

Agenda Item #: 3-C-6

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012

Consent
 Workshop

Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Engineering & Public Works
Submitted For: Streetscape Section

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A Resolution to support the conservation of native wildflowers.

SUMMARY: Grants for the planting of wildflowers are available from the Florida Wildflower Foundation to counties, municipalities and other entities through the sale of State of Florida Wildflower license plates. For applicants to be eligible for the La Florida "Land of Flowers" Community Grant Program, it is necessary for counties or municipalities to have adopted resolutions committing to support the conservation of Florida's native wildflowers.

Countywide (MRE)

Background and Justification: The Florida Wildflower Foundation (Foundation) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich lives with Florida's native wildflowers. With donations made with the sale of each State Wildflower license plate, the Foundation funds research, education and planting projects statewide. The Community Grant Program is one example of this Foundation's programs. Adoption of this Resolution will enable entities to apply to the Foundation for grants that will increase the visibility of native wildflowers.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by: [Signature] Division Director 8/20/2012 Date [Signature]

Approved By: [Signature] County Engineer 8/21/2012 Date

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE
CONSERVATION OF NATIVE WILDFLOWERS**

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers can be enjoyed by everyone; and

WHEREAS, many naturally beautiful species of native wildflowers, including Coreopsis, the state wildflower, as depicted on the State Wildflower license tag, are already prominently displayed along many state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Palm Beach County is consistent with the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, and goals of many individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the fitness of native pollinator species necessary for productive and profitable farms and forests; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon named this beautiful place La Florida, Land of Flowers, because of the wealth of native wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be prominent icon of Florida's quincentennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and attainable to experience the beauty of native wildflowers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Palm Beach County hereby commits, and encourages other to commit, to the conservation of native wildflowers, and encourage property owners to plan and implement practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

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

Commissioner 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 on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Approved as to Form
And Legal Sufficiency

Palm Beach County, Florida by its
Board of County Commissioners

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk &
Comptroller

By: _____
County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk