

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

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 18, 2019	(X) Consent	( ) Regular
		( ) Workshop	( ) Public Hearing
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		
<b>Submitted By:</b>	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		
<b>Submitted For:</b>	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

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

**A) approve** Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Standard Grant Agreement No. T1803 (Agreement) with the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Royal Palm Beach Pines Trails System project (Project) for an amount not to exceed \$162,125, expiring two years from execution;

**B) approve** a Budget Transfer of \$162,125 from the Natural Areas Fund (1226) to the Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Capital Projects Fund (3654);

**C) approve** a Budget Amendment of \$324,250 in the ERM Capital Projects Fund (3654) to recognize the grant from FDEP and the transfer from the Natural Areas Fund (1226);

**D) authorize** the County Administrator, or designee, to sign all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications, and other forms associated with this Agreement, and any necessary minor amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work, terms, or conditions of the Agreement; and

**E) execute** a Notice of Limitation of Use/Site Dedication form that dedicates the 761.1-acre, County-owned portion of Royal Palm Beach Pines Natural Area (Project Area) as a passive outdoor recreation area for the use and benefit of the general public in perpetuity.

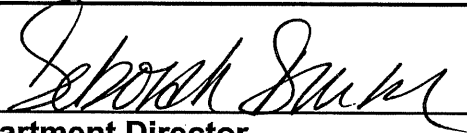

**Summary:** The RTP is administered by FDEP and funded by the United States Department of Transportation. The Agreement will reimburse the County up to \$162,125 for the renovation and construction of passive recreational facilities within the Project Area. The expected \$324,250 total project cost will be shared by RTP (50%) and County (50%). The County's required match of \$162,125 (100%) will be provided using a combination of in-kind services (\$44,285) and funds from the Natural Areas Fund (\$117,840). The Agreement will become effective upon execution by FDEP and will expire two years following its execution. A Notice of Limitation of Use/Site Dedication dedicating the Project Area as a public outdoor recreation area must be recorded in the public records as part of the RTP grant documentation. District 6 (SS)

**(Background and Justification continued on Page 3)**

**Attachments:**

1. Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement No. T1803
2. Budget Amendment (3654)
3. Budget Transfer (1226)
4. Notice of Limitation of Use/Site Dedication

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<b>Recommended by:</b>		<u>5/20/19</u>
	<b>Department Director</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Approved by:</b>		<u>6/14/19</u>
	<b>Assistant County Administrator</b>	<b>Date</b>

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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

Fiscal Years	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Expenditures	\$324,250	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	(\$162,125)	0	0	0	0
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	\$44,285	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>\$117,840</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Account No.:

Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact

RTP	\$162,125
Capital Projects Fund (3654)	\$162,125*
(*includes in-kind match)	
Total	\$324,250

### C. Department Fiscal Review:

\_\_\_\_\_ *S. Neary*

## III. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:

 5/30/19  
 OFMB  6/6/19  
 Contract Administrator

### B. Legal Sufficiency:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Sharon*  
 Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Department Director*

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**Background and Justification:** Royal Palm Beach Pines Natural Area (natural area) is located in the east-central portion of Palm Beach County within District 6. Funding assistance from RTP will allow the County to “renovate” (repair/replace) recreational trail and support facilities at the natural area that have deteriorated due to visitor use since their installation in 1998 – a 179-foot-long boardwalk, an elevated shade shelter/wildlife observation platform, 1.3 miles of hiking and equestrian trails, a concrete nature trail and two parking lots. RTP funding also will allow the County to enhance existing facilities through the addition of a short connector hiking trail, a shade shelter with bench, a pitcher (water) pump and two mounting blocks for equestrian use, new access gates for equestrians and pedestrians, a single-sided kiosk, Autism-friendly “water-safety fenders,” and Autism-friendly and Universal Trail Assessment Process style signage. These renovated and new facilities will provide improved recreational trail experiences for visitors to the Project Area for years to come. If the proposed renovations are not completed within the next few years, the natural area will be closed to the public due to continued deterioration of the public use facilities.

The minimum dedication timeframe required by FDEP is 99 years. However, pursuant to September 24, 2002 (and subsequent) Board direction that staff seek out and implement perpetual protections for county conservation lands, staff recommends that the Project Area be dedicated as a passive outdoor recreation area in perpetuity. All recreational uses will be in compliance with the County’s Natural Areas Ordinance No. 94-13, as amended, and will be consistent with the County’s goal of preserving the rare and diverse native ecosystems present on its natural areas, and the endangered, threatened, and rare species of plants and animals that live within those natural areas.