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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY</u>

Meeting Date:	July 19, 2011	(X) Consent () Ordinance	() Regular() Public Hearing
Department Submitted	By: <u>Environmen</u>	ntal Resources Managemer	<u>ıt</u>
Submitted	For: <u>Environment</u>	Environmental Resources Management	

I. <u>EXECUTIVE BRIEF</u>

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement (R2007-1539) and Amendment (R2009-0570) with the City of Lake Worth for the management of the Snook Islands Natural Area and Public Use Facilities.

Summary: This Second Lease Amendment to the Lease Agreement (R-2007-1539) with the City of Lake Worth provides for an expansion of the leased area to include a 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract as part of the Snook Island Public Use Facility and a 7.5 acre submerged tract referred to as the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site. <u>District 3</u> (SF)

Background and Justification: In 2003, the County and City of Lake Worth partnered with others to construct the Snook Islands Natural Area at a cost of approximately \$17.5 million dollars. Components of the project consisted of: 1) 45-50 acres of shallow-water areas conducive for seagrass recruitment, 2) 4.0 acres of restored mangrove fringe and Spartina habitats, 3) 10 acres of new mangrove wetlands, 4) 2.3 acres of oyster reefs, and 5) 43.9 acres of deep water and flushing areas.

On September 11, 2007 the County and the City of Lake Worth entered into a lease agreement (R-2007-1539) to manage the 100 acre site in addition to constructing a public use facility within the southern portion of the site.

On April 7, 2009, the County and City of Lake Worth approved the First Lease Amendment (R2009-0570) to accommodate the County's request for a 99-year term of lease. This first required approval by the voters on November 4, 2008 before being ratification by the City and County.

The Second Lease Amendment provides for an expansion of the leased area to include an upland 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract as part of the Snook Island Public Use Facility and a 7.5 acre submerged tract referred to as the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site.

Attachments:

- 1. Second Lease Amendment
- 2. First Lease Amendment (R2009-0570)
- 3. Lease Agreement (R-2007-1539)

Recommended by:	Reliand Ewaluly Department Director	<u>6/14/11</u> Date
Approved by:	Marly	$\gamma(1)$

Date

County Administrator

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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C. Other Department Review:

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this ______ day of ______, 2011, by and between the City of Lake Worth, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County". The City and the County shall hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2007, the City and County approved a Lease Agreement (the "Lease") (R2007-1539) authorizing the County to manage approximately 100 acres of property known as the Snook Islands Natural Area ("SINA"), which is referred to in the Lease as the City tract; and

WHEREAS, the City and County approved an Amendment to the Lease Agreement on April 7, 2009 (R2009-0570) to extend the term of the Lease for a period of 99 years to September 11, 2106; and

WHEREAS, the City owns an approximately 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract of land southwest of the City tract that connects SINA to Lucerne Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract of land is critical to the viability of SINA since it allows for vehicular access to the public access and use features, which will facilitate the drop off of kayaks, canoes and fishing gear; and

WHEREAS, the 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract of land will provide for a connection to the waterfront and will provide the County with barge and truck access for constructing environmental restoration projects within several miles of this site; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the use of the 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract for occasional barge and truck access will not unduly affect the public's access to SINA; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a 7.5 acre tract of land south of SINA and east of Bryant Park ("the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site") that consists of a dredged hole with a thick muck layer in similar condition to the original SINA prior to the restoration effort; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to be an ongoing supporter of environmental restoration projects that create wetland habitats and improve the water quality of the Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the 7.5 acre wetland restoration project east of Bryant Park is an "A" priority project identified in the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan endorsed and approved by the County and municipalities that border the Lake Worth Lagoon, including the City of Lake Worth; and

WHEREAS, similar to SINA, both the County and the City deem that it is in the best interest of the residents and citizens of Palm Beach County and the City of Lake Worth for the County to maintain and manage the 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract and the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site as natural areas and to preserve these properties and their associated biological communities in their natural states for future generations as examples of intact native Florida ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to lease the 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract and the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site to the County to be managed as part of SINA and the County wishes to lease these properties from the City to assist in the construction of the public access and use features and to manage the sites as part of SINA; and

WHEREAS, the parties understand and agree that a referendum of the voters of the City of Lake Worth will be necessary to extend the lease term for the 0.3 acre pieshaped tract and the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site portions of the City tract to a term of 99 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree to modify the Lease as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference. Terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning and effect as in the Lease. Any reference to "Lease" contained herein shall include all amendments thereto.

2. Exhibit "A" to the Lease, as amended, shall be replaced with the Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

3. Section 3 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The City tract consists of approximately 100 acres of land located within the boundaries of the original SINA, an approximately 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract of land abutting the 100 acre tract originally comprising SINA to the southwest, and a 7.5 acre tract of land south of original SINA and east of Bryant Park known as the Bryant Park Wetland Restoration Site. Such property is more particularly described and depicted in **Exhibit "A"** and is referred to herein as the "City tract".

4. Section 4 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The County and City hereby agree to cooperate in the construction of public access and use features such as kiosk(s), a boardwalk, a fishing pier, a floating dock, signage, a seawall, a kayak launch, a shade shelter, benches, bike racks, and a roadway with sidewalks (off of Lucerne Avenue) and in the demolition of the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge. Before any of the public access and use features can be built, the western portion of the existing Lake Worth Bridge must be demolished. On June 17, 2008, the City and the County entered into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the County agreed to pay \$225,000 towards the demolition of the western portion of the existing spaces on Golf Course Road. In the event that demolition of the western portion of the existing Lake Worth Bridge exceeds the cost of \$225,000, the County shall be responsible for the costs and shall demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth Bridge subject to the availability of funds.

5. Section 6 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The term of this Lease Agreement shall commence September 11, 2007 ("the Effective Date").

Pursuant to a referendum of the voters of the City of Lake Worth and the April 7, 2009 Amendment to the Lease, the term of the County's lease of that portion of the City tract referred to as approximately 100 acres of land located within the boundaries of the SINA shall be for a period of 99 years and shall expire at midnight on September 10, 2106.

The County's lease of those portions of the City tract referred to as approximately 0.3 acre pie-shaped tract of land abutting the original SINA to the southwest and the Bryant Park Restoration Site shall be for a period of nineteen years, eleven

months, and thirty days. In accordance with the City's Charter, the City shall place a referendum before registered voters within three years of execution of this Second Amendment to the Lease to provide for a full 99-year lease term. The parties understand that the County wishes to manage the City tract according to the terms of this Lease Agreement for a period of 99 years, and the City, therefore, agrees to use its best efforts to call for a referendum that will extend the term of the Lease over the entire City tract for a full 99-year lease term.

Section 15 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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To the extent that funding is available, the County will construct public access and use features such as a fishing pier, boardwalk, educational kiosk(s), a floating dock, signage, a seawall, a kayak launch, a shade shelter, benches, bike racks, and a roadway with sidewalks and curbs off of Lucerne Avenue. The County will repair and replace the following public access and use features: the fishing pier, boardwalk, kiosks, floating dock, signage, kayak launch, and shade shelter, if they are constructed. The County shall manage the City tract for habitat preservation and passive recreation, keeping the property in its natural state except for the maintenance of public access and use features and other facilities as agreed upon by both parties as appropriate for a nature preserve. Management shall include, but shall not be limited to, removal of exotic non-native invasive vegetation below the Mean High Water Line, planting of native vegetation, preservation of wetland areas, periodic removal of trash and debris during coastal cleanup events, and other maintenance and preservation activities deemed necessary by the County. The County will provide all necessary personnel, professional services, equipment, materials and supplies for ongoing, site-specific management of the City tract.

7. Section 20 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The City shall provide regular trash and litter pickup and minor maintenance along the City tract shoreline above the Mean High Water Line, including but not limited to, tree and vegetation trimming, mowing and edging. The City's minor maintenance responsibilities are limited to removal of exotic vegetation along the western boundary of the City tract above the Mean High Water Line and periodic herbicide treatment and mowing of that area. In addition, the City shall be responsible for landscaping the area surrounding the upland public use facilities with trees, plants and/or sod, shall install irrigation where necessary for the survivability of such landscaping, and shall perform periodic upkeep of the landscaped area including such activities as mowing and pruning.

8. Section 24 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The City shall assist the County in **obtaining any permits that are necessary to demolish** the western portion of the existing Lake Worth Bridge, from its easternmost edge to the point where it meets land on the City tract shoreline, so that the County may construct the agreed to public access and use feature(s) at that location. The City agrees that the County will continue to manage the City tract as a natural area pursuant to this Lease Agreement regardless of whether the western portion of the existing Lake Worth Bridge is demolished and public access and use features are built.

9. Section 26 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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Once constructed, the City shall be responsible for maintaining the following public-access and -use features on the City tract: the sea wall, roadway and sidewalks off of Lucerne Avenue, the vehicle drop- off area, bike racks, benches, boardwalk, kayak launch, fishing pier and floating docks. Maintenance responsibilities shall include periodic litter pickup, pressure cleaning, and other necessary maintenance tasks to ensure that the facilities are clean and safe for public use.

10. Section 27 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

A final plan for the public access and use features to be constructed or provided on the City tract is depicted in **Exhibit "B"**. The County shall design and construct the public access and use features including at its sole cost and expense in accordance with the requirements of this Lease Agreement.

11. Section 29 of the Lease is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The following public access and use features depicted on **Exhibit "B"** shall be provided by the County:

- 1. Two informational kiosks;
- 2. One 545' long by 6' wide boardwalk with a 16' by 16' shelter with roof;
- 3. One 592' long by 8' wide fishing pier with and "L" end;
- 4. One floating dock 170' long by 15' wide with four finger pier and a ramp to accommodate 8 boats;
- 5. One approximate 200' long seawall faced with limestone boulders;
- 6. One kayak launch and ramp to accommodate up to 3' wide kayaks and canoes;
- 7. One Curb cut off of Lucerne Avenue, including resurfacing of the roadway and pavement into the facility;
- 8. One approximate 30' by 40' drop off area for kayak users and fishermen including fencing; and
- 9. Two benches, two to three bike racks, and one double swing gate.

Construction of the above-cited public access and use facilities is subject to the availability of funds.

12. The following is added to the Lease as a new Section 49:

The City agrees to allow the County to use the public access and use features for barge and truck access related to environmental restoration projects. During the use of the public access and use features for barge access, the County may restrict public access to the public access and use features on the City tract as necessary to protect the public. Any contractors or agents of the County that operate a barge or other machinery on the City tract shall maintain at least \$1 million of general liability insurance to cover any damages that may occur as a result of utilizing the City tract, shall include the city as an additional insured on such insurance and shall be responsible to repair any damage that results from use of the City tract.

13. The following is added to the Lease as a new Section 50:

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Ordinance 2009-049, as may be amended, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of records, and audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the City, 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 interference or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Ordinance 2009-049, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor

14. All other terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain the same except as specifically modified by the Amendment and Second Amendment, and the parties hereby ratify, confirm and adopt the Lease, as amended.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the day set forth next to their signatures.

ATTEST:

, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

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

BY:

Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Chair

DATE:_

BY:_____

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Assistant County Attorney BY: DATE:

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DATE:

BY: <u>Fichard E Walesky</u> Richard E. Walesky, Director

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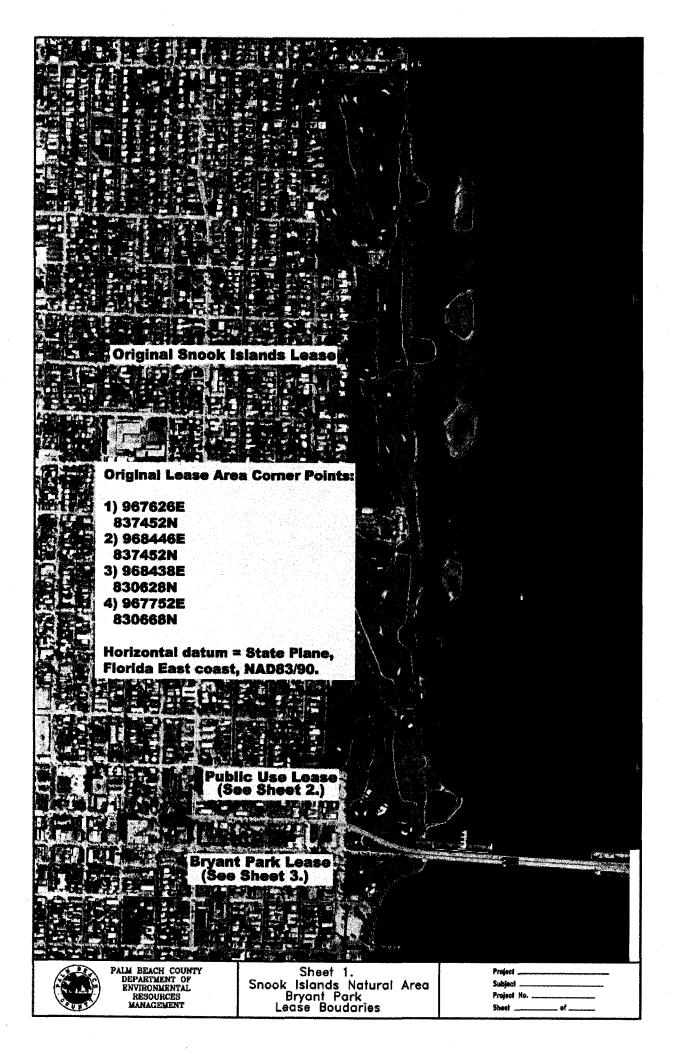
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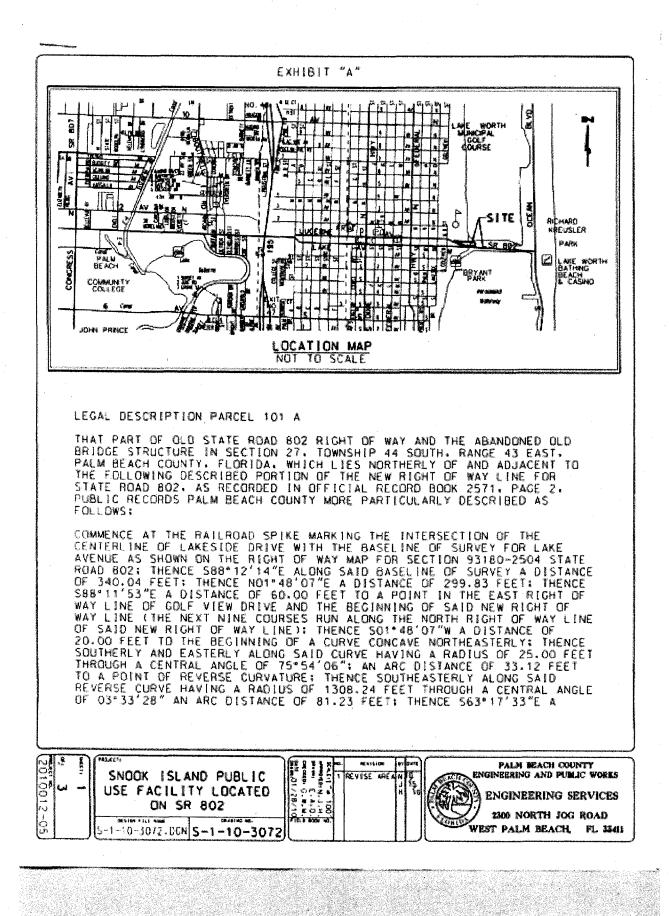
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Attachment A.

Snook Islands/Bryant Park Lease Boundaries



Sheet 1.



Sheet 2.

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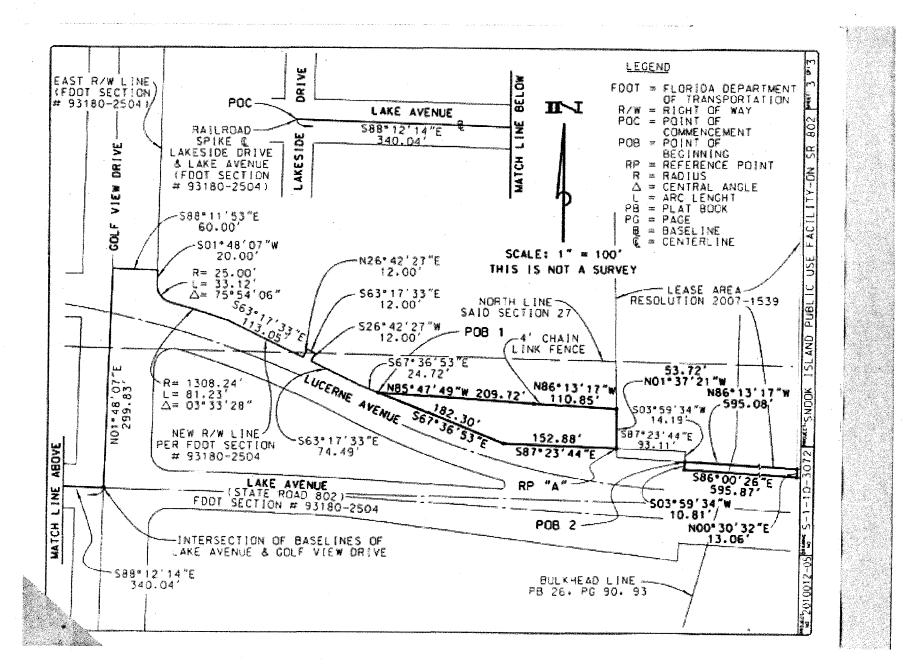
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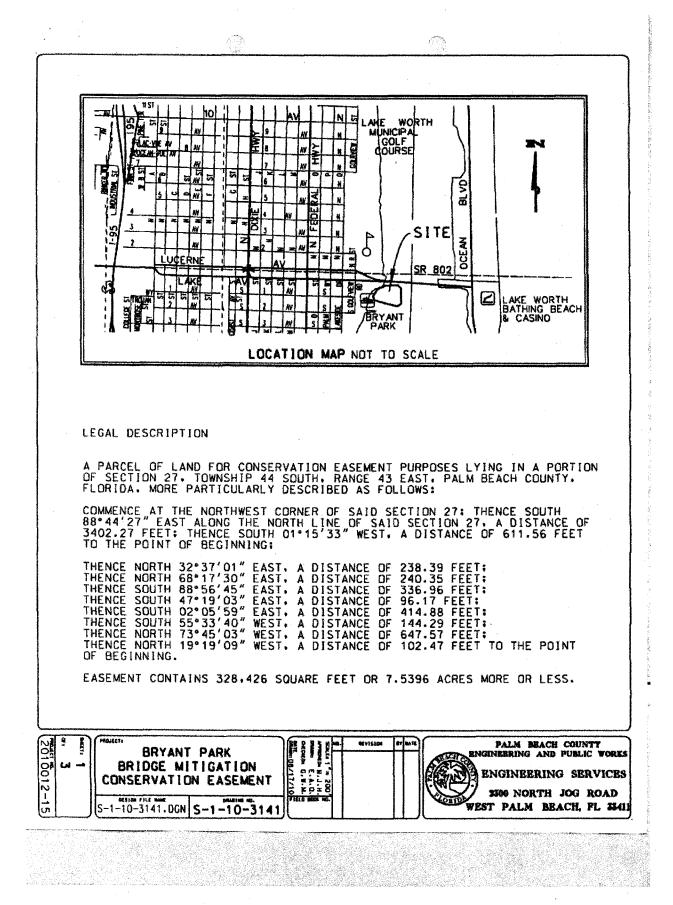
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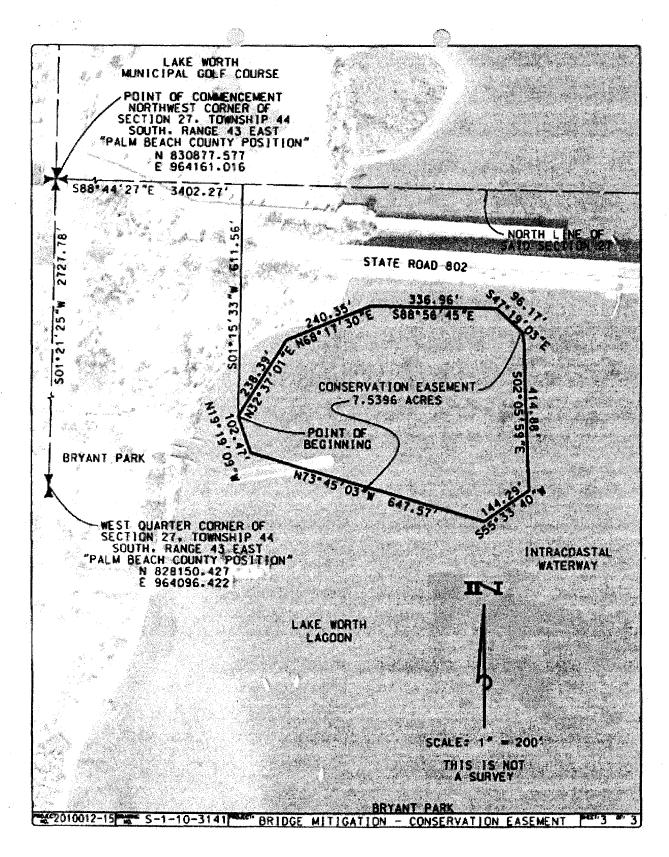
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND SKETCH SHOWN HEREON MEETS THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS IN CHAPTER 5J-17, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 472.027, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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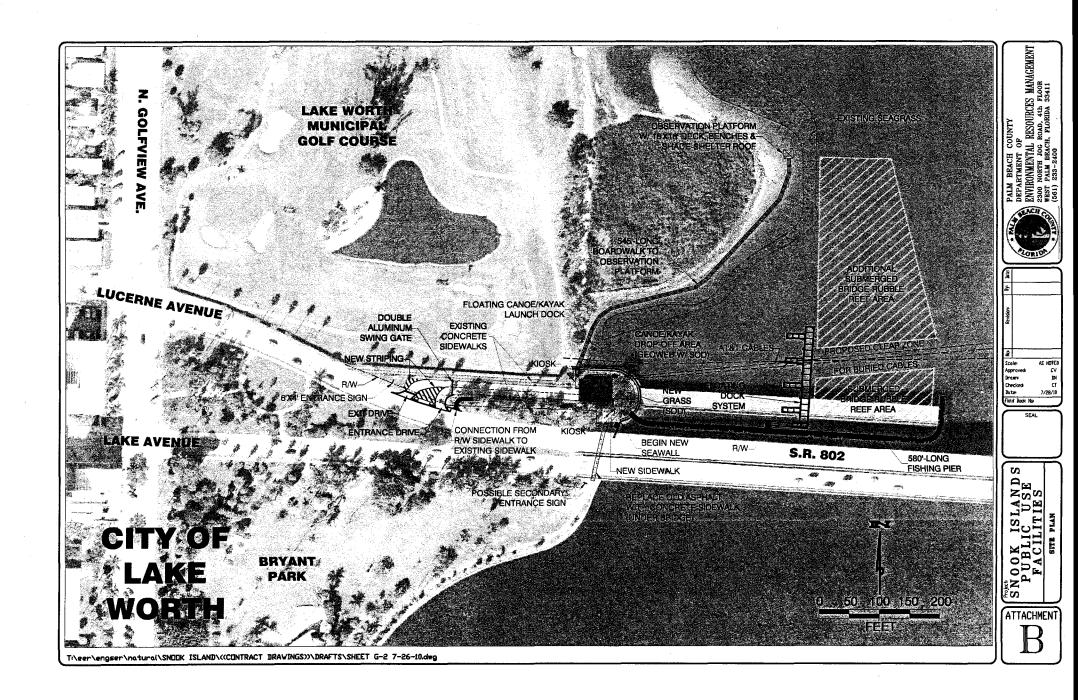
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Sheet 7.



R 2009 0570 Amendment to Lease agreement Between Palm Beach county AND The city of lake worth

THIS AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this day AFR 0 7 2009 2009, by and between the City of Lake Worth, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County". The City and the County shall hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a Lease Agreement dated September 11, 2007 (R2007-1539) (the "Lease") for approximately 100 acres of property known as the Snook Islands Natural Area and referred to in the Lease as the City tract; and

WHEREAS, in the Lease, the City agreed to place a referendum before its voters to extend the Lease for a 99-year term; and

WHEREAS, the City placed a referendum before its registered voters on the November 4, 2008 ballot, and the voters approved the Lease extension providing for a 99-year Lease term; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the Lease to provide for a 99-year Lease term.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree to modify the Lease as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference. Terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning and effect as in the Lease. Any reference to "Lease" contained herein shall include all amendments thereto.

2. Section 6. Of the Lease is modified to extend the term of the Lease to September 11, 2106, to provide for a full 99-year lease.

3. All other terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain the same.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment to the Lease Agreement on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

Clerk BY

DATE:

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BY: M

Assistant County Attorney

DATE: 3/18/09

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DATE: Feb. 3, 3009

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Now BY: John F. Koons, Chairman APR 0 7 2009 DATE:

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND **CONDITIONS:**

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Richard E. Walesky, Director Department of Environmental Resources Management DATE: <u>3/9/09</u>

CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, BY ITS COMMISSION

BY: <u>//</u> Mayor

DATE: Fr.b. 3, 2009

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LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this ______ day of SEP 1 2007 2007, by and between the City of Lake Worth, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County". The City and the County shall hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City owns an approximate 100 acre tract of real property that is located within the boundaries of the Snook Islands Natural Area (the "City tract"); and

WHEREAS, this area was dredged in the early 1920's to provide fill for the City's municipal golf course situated along the western shore of Lake Worth Lagoon resulting in the creation of a large deep hole contributing to poor water quality and providing minimal habitat value; and

WHEREAS, the western shore along the golf course has suffered ongoing erosion due to the creation of this hole; and

WHEREAS, the City has been an ongoing supporter of a project that would improve the water quality of the Lagoon as well as stabilize this area of shoreline; and

WHEREAS, an environmental restoration project along that reach of shoreline was a priority project identified in the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan endorsed and approved by the County and municipalities that border the Lake Worth Lagoon, including the City of Lake Worth; and

WHEREAS, the County, City, Florida Inland Navigation District ("FIND"), United States Army Corps of Engineers, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection partnered to fund, design, and build the Snook Islands Natural Area environmental restoration project at a cost of approximately \$17.5 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, both the County and the City deem that it is in the best interest of the residents and citizens of Palm Beach County and the City of Lake Worth to maintain and manage the City tract as a natural area, and to preserve the City tract and its associated biological communities in their natural state for future generations as examples of intact native Florida ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, restored and improved features of the Snook Islands Natural Area include: (1) 40 acres of created shallow sub-tidal habitat conducive to seagrass colonization; (2) 1.7 acres of restored mangrove fringe; (3) 10 acres of new mangrove wetlands, including 2.8 acres of Spartine habitat; (4) 2.3 acres of new oyster reef habitat; and (5) 43.9 acres of deep water and flushing habitat; and

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WHEREAS, it is evident that the Snook Islands Natural Area environmental restoration project is already making a positive impact on the area as sea grasses are recruiting in the shallow water habitat, birds are utilizing the open areas of shoreline and mud flats, and fishermen are catching snook and other desirable fish species; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the site management, the City and County wish to construct several public access features within and adjacent to the City tract, including kiosk(s), a boardwalk, a fishing pier, and floating docks; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to lease the City tract to the County and the County wishes to lease the City tract from the City to assist in the construction of the public use features and to manage the site as part of the Snook Islands Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, the execution of this Lease Agreement is in the best interest of the County, the City and the residents and citizens of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 (Section 163.01, Florida Statutes) allows governmental units to enter into intergovernmental agreements to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and restrictions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.

2. The purpose of this Lease Agreement is to provide a mechanism for the County and the City to cooperate in the management of the City tract and the construction of public use facilities within and adjacent to the City tract that will promote the environmental restoration of the area and will enhance recreational opportunities for use by the public.

3. The City tract that the County intends to manage and improve consists of approximately 100 acres of land located within the boundaries of the Snook Islands Natural Area. Such property, which is located on the east side of the Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course in the waters of the Intracoastal waterway, is described in **Exhibit** "A" and is referred to herein as the "City tract". During the life of this Lease Agreement,

the County will also maintain the floating docks to be constructed as provided herein, which will extend to a point approximately 500 feet south of the City tract. Such floating docks are also depicted in **Exhibit "A**".

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4. The County and City hereby agree to cooperate in the construction of public access features including kiosk(s), a boardwalk, a fishing pier, and floating docks and in the demolition of the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge. Upon agreement of the parties, the City agrees to demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge at its own expense. At the City's request, the County agrees to assist the City in applying for available grants to fund the removal of the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge. Once the City provides the necessary funding to complete the demolition of the bridge, the County agrees to construct the agreed to public access features at its own expense, subject to the availability of funds. In the event that the City is unable to provide the funds necessary to demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge, the County will not be obligated to construct any public access features pursuant to this Lease Agreement; however, the County will continue to manage the City tract as a natural area pursuant to this Lease Agreement. In the alternative, in the event that the City is unable to provide the funds necessary to demolish said bridge, the County may fund the demolition of said bridge, and this Lease Agreement will remain in affect in all other respects.

5. The City hereby leases and the County hereby accepts the lease from the City of the City tract depicted in **Exhibit "A"**. The City tract shall consist of the real property depicted in **Exhibit "A"** together with any current or future improvements thereon. The County shall pay the City rent at the rate of \$1.00 per year. All rent due hereunder shall be payable in advance on or before the Effective Date and on each anniversary thereafter during the term of this Lease. The County is a tax-exempt entity as is evidenced by tax exemption #60-2211419753 C. No sales or use tax shall be included or charged with the annual rent. Payment of rent will be made upon the receipt of an invoice from the City mailed to the Palm Beach County Finance Department at P.O. Box 4036, West Palm Beach, Florida 33402. Each invoice must be received at least fifteen (15) days but not more than thirty (30) days in advance of the date payment is due. Payment will be mailed to the City at 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, FL 33460

6. The term of this Lease Agreement shall commence upon signature by both parties ("the Effective Date") and shall be for a period of nineteen years and eleven months. In accordance with the City's Charter, the City shall place a referendum before registered voters within three years of execution of the Lease Agreement to provide for a full 99-year lease term. The parties understand that the County wishes to manage the City tract according to the terms of this Lease Agreement for a period of 99 years, and the City, therefore, agrees to use its best efforts to call for a referendum that will extend the term of the Lease for a full 99-year lease term.

7. The County hereby agrees to manage the City tract as a natural area and to design and construct public use features within and adjacent to the City tract in

accordance with this Lease Agreement and in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

8. The County shall use its best efforts to maintain existing biological communities on the City tract in their natural state as examples of high quality spartina, oyster, and mangrove ecosystems. It is the intent of the parties that the City tract shall be managed solely as a nature preserve, to provide scientific and educational benefits, and to provide recreational opportunities for residents and citizens of the City and the County. The City tract shall be kept in its natural state such that present and future generations will be able to experience the natural values currently exhibited thereon, acts of God or other events beyond the control of the County or the City notwithstanding.

9. The City shall use its best efforts, through its agents and employees, to prevent the unauthorized use of the City tract or any use not compatible with the management of the site as an outdoor recreational area and nature preserve.

10. The City tract shall be open to the public. Any permanent or temporary restrictions on access will be agreed to jointly by the County and the City prior to the completion of the recreational and/or environmental restoration project.

11. The parties hereto agree to review their respective zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans and to take steps to designate the City tract appropriately in the future, given its intended use as a nature preserve and nature-based outdoor recreation site. The future land use designation assigned to the City tract shall be conservation. As soon as possible, the City shall place a conservation easement in favor of the County on the property and shall record the conservation easement in the public records of Palm Beach County. If an amendment to the City's or County's comprehensive land use plan or zoning ordinance is required, the amendment shall be proposed at the next available comprehensive plan or zoning amendment cycle. In the event that a comprehensive land use plan or zoning ordinance amendment is required of one party, a copy of the approved amendment shall be submitted to the other party within thirty (30) days of the approval of the amendment by the appropriate governing entity.

12. The City hereby represents and warrants that it is seized of the City tract in fee simple, that it has good title thereto, that it has full right to grant this Lease Agreement of the City tract to the County, and that it is not aware of any hazardous condition on the City tract that might affect any lawful use of the Property. The City also represents and warrants to the County that there is not located in, on, upon, over, or under the City tract any chemical, material, or substance that is prohibited, limited, or regulated by federal, state, county, regional, or local authority. The City shall not be required under the terms of this Lease to remove any chemical material or substance that is prohibited, limited, or regulated by federal, state, regional, or local requirements. Notwithstanding, if during the term of this Lease Agreement a hazardous condition or any prohibited, limited, or regulated chemical, material, or substance is discovered on the City tract, the City hereby forever releases the County from any and all liability and responsibility for the same.

13. The parties shall prepare, separately or jointly, brochures and other educational material describing the natural resources, uses, and management of the City tract. Any such materials prepared by one party shall be submitted to the other party for its prior review and approval. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The cost of any jointly-prepared materials shall be shared equally by the parties. The costs of any material prepared individually shall be solely that party's responsibility.

ARTICLE II – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY

14. The County agrees to identify a County employee as a contact person to interact with the City in planning for and constructing the public use features and the restoration project on the City tract and adjacent to the City tract and in managing the City tract as a natural area.

15. The County shall be responsible for the maintenance of the fishing pier, boardwalk, educational kiosk(s), floating docks and signage and shall manage the City tract for habitat preservation and passive recreation, keeping the property in its natural state except for the maintenance of public access and public use features such as a fishing pier, boardwalk, educational kiosk(s), floating docks and other facilities as agreed upon by both parties as appropriate for a nature preserve. Management shall include, but shall not be limited to, removal of exotic non-native invasive vegetation, planting of native vegetation, preservation of wetland areas, periodic removal of trash and debris during coastal cleanup events, and other maintenance and preservation activities deemed necessary by the County. The County will provide all necessary personnel, professional services, equipment, materials and supplies for ongoing, site-specific management of the City tract.

16. The County will manage the City tract on a countywide basis to protect ecosystems and populations of listed species throughout the County's natural areas.

17. The County will erect signs identifying the Snook Islands Natural Area as owned by the City and open to the public as a nature preserve and outdoor recreation site, as having facilities constructed with funding sources that could include the Palm Beach County's Natural Areas Stewardship Fund and the Florida Inland Navigation District, and as managed by the County.

<u>ARTICLE III – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY</u>

18. The City shall identify a City employee as the contact person to interact with the County in planning for and constructing the public use features and the restoration project on the City tract and to assist in managing the City tract as a natural area.

19. The City shall assume sole responsibility for public safety and law enforcement within and outside the City tract. The City shall perform routine patrols of

the City tract boundaries and use its best efforts to prevent vandalism, vehicular trespass, dumping, and damage to property and natural resources.

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20. The City shall provide regular trash and litter pickup and minor maintenance along the City tract shoreline above the mean high water line, including but not limited to, tree and vegetation trimming, mowing and edging. The City's minor maintenance responsibilities are limited to removal of exotic vegetation along the western boundary of the City tract above the high water line and periodic herbicide treatment and mowing of that area.

21. The City shall assume sole responsibility for the daily opening and closing of any gate providing public access to the City tract and the public use features. This responsibility may be delegated to a local resident or stewardship group.

22. The City shall, in reviewing any proposed changes to, uses of, or activities on, real property immediately adjacent to the City tract, consider the protection of the biological communities on the City tract natural area and the potential for adverse impacts to the species present.

23. The City will promptly consult with the County to determine the future of the City tract should any unforeseen events or activities, either natural or human-made, severely limit or eliminate the natural resources and the public use facilities presently on the site.

24. The City shall, at its sole expense, demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge, from its easternmost edge to the point where it meets land on the City tract shoreline, so that the County may construct the agreed to public access feature(s) at that location. In the event that the City is unable to provide the funds necessary to demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge, the County will not be obligated to construct any public access features pursuant to this Lease Agreement. In the alternative, in the event that the City is unable to provide the funds necessary to demolish said bridge, the County will continue to manage the City tract as a natural area pursuant to this Lease Agreement. In the alternative, in the event that the City is unable to provide the funds necessary to demolish said bridge, the County may fund the demolition of said bridge, and this Lease Agreement will remain in affect in all other respects.

25. The City shall designate at least five (5) parking spaces along North Golfview Road to accommodate public use of the Snook Islands Natural Area and the public use features to be constructed.

26. The City shall for the life of this Lease Agreement provide the County access to the City owned property upon which the floating docks are to be constructed. Such access is to be used by the County to construct and maintain the floating docks constructed pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC USE FEATURES

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27. A conceptual plan for the public use features to be constructed or provided on and adjacent to the City tract is depicted on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto. The County shall design and construct the public use features including one or more informational kiosks, a boardwalk, a fishing pier, and floating docks at its sole cost and expense in accordance with the requirements of this Lease Agreement. Notwithstanding, the County's obligation to construct and design such public use features is dependent on the City's demolition of the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge.

28. After approval of the public use features by the County, the County shall provide a copy of the final design development plans to the City's contact person for review and written approval. The City's contact person shall review such plans to ensure consistency with the intent of this Lease Agreement. The City shall expeditiously review and approve any site plan and associated engineering design plans for the proposed project that require approval by the City.

29. The following minimum improvements as depicted on **Exhibit "A"** shall be provided by the County:

- 1. One or more Information Kiosks;
- 2. One 600 foot long by 6 foot wide Boardwalk with a 25' by 50' Observation Platform;
- 3. One 450 foot long by 6 foot wide Fishing Pier with a 25' by 50' "T-end";
- 4. One 360 foot long by 6 foot wide walkway connecting a Floating Dock that is 60' to 120' with four to eight boat slips and a water taxi pickup point at the terminus of the walkway.

30. The County shall not commence construction of any improvement(s) until the City has approved the final design development plans for such improvement(s) in writing.

31. The County shall prepare and submit an Environmental Resource Protection ("ERP") Application to the SFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the proposed public use access features depicted in **Exhibit** "A" and shall construct such facilities in a timely manner, if the necessary permits are obtained. The parties understand and agree that construction of the floating docks referenced herein is dependent upon any necessary authorizations and approvals from the Florida Department of Transportation for that portion of property owned by the State of Florida.



32. To the extent permitted by law, the City shall waive any municipal fees, assessments, or permit fees applicable to the City tract due to the construction, use and maintenance of the public use facilities.

ARTICLE IV - MISCELLANEOUS

33. <u>Captions</u>. The Captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only and shall have no substantive meaning.

34. <u>Effective Date of Agreement</u>. This Lease Agreement is expressly contingent upon the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and shall become effective only when signed by both parties and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

35. <u>Indemnification</u>. Each party shall be liable for its own actions and negligence and, to the extent permitted under Florida law, the County shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City against any actions, claims or damages arising out of the County's negligence, and the City shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County against any actions, claims or damages arising out of the City's negligence. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted as a waiver of the City's or the County's sovereign immunity as provided in Section 768.28. Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

36. <u>Insurance</u>. Without waiving the right to sovereign immunity as provided by Chapter 768.28, Florida Statutes, the parties acknowledge to be insured or self-insured for General Liability and Automobile Liability under Florida's sovereign immunity statute with monetary waiver limits of \$100,000 Per Person and \$200,000 Per Occurrence, or such limits that may change and be set forth by the legislature. The parties acknowledge to be insured or self-insured for Worker's Compensation & Employer's Liability insurance in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes. When requested, the parties agree to provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing insurance or self-insurance and/or sovereign immunity status, which the parties agree to recognize as acceptable for the above mentioned coverages.

37. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Lease Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

38. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Lease Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Palm Beach County, Florida.

39. <u>Notice</u>. For the purposes of this Lease Agreement, notices to the other party shall be deemed sufficient when addressed to the following persons and addresses and deposited in the United States Mail:

City of Lake Worth Office of the City Manager 7 North Dixie Highway Lake Worth, Florida 33460

> With copy to: City Attorney

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b.

Palm Beach County Richard Walesky, Department Director Department of Environmental Resources Management 2300 N. Jog Road West Palm Beach, Florida 33411-2743

With copy to: County Attorney's Office Palm Beach County, 6th Floor 301 N. Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Should either party change its address, written notice of such new address shall promptly be sent to the other party.

40. <u>Budgetary Approval</u>. This Lease Agreement and all obligations of County hereunder are subject to and contingent upon annual budgetary funding by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

41. <u>Termination</u>. If the City fails to fulfill its obligations under this Lease Agreement in a timely and proper manner, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of any deficiency and its intent to terminate. The City shall then have ninety (90) days from receipt of notice to correct the stated deficiency. If the City fails to correct the deficiency within this time, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, this Lease Agreement shall terminate at the expiration of the ninety (90) day time period.

If the County fails to construct the public use facilities described in **Exhibit "A"** within five (5) years of the Effective Date of this Lease Agreement, provided that the City fulfills its obligation to demolish the western portion of the existing Lake Worth bridge, the City may elect to terminate this Lease Agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the County.

42. <u>Non-exclusivity of Remedies</u>. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or

hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

43. <u>Non-Discrimination</u>. The parties agree that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, ancestry, marital status, age, or sexual orientation be excluded from the benefits of, or be subjected to any form of discrimination under any activity carried out by the performance of this Lease Agreement.

44. <u>Construction</u>. No party shall be considered the author of this Lease Agreement since the parties hereto have participated in drafting this document to arrive at a final Lease Agreement. Thus, the terms of this Agreement shall not be strictly construed against one party as opposed to the other party based upon who drafted it.

45. <u>Recording</u>. The City shall record this Lease Agreement in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida.

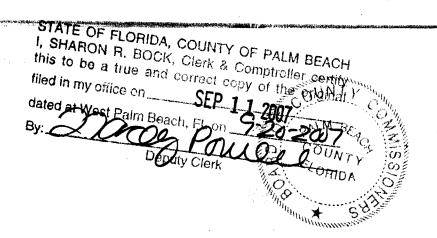
46. <u>Incorporation by Reference</u>. Exhibits attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Lease Agreement by reference.

47. <u>Hazardous Substances</u>. The County shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and orcinances protecting the environment and natural resources and regulating hazardous substances.

48. <u>Entirety of Agreement</u>. This Lease Agreement shall be deemed to be the sole agreement between the parties, and no prior agreements or other prior writings shall supersede that which is contained in this Lease Agreement. The Lease Agreement may be amended only by written document executed by both parties.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the day set forth next to their signatures. $R \ge 0.07 \pm 5.39$

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