PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	November 3, 2015	[X] Consent [] Ordinance	[] Regular [] Public Hearing
Department:	Department of Economic Sustainability		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and South Florida Regional Planning Council (The Council) to establish a working partnership to be known as the Southeast Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Coalition (SFBRC).

Summary: The TCRPC submitted a Coalition Assessment Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 8, 2014 as the "Lead Applicant" on behalf of the SFBRC. The SFBRC is comprised of The Council, Palm Beach County and the TCRPC. On May 28, 2015, the EPA announced the TCRPC's application resulted in the region receiving a \$500,000 Brownfields grant for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018. The grant is to be used predominantly to conduct environmental site assessments at potential Brownfield redevelopment sites located generally within a corridor that encompasses the area between the CSX and Florida East Coast railroads. As a coalition member, the County is entitled to a share of the \$500,000 award that will fund environmental assessment activities at prioritized Brownfield sites in the County.

This MOA will show the County's support for environmental assessment activities in connection with the grant award, which serve as catalysts for economic redevelopment projects contributing to the County's sustainability. The MOA documents the SFBRC's site selection process, which EPA requires to be in place prior to the expenditure of any funds that have been awarded to the SFBRC. **No County local match is required.** (DES Administration) Countywide (JB)

Background and Justification: On November 11, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved (R2011-1724) a similar Memorandum of Agreement with TCRPC which established a working partnership for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition at the time consisting of TCRPC, Palm Beach County and the Cities of West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce. EPA's Cooperative Agreement with TCRPC, the lead coalition member, requires TCRPC to carry out a range of activities that can include site inventory preparation, environmental site assessments, and planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to Brownfield sites. The SFBRC, with the TCRPC as the lead member, was one (1) of ten (10) recipients in Florida that secured a total of \$4.2 Million in grant funding from the EPA.

Attachment(s):

1. Memorandum of Agreement with the TCRPC and The Council

Recommended By:		10-11-15
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	Shann DHD	10-27-15
Approved By.	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, PALM BEACH COUNTY, AND SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, (hereinafter "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the date of execution hereof by the last of the parties hereto to execute this Agreement and is by and between TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (hereinafter "TCRPC"), PALM BEACH COUNTY (hereinafter "COUNTY"), and SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (hereinafter "SFRPC"); all collectively referred to herein as "Members" or, a reference to any one of them herein is in the singular as "Member."

WHEREAS, through collaboration with the Members, the TCRPC applied for and received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant award, starting October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2018, totaling \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Members have a mutual interest in continuing their collaboration and being a part of the Southeast Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Coalition ("COALITION") to support environmental assessment activities; and

WHEREAS, brownfields assessment activities and brownfields redevelopment provides benefits and incentives to promote the redevelopment of underutilized and/or vacant brownfield properties and promotes the reuse of existing infrastructure and overall sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid grant award will assist the Members, through the COALITION, to continue to support environmental assessment activities and brownfield redevelopment promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations herein, the Members agree as follows:

The foregoing recitals and WHEREAS clauses are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference and are made a part hereof.

1. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

The purpose of this Agreement is to document the roles and responsibilities of the Members involved in the COALITION, and to carry out the activities outlined in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Cooperative Agreement No. BF-00D33215-0 (the "Cooperative Agreement"). The COALITION shall consist of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Palm Beach County, and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. TCRPC shall serve as the Lead Agency for the COALITION.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COALITION MEMBERS

On September 8, 2015, the EPA awarded the Cooperative Agreement to TCRPC. The grant period is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018. As the Lead COALITION Member, TCRPC is responsible to EPA for management of the Cooperative Agreement and TCRPC's compliance with the statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the award, and ensuring that all Members of the COALITION are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the

Cooperative Agreement. All Members agree that they will comply with the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement. All Members agree to cooperate with TCRPC and agree that they shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any TCRPC requests which would cause TCRPC to be in violation of the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement. The Members further agree as follows:

- A. It is the responsibility of TCRPC to provide timely information to the other COALITION Members regarding the management of the Cooperative Agreement and any changes that may be made to the Cooperative Agreement over the period of performance.
- B. The contact information for the COALITION Members is as follows:

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Stephanie Heidt, Intergovernmental/Brownfields Coordinator 421 SW Camden Avenue Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 221-4060

Email: sheidt@tcrpc.org

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Greg Vaday, Principal Planner
Department of Economic Sustainability
100 South Australian Avenue – 5th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
(561) 233-3630

Email: gvaday@pbcgov.org

South Florida Regional Planning Council Karen Hamilton, Regional Planner 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140 Hollywood, FL 33021 (954) 985-4416

Email: khamilton@sfrpc.com

- C. Activities funded through the Cooperative Agreement may include inventory preparation, site selection criteria development, assessments, planning (including cleanup planning) relating to brownfield sites, outreach materials and implementation, and other eligible activities (all collectively "Activities"). Of the COALITION Members, only TCRPC shall have the authority to retain consultant(s) and contractors to undertake various eligible Activities to be funded through the Cooperative Agreement. Any such contractors shall be procured in accordance with 40 CFR 31.36. No Member other than TCRPC shall have any authority to obligate or commit the funds from the Cooperative Agreement for any purpose.
- D. The TCRPC, as Lead COALITION Member, will procure the consultant(s) in compliance with 40 CFR 31.36 requirements. The Lead COALITION Member will issue the Request for Qualifications and will be the entity responsible for receipt of the submitted proposals and selection of the award of contracts. TCRPC will consult with the other COALITION Members in making selections of consultants and contractors and negotiating

the terms of agreements with such contractors and consultants. Although it is unlikely that subgrants will be made, TCRPC may award subgrants to other Members under 40 CFR 31.37 for assessment projects in their geographic areas. Subgrantees are accountable to TCRPC for proper expenditure of funds.

- E. The TCRPC, as Lead COALITION Member, in consultation with the other Members, will work to develop a site selection process based on agreed upon factors. TCRPC will select eligible sites utilizing this process and will ensure that a minimum of five sites are assessed over the life of the Cooperative Agreement. Selected sites will be submitted to EPA for prior approval to ensure eligibility.
- F. Upon designation of the specific sites, it will be the responsibility of TCRPC to work with the COALITION Member in whose geographic area the site is located to finalize the scope of work for the consultant or contractor. It will be the responsibility of this COALITION Member, at its expense, to obtain all required permits, easements, and/or access agreements as may be necessary to undertake Activities at the selected site. If this COALITION Member does not have the capacity to perform these activities, TCRPC may, at the expense of this COALITION Member, assist in securing necessary site access agreements and permits.
- G. The TCRPC, as Lead COALITION Member, is responsible for ensuring that other activities as negotiated in the workplan, such as community outreach and involvement, are implemented in accordance with a schedule agreed upon by TCRPC and the COALITION Member in whose geographic area the site to be assessed is located.

3. <u>DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT:</u>

Except as otherwise set forth herein, this Agreement once becoming effective shall continue in force through September 30, 2018 ("Expiration Date").

If EPA terminates the Cooperative Agreement prior to the Expiration Date with or without cause, this Agreement shall terminate, however, each of the Members shall be obligated to perform and complete obligations under the Cooperative Agreement which relate to the period prior to such termination.

4. <u>EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS:</u>

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original and all of such counterparts shall, together constitute one and the same Agreement, and the signature of any Member to any counterpart shall be deemed a signature to, and may be appended to, any other counterpart.

5. <u>ASSIGNMENT:</u>

This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part, except by the written mutual consent of all of the Members.

6. **SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Agreement is, for any reason, held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

7. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the Members agree that any litigation with respect to this Agreement shall be brought only in the State courts of Palm Beach County, Florida unless otherwise required by law.

8. <u>SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:</u>

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of the Members.

9. <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>

This Agreement may be modified only by an instrument in writing signed by the Members. Except as to the EPA, nothing herein shall be construed to give any rights hereunder to anyone other than the Members. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the Member to be charged therewith and shall only be applicable to the specific instance to which it relates and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver. The terms "hereof" "herein" "hereto" "hereunder" and any similar words refer to this instrument in its entirety. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as making the Members partners, or being engaged in a joint venture with one another. Any reference in this Agreement to a statute or regulation shall be construed as referring to that statute or regulation as amended from time to time. An executed facsimile or electronic copy of this Agreement shall be considered for all purposes an original.

10. <u>Indemnification</u>

Each Member shall be liable for its own actions and negligence and, to the extent permitted by law, County shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless TCRPC and SFRPC against any actions, claims or damages arising out of County's negligence in connection with this Agreement, and TCRPC and SFRPC shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County against any actions, claims, or damages arising out of their respective negligence in connection with this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, including limits on attorney's fees, nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by either party to indemnify the other party for such other party's negligent, willful or intentional acts or omissions. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as any Members' consent to be sued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members hereto have ratified and accepted this Agreement as of the date set forth by the execution block adjacent to their names herein below.

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL

By: Susan Caren	PLANNING COUNCIL By: Tod Mowery, Chairman
	Date: 9//8 2015
By: Eliphan & Other	By: Michael Busha, Executive Director
By: Keith W. Davis, General Counsel	Date: 9/18/15 2015
(for Form and Legal Sufficiency)	

ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective Members hereto have ratified and accepted this Agreement as of the date set forth by the execution block adjacent to their names herein below.

ATTEST:

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

By:

James Murley, Executive Director /

Date:

2015

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(COUNTY SEAL BELOW)

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller	By: Shelley Vana, Mayor		
	Date:2015		
By: Deputy Clerk	Document No.:		
Approved as to Form And Legal Sufficiency	Approved as to Terms and Conditions Department of Economic Sustainability		
By: James Brako, Assistant County Attorney	By: Howard, Deputy Director		
	Date: 10-16-15 2015		