

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

Consent
 Ordinance

Regular
 Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a conservation easement in favor of Palm Beach County for three sites in Riverbend Park totaling 15.98 acres.

Summary: On March 10, 2015, the County approved a 4.90 acre Declaration of Conservation Easement (R2015-0334), which required the County to establish an upland tree mitigation bank. The Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the Environmental Resources Management Department (ERM) to expand the Riverbend upland preserve/tree conservation bank. The proposed expansion includes three additional sites totaling 15.98 acres, which would bring the expanded preserve/tree mitigation conservation bank to 20.88 acres within Riverbend Park. This upland preserve/tree conservation bank establishes upland tree credits which the Parks and Recreation Department can draw against for future park projects. Credits from this tree conservation bank can only be used to satisfy County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), Article 14, Chapter C, Vegetation Preservation and Protection requirements. The Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP) outlines the duties and responsibilities for managing this Conservation Easement. The Conservation Easement allows passive recreation, such as hiking, biking, equestrian trails and other recreational uses which have minimal impact on the natural resource, and is consistent with the long range development plans for Riverbend Park. It also ensures the tree mitigation area will remain in a natural state and will be maintained by the County in perpetuity. District 1 (AH)

Background and Justification: Riverbend is a 665.62 acre regional park located in northern Palm Beach County known for its hiking, equestrian, nature viewing, history programs, and canoe/kayak facilities.

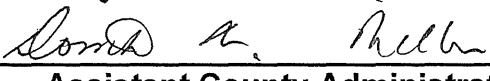
Per the ULDC, park development projects which impact native upland vegetation require an Environmental Resources Management upland vegetation removal permit. The upland preserve/tree conservation bank requires a Conservation Easement be executed by the Board of County Commissioners and recorded in public records.

Attachments:

1. Declaration of Conservation Easement
2. Overall Aerial Map – Preserve Sites
3. Preserve Area Management Plan

Recommended by: 
Department Director

4/21/23
Date

Approved by: 
Assistant County Administrator

4/25/2023
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget: Yes _____ No X
 Does this item include use of federal funds? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
 Revenue Source _____ Object _____ Program _____

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

There is no additional financial impact created by this Amendment.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Joe Young
4/13/23
Jose M. ... 4/13/2023
 OFMB
JA 4/13

Ar. J. ... 4/20/23
 Contract Development and Control
THH 4/20/23

B. Legal Sufficiency:

... 4/24/23
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

... 4/11/2023
 Environmental Resources Management

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment