

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 17, 2012

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Environmental Resources Management

Submitted For: Environmental Resources Management

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A) Ratify the Vice-Chair's signature on a State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application to help pay for the construction of passive recreational facilities on a portion of the County's Pine Glades Natural Area; and
- B) Authorize the Director of Environmental Resources Management to act as the Grant Liaison with DEP for this project.

**Summary:** This grant application requests \$200,000 from LWCF for the Pine Glades Natural Area Hiking Trail and Support Facilities Phase I project. The County will provide a \$200,000 match - \$140,000 in cash from the Natural Areas Fund (1226) and \$60,000 in in-kind services. No ad valorem dollars will be used for this project. Project elements include the renovation of an existing primitive parking area and canoe/kayak launch, approximately 3.8 miles of hiking trails and a 0.6-mile segment of the Old Wire Trail. It also includes the construction of a new fishing pier, wildlife observation platform, 2.9 miles of new hiking trails, covered picnic area, a slab and privacy screen for a portable restroom, three informational kiosks, landscaping, and related support facilities. If selected for funding, the County will be required to execute a Notice of Limitation of Use/Site Dedication identifying the project site for outdoor recreation for the use and benefit of the public in perpetuity. District 1 (SF)

**Background and Justification:** LWCF grants are provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior, with the National Park Service and DEP administering the program. The State's March 15, 2012 submittal deadline did not allow for prior approval of the grant application by the Board. Pursuant to PPM CW-F-003 (Policy I.B.3) the application was signed by Commissioner Steven Abrams, Vice-Chair, on March 9, 2012 on behalf of the Board. This agenda item ratifies the Vice-Chair's signature.

All of the passive recreational facilities identified in the grant application have been authorized pursuant to the Board-approved Pine Glades Natural Area Management Plan (Agenda Item 6D-1, May 6, 2008) and/or recommended by the County's Natural Areas Management Advisory Committee. Many of the proposed facilities are required pursuant to a County's Florida Communities Trust grant award agreement which covers a majority of the northeast corner of the site.

**Attachments:**

1. Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application

Recommended by:

  
Department Director

3/20/12  
Date

Approved by:

  
County Administrator

3/12  
Date

