreement between Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Florida and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Florida:

Section 1. Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners supports the improvement of the condition of the County's tree canopy.

Section 2. Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department to enter into a Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Memorandum of Agreement between Palm Beach County, Florida and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 3. Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department to enter into a Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement if the grant is awarded.

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Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ______ who moved its adoption. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Chair Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Vice Chair Commissioner John F. Koons Commissioner Shelley Vana Commissioner Steven L. Abrams Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted

this ______ day of ______, 2010

Attest:

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County Palm Beach County, Florida, By Its Board of County Commissioners

By:_

Deputy Clerk

By:_____ Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Chair

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

By:_

Anne Helfant, Assistant County Attorney Approved as to Terms & Conditions

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Dennis Eshleman, Director Parks & Recreation Department

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