Agenda Item #: 3I-1

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	August 14, 2012	[X] Consent	[] Regular
		[] Ordinance	「] Public H

[] Public Hearing

Department: **Department of Economic Sustainability**

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the submittal of the Florida Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program Boundary Amendment Application for Palm Beach County to amend the EZ boundaries; expanding the boundary by not more than three (3) square miles; including a portion of a State designated rural area of critical economic concern; providing a map of the nominated area; providing the rationale for amending the boundaries; and providing for an effective date.

Summary: A Resolution is required for Palm Beach County to submit an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to amend the EZ boundaries, expanding the EZ boundaries a total of three (3) square miles and including a portion of the State designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern which has high concentrations of poverty, unemployment, and general economic and social distress. The area includes a large portion of the City of Belle Glade and the designated 850 acres for the future inland logistics center site in unincorporated Palm Beach County. This will expand the EZ by approximately three (3) square miles. No Match from County General Funds is **required**. (Strategic Planning) Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: The 2011 Florida Legislature enacted Committee Substitute for House Bill 143, Chapter 2011-076, Laws of Florida, which provides Palm Beach County with an opportunity to apply for an EZ Boundary Amendment request encompassing an area up to three (3) square miles, authorized by Section 290.0055(6)(d), Florida Statutes. The deadline to comply is December 31, 2012. The required 90-Day Notice was published on January 22, 2012. No comments were received.

The Palm Beach County EZ was designated by the State in 1995 under the Florida EZ Act of 1994 and was approved for re-designation with amended boundaries in 2005. The EZ Program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas.

The Palm Beach County EZ is comprised of three (3) non-contiguous areas which includes portions of the Cities of West Palm Beach and Riviera Beach, Belle Glade and South Bay of which the latter two (2) are State designated as rural areas of critical economic concern.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution with Exhibit A
- 2. 90-Day Public Notice
- 3. Application
- 4. Resolution by the City of Belle Glade

Recommended By:	Show Howard	7-4-12
•	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	Shann R. Dw	7-16-12
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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RESOLUTION	R2012 -	
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE (EZ) PROGRAM BOUNDARY AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY TO AMEND THE EZ BOUNDARIES; EXPANDING THE BOUNDARY BY NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) SQUARE MILES; INCLUDING A PORTION OF A STATE DESIGNATED RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN; PROVIDING A MAP OF THE NOMINATED AREA; PROVIDING THE RATIONALE FOR AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the 2011 Florida Legislature enacted Committee Substitute for House Bill 143, Chapter 2011-076, Laws of Florida, which provides Palm Beach County with an opportunity to apply for an EZ Boundary Amendment request encompassing an area up to three (3) square miles, authorized by Section 290.0055(6)(d), Florida Statutes; and

WHERAS, the Florida EZ Program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas, and to provide jobs for residents of such areas (Florida EZ Act authorized by F.S. 290.001-290.016); and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone is comprised of portions of the cities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay and West Palm Beach of which Belle Glade and South Bay are state designated rural areas of critical economic concern; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOARD) finds that these rural areas chronically exhibit extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, and economic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD determines that the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of such areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD determines that the revitalization of such areas can occur only if the private sector can be induced to invest its own resources that build or rebuild the economic vitality of the area; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD finds that amending the existing Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone boundaries will provide the appropriate investments, tax benefits and regulatory relief to encourage the business community including the future inland logistics center to commit its financial investment, and to create job opportunities for the residents of Belle Glade and South Bay; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD desires to submit an application containing the attached map which outlines specifically the area that is being nominated to be included in the existing Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2: The BOARD hereby approves and authorizes the County to submit the application to amend the boundaries for the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone, as found on "Exhibit A" attached hereto, to assist the state designated rural areas of critical economic concern.

Section 3: The BOARD recognizes that the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone amended boundaries will encourage private investment in severely depressed areas of the County having deteriorated structures, high poverty rates, high unemployment and low median income. Section 4: The BOARD hereby pledges its full and strong support to the efforts required for the submittal of Florida Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment Application for Palm Beach County. Section 5: The Chair of the BOARD is hereby authorized to sign said application(s) or document(s) on behalf of the County. 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 Motion passed as follows: **COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA, CHAIR** COMMISSIONER STEVEN L. ABRAMS, VICE CHAIRMAN -COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS COMMISSIONER PAULETTE BURDICK COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON COMMISSIONER JESS R. SANTAMARIA COMMISSIONER PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____day of ______, 2012. PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AS TO FORM AND ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK. LEGAL SUFFICIENCY **Clerk & Comptroller** By: By: Dawn S. Wynn **Deputy Clerk** Assistant County Attorney

Exhibit "A"

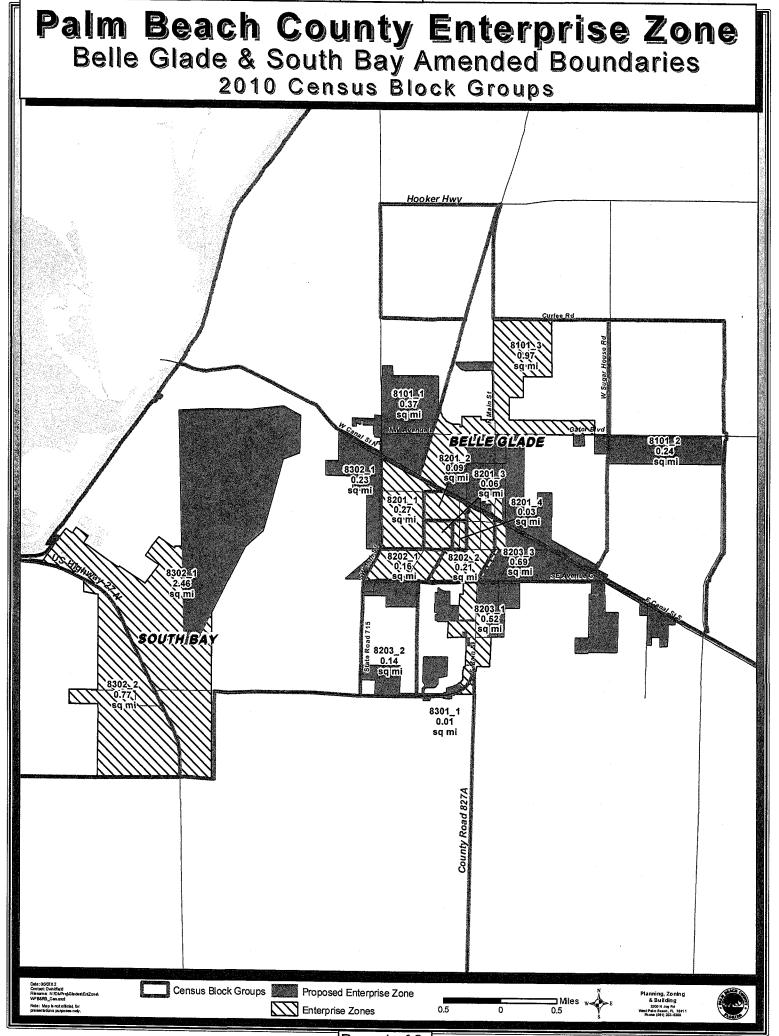


Exhibit "A" Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone West Palm Beach & Riviera Beach 2010 Census Block Groups .06 Sq mi RIVÎERA BEAÇH W Blue Her E Blue Heron Blvd .28 Sq mi .03 45th St .05 Sq mi Shiloh Dr WEST PALM BEACH Cumberlando 17.00_2 .06 Sq mi 17.00_4 .01 Community Dr Enterprise Zones Census Block Group 1,000 2,000 Page 2 of 2

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PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Ellen Sanita, who on oath says that she is Call Center Revenue Manager of The Palm Beach Post, a daily and Sunday newspaper, published at West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertising for a Notice in the matter EZ #5002 was published in said newspaper in the issues of January 22, 2012. Affiant further says that the said The Post is a newspaper published at West Palm Beach, in said Palm Beach County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Palm Beach County, Florida, daily and Sunday and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in West Palm Beach, in said Palm Beach County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she/he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper. Also published in Martin and St. Lucie Counties.

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Sworn to and subscribed before 23rd day of January, A.D. 2012. Who is personally known to me.

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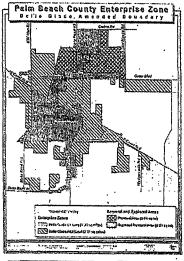
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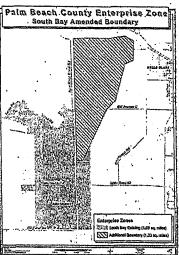
The Palm Beach County Economic Development Office (EDO) proposes to amend the boundaries of the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone (EZ) #5002 for the areas of Belle Glade and South Bay. The Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone is comprised of three (3) noncontiguous areas totaling 10 sq. miles: (1) Belle Glade, (2) South Bay, (3) Riviera Beach/West Palm Beach. The Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone was designated in 1995 and redesignated in 2005 by the Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development which is now known as the Florida Enterprise Zone Program provides various tax incentive opportunities to businesses located within the designated enterprise zones.

The Belle Glade EZ boundary will be amended in accordance with Florida Statute 290.0055(6)(a), eliminating .64 square miles of agricultural lands to be replaced with .64 sq. miles of commercial/industrial and residential properties. In addition, a total of 3 square miles will be added in accordance with Florida Statute 290.00552(d) 1 to the noncontiguous EZ areas of Belle Glade and South Bay, which are state designated "rural areas of critical economic concern."

This Amendment will be available for public inspection at EDO, and will become final after a 90-day public comment period and approval by the Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. All comments must be in writing and received by the Economic Development Office at 301 N. Olive Avenue, 10th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, no later than April 21, 2012.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT. PLEASE CONTACT EDO AT (561)355-3624.





PUB: The Palm Beach Post Publish date: January 22, 2012

FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

BOUNDARY AMENDMENT APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

8E-12 EZ-BOUNDARY: January 1, 2012

The purpose of this application package is to provide information, guidance and instructions which will enable Palm Beach County officials to prepare an Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment application for submission to the Division of Strategic Business Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity for the designation of an area as an Enterprise Zone under the Florida Enterprise Zone Act authorized by Sections 290.001 - 290.016, Florida Statutes.

The Florida Enterprise Zone Program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas. In achieving this objective, the state will seek to provide appropriate investments, tax benefits, and regulatory relief to encourage the business community to commit its financial participation. To date, the state has designated fifty-nine enterprise zones.

The 2011 Florida Legislature enacted Committee Substitute for House Bill 143, Chapter 2011-076, Laws of Florida, which provides Palm Beach County with an opportunity to apply for an Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment request. To comply with this legislation, an application package must be submitted before December 31, 2012. The Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment area shall encompass an area up to 3-square miles.

The application package must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Technical assistance is available by calling Burt Von Hoff at 850/487-2568.

Attachment # 3

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE

This application package and one copy must be **received** by the Division of Strategic Business Development (Department of Economic Opportunity) no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, December 31, 2012.

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered nominated for Enterprise Zone designation.

Materially incomplete applications will <u>not</u> be considered nominated for Enterprise Zone designation.

Faxed copies will not be considered acceptable.

The original application and one copy must be submitted to:

Mr. Burt C. Von Hoff **Division of Strategic Business Development Department of Economic Opportunity** The Capitol; Suite 2001 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

NAME OF NOMINATING GOVERNING BODY:						
PALM BEACH COUNTY						
Chief Elected Official:	Title:					
	Chair					
Commissioner Shelley Vana	Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners					
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Address:	Phone <u>561-355-2203</u>					
Governmental Center, 12th Floor						
301 North Olive Avenue	Fax <u>561-355-4366</u>					
West Palm Beach, FL 33401	E-Mail: svana@pbcgov.org					
Contact Person:	Title:					
Pamela L. Nolan	Economic Development Specialist					
Address:	•					
	Phone <u>561-233-3678</u>					
Department of Economic Sustainability	Fan. 561 (56 754)					
100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500	Fax561-656-7546					
West Palm Beach, FL 33406	E-Mail: pnolan@pbcgov.com					

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO SUMBIT AN ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT REQUEST

Our Existing Enterprise Zone Number: <u>EZ-5002</u> .
Please attach a copy of the letter designating your Enterprise Zone.
Tab1 of the Attachments.
Please provide documentation that your current Enterprise Zone is no larger than 12-square miles.
Tab 2 of the Attachments.
Please provide documentation that your current Enterprise Zone includes a portion of the state designated rural area of critical economic concern pursuant to s. 288.0656 (7), Florida Statutes.
Tab 3 of the Attachments.

NOMINATED AREA

Please provide a written geographic description of the Nominated Area of the amended Enterprise Zone.

If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Please see Tab 4 of the Attachments.

Please attach the following maps of the nominated area:

- 1. A street map showing the boundaries of the nominated area of the amended Enterprise Zone. (Tab 5)
- 2. A census tract map showing the nominated area. (Tab 6)
- 3. A map showing the nominated area in relation to Palm Beach County. (Tab 7)
- 4. A land-use map showing the nominated area. (Tab 8)

What is the square mileage of the nominated area? 3.64 - 0.64 (Removal Area) = 3 square miles (Nominated Area must not exceed 3 square miles.)

What method was used to determine the total square mileage?

Predetermined 'removal area' of 0.64 square miles was subtracted from combined 'additional area' of 3.64 Acres for a total of 3 square miles. ESRI ArcGIS version 10 software was the geoprocessing tool used to calculate exact area directly from Polygon features.

Please provide the following baseline information for the nominated area:

Number of residents:	14,340	
Number of businesses:	521	
Number of employees (full-time equivalents):	1,568	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Number of vacant commercial buildings:	40	

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

Palm Beach County is required to adopt a resolution pursuant to 290.0055 (1) (a), F.S., which:

- 1. Finds that an area exists which chronically exhibits extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, and economic disinvestment;
- 2. Determines that the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and
- 3. Determines that the revitalization of such area can occur only if the private sector can be induced to invest its own resources that build or rebuild the economic vitality of the area.
- 4. States with particularity the reasons for amending the existing Enterprise Zone Boundaries.
- 5. Contains a map that outlines specifically the area that is being nominated to be included in the existing Enterprise Zone.

Please list the date that Palm Beach County adopted the resolution: DATE: August 14, 2012.

Please attach a copy of the resolution. (Tab 9 of the Attachments.)

PERVASIVE POVERTY

In determining the tests of pervasive poverty, Palm Beach County must use data from the most current decennial census and from information published by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Poverty rate data is available from the Census Bureau's 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Officials from the Labor Market Statistics Center at (850/245-7205) or at: info@labormarketinfo.com can retrieve Poverty Rates if they are provided the Census Block Group Numbers.

PERVASIVE POVERTY If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Census Tract Number	Tract Group		Poverty Rate	Size in square miles		
Please see next pages with data listed for the three (3) noncontiguous areas.						
	TOTALS					

Please refer to section 290.0058 (2), Florida Statutes, for a description of the poverty requirements:

- a) In each census geographic block group within a nominated area, the poverty rate shall be not less than 20 percent.
- (b) In at least 50 percent of the census geographic block groups within the nominated area, the poverty rate shall not be less than 30 percent.
- (c) Census geographic block groups with no population shall be treated as having a poverty rate which meets the standards of paragraph (a), but shall be treated as having a zero poverty rate for purposes of applying paragraph (b).
- (d) A nominated area may not contain a noncontiguous parcel unless such parcel separately meets the criteria set forth under paragraphs (a) and (b).

PERVASIVE POVERTY – East County

Municipality	Census Tract Number	Census Blck Grp Number	Population	Poverty Rate	Size in square miles	NOTES
_	001200	3	324	35.1%	0.06	
	001301	1	420	30.7%	0.10	
:	001302	2	1386	51.7%	0.18	
	001302	3	1931	21.5%	0.28	
	001403	1	29	68.4%	0.28	
Riviera	001403	2	1626	35.9%	0.27	
Beach	001404	1	1574	22.1%	0.48	Tract poverty rate used.
	001404	2	1148	20.9%	0.55	
	001404	3	724	27.1%	0.48	
	001500	1	347	24.82%	0.38	Tract poverty rate used.
	001500	2	309	23.8%	0.28	·
	001500	3	1213	27.9%	0.18	
	001500	4	943	22.8%	0.20	
	001600	1	134	22.7%	0.10	
	001600	2	371	33.4%	0.09	
	001600	3	1650	21.35%	0.07	Tract poverty rate used.
	001700	1	264	31.6%	0.09	
	001700	2	569	37.4%	0.09	
	001700	3	1877	47.2%	0.10	
	001700	4	243	35.07%	0.01	Tract poverty rate used.
West	001801	1	108	23.5%	0.07	
Palm	001801	2	407	20.04%	0.23	Tract poverty rate used.
Beach	001801	3	74	31.4%	0.11	
	002100	1	0	45.1%	0.01	
	002100	2	618	23.5%	0.09	
	002200	1	1833	56.0%	0.33	
	002300	1	1048	33.76%	0.14	Tract poverty rate used.
	002300	3	1022	61.9%	0.23	
	002400	1	790	41.9%	0.13	
	002400	2	781	54.9%	0.15	
East County			23,763		5.76	

PERVASIVE POVERTY – West County

Municipality	Census Tract Number	Census Blck Grp Number	Population	Poverty Rate	Size in square miles	NOTES
South	008302	1	929	27.7%	2.46	amended additional EZ
Bay	008302	2	3,951	48.9%	0.77	
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	008101	1	1,278	40.9%	0.37	amended additional EZ
	008101	2	1,744	24.2%	0.24	amended additional EZ, tract poverty rate is used
	008101	3	1,969	24.2%	0.97	part of the original EZ is removed, tract poverty rate is used
	008201	1	1,604	36.8%	0.27	
	008201	- 2	691	92.1%	0.09	
Belle	008201	3	906	68.5%	0.06	
Glade₩	008201	4	783	63.9%	0.03	
	008202	1	1,110	45.3%	0.16	
	008202	2	1,615	56.9%	0.21	
	008203	1	2,398	20.2%	0.52	amended additional EZ
	008203	2	1,441	17.9%	0.14	amended additional EZ
	008203	3	1,080	18.0%	0.69	amended additional EZ, tract poverty rate is used
,	008301	1	-	48.5%	0.01	amended additional EZ
	008302	1	479	27.7%	0.23	amended additional EZ
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West County			21,978		7.20	
						
Total			45,741		12.96	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

The overall weighted average of persons below poverty level within the city of Belle Glade totaling 33.6% is used. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Est.)

UNEMPLOYMENT

In determining the tests of unemployment, Palm Beach County must use data from the most current decennial census and from information published by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment data is available from the Census Bureau's 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Officials from the Labor Market Statistics Center at (850/245-7205) or at: info@labormarketinfo.com can retrieve Unemployment Rates if they are provided the Census Tract Numbers.

UNEMPLOYMENT If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Census Tract Number	Unemployment Rate		
Please see next page for the three (3) no			
AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Average Must Exceed 7.5%)			

Please refer to section 290.0058 (3), Florida Statutes, for a description of the poverty and unemployment requirements:

(3) Unemployment shall be evidenced by data indicating that the average rate of unemployment for the nominated area is not less than the state's average of unemployment, or by evidence of especially severe economic conditions which have brought about significant job dislocation within the nominated area.

According to the 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the State of Florida's average unemployment is 8.9%.

UNEMPLOYMENT – East County

Municipality	Census Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	NOTES
	001200	21.16%	
	001301	23.28%	
	001302	25.59%	,
	001302	32.62%	
	001403	30.13%	
Diviere	001403	35.01%	
Riviera Beach	001404	35.37%	Tract poverty rate used.
beach	001404	13.42%	
	001404	40.72%	
	001500	20.99%	Tract poverty rate used.
	001500	49.44%	
	001500	19.64%	
	001500	32.95%	
	001600	22.8%	
	001600	30.0%	
	001600	20.8%	Tract poverty rate used.
	001700	35.8%	
	001700	20.3%	
	001700	34.5%	
	001700	14.7%	Tract poverty rate used.
West	001801	42.1%	
Palm	001801	29.5%	Tract poverty rate used.
Beach	001801	25.2%	
	002100	39.9%	
	002100	43.4%	
:	002200	30.0%	
	002300	15.0%	Tract poverty rate used.
	002300	32.4%	
	002400	19.4%	
	002400	67.5%	
East County		30.4%	

UNEMPLOYMENT – West County

Municipality	Census Tract Number	Unemployment Rate	NOTES
South	008302	67.7%	amended additional EZ
Bay	008302	46.3%	
	008101	40.0%	amended additional EZ
	008101	34.6%	amended additional EZ, tract poverty rate is used
	008101	24.7%	part of the original EZ is removed, tract poverty rate is used
	008201	37.0%	
	008201	57.0%	
Belle	008201	61.5%	
Glade	008201	46.4%	
	008202	51.2%	·
	008202	47.8%	
	008203	22.0%	amended additional EZ
	008203	31.6%	amended additional EZ
	008203	15.9%	amended additional EZ, tract poverty rate is used
	008301	34.8%	amended additional EZ
	008302	67.7%	amended additional EZ
West County		41.0%	
Total		34.6%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY AMENDMENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please indicate with a check mark if a document/attachment has been submitted:

✓	Street Map of the Nominated Area Showing Enterprise Zone Boundaries.
✓	Census Tract Map of the Nominated Area.
✓	Map of the Nominated Area in relation to Palm Beach County;
<u>~</u>	A Land-Use Map of the Nominated Area.
<u>√</u>	Copy of Resolution nominating the area for EZ Designation.
✓	Copy of the Enterprise Zone Development Plan (Strategic Plan with Measurable Goals).

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the nominated area that I represent meets all eligibility requirements and that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) the information in this application package is true and correct;
- b) Palm Beach County shall comply with local, state and federal program requirements;
- c) Palm Beach County has agreed to carry out the Enterprise Zone Development Plan; and
- d) the nominated area meets each of the eligibility criteria set forth in the program rules.

NOMINATING GOVERNING BODY			
PALM BEACH COUNTY			
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL: SIGNATURE AND DATE:			
Shelley Vana			
(printed name)	(signature)		
Title: Chair, Board of County Commissioners	Date		

Mr. Burt Von Hoff
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Department of Economic Opportunity
The Capitol; Suite 2001
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Phone: 850/487-2568 Fax: 850/487-3014

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13 8E-12-EZ-BOUNDARY (01/01/2012)

Section 28 of Chapter 2011 – 076, Laws of Florida

2011 Legislature CS for HB 143, Enrolled

Section 31: Section 290.0055 (6) (d), Florida Statutes, is added to read:

Local nominating procedure.—

S. 290.0055 (6) (d) 1. The governing body of a jurisdiction which has nominated an application for an enterprise zone that is no larger than 12 square miles and includes a portion of the state designated as a rural area of critical economic concern under s. 288.0656(7) may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to expand the boundary of the enterprise zone by not more than 3 square miles. An application to expand the boundary of an enterprise zone under this paragraph must be submitted by December 31, 2012.

- 2. Notwithstanding the area limitations specified in subsection (4), the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may approve the request for a boundary amendment if the area continues to satisfy the remaining requirements of this section.
- 3. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of an enterprise zone designated under this paragraph.

ATTACHMENTS

Florida Enterprise
Zone (EZ) Program
Palm Beach County's
Boundary Amendment
Application

- 1 Letter Designating the EZ
- Documentation showing current EZ is under 12 square miles
- State Designated Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern
- Geographic Descriptions showing
 Nominated Area of the Amended EZ
 - 5 Street Maps showing Nominated Area
- Census Tract Maps showing Nominated
 Area
- Map showing Nominated Area in relation to Palm Beach County
- Land-Use Maps showing Nominated Area
- Resolution Nominating Area for EZDesignation
- Copy of EZ Development Plan 2006-2015





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December 23, 2005

The Honorable Tony Masilotti Chairman Palm Beach County 301 North Olive Avenue, 12th Floor West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Chairman Masilotti

The Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development has concluded its review of the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone Re-designation Application Package pursuant to section 290.0065 (4) (a), Florida Statutes. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the area nominated by your Board of County Commissioners has officially been designated as a Florida Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone in Palm Beach County will have the reference number of "EZ-5002". The effective date of this designation will be January 1, 2006, and will be in effect until December 31, 2015.

Our approval is based on the information enclosed within the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone Re-Designation Application Package and the Board of County Commissioners County Resolution Number 2005-2272 (dated November 15, 2005). As a result of this Enterprise Zone designation, businesses and residents located within the designated area will be eligible for the financial incentives offered by the state as well as your local government.

We hope this Enterprise Zone designation will enhance your development and revitalization efforts in Palm Beach County. If you or any member of your staff has any questions regarding the Enterprise Zone Program and this designation, please call Burt Von Hoff, our Enterprise Zone Program Coordinator, at (850) 487-2568.

Sincerely,

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Director

Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development

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Pamela L. Nolan

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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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EM SUMMARY	R-2-65-001	

Meeting	Date
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Submitted By:

Economic Development Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: STAFF RECOMMENDS A MOTION TO ADOPT: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE JOINT APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BELLE GLADE, RIVIERA BEACH, SOUTH BAY AND WEST PALM BEACH; AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING A MAP OF THE NOMINATED AREA; PROVIDING THE RATIONALE FOR RE-DESIGNATION AND AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Summary: A Resolution is required between the County and the municipalities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay and West Palm Beach for the Florida Enterprise Zone Program application due November 30, 2005 and if approved, to begin on January 1, 2006. The enterprise zone includes three (3) noncontiguous areas with high concentration of poverty, unemployment and general economic and social distress. These areas were derived from the existing designated Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone plus additional census tract block groups of very high poverty located in the Cities of Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach. This brings the total square miles from the existing 9.52 square miles to the allowable 10 square miles. Districts 6 & 7 (DW)

Background and Policy Issues:

The Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1726 authorizing applications from local jurisdictions to allow their existing zone to expire on December 31, 2005, apply for re-designation and/or have an amended area be designated.

In 1995, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution and Inter-local Agreement (95-463) authorizing the nomination and application to the Florida Department of Commerce for designation of areas within the County applicable under the Florida Enterprise Zone Program. The joint application was between the County and the Municipalities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay and West Palm Beach.

The Florida Enterprise Zone Act of 1994 authorized the designation of the Enterprise Zone under 290 Florida Statutes (the "Act"). The program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution/Maps
- 2. Cities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay, & West Palm Beach Resolutions
- 3. Application

4. Inter-local Agreement (95-463)

Recommended By:

Approved By:

Development Director

Deputy County Administrator

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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- B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE JOINT APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BELLE GLADE, RIVIERA BEACH, SOUTH BAY AND WEST PALM BEACH; AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING A MAP OF THE NOMINATED AREA; PROVIDING THE RATIONALE FOR RE-DESIGNATION AND AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Act of 1994 authorized the designation of the Enterprise Zone under sections 290 Florida Statutes (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution and Inter-local Agreement (95-463) authorizing the nomination and application to the Florida Department of Commerce for the designation of these areas within the County applicable under the Florida Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1725 authorizing applications from local jurisdictions to allow their existing zone to expire on December 31, 2005, apply for re-designation and/or have an amended area be designated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that since 1995 there has been an increase in private sector investments, tax incentives, economic benefits and regulatory relief resulting from participation in the Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the residents in these areas of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay, and West Palm Beach continue to have a high concentration of poverty, unemployment and general economic and social distress; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desire to submit a joint application for the County and the municipalities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay, and West Palm Beach for re-designation, adding areas of high poverty to the existing enterprise zone in the Cities of Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach for a boundary amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by references and made a part hereof.

Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County to participate in the joint application between the County and the municipalities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay, and West Palm Beach for re-designation with amended boundaries for the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone.

Section 3: The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Enterprise Zone area merits re-designation with the amended boundaries to encourage private investment in severely depressed areas of the County having deteriorated structures, high poverty rates, high unemployment and low median income.

Section 4: The Board of County Commissioners hereby pledges its full and strong support to the efforts required for the submittal of Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone application for the said municipalities.

Section 5: The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign said application(s) or document(s) on behalf of the County. The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner

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Who moved its adoption. The Motion was accorded by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The Motion was seconded by Aaronson Commissioner , and upon being put to a vote, the Motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Tony Masilotti, Chairman	A
Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Vice Chairperson	_Aye_ _Aye_
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus	_Aye
Commissioner Jeff Koons	Aye
Commissioner Warren H. Newell	Aye
Commissioner Mary McCarty	Aye
Commissioner Burt Aaronson	Aye

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of November 2005.

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

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

COMPTROLLER ..

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND **SUFFICITNCY**

County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Economic Development Director

Palm Beach County
Economic Development Office

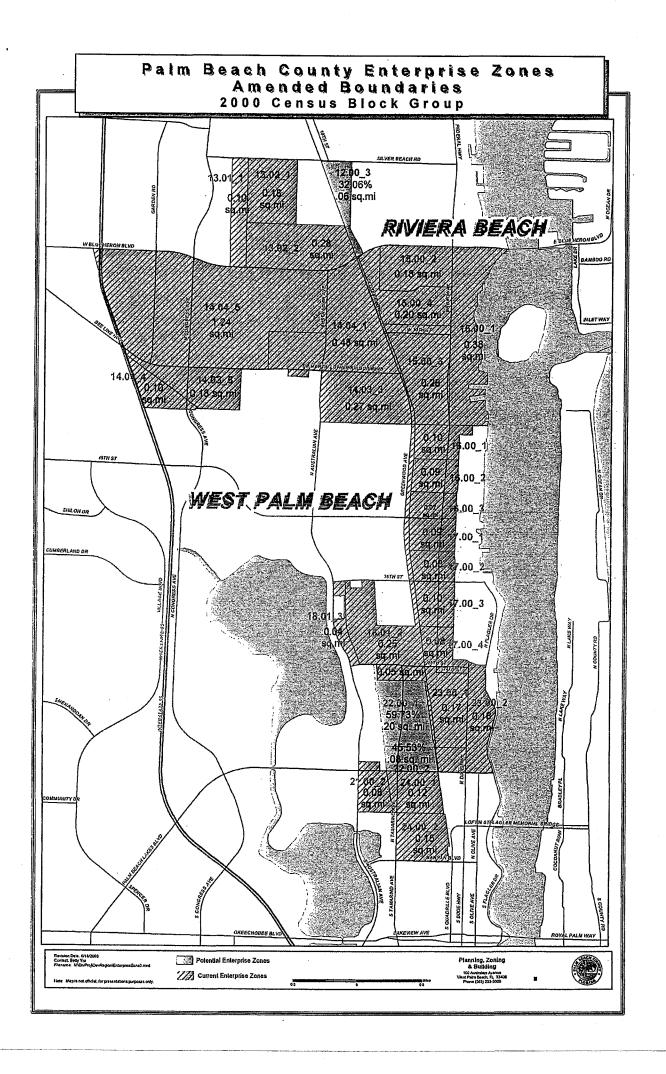
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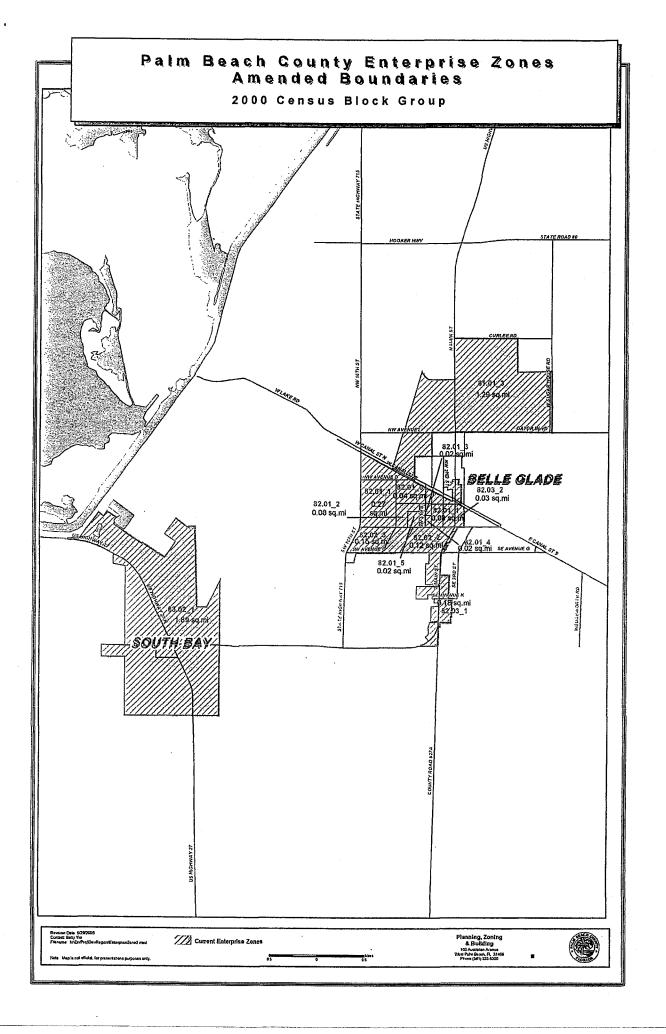
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM.

I, SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk & Comptresse this to be a true and correct copy of the filed in my office on NOV 15 2005

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Deputy Clark





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STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-81

WHEREAS, although economic progress has been made in many rural areas, the growth and prosperity enjoyed by most communities in the State during the past 45 years did not extend into Florida's rural areas; and

WHEREAS, these communities are stewards of the vast majority of Florida's land and natural resources, upon which the State's growth and prosperity depend; and

WHEREAS, successful rural communities are essential to the overall success of the State's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, certain rural communities are struggling to maintain, support or enhance job creating activity or to generate revenues for education and other critical government services such as infrastructure, transportation and safety; and

WHEREAS, the challenges faced by these rural communities threaten their well-being and viability; and WHEREAS, section 288.0656 (7), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Rural Economic Development Initiative to recommend to the Governor up to three areas for designation as rural areas of critical economic concern; and

WHEREAS, a rural area of critical economic concern is a rural community, or a region composed of rural communities, designated by the Governor, that has been adversely affected by an extraordinary economic event, severe or chronic distress, or a natural disaster or that presents a unique economic development opportunity of regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee and the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay, and the area around Immokalee included within the Round II Federal Rural Enterprise Community located in northeast Collier County were designated on January 26, 2001, as a rural area of critical economic concern for a term of five years, by Executive Order 01-26, and the Rural

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Economic Development Initiative was directed to review the designation and recommend whether the designation should be continued; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Economic Development Initiative met on January 17, 2006 and recommended to the Governor to continue the designation of the counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobce and the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay, and the area around Immokalce included within the Round II Federal Rural Enterprise Community located in northeast Collicr County as a rural area of critical economic concern; and

WHEREAS, the counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee and the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay, and the area around Immokalee included within the Round II Federal Rural Enterprise Community located in northeast Collier County were designated on February 16, 2006, as a rural area of critical economic concern for a period of five years, by Executive Order 06-34; and

WHEREAS, the designation expired on February 16, 2011 and the Rural Economic Development
Initiative met on March 18, 2011 and agreed to recommend to the Governor to continue the designation of the
counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee and the cities of Belle Glade,
Pahokee, and South Bay, and the area around Immokalee included within the Round II Federal Rural Enterprise
Community located in northeast Collier County as a rural area of critical economic concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by article IV, section 1(a), Florida Constitution, and section 288.0656 (7), Florida Statutes, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1. The area within the boundaries of the counties of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee and the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay, and the area around Immokalee included within the Round II Federal Rural Enterprise Community located in northeast Collier County is designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

Section 2. This area shall be a priority assignment for the Rural Economic Development Initiative.

Section 3. On a case-by-case basis, the criteria, requirements or provisions of economic development incentives may be waived. Such incentives include, but shall not be limited to, the Qualified Target Industry

Tax Refund Program under section 288.106, the Quick Response Training Program under section 288.047, the Quick Response Training Program for participants in the welfare transition program under section 288.047(8), transportation projects under section 288.063, the brownfield redevelopment bonus refund under section 288.107, and the rural job tax credit program under sections 212.098 and 220.1895, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. Pursuant to section 288.0656(7), Florida Statutes, access to the assistance available under this Designation as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern shall be contingent upon the execution of memoranda of agreement between the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the governing bodies of the counties, and the governing bodies of the municipalities included within the area. Such memoranda of agreement shall specify the terms and conditions of the designation, including, but not limited to, the duties and responsibilities of the counties and municipalities to take actions designed to facilitate the retention and expansion of existing businesses in the area, as well as the recruitment of new businesses to the area.

Section 5. This designation shall be in effect for five years and will expire on April 22, 2016. The Rural Economic Development Initiative may recommend the designation be terminated or continued based on economic development progress from current base lines or upon performance under the memoranda of agreement.

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 22nd day of April, 2011.

GOVERNOR

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NOMINATED AREA

CITY OF BELLE GLADE AND SMALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BELLE GLADE

Geographic Description

Beginning at the intersection of Curlee Rd. and State Rd. 15, heading due East and coincident with Belle Glade Municipal boundary and Curlee Rd for 2696', then heading due South approximately 2579' then due West 1321', due South 923', due West 661', due South 1057', then due East 3960' parallel to NW Avenue L, then due South 650' to Gator Blvd then due East 5910' coincident with Gator Blvd, then due South 1291' alongside Duda Rd, then due West 6923' meandering along the municipal boundary south of Gator Blvd, then due North 516', then due West 2343' along the municipal boundary, then due South 3697' parallel to NE 3rd St, then due East approximately 660', then due North 1114'north of E Avenue A, then due East 659' along the municipal boundary, then due South 2164', then in a South Easterly direction for approximately 6800' along the municipal boundary, then returning in a North Westerly direction 4322' to Tabit Rd meandering along the municipal boundary, to include two residential clusters as bounded by the municipal boundary, then heading 3275' coincident with SE Avenue G, then a Southerly and Westerly direction along SE 6th St, SE Avenue K, SE Avenue M to S Main Street approximately 5200', then approximately 4530' West along the municipal boundary, then due North 790', then due West 660' to State Road 715, then due North 679' to SW Avenue M, then returning and heading East approximately equidistant and including and bounding Pioneer Mobile Home Park and Blue Valley Apartment Complex, then North and parallel approximately 400' to the West of S Main Street approximately 5227' to the canal running along to SW Avenue G and including Abidjan Estates and Glades Pioneer Terrace, then due West along SW Avenue G approximately 5480' including the Glade View Elementary School and the Park Estates residential area to the South, then in a North Easterly direction 2115' to

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd W, then due West 616' along SW Avenue E, then North approximately 4564', following the Western municipal boundary to the Hillsboro Canal, then in a South Easterly direction 2234' to NW 16th St, then Northerly approximately 1734' meandering along the municipal boundary, excluding approximately thirty unincorporated parcels west of NW 16th St, then due North approximately 2261' along NW 16th St, then due East 460', then due South 431', then due East 2096' and parallel to NW Avenue L, then due South approximately 1319', then in a South Easterly direction approximately 192' following the municipal boundary, then Easterly 1638' to N Main St including unincorporated and incorporated parcels north of NW Avenue L, then due North approximately 4480' including the incorporated 'Lake Corporation' parcel west of State Road 15, to point of beginning.

NOMINATED AREA

CITY OF SOUTH BAY AND A LARGE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH BAY

Geographic Description

This non-contiguous area is almost the entire corporate limits of the City of South Bay, a rural City that does not have roads for all borders to describe the area, and a large unincorporated area. The enterprise zone is bounded on the north by the southeast bank of Lake Okeechobee and Levee Rd. at US 27, on the west along N.W. 12th Avenue, includes a property (public school) at the end of Palm Beach Road, and along S.W. 12th Avenue, on the south by Willard Smith Rd, on the east by S.E. 4th Avenue and two nameless feeder canals, abutting the western terminus of SW Avenue E and contiguous to the municipal boundaries of the City of Belle Glade, bounded by the L-14 Hillsboro canal on its northern perimeter, bounded and adjacent to the L-19 New River Canal on its Western perimeter, and following the northern municipal boundary of the City of South Bay along Island Rd to Lake Okeechobee.

NOMINATED AREA

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

Geographic Description

Beginning at the southeast intersection of I-95 and the centerline of Blue Heron Boulevard and preceding south along I-95 to the City of Riviera Beach southern city boundaries and then east to Avenue S and traveling north along Avenue S to the centerline of SR 710. Traveling east along SR 710 to Australian Avenue then south along Australian Avenue to the southern city boundaries to the Lake Worth Intracoastal Waterway. Traveling north along the City boundaries of the Lake Worth Lagoon to Blue Heron Boulevard. Then west along Blue Heron Boulevard to the north side of Avenue "H" west along a 45 degree angle to Avenue "J" then north along Avenue "J" to Silver Beach Road then west to Old Dixie Highway then south along Old Dixie Highway to West 28th Street. Then west along West 28th Street to Avenue "O" then north along Avenue "O" to Silver Beach Road then west along Silver Beach Road to Avenue "T". Then south along Avenue "T" to Blue Heron Boulevard and then west along Blue Heron Avenue to the point of beginning.

NOMINATED AREA

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

Geographic Description

North Boundary:

The West Palm Beach corporate limits along 59th Street between Greenwood Avenue and Poinsettia Avenue.

East Boundary:

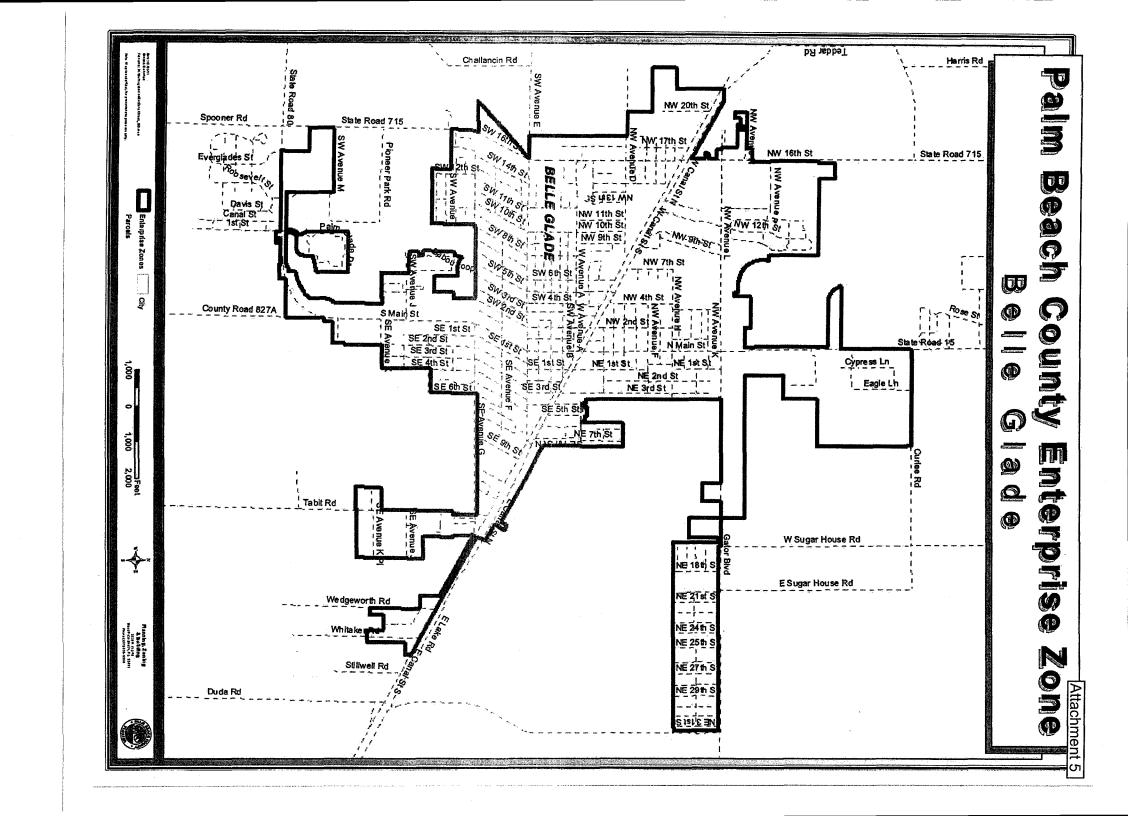
South on Poinsettia Avenue to 58th Street; west along 58th Street to the east side of Spruce Avenue; south on Spruce Avenue to 26th Street; eastward along the northern side of 26th Street between Spruce Avenue and N. Flagler Drive; southward along N. Flagler Drive to Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard; westward along the northern side of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard between N. Flagler Drive and the F.E.C. Railroad tracks and southward to the north side of Banyan Boulevard.

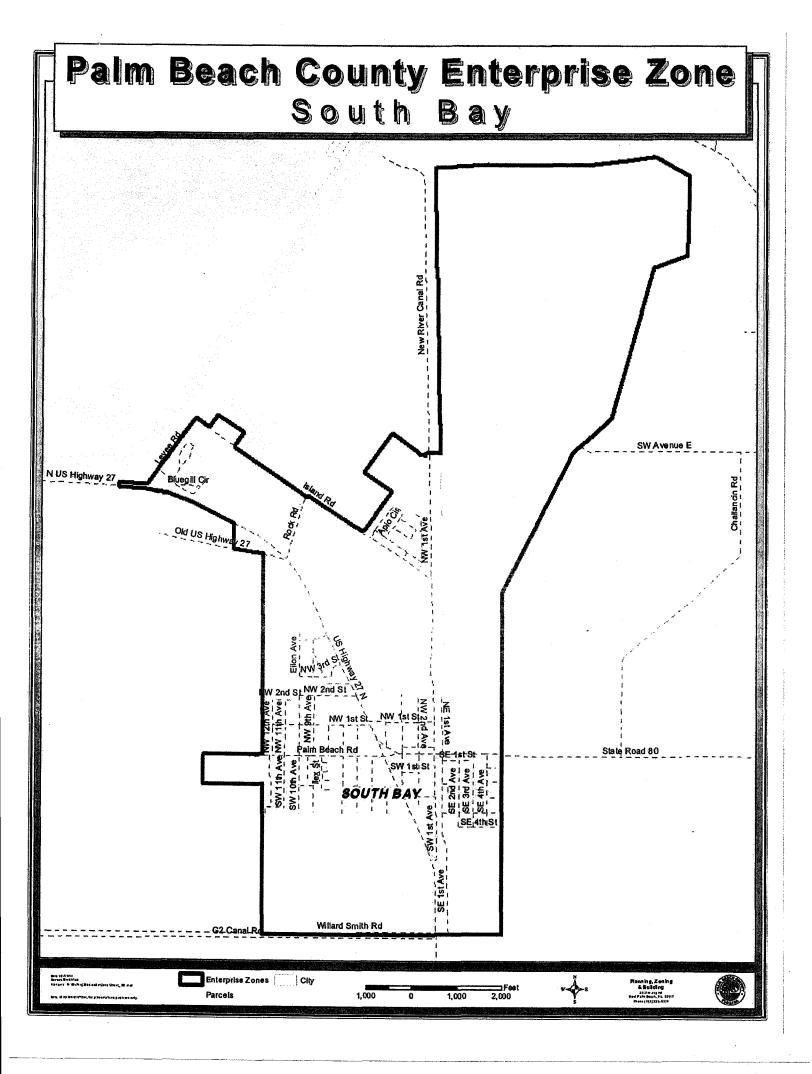
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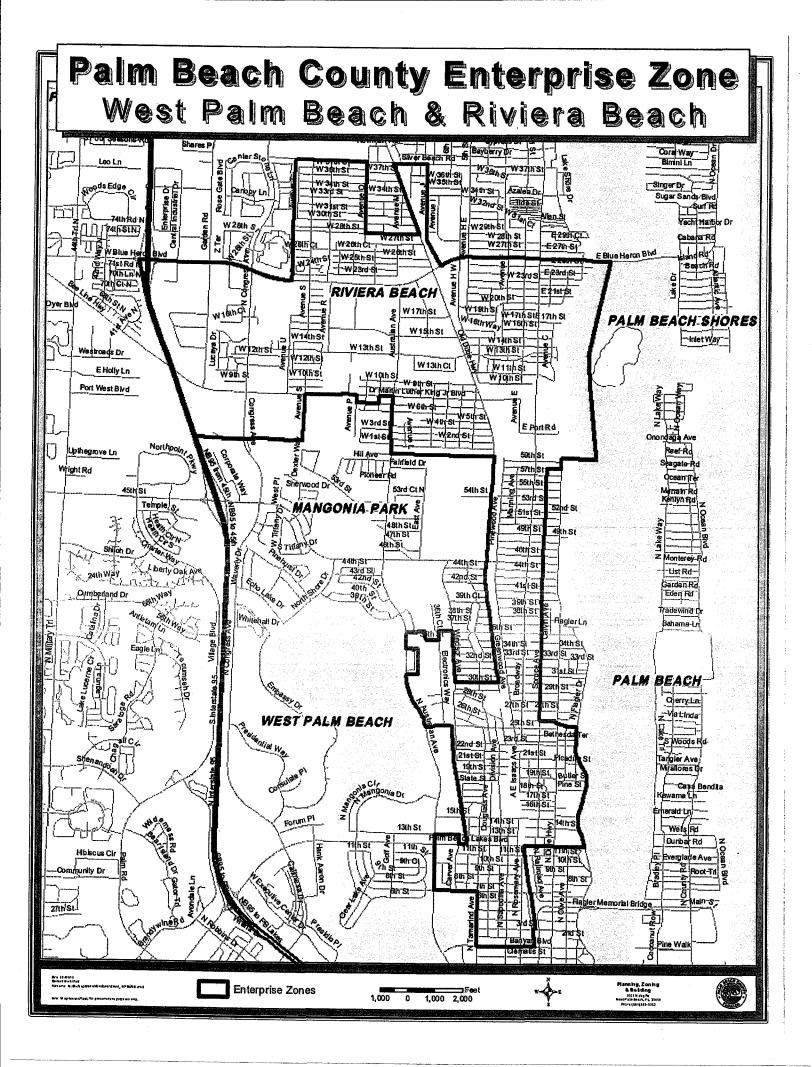
Banyan Boulevard between the F.E.C. Railroad tracks and the C.S.X. Railroad tracks.

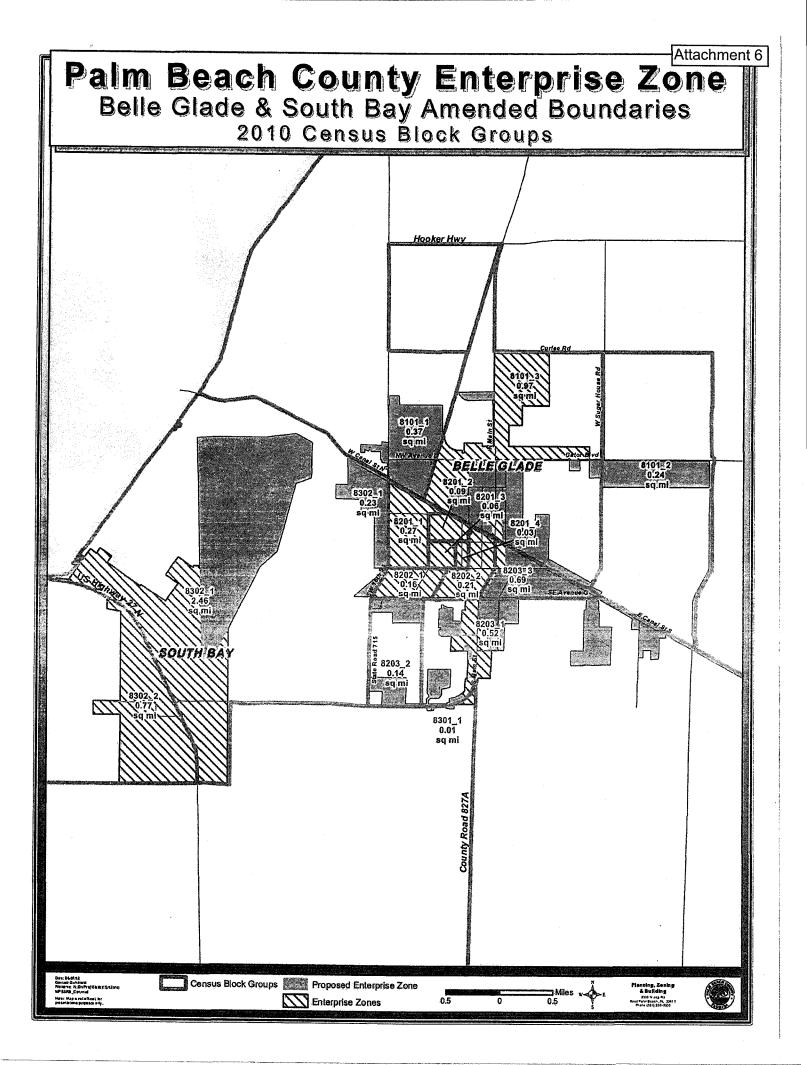
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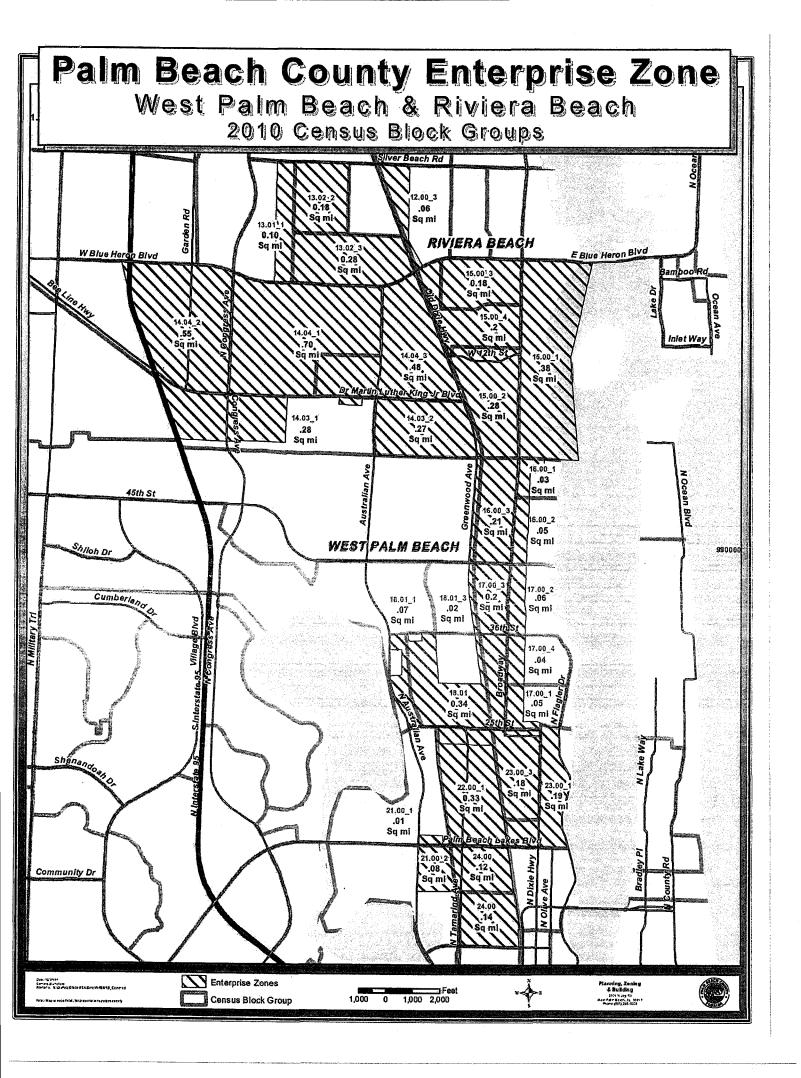
North along the east side of the C.S.X. Railroad tracks from Banyan Boulevard to 7th Street; west on 7th Street to Australian Avenue; north on Australian Avenue to 13th Street; east on 13th Street to the northern extension of Carver Avenue; south to Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard; east on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to the C.S.X. Railroad tracks; north along the C.S.X. Railroad tracks to 25th Street; westward along the north side of 25th Street to Australian Avenue; northward along Australian Avenue to Australian Court; follow Australian Court back to Australian Avenue; northward along the east side of Australian Avenue to 36th Street; east on 36th Street to Townhouse Court; south along Townhouse Court to 35th Street; east along 35th Street to Electronics Way; north to 36th Street; east to Windsor Avenue; south on Windsor Avenue to 29th Street; east along 29th Street to Greenwood Avenue; north along Greenwood Avenue to 59th Street, the beginning of the north boundary.

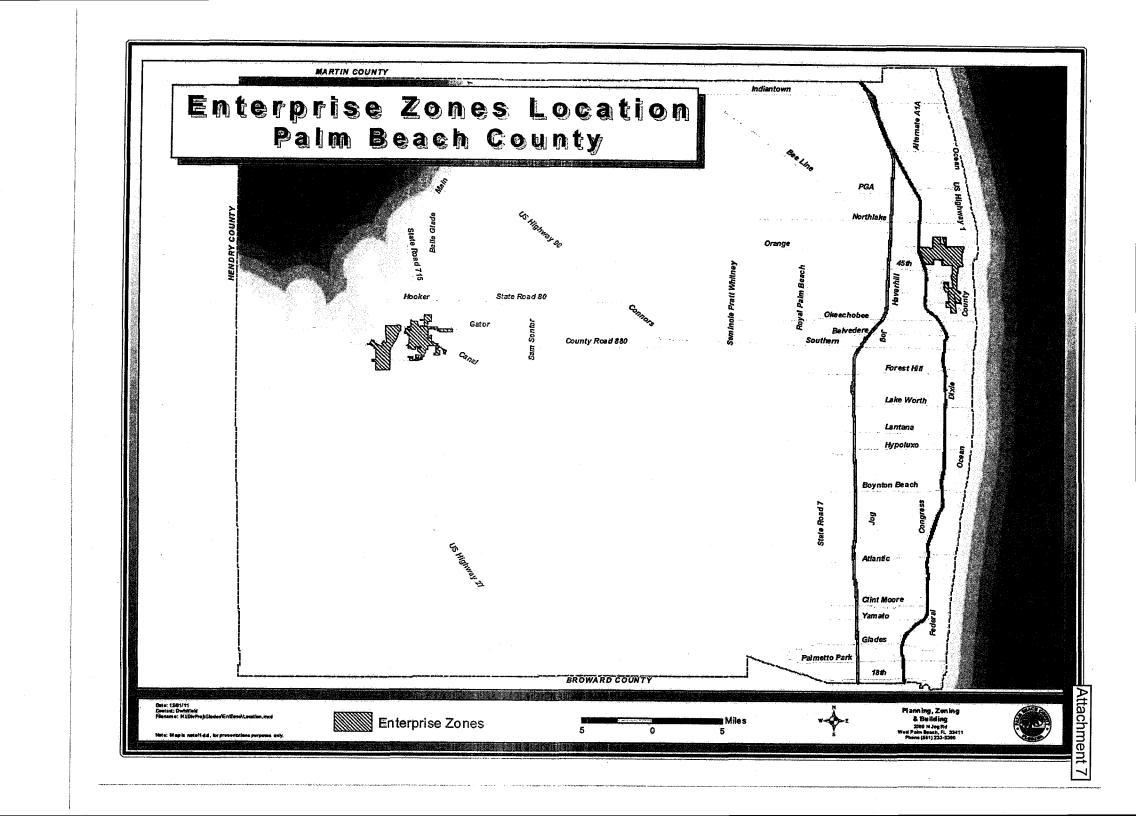


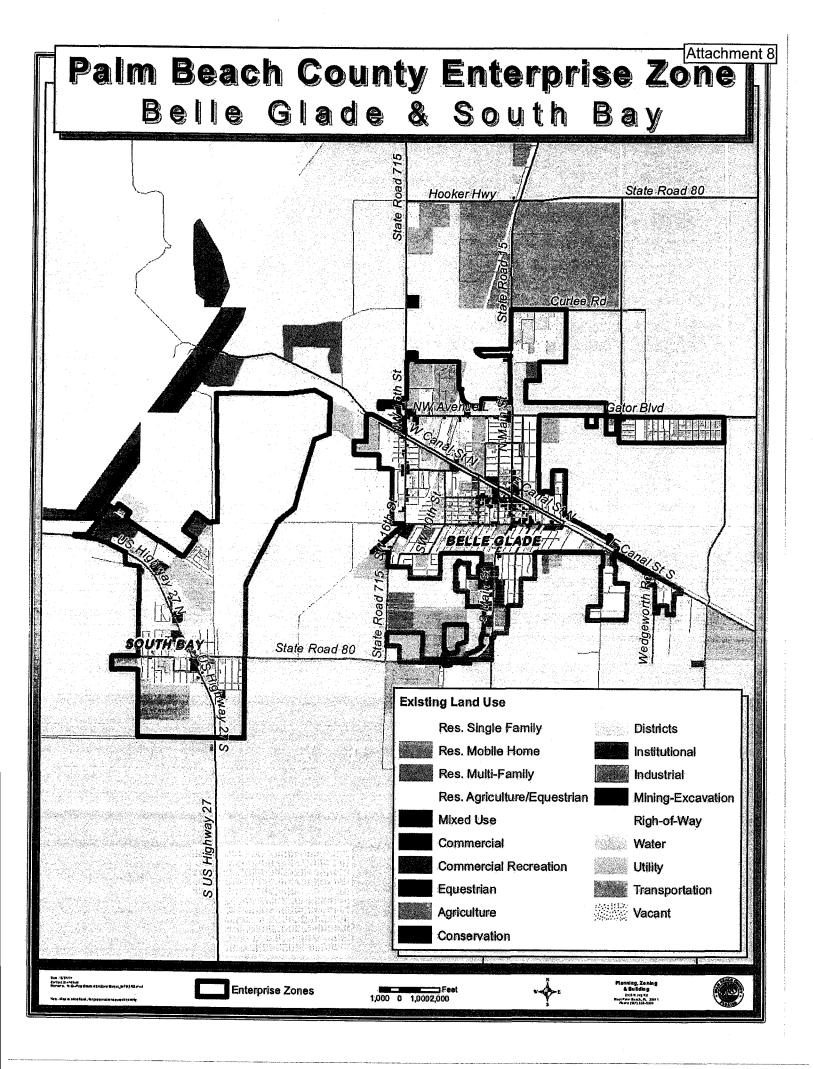


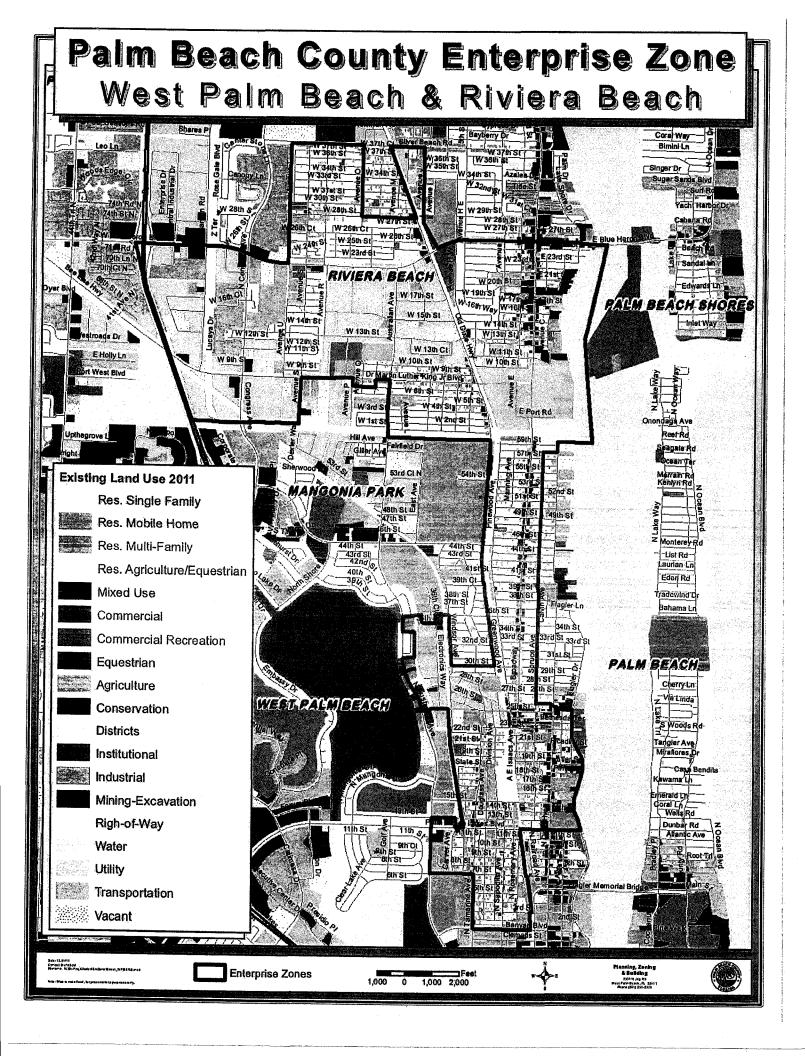












RESOLUTION TO BE INSERTED

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Introduction

Palm Beach County, the nominating entity, is requesting re-designation with amended boundaries for the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone, a joint application between the County and the municipalities of West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Belle Glade and South Bay.

Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Since 1995, Palm Beach County has implemented several programs from the County's Business Plan to diversify the economy and expand the economic base in the enterprise zone areas. The programs include the Business Incubators, Development Regions Fund, Job Growth Incentive Fund, Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, Film & Television, Agricultural Enhancement Fund, Business Loan Fund, Section 108, and Economic Set-Aside for business development. More recently, a Neighborhood Partnership Grant and a Home Beautification Program were implemented for residents.

The State Enterprise Zone Program has been a unique marketing tool for our high poverty and high unemployment areas of the County. Large to small size businesses locating and/or relocating in the County seek the EZ areas for available properties. The coastal populated Cities of Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach have more EZ participation than the less populated rural Cities of Belle Glade and South Bay. The enterprise zone area still remains behind the rest of the County in its redevelopment efforts due to the needs of the targeted population, the funds necessary for infrastructure and the ability to attract private investment.

Recently, Palm Beach County hosted a 2005 Economic Summit to establish future directions to ensure a strong, stable and diverse local economy. The Summit will serve as a springboard for a multi-year update of Palm Beach County's Strategic Economic Development Plan which will help to guide the County for the next 10 to 15 years. The Plan will focus on Industries of the Mind (evaluating our existing and future industry clusters), Smart Growth & Transportation, Quality of Place, International Investment, Agribusiness, Equestrian & Food, Total Education and Affordable/Attainable Housing throughout the County. Another major focus that has also come into play is the future development of *resilient* communities due to the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes. The Strategic Economic Development Plan will provide a roadmap to concentrate efforts to revitalize the EZ communities.

Primary Objective: To increase public/private investment in the severely distressed areas of the Enterprise Zone, providing job opportunities and attainable housing.

Goal 1: Coordinate with the municipalities to promote the EZ areas by providing awareness of incentive opportunities for new and/or expanding businesses including residential.

Benchmark 1: Increase the number of participants in the incentive programs (including the EZ program) by 5% each year for a period of 10 years.

Benchmark 2: Provide 2 workshops a year for 10 years to market the County incentive programs including the EZ program.

Benchmark 3: Create a website for easy assistance for locating addresses/ properties within the EZ in the next 2 to 4 years.

GOAL 2: Coordinate with the municipalities where assistance is most needed in seeking local, state and federal funding sources for revitalization efforts.

Benchmark 1: Identify and apply for 10 appropriate funding sources over a period of 10 years.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION STRATEGIC PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION

MISSION

"Moving into the future by improving the quality of life and promoting growth through economic diversification and development of human and natural resources while providing a safe and healthy environment."

- I. <u>PRIMARY GOALS & OBJECTIVES Are</u> to increase public-private partnerships, create jobs, and develop affordable workforce housing for our residents as well as encourage eco-tourism.
 - GOAL 1: Strengthen and diversify the local economic base.

<u>Strategy:</u> Utilize the Community Redevelopment Agency to implement incentive and marketing programs for attracting new businesses, and for creating new job opportunities through the stimulation of commercial expansion in the EZ and CRA areas.

Benchmark Measurements: Increase the number of new businesses by 20 within the EZ/CRA area in the next 10 years.

GOAL 2: Improve promotion of areas with natural resources and enhancement of tourism as a viable means for diversifying the economy.

Strategy: Develop public/private partnerships to enhance and stimulate recreational opportunities and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Lake Okeechobee Region.

Benchmark Measurements: Within 5 years Torry Island and Kreamer Island with be able to take full advantage of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail by become a designation point for visitors providing active recreation activities, a nature trail, camping with an environmental educational center.

GOAL 3: Aggressively work for improved affordable housing, new single-family housing, and specialty needs housing, and survey vacant buildings for restoration viability.

- Strategy 1: Continue to develop public/private partnerships, encouraging developers to take advantage of the lower cost of land, using SHIP and HOME funds as well as EZ incentives.
- Strategy 2: Continue to use City infill lots to build and develop the inner city areas.
- Strategy 3: Identity properties, offer loans/rehab assistance to qualified property owners
- Benchmark Measurements: In 5 years, increase construction of new homes by 125, with a 20% increase in multi-family units.
- GOAL 4: Enhance the attractiveness and livability of the Enterprise Zone Area.
- Strategy 1: Work with Code Enforcement to condemn derelict properties, to establish and adhere to policies regarding absentee property owners.
- Strategy 2: Work with the CRA to provide technical service assistance, façade improvement loans and marketing strategies to small businesses in the EZ/CRA areas.
- Strategy 3: Mobilize neighborhood improvement committees such as Weed & Seed Committee and strengthen the relationship with Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement and the Nuisance Abatement Board.
- Strategy 4: Accumulate CDBG and CRA funds to do road infrastructure and streetscaping in the CRA/EZ
- Benchmark Measurements: Complete reconstruction of South West 6th Street, add streetscaping to Avenue A, and continue to demolish derelict building or if necessary acquiring derelict properties through eminent domain. Reduce vandalism and property theft to businesses by 20% over the next 10 years
- GOAL 5: Increase capital improvements program for the repair and improvement of city water, sewer, and drainage systems within the proposed Enterprise Zone Area.
- Strategy 1: Continue to work with Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Florida Department on Transportation (FDOT) for improvements to Main Street (State Road 80).

Strategy 2: Request the use of gas tax dollars and capital improvement dollars from the County and State to match South Florida Conservancy District dollars to construct new side walks, curb and gutters, and to reconstruct local streets in the City.

Strategy 3: Continue working with Palm Beach County Commissioners on the Regional Water Plant.

Benchmark Measurements: Rebuild at least 15% of the City's roads in the next 10 years and transfer over to the new regional water plant.

GOAL 6: Promote enhanced technological and jobs skills training to assist residents in learning the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary for becoming self-sufficient in a competitive economy.

Strategy: Continue to partner with Work Force Alliance, Palm Beach Community College, and South Florida Water Management District with the job skills training program.

Benchmark Measurements: In 5 years 15% of the unemployed, unskilled labor force will become certified and able to obtain employment through the Acceler8 Program as part of the Everglades Restoration Project.

GOAL 7: Enhance networking strategies for not only providing the necessary human services such as medical, mental health, and child care services such as medical, mental health, and child care services, but also in making serves accessible to all residents.

Strategy 1: Develop partnerships with Palm Beach County Health Care District and the School District, in building a new hospital and providing funding for additional Day Care Centers.

Strategy 2: Work with the numerous agencies throughout the City to provide quality care to residents and making sure that they are accountable for the money's received to provide those services within the Glades.

Benchmarks Measurements: In 10 years open up a new hospital to services the Glades area. Additionally, make sure non-profits are accountable, and keep track of money flowing into the City for services.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH REVITALIZATION EFFORTS

The City of Belle Glade is working diligently with local, state, and federal agencies as well as community-based organizations in order to accomplish the goals as stated above. The City received a grant from USDA in the amount of \$900,000 for infrastructure at the Business Park along with \$469,000 from the State. This will allow the City to complete the necessary infrastructure in the back 50 acres. The Business Development Board of Palm Beach has worked diligently with the City providing technical assistance also with

businesses referrals to attract new industry and year-round employment, attract tourism investments as well as institutional investments.

The City realizes one of its greatest resources is "Lake Okeechobee". The Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail established a goal to stimulate new economic development prospects by increasing the public's awareness of the recreational opportunities and rich cultural heritage of the Lake Okeechobee Region. The City of Belle Glade with this in mine established it's own master plan to develop Torry and Kremer Island as destination points for visitors from all over Florida and elsewhere.

The City has developed a long-term partnership with South Florida Water Management District to restore and develop the islands. The initial agreement provides for a 99-year lease on the islands, in addition to \$915,000 in grant monies to dredge, restore and eliminate exotic plants; of those funds \$500,000 towards building a nature center. This project designed to interface with an environmental education center developed by the City with support from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Marshall Foundation and a number of other government and non-governmental agencies. There are plans for the establishment of several hiking trails and multi-use trails, leading from the nature center to various parts of Torry Island, and ultimately returning to the center.

The City of Belle Glade has taken an aggressive approach toward Code Enforcement, Attainable Housing and improving the over all appearance of the Enterprise Zone. The Belle Glade Commission realizing the needs of the City and its residents obtained the expertise of a consultant Dr. Richard Orman to develop a "Master Redevelopment Plan". During this process the Commission authorized the preparation of a "Finding of Necessity" study for the creation of a Community Redevelopment Area and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), pursuant to Florida Statutes.

CITY OF SOUTH BAY ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION STRATEGIC PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION

In 1995 the City of South Bay became a part of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program by submitting a joint application with Palm Beach County and the municipalities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach to be designated EZ 2005.

South Bay's municipal boundaries were included as part of the enterprise zone with poverty rates totaling 30.92%, unemployment 14.48%, and a population of 3,558 residents. In the past 10 years, these numbers have increased with a poverty rate of 32.99%, unemployment 22.23% and a population increase of 3,859 according to the 2000 US Census.

While the EZ program has been a great marketing tool to assist in revitalization for the enterprise zone areas in Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach, the City of South Bay has not benefited from the development and real estate frenzy until recently. Due to the high cost of land, developers and businesses are now looking in the rural areas for opportunities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since the downsizing of South Bay Growers causing 1336 jobs lost in 1995, a private correctional facility was constructed for 1318 inmates in 1997, creating 365 job opportunities. In April 2005, the correctional facility expanded to 1862 inmates and has a total of 433 jobs held by residents in the Glades communities and Hendry County.

The City purchased 173 acre tract of land, RICO #44, from the State of Florida in 1997. The South Bay Park of Commerce incorporates 120 acres of this land. Until recently, the Division of Lands under the Department of Environmental Protection restructured the City of South Bay's mortgage reducing its cost by approximately \$440,000. The City issued a request for proposals for the Park and received 13 letters of intent from developers and businesses.

The City recently received an appropriation and secured a loan to construct an inter-connect to the City of Belle Glade to process their sewage. The City has been working on several other projects to promote tourism in the Glades. These include the completion of the historic railroad cottage which will be used as a Chamber of Commerce and museum, construction of the Market Depot which is in process and the planning of a Marina/Educational Facility on Lake Okeechobee.

MEASURABLE GOALS

GOAL 1: Improve & promote the City of South Bay's economic base by attracting new businesses and industrial projects to the area.

STRATEGY: Provide information on lands available and information packets on all incentive opportunities including the Enterprise Zone Program to the public for the development of businesses and industry.

BENCHMARK: Increase the number of new businesses locating to the City of South Bay by 30% over the next 10 years.

GOAL 2: Provide the necessary infrastructure improvements throughout the City for the development of commercial and residential properties.

STRATEGY 1: Identify and secure funds from revenues, local, state & federal funding sources for water, sewer, and road improvements.

STRATEGY 2: Continue to work with the County in the development of the Lake Region Water Treatment Facility.

STRATEGY 3: Continue to work with Florida Power & Light to provide electric underground in all new developments.

BENCHMARK:

- **A.** Construct a \$2+ million sewer plant and rehab pump stations within the next 5 years.
- B. Improve drinking water for all residents with the next 3 years with the new Lake Region Water Treatment Facility.
- **C.** Provide street improvements to at least 5 streets each year over the next 10 years.
- **D.** Identify and secure funds for the development of the South Bay Park of Commerce within the next 5 years.
- **GOAL 3**: Promote natural resources and increase tourist development opportunities as a viable means to diversify the economy.

STRATEGY: Identify and secure funding sources for planning and implementation of tourism related projects, coordinating with the private sector.

BENCHWARK:

A. Lease the historic railroad cottage for tourist related activities within 1 year and maintain private partnership.

- **B.** Complete the construction of the Market Depot and lease of the property within 2 years.
- **C.** Secure funds and construct the marina/educational facility totaling \$4,748,458 on Lake Okeechobee within the next 10 years.
- **D.** Develop and construct the entryway and multi-use path connecting to the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in the City within the next 3 years.
- **GOAL 4**: Promote the development of new housing stock for all income levels and rehabilitation for aging buildings.
- **STRATEGY 1**: Identify properties available for housing opportunities and encourage developers to take advantage of the lower cost of land, using SHIP and HOME funds as well as EZ incentives.
- **STRATEGY 2**: Encourage rehabilitation of older housing stock by providing opportunities through the County's community development block grant (CDBG) programs and the Office of Community Revitalization.

BENCHMARK:

- A. Increase the number of homes constructed by 10 each year over the next 10 years.
- **B.** Increase the number of rehabilitated houses by 3 each year over the next 10 years.
- **GOAL 5**: Enhance the attractiveness of the City through future development, code enforcement, safety and beautification.
- **STRATEGY 1**: Work with the County's future regional economic entity to promote high quality design development and economic projects.
- **STRATEGY 2**: Provide the necessary code enforcement to condemn derelict properties and encourage cleanup.
- **STRATEGY 3**: Encourage neighborhood organizations to participate in community policing, code enforcement issues and beautification.
- **STRATEGY 4**: Continue to work with FDOT and County agencies such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Housing & Community Development Office, Office of Community Revitalization and the Economic Development Office to assist in the City's revitalization efforts.

BENCHMARK:

- **A.** Design and construct landscaping and irrigation for Highway 27 and SR 80 within the next 3 years.
- **B.** Design and create entrance signs at major arteries going into the City within the next 2 years.
- C. Assist neighborhood organizations in applying for at least 2 Neighborhood Partnership Grants a year.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH STRATEGIC PLAN

ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION

In 1995, the City of Riviera Beach became part of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program by submitting a joint application with Palm Beach County and the municipalities of West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, and South Bay to be designated EZ 5002. When the City made application in 1995 to be part of the Florida Enterprise Zone program there were 11 census block group areas within the City with poverty rates exceeding 20% according to the 1990 Census. In the past 10 years, there has been a decrease in the poverty rate in some of the census block group areas. However, the poverty rate has remained above 20%. The Enterprise Zone program has been a great marketing tool for the City in that several large businesses have located to the City and received tax relief and tax incentives provided through Palm Beach County by the State. These businesses included but were not limited to K-Rain, Cheney Brothers, Sysco Foods, Serta Bedding, Truck Max, Rinker, Tire Kingdom and Hewitt Environmental.

URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE RE-DESIGNATION REQUEST

While the incentives offered through the Enterprise Zone program has stimulated economic development and created jobs within the City, it is necessary that the program continue. There are no other programs available on a State level that can recruit industry to local communities with broad benefits as that offered through the Enterprise Zone. Therefore the City of Riviera Beach is requesting that the existing Enterprise Zone area be amended to include a portion of Census Block 1200_3 which is located on the east side of Old Dixie Highway, south of Silver Beach Road and north of Blue Heron Boulevard. This area lies along the FEC railroad and includes a number of industrial properties that have older dilapidated structures and show signs of distress. This amended area is attached as Exhibit "A".

NOMINATED AREA

Beginning at the southeast intersection of I-95 and the centerline of Blue Heron Boulevard and preceding south along I-95 to the City of Riviera Beach southern city boundaries and then east to Avenue S and traveling north along Avenue S to the centerline of SR 710. Traveling east along SR 710 to Australian Avenue then south along Australian Avenue to the southern city boundaries to the Lake Worth Intracoastal Waterway. Traveling north along the City boundaries of the Lake Worth Lagoon to Blue Heron Boulevard. Then west along Blue Heron Boulevard to the north side of Avenue "H" west along a 45 degree angle to Avenue "J" then north along Avenue "J" to Silver Beach Road then west to Old Dixie Highway then south along Old Dixie Highway to West 28th Street. Then west along West 28th Street to Avenue "O" then north along Avenue "O" to Silver Beach Road then west along Silver Beach Road to Avenue "T". Then south along Avenue "T" to Blue Heron Boulevard and then west along Blue Heron Avenue to the point of beginning.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As part of the City of Riviera Beach City Council's overall vision of revitalizing the neighborhoods that are not within the Community Redevelopment Area, the City Council directed staff to develop a concept plan focusing on the areas of the City that showed signs of distress which included high levels of turn over for renter occupied housing units; conversion of single family units to rental units; decrease in owner occupied units; increase in reported vandalism to private property; lack of maintenance to commercial and residential property; and areas known for loitering. The City Council allocated \$100,000 towards developing a plan to combat these activities. Staff utilized the voting district areas as the planning sector areas and divided the City in quadrants. There were several community meetings held during the course of one year within each sector requesting resident input. Public input has been a major component in the preparation of the sector plans. It provided an insight into what the residents wish to see improved and/or changed in their neighborhood.

In the past ten years the City has accomplished the following goals:

- Completed the renovation of Spanish Courts through the assistance of CDBG and HUD funds as well as loans. Ten out of 12 cottages were completed renovated and are occupied by small businesses.
- Provide more affordable daycare services by leasing City owned land to Life Span formerly Ultimate Children Learning Adventure (UCLA), which open a center to accommodate 150 pre-school age children.
- Completed some drainage projects by adopting a storm water drainage fee ordinance to provide funding to address drainage problems.
- Improved the presence of police on the streets through the Citizen on Patrol auxiliary division and neighborhood crime watch groups. Three vehicles were purchased for COP individuals to use as part of the crime watch program.
- City received over 100 lots through the County delinquent tax process as well as purchased over 45 lots for the construction of single family units.

MEASURABLE GOALS

GOAL 1: Improve and promote the City's economic base by implementing incentive programs that will attract new businesses and industrial projects to the area.

STRATEGY: Provide information packets and assistance on completing the EZ incentives during Development Review Committee Meetings (Plan Review).

BENCHMARK: Increase the number of new businesses locating to the City by 25% over the next ten years.

GOAL 2: Increase capital improvement funding to ensure that adequate infrastructure is in place to allow businesses to expand.

STRATEGY: Use funds allocated for neighborhood improvements as outlined in the City's Neighborhood Sector Plan.

BENCHMARK: In each Sector Plan neighborhood commit to spend \$2 million annually over the next ten years.

GOAL 3: Promote incentives to the providers of affordable housing through the City's Infill Housing Program.

STRATEGY: Acquire vacant parcels through the City's Renaissance Program for the provision of affordable housing.

STRATEGY: Encourage building contractors to utilize the EZ incentives for equipment and material costs which could be used to reduce the final cost for housing construction.

BENCHMARK: Purchase 120 residential vacant parcels over the next five years to construct 50 single family units annually.

GOAL 4: Actively promote traffic concurrency exemptions for industrial developments that will encourage reinvestment in older industrial areas.

STRATEGY: Work with the local coastal municipalities and Palm Beach County to create traffic exemptions for existing and proposed industrial properties that will have a positive impact on job creation.

BENCHMARK: Approve 10 new industrial projects on the east side of I-95 over the next five years.

GOAL 5: Actively promote a balance of transportation modes adjacent to employment corridors.

STRATEGY: Work with the Regional Transit Agency (Tri-Rail) to locate a commuter transit station in the City.

STRATEGY: Work in conjunction with Palm Tran to reduce the downtime between buses at bus stop particularly along the City's major transportation corridors.

BENCHMARK: Provide bus shelter or benches at 60 percent of the bus stops located within the City over the next 10 years.

GOAL 6: Continue the beautification program for the major arterial roads in the City and reconstruct the local streets especially in distressed areas.

STRATEGY: Request funding for road beautification from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for improvements along Old Dixie and Blue Heron Boulevard.

STRATEGY: Use local gas tax dollars and capital improvement funds and road impact fees to construct new sidewalks, curb and gutter, and to reconstruct local streets in the City.

BENCHMARK: Adopt road impact fees within the next two years as a funding source to revitalize the gateways to the City.

BENCHMARK: Rebuild at least 15% of the roads within the City over the next 10 years.

GOAL 7: Vigorously enforce property maintenance standards in the City.

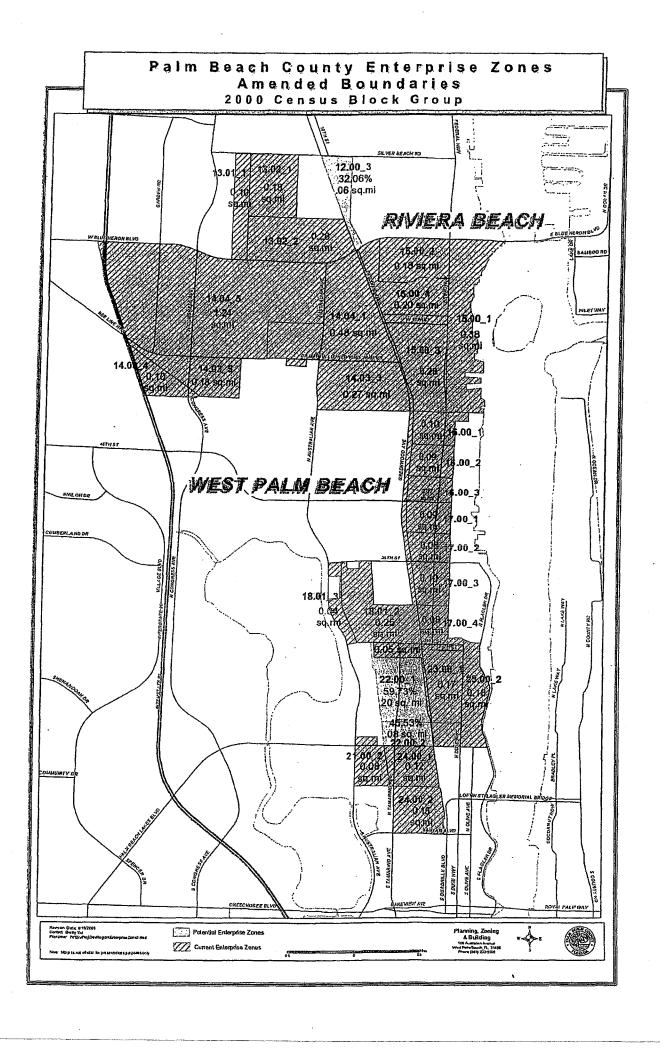
STRATEGY: Use the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program to assist elderly property owners maintain their property.

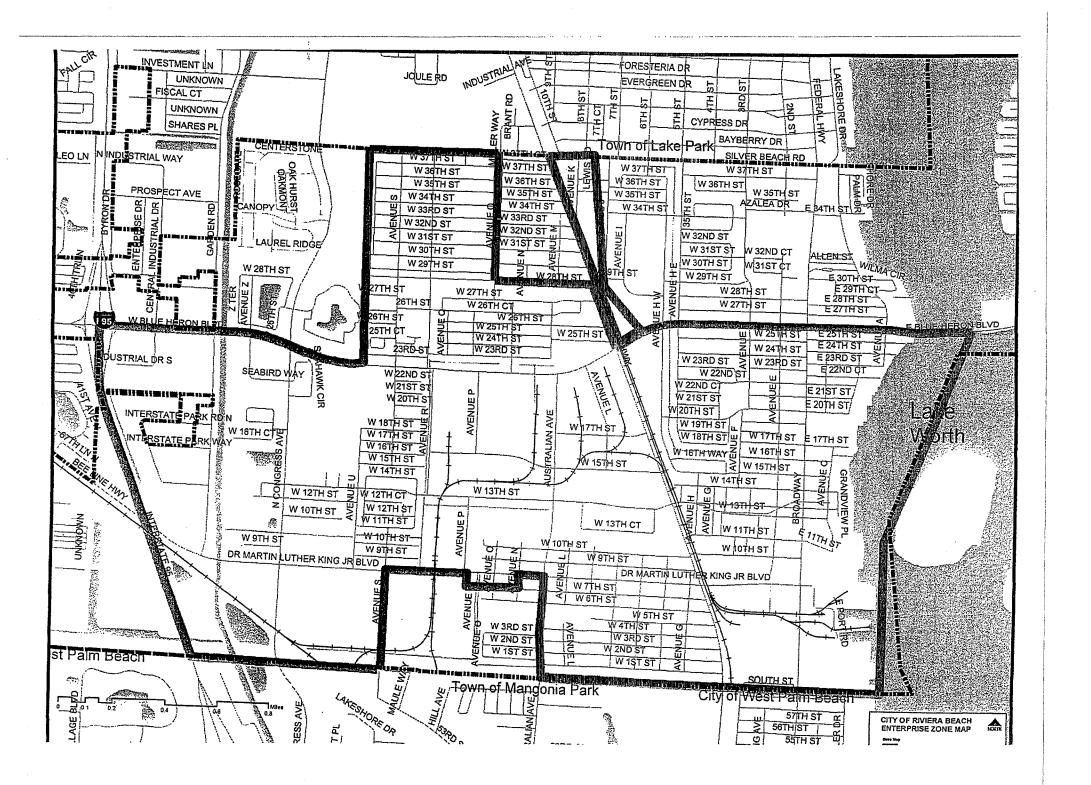
STRATEGY: Apply for Palm Beach County Development of Regions Grants for façade improvements to assist business owners located in distressed areas.

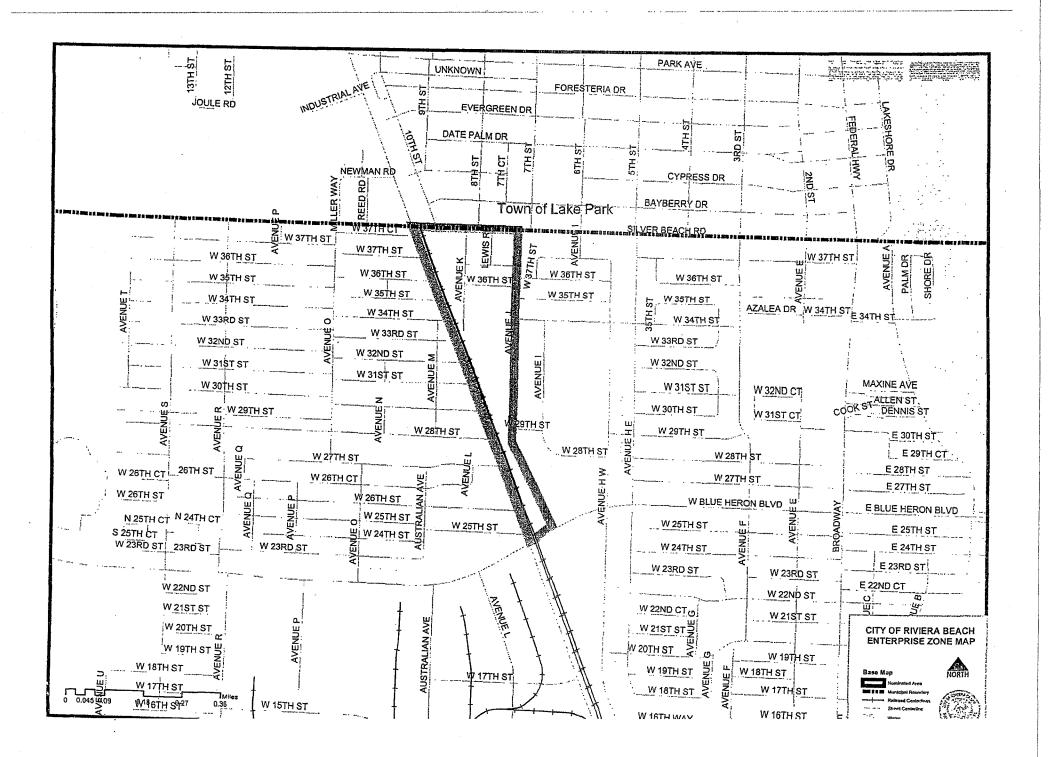
STRATEGY: Continue the Citizen on Patrol (COP) program to ensure an attractive and safe community.

STRATEGY: Use the City's Code Enforcement Division as an outreach to the business community in promoting the programs available in distressed areas.

BENCHMARK: Reduce vandalism and property theft to businesses by 20% over the next ten years.







PALM BEACH COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

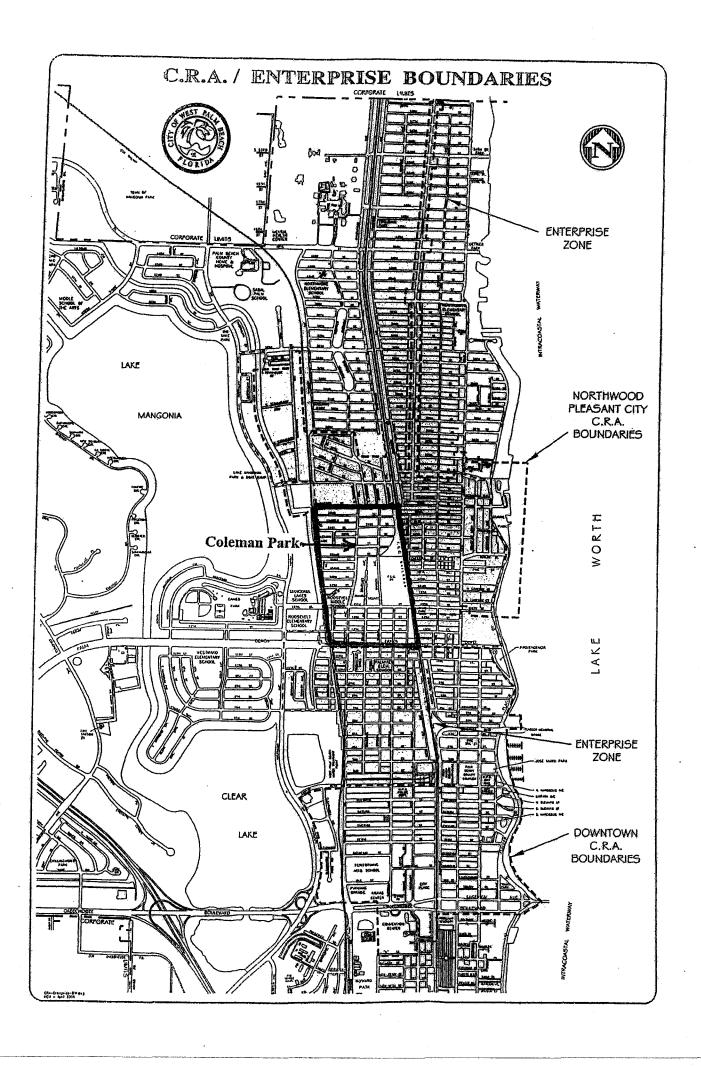
CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH STRATEGIC PLAN

Introduction

The City of West Palm Beach's Economic and Community Development Department (ECD) is the lead agency for the development and implementation of the Enterprise Zone Strategic Plan. The ECD staff has worked in cooperation with Palm Beach County to develop the application for the re-designation of the Enterprise Zone (EZ).

The EZ Overlaps with the Community Redevelopment Agency Boundaries

To address the need for private investment, job creation, affordable workforce housing and neighborhood revitalization, the Economic and Community Development Department (ECD) has joined forces with the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The City has two Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) areas: (1) the Downtown Redevelopment Area and (2) the Northwood/Pleasant City Redevelopment Area. State law allows a CRA to keep incremental tax dollars generated within each designated redevelopment area from the date these areas are established and use these funds for physical improvements. The governing board is made up of the Mayor and City Commissioners. The CRA's funds are used for commercial and residential development, job creation, land acquisition, parking garages, brick sidewalks and street landscaping, specialty lamp posts, support of affordable housing developments and public works projects. CRA funds are primarily used for infrastructure, such as the construction of new water and sewer systems, new street paving, new sidewalks and lighting. The CRA can provide millions of dollars to activities that leverage federal and state grant funding. A map showing the extensive overlap between the CRA boundaries and the Enterprise Zone boundaries is shown on the next page.



The CRA Strategic Finance Plan for the Northwood/Pleasant City CRA

The CRA has forecasted total revenues of \$45,270,582 to be available for allocation between 2005 and 2010 in the Northwood/Pleasant City CRA area. These funds will set the stage for the commercial and residential re-development of the north end of the City of West Palm Beach. The Enterprise Zone incentives will work hand-in-hand with the CRA Incentive Program over the next ten years. The timing is excellent for the combined incentives to be offered by the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone Program and the CRA investment and Incentive Program.

Economic and Community Development Funds

Over the next 10 years, the Economic and Community Development Department will be providing approximately \$27 million of federal entitlement dollars, primarily to the overlapping Enterprise Zone and CRA areas using funds from the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Program and State Housing Initiative Partnership program. ECD will concentrate a large amount of these funds in the Coleman Park Neighborhood. It is proposed that Coleman Park be included in the re-designated Enterprise Zone via a boundary amendment. This area is *not within the CRA boundaries*, is severely distressed with high poverty and high unemployment, and needs to be revitalized, primarily with ECD administered funds.

Primary Objective:

To increase private investment in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs and affordable housing for residents of such areas.

Goal 1: Increase new construction activity for commercial and retail.

<u>Strategies 1:</u> Coordinate with the Community Redevelopment Agency to provide incentives to new businesses in the EZ and CRA areas.

Benchmark Measurements 1: Increase the number of new commercial/ retail businesses by 50 over the ten year period.

Goal 2: Construct new single family homes for low and moderate income households and encourage market rate home construction.

<u>Strategies 2a:</u> Build new homes on City-owned vacant lots, in partnership with non-profit developers and private developers, using HOME and SHIP funds and EZ incentives.

<u>Strategies 2b:</u> Encourage private development on private investorowned vacant lots.

Benchmark Measurements 2: Increase construction of new single family homes by 30 units per year, or 300 units over the ten year period.

Goal 3: Construct new rental units.

Strategies 3a: Provide incentives with EZ building sales tax refunds;

Strategies 3b: Provide utility fee waivers; and

<u>Strategies 3c:</u> Support affordable housing rental projects using SHIP program loan funds to encourage private development of rental apartments.

Benchmark Measurements 3: Increase construction of new rental units by 200 units per year or 1,000 units over the ten year period.

Goal 4: Support redevelopment of the Merry Place Project in the EZ.

<u>Strategies 4a:</u> Provide incentives with EZ building sales tax refunds; <u>Strategies 4b:</u> Provide utility fee waivers for affordable housing units; and

<u>Strategies 4c:</u> Support affordable housing projects using SHIP program loan funds to encourage private development of rental apartments.

Benchmark Measurements 4: Increase construction of new single family homes and rental units by 350 units over the ten year period.

Goal 5: Increase capital investment by businesses to expand and create new jobs.

<u>Strategies 5:</u> Provide incentives with EZ building materials sales tax refunds and grants from the Palm Beach County Development Regions Grant Program with matching City funds.

Benchmark Measurements 5: Increase the number of business expansions by 50 over the ten year period.

Goal 6: Reduce unemployment in the Coleman Park Neighborhood.

<u>Strategies 6:</u> Provide new employment in the Downtown and in local community commercial/retail activities; and

<u>Strategies 6b:</u> Coordinate with the Palm Beach County School District to increase employment of young people in the Coleman Park Neighborhood.

Benchmark Measurements 6: Reduce unemployment in the Coleman Park Neighborhood from 59% down to 35% or lower over the ten year period.

Goal 7: Improve the quality of the streets in distressed neighborhoods.

Strategies 7: Provide CDBG funds and CRA funds for streetscaping in the EZ.

Benchmark Measurements 7: Complete streetscaping of 22nd and 23rd Streets in Coleman Park. Complete streetscaping of the streets in the Merry Place project by 2010.

Enterprise Zone Strategic Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-2925

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUBMIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE AN ENTERPRISE ZONE (EZ) APPLICATION TO AMEND THE EZ BOUNDARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE; EXPANDING THE BOUNDARY BY NOT MORE THAN THREE SQUARE MILES; INCLUDES PORTIONS OF STATE DESIGNATED RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN; PROVIDING A MAP OF THE NOMINATED AREA; PROVIDING THE RATIONALE FOR AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the jurisdiction which has nominated an application for an enterprise zone that is no larger than 12 square miles and includes a portion of the state designated as a rural area of critical economic concerning under s. 288.0656 (7) for submission to the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (now known as the Division of Strategic Business Development within the Department of Economic Opportunity, Section 4, ch. 2011-142) to expand the boundary of the enterprise zone by not more than 3 square miles. An application to expand the boundary of an enterprise zone under this paragraph must be submitted by December 31, 2012; Notwithstanding the area of limitations specified in subsection (4) continues to satisfy the remaining requirements of this section; and the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of an enterprise zone designated under this paragraph, s. 290.0055(6)²(d); and

WHERAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program was enacted to provide the necessary means to assist local communities, their residents, and the private sector in creating the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas and to provide jobs for residents of such areas (Florida Enterprise Zone Act authorized by Sections 290.001-290.016 Florida Statutes); and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone is comprised of portions of the cities of Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, South Bay, West Palm Beach and unincorporated Palm Beach County of which Belle Glade and South Bay are state designated rural areas of critical economic concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade Commission concurs with the Board of County Commissioners' finding that these rural areas chronically exhibit extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, and economic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade Commission concurs with the Board of County Commissioners its determination that the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of such areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade Commission concurs with the Board of County Commissioners determination that the revitalization of such areas can occur only if the private sector can be induced to invest its own resources that build or rebuild the economic vitality of the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade Commission concurs with the Board of County Commissioners' finding that amending the existing EZ boundaries will provide the appropriate investments, tax benefits and regulatory relief to encourage the business community including the future inland logistics center to commit its financial investment, and to create job opportunities for the residents of Belle Glade and South Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade Commission supports and authorizes the Board of County Commissioners desire to submit an application containing the attached map which outlines specifically the area that is being nominated to be included in the existing Enterprise Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of Belle Glade, Florida as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2: The Belle Glade City Commission recognizes that the Enterprise Zone amended boundaries will encourage private investment in severely depressed areas of the County having deteriorated structures, high poverty rates, high unemployment and low median income.

Section 3: The Belle Glade City Commission hereby requests and authorizes the County to submit an application to amend the EZ boundaries within the City of Belle Glade by not more than three square miles as depicted on the attached map (Exhibit "A") to assist the state designated rural areas of critical economic concern.

Section 4: The Belle Glade City Commission recognizes that the EZ amended boundaries will encourage private investment in severely depressed areas of Belle Glade having deteriorated structures, high poverty rates, high unemployment and low median income.

Section 5: The Belle Glade City Commission hereby pledges its full and strong support to the Board of County Commissioners in the efforts required for the submittal of Florida Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment Application for Palm Beach County.

Section 6: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Resolution No. 2012-2925 Continued

DONE AND RESOLVED at regular Session of the City Commission of Belle Glade,

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