

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 19, 2011 [X] Consent [] Regular
[] Workshop [] Public Hearing

Department: County Administration
Submitted By: County Administration
Submitted For: Economic Development Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve a Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium Agreement with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Grant application requirements.

Summary: On May 18, 2010, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a Memorandum of Understanding (R2010-0801) with the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils establishing a working partnership for the SCI Grant application. Palm Beach County is one (1) of 130 organizations which make up the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (Partnership). The Partnership was subsequently selected as one (1) of 45 recipients of the first round of SCI Grants in 2010, receiving an award of \$4.25 Million. The purpose of the Consortium Agreement is to formalize the roles and commitments of the Consortium participants in working with the Partnership over the next three (3) years to create and lay the foundation for implementation of the Regional Vision and Blueprint. **Under the terms of the Agreement, Palm Beach County would provide in-kind services over a three (3) year period worth a total amount of \$24,960. Countywide (DW)**

Background: In the 2010 Budget, Congress provided a total of \$150 Million to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, approximately \$100 Million was available for regional integrated planning initiatives through HUD's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. On March 9, 2010, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Resolution (R2010-0313) supporting the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida in preparing a comprehensive joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Attachments:

1. Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium Agreement
2. Memorandum of Understanding (R2010-0801)
3. Resolution (R2010-0313)

Recommended by: Shanna Howard 7-6-2011
Economic Development Director Date
Approved by: Shanna B. B. 7/15/2011
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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>\$8,320</u>	<u>\$8,320</u>	<u>\$8,320</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>8,320</u>	<u>8,320</u>	<u>8,320</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes X No

Budget Account No: Fund 1539 DEPT. 764 UNIT 2102 Object 1201

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

Palm Beach County will provide in-kind services over a three-year period worth a total of \$24,960.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS


A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

WS
7-12-11 OFMB

Dr. J. Jacob 7/14/11
Contract Development and Control

This Contract complies with our contract review requirements.

B. Legal Sufficiency:


Sr. Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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

Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium Agreement Between Palm Beach County and the South Florida Regional Planning Council in Accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Initiative Grant Application Requirements.

THIS AGREEMENT, is made as of the _____ day of _____, 2011, by and between Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as "SFRPC".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, In June 2009, the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency announced the creation of an interagency partnership and Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program that would support regions who committed to work collaboratively across jurisdictional boundaries to create "Regional Plans for Sustainable Development";

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, working in partnership with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), entered into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with 130 organizations, with an additional 70 organizations providing letters and resolutions of support, to create the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership (Partnership);

WHEREAS on behalf of the Partnership, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), as lead applicant, submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and was subsequently selected as one (1) of 45 recipients of the first round of Sustainable Communities grants in 2010;

WHEREAS, as part of the application process a subset of Partnership members were organized to form the nucleus of a strong leadership consortium called the "Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium" that would be expanded over time to include additional Partnership members;

WHEREAS, initial Consortium participants include approximately 45 local governments, metropolitan and transportation planning organizations; nonprofit community-based organizations, professional associations, public and private sector organizations, and educational institutions, including COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the application the Consortium participants agreed to enter into formal Consortium Agreements (Agreement) with the SFRPC within 120 days (June 21, 2011) of the formal Cooperative Agreement entered into with HUD on February 21, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Consortium Participants

This Agreement is entered into by members of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium (Consortium).

Section 2. Goal:

The Consortium will work together to successfully carry out the activities outlined in the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's work plan to create a "Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity," (Regional Vision and Blueprint) approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 11, 2011. The work plan, milestones, and schedules will be more fully developed by the Partnership's Executive Committee, the chief governing board for the Partnership and the Consortium; Partnership and Consortium participants; and work groups. (Please see Attachment A – Abstract and Work Plan Summary.) The Partnership and Consortium will take the following six (6) steps to achieve and sustain the Regional Vision and Blueprint:

- Build long term collaborative partnerships;
- Build and support the region's leadership capacity;
- Measure where the region currently is and where it will likely be if trends continue;
- Identify a vision of the future with better outcomes than identified in the current conditions and trend analysis;
- Engage communities in developing plans to achieve the Regional Vision and Blueprint with emphasis on equitable and achievable outcomes; and
- Develop strategies to implement the Regional Vision and Blueprint and measure progress towards the Regional Vision and Blueprint outcomes.

Section 3. Purpose of the Agreement.

The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize the roles and commitments of the Consortium participants as they are known today. The Partnership and Consortium will work over the next three (3) years to create and lay the foundation for implementation of the Regional Vision and Blueprint.

Section 4. Roles / Commitments.

Partnership and Consortium participants, as regional leaders, commit to develop and implement the Regional Vision and Blueprint unless it is detrimental to their organization and/or the region.

As a Consortium participant, COUNTY agrees to provide in-kind services valued at an amount not to exceed \$24,960.00 as described in Attachment B, and through the following activities:

- Assist and participate in the development of strategies, plans and tools;
- Assist in engaging stakeholders, particularly local and hard-to-reach populations;
- Help assess, analyze, and evaluate plans, strategies, tools, and projects;
- Play specific roles in implementing local projects providing leadership, staff support, research, oversight, or financial support;
- Participate in educational and outreach opportunities through classes, meetings, conferences, and workshops; and
- Assist in developing and refining the visions and plans that constitute the elements of a sustainable region and integrating these visions.

Furthermore, Consortium participants reaffirm:

- The SFRPC will act in the representative capacity with HUD on behalf of all members of the Consortium and the SFRPC agrees to assume administrative responsibility for ensuring the Consortium's program is carried out in compliance with HUD requirements and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006;
- To work cooperatively with the SFRPC (lead applicant), the TCRPC, and other Partnership and Consortium participants to develop the Regional Vision and Blueprint;
- To work with the Executive Committee established as the overall governing body for the Partnership to ensure full participation by Partnership and Consortium participants in developing and implementing the Regional Vision and Blueprint, and to involve additional committees, organizations, and groups as part of the community engagement work that is integral to this effort; and
- To commit leveraged resources in terms of staff, financial investment, or other resources in support of carrying out the work program to the best of their ability.

Consortium participants will designate a primary delegate and a backup delegate to serve as points of contact for the participating organization and to participate in meetings of the Consortium. The Consortium delegates or their designees will meet at least three (3) times a year to receive reports on the work of the Consortium and the Partnership and will function as an advisory board for the development of the Regional Vision and Blueprint and related work plan activities. The SFRPC, as lead fiscal agent, will maintain a list of all Consortium delegates and their primary designees.

COUNTY may terminate its Consortium membership status in the Partnership upon written notice from the Commission Chair or County Administrator, with hard copy by U.S. Mail, to the Executive Director of the SFRPC. Termination of Consortium member status shall not relieve a member of any responsibilities or liabilities already incurred.

Section 5. Governance Structure and Decision Making.

The following principles guide the Partnership's organization:

- Build an enduring consensus and constituency for the Regional Vision and Blueprint;
- Develop a clear organizational structure and decision making protocols for the Partnership;
- Create multiple, meaningful opportunities for engagement, input and decision making from the full range of public, private, and civic/nonprofit partners in the region, including traditionally underrepresented stakeholders;
- Enable "joinability" so that the Partnership and Consortium can continue to grow over time;
- Build on the strengths of existing institutions in the region;

- Engage and build ownership among implementing agencies and stakeholders early and throughout the process;
- Ensure transparency and clear lines of accountability and reporting; and
- Adapt the Partnership's organizational model over time as the project shifts from visioning to implementation.

The core elements of the organization include the following:

Southeast Florida Regional Partnership: Provides a regional forum for discussion and consensus building on issues of importance to Southeast Florida. The Partnership will develop and approve the Regional Vision and Blueprint, and support long-term implementation of Regional Vision and Blueprint through individual and collective action. During the visioning process the Partnership will primarily conduct its work through issue-specific Work Groups, augmented by at least four (4) summits of the entire Partnership during the visioning process. In parallel with the visioning process, the Partnership will explore options for a long-term optimal structure to assist with implementation, progress review, and future updates. The intent is for the Partnership to develop a long-term structure for its ongoing operations by the conclusion of the visioning process.

To join the Partnership, organizations must sign a MOU and commit to work collaboratively to advance the region's livability and sustainability through implementation of the work program developed by the Partnership with support of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. Partnership members who are not currently Consortium participants and have pledged leverage and in-kind support, or other interested Partnership members, may wish to become Consortium participants with additional responsibilities in the development and implementation of the work plan.

