

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 1, 2016

(X) Consent    ( ) Regular  
( ) Ordinance    ( ) Public Hearing

**Department**

**Submitted By:** Environmental Resources Management  
**Submitted For:** Environmental Resources Management

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:**

**A) adopt** a Resolution authorizing the Clerk to transfer \$56,000 from the Pollution Recovery Trust Fund (PRTF) to continue the Native Canopy Education Program and waiving the requirement prohibiting use of PRTF funds for operations; and

**B) approve** a budget transfer of \$56,000 from the Pollution Recovery Trust Fund Reserves to the Native Canopy Education Program.

**Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$56,000 from the PRTF for the continuation of a program managed by the County Cooperative Extension Department (CES) to enhance public understanding about the preservation of native vegetation canopy on residential parcels, to fund tree giveaways and promote efficient use of water and energy in residential landscapes. This Resolution allows for the PRTF to be used for nominal operational expenses. Countywide (AH)

**Background and Justification:** On April 4, 1989 (R-89-576), the BCC adopted a resolution establishing the Palm Beach County Pollution Recovery Trust Fund to receive monies collected in instances of environmental violations and to use those funds for enhancement of the County's environment and not for operations and maintenance. On March 11, 2014, the BCC waived the prohibition of using PRTF for operations and adopted a resolution to fund an educational program for two years. This Resolution will continue the program for an additional two years. Funding will provide for an on-call program assistant, the creation and presentation of educational materials to residential property owners, and native tree voucher/tree giveaways at select events.

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**Attachments:**

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Budget Transfer (1227)

**Recommended by:**  1/28/16  
 Department Director Date

**Approved by:**  2-22-16  
 Deputy County Administrator Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	\$28,000	\$28,000	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	\$28,000	\$28,000	_____	_____	_____

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Pollution Recovery Trust Fund

**C. Department Fiscal Review:**

*[Signature]*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

*[Signature]*  
 OFMB 1/10 2/11 2/12

*[Signature]* 2/19/16  
 Contract Development and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]* 2/22/16  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

*[Signature]*  
 Department Director  
 Cooperative Extension Department

*[Signature]*  
 Department Director

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Providing residential property owners with environmental educational materials and access to native plant materials is anticipated to be an effective method in preserving native vegetation that may be otherwise removed. Native plant canopy plays an important role in combating air pollution and controlling stormwater runoff. This program will also be enhanced to educate residents on water and energy efficient landscape maintenance techniques and will explore the option of utilizing University of Florida's "Sustainable Floridians" training program's curriculum to further develop participants' understanding of these sustainable living practices. This program will help the county meet goals described in the Regional Climate Action Plan and earn points in the county's effort to upgrade its Green Local Government certification. Staff is requesting the BCC waive the requirement of not using the PRTF for operations so the County can continue enhancing the public's understanding about the preservation of native vegetation canopy, as provided for in this program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE POLLUTION RECOVERY TRUST FUND FOR THE CONTINUATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF AN EDUCATION PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRESERVATION OF NATIVE CANOPY ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida adopted Resolution No. R-89-576 on April 4, 1989, establishing the Palm Beach County Pollution Recovery Trust Fund (PRTF) to receive monies collected in instances of environmental violations; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that monies from the PRTF shall be disbursed only for enhancement of environmental resources and pollution control activities in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) recognizes that an effort to educate residential property owners about native vegetation canopy preservation is an enhancement to the environmental resource base of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service (CES) is currently managing a program to enhance public understanding about the preservation of native vegetation canopy on residential parcels and there is a desire to continue and enhance the education program for an additional two year period to fund tree giveaways and to promote efficient use of water, and energy in residential landscapes; and

WHEREAS, \$56,000 from the PRTF is necessary to implement the educational program over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to designate additional uses of the PRTF and to waive the prohibition against funding operations as provided for in R-89-576; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to allow the PRTF to be used for operations in order to continue the education program regarding preservation of native vegetation canopy; and

WHEREAS, employing an on-call program assistant will be instrumental in the success of the Native Canopy Education Program.

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

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified.

Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clerk to disburse funds of \$56,000 to continue and enhance the native vegetation canopy preservation education program by CES.

Section 3: The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the PRTF to be used to fund the salary for an on-call program assistant, the creation and presentation of education materials to residential property owners, native tree voucher/tree giveaways and other expenses, as more specifically listed in Exhibit A.

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 Mary L. Berger, Mayor	_____
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche, Vice Mayor	_____
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	_____
Commissioner Shelley Vana	_____
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	_____
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay	_____
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

## Exhibit A

### List of Expenses

Salaries - Non FRS

Fica

Medi

Printing & Binding (Outside)

Promotional Items

Registration Fees

Materials & Supplies

Farm, Garden, and Nursery Supplies

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET TRANSFER  
FUND 1227 Pollution Recovery Trust Fund

ACCOUNT NAME AND NUMBER	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ENC/EXP 1/2/2014	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Appropriations</u>							
<u>Reserves</u>							
760-3199            9902 Operating Reserves	1,671,993	1,611,993	0	56,000	1,555,993	0	1,555,993
<u>Native Canopy Education Program</u>							
310-3101            1301 Salaries - Non FRS	3,779	3,779	27,600	0	31,379	4,973	26,406
310-3101            2101 Fica	552	552	2,400	0	2,952	308	2,644
310-3101            2105 Medi	109	109	500	0	609	72	537
310-3101            4701 Printing & Binding (Outside)	0	0	1,250	0	1,250	0	1,250
310-3101            4811 Promotional Items	0	0	3,999	0	3,999	0	3,999
310-3101            4941 Registration Fees	0	0	250	0	250	0	250
310-3101            5201 Materials & Supplies	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
310-3101            5209 Farm, Garden, and Nursery Supplies	4,000	4,000	20,000	0	24,000	718	23,283
			56,000	56,000			

ATTACHMENT 2

Environmental Resources  
Management

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION  
Administration/Budget Department Approval  
OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures & Dates



BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AT MEETING OF  
March 1, 2016  
Deputy Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners