Agenda Item: 3L3

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: No Department Submitted E	By: <u>Environme</u>	(X) Consent ( ) Ordinance	<u>anagement</u>	9
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Adopt-A-Natural <i>A</i> her designee to	Area Agreement a execute standard	nd to authorize th	A resolution to appr ne County Administ Area Agreements Iram.	rator or
Summary: The Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) intends to introduce an Adopt-A-Natural Area Program in which groups or organizations may adopt a natural area for the purpose of promoting public awareness and care for County natural areas. The adopters would agree to specified tasks suitable to their organization which may include out are not limited to, volunteer trash pickups, restoration plantings, guided tours and events, or distributing ERM approved literature promoting the natural areas. Countywide (SF)				
Background and Justification: In an effort to raise public awareness and a sense of ownership of the natural areas to the citizens of Palm Beach County, ERM is developing an Adopt-A-Natural Area Program. Through this program, groups and organizations will take responsibility for aspects of the care and promotion of an adopted natural area for a period of one year which can be renewed annually if both parties agree. Tasks by both parties will be outlined in the Agreement.				
Attachments:				
1. Resolution/Standard Adopt-A-Natural Area Agreement				
Recommended by	: MMM Department Direct	etor	/ <u>0/21//</u> Date	:==== / j —
Annroyed by			11-12-15	
Approved by:	Deputy County A	dministrator	Date	

### **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

	penditures
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POSITIONS	6 (Cumulative)
ls Item Incli Budget Acc	uded in Current Budget? Yes No count No.: FundDepartment Unit Object
There is no	fiscal impact.
В.	Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact
	No fiscal impact.
C.	Department Fiscal Review: S Meany
III. REVIEW	COMMENTS
Α.	OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:  OFMB FU (I) Contract Development and Control
В.	Legal Sufficiency:  Assistant County Attorney
C.	Other Department Review:
	Department Director

1 2	RESOLUTION NO. 2015		
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A STANDARD ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA PROGRAM AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE		
13	WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), through its Department of		
14	Environmental Resource Management (ERM), is committed to a program of environmental		
15	restoration and preservation and associated public awareness, outreach, and education; and		
16	WHEREAS, the BCC recognizes the need and benefits of community involvement in		
17	the natural areas program; and		
18	WHEREAS, ERM has established an Adopt-a-Natural Area program (the "Program")		
19	to enable civic groups and businesses to help promote and maintain County-owned and		
20	managed natural areas; and		
21	WHEREAS, adopting a standard agreement to be used for the Program will promote		
22	efficiency; and		
23	WHEREAS, the delegation to the County Administrator or her designee of the		
24	authority to execute the standard agreement will eliminate the delays caused by requiring		
25	such items be brought before the BCC for approval and will therefore be consistent with the		
26	goal of the BCC to streamline the agenda process; and		
27	WHEREAS, the BCC desires to authorize the County Administrator or her designee		
28	to execute standard agreements for the Program on behalf of the BCC; and		
29	WHEREAS, execution of standard agreements for the Program does not constitute a		
30	policy-making decision and is ministerial function that the BCC wishes to delegate.		
31	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY		
32	COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:		
33	Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified		
34 35	Section 2: The BCC adopts a standard Adopt-a-Natural Area Agreement in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A-1".		
36 37 38 39 40 41 42	Section 3: The BCC hereby authorizes the County Administrator or her designee to execute the standard Adopt-a-Natural Area Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A-1" on behalf of the BCC. The County Administrator's designee for purposes of this Resolution shall include the Director and Assistant Director of ERM.		

2 3	Section 4: The County Administrator or her designee may approve non-material changes to the standard Adopt-a-Natural Area Agreement. Non-material changes mean		
4 5	inclusion of specific information or d obligations of the parties.	etails and changes that do not modify the substantive	
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7	Section 5: If any section, sente	ence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is held	
8	invalid or unconstitutional by a Court	of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no	
9 10	way affect the validity of the remaining	g portion of this Resolution.	
11	The foregoing Resolution was offer	red by Commissioner, who	
12	moved its adoption. The motion was	s seconded by Commissioner,	
13	and upon being put to a vote, the vote	was as follows:	
14	Commissioner H	Hal R. Valeche, District 1	
15	Commissioner P	Paulette Burdick, District 2	
16	Commissioner S	helley Vana, District 3	
17	Commissioner S	teven L. Abrams, District 4	
18	Commissioner N	Mary Lou Berger, District 5	
19	Commissioner N	Melissa McKinlay, District 6	
20	Commissioner P	riscilla A. Taylor, District 7	
21	The Commissioner thereupon of	declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this	
22	day of	, 2015.	
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24	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS	
25	LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
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27		Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller	
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30 31	ByAssistant County Attorney	By Deputy Clerk	
32	Assistant County Attorney	Deputy Cierk	

# PALM BEACH COUNTY ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA PROGRAM AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this [DATE OF AGREEMENT] by and between Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as the "County" and [NAME OF PERSON, ORGANIZATION COUP], hereinafter referred to as Adopted hereinafter referred to collectively as the "parties."			
WITNESSETH:			
WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need and benefits of community involvement in the natural areas program; and			
WHEREAS, the County has established an Adopt-a-Natural Area program (the "Program") to enable individuals, civic groups and businesses to help promote and maintain County-owned and managed natural areas; and			

WHEREAS, the Adopter desires to adopt a natural area by agreeing to provide volunteer support for maintenance, promotional or other agreed upon activities for [NAME OF NATURAL AREA]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Natural Area (the "Natural Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Adopter is aware that the nature of the work to be performed and use of the Natural Area may be hazardous, particularly due to the presence of traffic, weather conditions, and the potential for encountering snakes, insects and other wild animals, noxious weeds, hazardous debris and unexpected holes, ditches and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

- 1.) The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 2.) As part of the Program, Adopter may promote or maintain the Natural Area by providing services such as the following: guided tours to point out the various species inhabiting the Natural Area; nature/environmentally related events; beautification projects such as trash clean ups, plantings or graffiti removal; public education events and promotion of the Natural Area. The activities to be performed by the Adopter are more specifically set forth in Attachment A.
- 3.) Upon request, the County's Department of Environmental Resources Management may facilitate Adopter's participation in the Program by providing services and materials such as the following: trash bags, gloves and safety information for beautification projects; guided tours of the Natural Area; guest speakers to educate Adopter about the Natural Area; signage and acknowledgement of Adopter. The

County will provide staff support for Adopter events on the Natural Area as deemed necessary by the County or if requested by Adopter and coordinated in advance with the County's Representative.

- 4.) Adopter agrees to comply with Palm Beach County Natural Ordinance 94-13, as amended, at all times.
- 5.) The County recognizes Adopter as an adopter of the Natural Area for a period commencing on [DATE AGREEMENT BEGINS] and ending on [DATE AGREEMENT EXPIRES] ("Expiration Date"). Upon the Expiration Date, this Agreement shall terminate, unless renewed by the parties for an additional term.
- 6.) Adopter and its employees, members, volunteers and agents ("Volunteers") shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the services contemplated in this Agreement.
- 7.) The parties understand that additional organizations or groups may simultaneously adopt the Natural Area.
- 8.) The County agrees to acknowledge the Adopter on the County social media outlets as an/the Adopter of the Natural Area and may install a sign on the Natural Area recognizing Adopter for participating in the Program during the term of this Agreement.
- 9.) The Adopter accepts responsibility for accomplishing the agreed upon tasks for the Natural Area, as described in Attachment A. All events within the Natural Area, including but not limited to trash pick-ups or tours, shall be scheduled at an agreed upon time by the Adopter's and the County's Representative and may require a permit. The Adopter's Representative will communicate with the County's Representative at least one week prior to each scheduled event so that appropriate steps can be taken to arrange the event.
- 10.) The Adopter has read the County's Adopt-A-Natural Area Safety Guidelines for Working in the Natural Areas and will provide the information to each of Adopter's Volunteer(s) prior to each Volunteer's participation in each event at the Natural Area.
- 11.) The Adopter agrees that it will be responsible for any of its Volunteers participating in the Program and will defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless from and against any and all liability, claims and demands on account of any injury or loss that Adopter or Volunteer might incur while at the Natural Area or related to the Program. Adopter shall require each of Adopter's Volunteers to execute a Volunteer Agreement provided by the County prior to participation in the Program. The Volunteer Agreement will be in substantially the form attached as Attachment B. When children under the age of eighteen participate in the Program, Adopter must provide at least one adult supervisor for every five children. When children under the

- 12.) In the event that either party fails to perform its duties in accordance with the terms hereof, the sole remedy for the non-defaulting party is the termination of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon written notice to the designated Representative of the other party.
- 13.) This Agreement is non-assignable.
- 14.) The County shall in writing identify a County employee(s) as a County Representative(s) to interact with the Adopter in planning for approved tasks and events for the Natural Area.
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- 16.) The Adopter shall obtain a Special Permit from the County as required by Palm Beach County Natural Areas Ordinance 94-13, as amended, prior to undertaking any activity requiring such a permit. The following activities require a Special Permit: camping, erection of temporary or permanent structures, horseback riding, public demonstrations and gatherings, collection of plant and animal specimens and use of watercraft in wetlands for scientific research, and after-hours and night-time use of natural areas.
- 17.) The parties agree that no person shall, on the grounds of age, race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or genetic information be excluded from the benefits of, or be subjected to any form of discrimination under, any activity carried out by the performance of the Agreement.
- 18.) Adopter is and shall be, in the activities under this Agreement, an independent entity, and not an employee, agent, or servant of County. Adopter does not have the power or authority to bind County in any promise, agreement or representation.
- 19.) This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any action to enforce this Agreement shall be brought in Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 20.) No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement.
- 21.) Nothing in this Agreement authorizes Adopter to use the County's logo except as authorized under Palm Beach County Ordinance 96-5.

- 22.) Any promotional material used by the Adopter to promote the Natural Area must first be reviewed and approved by the County's Representative.
- 23.) Use of the term "Adopter" includes Adopter's employees, members, volunteers and agents.
- 24.) County and Adopter agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in the Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

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

PALM BEACH COUNTY, by:

County Administrator or Designee	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:	APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
BY:Assistant County Attorney	BY: Director Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management
	ADOPTER:
	ORGANIZATION:
	ADDRESS:
	REPRESENTATIVE:(PLEASE PRINT)
	SIGNATURE

TITLE:	

#### ATTACHMENT A

The ADOPTER agrees to accomplish the following tasks at the <u>Natural Area</u> within the time period as stated and agreed to in the Agreement.

#### **ATTACHMENT B**

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA PROGRAM

#### **VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

I, undersigned, hereby represent that I have varies Area Program beginning on/	/ and ending	in the Adopt-A-Natural
I acknowledge and am aware that participatio and acknowledge, understand, and assume the and could result in injury to me or even cause a conditions existing on land or in water such as vehicle or boat accidents and water.	e risk that volunteer activny death from, among oth	vities may be dangerous ner things, latent or other
I HEREBY FULLY ACQUIT, RELEASE BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IT AGENTS OF AND FROM ANY AND AL COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE, COS AND CAUSES OF ACTION, WHET WHICH I MAY HEREAFTER HAVE AGARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO OR PERFORMANCE OF VOLUNTEER ACTI	S COMMISSIONERS, L CLAIMS, DEMAND TS AND ATTORNEY HER ARISING AT LA AINST PALM BEACH IN ANY WAY CON	EMPLOYEES, AND S, DAMAGES, BOTH 'S FEES, ACTIONS AW OR IN EQUITY, COUNTY, FLORIDA.
I understand that it is my responsibility to be from doing any physical activities beyond my c	aware of my physical co	ondition and will refrain
I acknowledge and understand that I am not an not, therefore, entitled to any right, benefit, or employees.	employee or agent of Pala privilege afforded by Pa	m Beach County and am alm Beach County to its
I hereby grant Palm Beach County permission and to use such photos in any publication incluwebsites.	to photograph me perform ding, but not limited to no	ming volunteer activities ewspaper, newsletters or
I am over the age of 18 and have legal capacity	to execute this Agreemen	t.
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

#### ATTACHMENT B

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA PROGRAM

## VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT (Authorization for Minor(s))

I, undersigned, hereby represent that my child	(ren) named		has/have
have volunteered to participate in the A	dopt-A-Natural A	rea Program	beginning on
recommendations associated with the Program.			·
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I understand that it is my responsibility to be will refrain from allowing my child(ren) to p child(ren)'s capabilities.	aware of my child participate in any p	(ren)'s physica physical activit	l condition and ies beyond my
I acknowledge and understand that my child(red County and am not, therefore, entitled to any ri County to its employees.			
I hereby grant Palm Beach County permission t activities and to use such photos in any publinewsletters or websites.	o photograph my cication including,	hild(ren) perfor but not limited	ming volunteer to newspaper,
PRINT PARENT NAME	PARENT SIG	NATURE	DATE