Partnership Work Groups: Serve as regional subject matter experts in identified issue areas, and develop technical and policy recommendations and draft products for review by the Partnership. Work Group membership will be open to Partnership members (individuals and organizations) interested in the subject matter. The Partnership Executive Committee will ensure the membership of each Work Group reflects a mix of perspectives among the public, private, and civic sectors; among subareas and types of communities in the region (coastal, urban, suburban, and rural); and among socioeconomic/ethnic groups including traditionally underrepresented groups. The chair and vice chair of each Work Group will be identified by the Partnership's Executive Committee.

Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium: Serve as the core team within the Partnership for meeting HUD requirements and carrying out activities to develop the Regional Vision and Blueprint. Consortium participants will support key activities as defined in this Agreement under Section 4. Roles/Commitments.

Consortium participants agree to the basic commitments and responsibilities outlined for Partnership members, as well as the additional commitment of leveraged resources in terms of staff, financial investment, or other resources.

Certain Consortium participants will be identified as Subgrantees with a commitment to provide specific program assistance funded through grant funds. All Subgrantees will have a contract with the SFRPC that specifies specific deliverables and time frames and passes through all HUD grant requirements. These contracts will be more clearly defined following appointment of the Project Director and Program Manager.

Executive Committee: Serve as the overall governing board for Partnership. The Executive Committee will oversee the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant administration; establish the project organization; approve the overall work plan; recommend the selection of staff and consultants to the Regional Planning Council boards for action; provide guidance to the Project Director and Program Manager; provide policy direction for the Regional Vision and Blueprint; ensure all constituencies have meaningful opportunities to engage and shape the process; identify and resolve significant issues arising during the process; recommend the final Regional Vision, Blueprint, and implementation plan; and recommend the long-term structure for Southeast Florida Regional Partnership. The Executive Committee has 17 initial members as identified in the grant application. The Committee is designed to expand as needed to ensure representation of segments of the region as needed to make the Executive Committee more responsive to the needs of all residents and businesses. The Executive Committee has established two (2) subcommittees to guide its initial work: an Operations Subcommittee and an Organization and Equity Subcommittee.

Regional Planning Councils / Project Management Team: The SFRPC will act as the fiscal agent for the grant. The SFRPC will work with the TCRPC to manage the work program,

including hiring the Project Director, Program Manager, and other staff and consultants; developing consultant scopes of work and budgets; and providing technical and consensus-building assistance to Consortium and Partnership members.

The intent for these committees and work groups is to use a consensus decision-making process. This entails substantial engagement of all parties, full transparency, extensive dialog, and ultimately crafting policies and decisions that are acceptable to all parties. The process takes longer, but produces results that when embraced, will provide the foundation for continuing work. If full consensus cannot be reached then the Executive Committee will be in a position to take a majority vote on a specific issue as well as a super-majority vote to approve the final Regional Vision and Blueprint.

Section 6. Partner Roles / Commitments: The members of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership will belong to one (1) of three (3) tiers.

TIER 1 – Partnership Member. Basic tier of participation. All Partnership members have signed a MOU and committed to work collaboratively to advance regional livability principles through implementation of the work program developed by the Partnership with support from the Sustainable Communities Grant Program.

TIER 2 – Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium Member. This includes the basic commitments and responsibilities outlined for Partnership members, but also includes additional commitment of leveraged resources in terms of staff, financial investment, or other resources. To be a Consortium member, a Partnership member must execute a consortium agreement to formalize their greater level of commitment and direct involvement in the development and implementation of the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity.

TIER 3 – Consortium Subgrantees. In addition to general Consortium participant commitments and responsibilities, a subset of Consortium participants may be asked to perform specific work program tasks. In addition to this Agreement, Consortium Subgrantees will be required to enter into a contract with specific deliverables and time frames, and meet all HUD requirements.

As the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity initiative unfolds, work groups meet, and the Executive Committee makes decisions on process and content, new roles and responsibilities may emerge. These new roles and responsibilities will be captured in project scopes and new agreements.

Section 7. Accountability: To ensure successful completion of the project activities, Consortium participants will designate a primary delegate and a backup delegate to serve as points of contact for the participating organization with the SFRPC and participate in meetings of the Consortium. Consortium participants shall participate in meetings and provide leverage and in-kind reporting forms to the SFRPC as requested to meet all HUD requirements. Guidance regarding general reporting for leverage and in-kind funds will be provided once it is received from HUD. Subgrantee contracts will contain specific deliverables, time frames, and reporting requirements.

Overall initiative accountability will be managed by a three level project management system.

Level I - The highest level is reporting periodically on individual project progress and how that relates to the overall initiative progress. This will be done through the website and quarterly status reports.

Level II - Project management of specific work tasks or projects will include identified tasks and timelines which will be captured and monitored. The Project Director and Program Manager will be responsible for ensuring that work tasks undertaken by Consortium participants, who may also be subgrantees, are tracked, recorded, and incorporated into an overall project management system to ensure timely completion of delegated tasks.

Level III - The third level of project accountability will be the oversight of the Executive Committee, which will meet at least once per quarter to review progress on individual projects as well as the overall initiative.

Section 8. Joinability: The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and the Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium will continue to grow over time. An ongoing task will be to reach out to potential new partners and seek their membership and active involvement. New partners will be asked to sign the Partnership MOU or Consortium Agreement as appropriate. Interested stakeholders who have not joined the Partnership will be able to participate in appropriate work groups and the regional summits and community workshops, and will be encouraged to join the Partnership as members.

Section 9. Public Engagement: All meetings of the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and the Consortium are publicly noticed. On most occasions, interested persons can participate by phone, webinar, or in person. The Consortium will implement a wide ranging

public engagement process throughout the region that prioritizes the engagement of all community residents and stakeholders, particularly groups traditionally underrepresented in public planning processes. This process will include community outreach, written and visual materials and information accessible to disabled populations. The public involvement component will ensure the participation of a wide range of stakeholders to ensure a diversity of population, viewpoints, and issues.

Section 10. Other Considerations: As indicated above, Subgrantees (Tier 3) will have individual contractual instruments specific to their circumstances, responsibilities, and commitments. Special circumstances requiring governance changes, representation, changes or other alterations to agreements or process will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and final action taken by SFRPC, the lead fiscal agent.

Benefits for participation in the Partnership and Consortium are the enhanced ability of the region and individual communities to develop and implement the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity. By participating in the Partnership and Consortium, work partners will be able to influence the development of plans, strategies, and tools and access those tools for their own use. In addition, partners will have the potential opportunity to access additional federal and other funds to advance their own prosperity, livability, and sustainability goals as long as they also further the regional priorities.

Section 11. Office of the Inspector General

COUNTY has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 – 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of documents, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of all parties doing business with COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 – 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

By the signatures below, COUNTY reaffirms its commitment to serve as a member of the Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium in accordance with the terms outlined in this Agreement. It is understood that this Agreement will be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute one and the same instrument. The executed Agreement will be kept on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

This Agreement will become effective upon signature by any two parties and may be terminated upon written notice to the South Florida Regional Planning Council. The provisions of this Agreement will be reviewed periodically and amended or supplemented, as appropriate, as may be mutually agreed upon.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY, and the SFRPC has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk & Comptroller

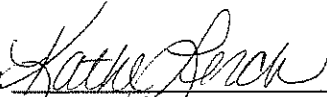
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Karen T. Marcus, Chair

ATTEST:

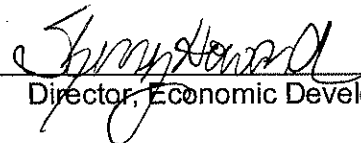
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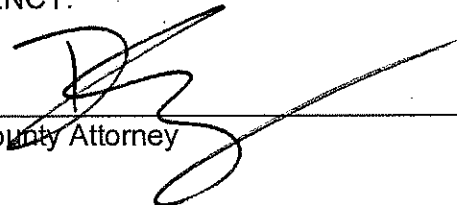
By: 
Title: Adm. Asst

By:  7-8-11
Jack Osterholt, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND
CONDITIONS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

By: 
Director, Economic Development

By: 
County Attorney

Please return executed agreement to:

Mr. Jack Osterholt
Executive Director
South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140
Hollywood, Florida 33021

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE
TREASURE COAST AND SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCILS**

R2010 0801

MAY 18 2010

I. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a mutual understanding between Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils with respect to the preparation of a Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) grant application.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.** An SCI grant application and work program will be prepared and managed by the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils in cooperation with other MOU signatories, including, but not limited to Palm Beach County, with the intent of establishing a comprehensive regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to: 1) improve the Region's sustainability; and 2) assist and guide federal funding agencies in prioritizing and focusing future federal investment in Southeast Florida.
- B.** Any private sector organization, non-profit, academic or research institution, philanthropic partner, community organization, governmental entity, individual, or intermediary agency that bears responsibility for or has an interest in the sustainable development and redevelopment of Southeast Florida may be a partner and signatory to an MOU.

C. The signatories to this MOU are committed to the following Livability Principles relating to the sustainable development and redevelopment of Southeast Florida:

1. **Provide more transportation choices.** Develop safe, reliable and economic transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote public health.
2. **Promote equitable, affordable housing.** Expand location and energy-efficient housing choices and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation for Southeast Florida residents.
3. **Enhance economic competitiveness.** Improve economic competitiveness through employment centers, educational opportunities and services.
4. **Support existing communities.** Target funding toward existing communities through strategies such as transit-oriented, mixed-use development and land recycling to increase community revitalization.
5. **Coordinate policies and leverage investment.** Align policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth.
6. **Value communities and neighborhoods.** Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods – rural, urban or suburban.

- D. Any regional plan document developed under the SCI grant will support these Livability Principles and should, to the greatest extent possible and where appropriate, be built upon the foundation of work that has been accomplished and undertaken in the region.

III. PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING

- A. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document.
- B. This MOU in no way restricts the signatories from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities or agencies.
- C. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate the signatories to expend appropriations, obligate funds or enter into any contract or other agreement.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This MOU will become effective upon execution. Either Party may terminate its participation in this MOU upon written notice to the other Party. The provisions of the MOU will be reviewed periodically, as appropriate, and amended or supplemented as may be mutually agreed upon.

V. OTHER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS

There are no superseding MOU's on this topic among the Parties hereto.

VI. SIGNATURES

This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Each Party has signed this five-page agreement on a separate page. The original signature pages are on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021; (954) 985-4416.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE
TREASURE COAST AND SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCILS**

By the signature below, Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners becomes a signatory to the Sustainable Communities Initiative Memorandum of Understanding for the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils, dated MAY 18 2010, 2010. It is understood that the MOU will be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. This original signature page will be kept on file at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

ATTEST:

SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk & Comptroller

By: Latoya Osborne

Deputy Clerk

R2010 0801

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Burt Aaronson

Burt Aaronson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO TERMS
AND CONDITIONS

By: Greg Howard

Economic Development Director

Date 6-1-2010

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: [Signature]

Sr. Assistant County Attorney

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL

By: [Signature]

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCIL

By: Carole A. Dehle

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0313

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE WATER RESOURCE, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new partnership to coordinate federal housing, environmental protection and transportation planning and investment; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. HUD, DOT and EPA partnership is looking to multidisciplinary regional councils of government to identify and coordinate regional strategies to ensure that housing, land use, and transportation goals are met while simultaneously protecting the environment, promoting economic development, and helping to address the challenges of energy efficiency and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida comprised of Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Councils request Palm Beach County's support to establish a comprehensive strategic regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability and to be used as a guide by federal funding agencies to prioritize and focus future federal investment; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida will commit resources necessary within the limits of their budgets and work program to prepare and submit a joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative to U.S. HUD's Office of Sustainability Housing & Communities prior to the anticipated "Notice of Funding Available" in March 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida is aware that the U.S. DOT, HUD and EPA Interagency Partnership Agreement to establish "Livability Principles" is to provide more transportation choices; promote equitable, affordable housing; enhance economic competitiveness; coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment and value communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida is aware that the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative identifies the need for a comprehensive regional plan or vision for growth, identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability which will guide future federal funding critical to Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida supports the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida submitting a joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative prepared in consultation with the appropriate water resource, housing, environmental and transportation agencies, local governments and private sector organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that certain documentation may be required through this endeavor.

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 support the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida in preparing a comprehensive joint application under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative and establishing a working partnership agreement with appropriate water resource, housing, environmental and transportation agencies, local governments and private sector organizations.

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

COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON, CHAIR	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS, VICE CHAIR	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER JOHN F. KOONS	<u>Absent</u>
COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER STEVEN L. ABRAMS	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER JESS R. SANTAMARIA	<u>Aye</u>
COMMISSIONER PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR	<u>Aye</u>

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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

By: [Signature]
County Attorney

SHARON R. BOOK, CLERK &
COMPTROLLER
By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, SHARON R. BOOK, Clerk and Comptroller
certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original COUNTY
filed in my office on March 9, 2010
dated at West Palm Beach, FL on 4-5-2010
By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk