

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

5E-1

Meeting Date: June 13, 2023 [] Consent [X] Regular
[] Ordinance [] Public Hearing

Department: Facilities Development & Operations

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

A) an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of a 7.91 acre parcel of vacant land located north of Indiantown Road and east of Bee Line Highway from Jorge Rodriguez for \$319,137 plus closing, title insurance and recording costs estimated to be \$2,080; and

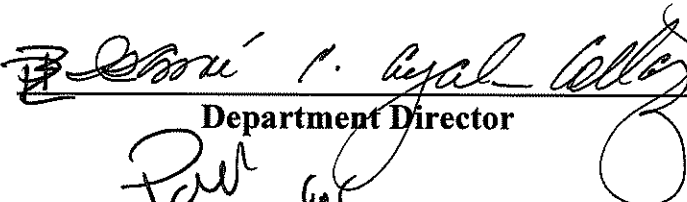
B) a Memorandum of Agreement with Jorge Rodriguez to be recorded in the public records to provide notice of this Agreement.


Summary: On November 2, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved a Fiscal Strategy for the spending of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which included an allocation of \$4,000,000 for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands. Jorge Rodriguez contacted the County and offered to sell his parcel (Rodriguez parcel) which is a road frontage parcel located on Beeline Highway in an area known as Palm Beach Heights (part of the Pal-Mar Ecosite). The Pal-Mar Ecosite is part of a large ecological greenway that stretches from just west of the Atlantic Ocean to just east of Lake Okeechobee. The area provides habitat for a wide variety of native plants and animals and it is part of a hydrologically significant region that includes the headwaters of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River. Hence its value as environmentally sensitive land. Appraisals were obtained from Anderson & Carr, Inc. and M.R. Ford & Associates, Inc. who assigned a \$35,000 and \$40,922 per acre value for road frontage parcels in Palm Beach Heights, respectively. Callaway & Price, Inc. reviewed the appraisals and concluded a reasonable aggregate value of \$40,346 per acre for road frontage Palm Beach Heights parcels, which is the basis of the purchase price. The Agreement allows for the County's due diligence review of the parcel within 45 days of Board approval. The County will pay title insurance policy premium, closing and recording costs estimated to be \$2,080 for the Rodriguez parcel. The Environmental Resources and Management (ERM) Department will perform a pre-acquisition environmental assessment for the parcel prior to closing. A boundary survey will not be obtained for the parcel due to its environmentally sensitive and wet nature. ERM will be responsible for the administration of the parcel. All costs related to the acquisition will be paid from existing funds received from the ARPA Response Replacement Fund. **These are County ARPA Response Replacement funds that do not require a local match. This acquisition must be approved by a supermajority vote (5 Commissioners). (Property & Real Estate Management) District 1 (HJF)**

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Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Agreement for Purchase and Sale –Jorge Rodriguez (2 each w Ex A-D)
3. Memorandum of Agreement – Jorge Rodriguez (2 each w Ex A)
4. Summary of Acquisitions
5. Budget Availability Statement
6. Report on Lack of Development Potential of Palm Beach Heights Parcels- April 2017

Recommended By:  5/26/23
 Department Director Date

Approved By:  6/8/23
 County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures	\$321,217	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$321,217</u>	=====	=====	=====	=====
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget: Yes X No _____

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

Budget Account No: Fund 1164 Dept 410 Unit 509B Object 6101
 Program _____

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

Funds for acquisition of the subject parcel will come from the ARPA Response Replacement Fund (1164). The cost of acquiring the Rodriguez parcel is expected to be \$321,217, inclusive of land costs, title insurance policy/premium, closing and recording costs/fees.

Pending BCC approval the new asset # will be:
 Fixed Asset Number H09050* *a. D. Rivera, Mgr. FUND OF FUND 5/25/23*

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *Kayne Lopez*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development Comments:

 Luz Mateo 5/30/2023
 OFMB *5/30*
EJW 5-30-23

 Dr. J. Jaramel 5/31/23
 Contract Development and Control
5/31/23

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 [Signature] 6/6/23
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review: Environmental Resources Management

 [Signature]
 Department Director

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

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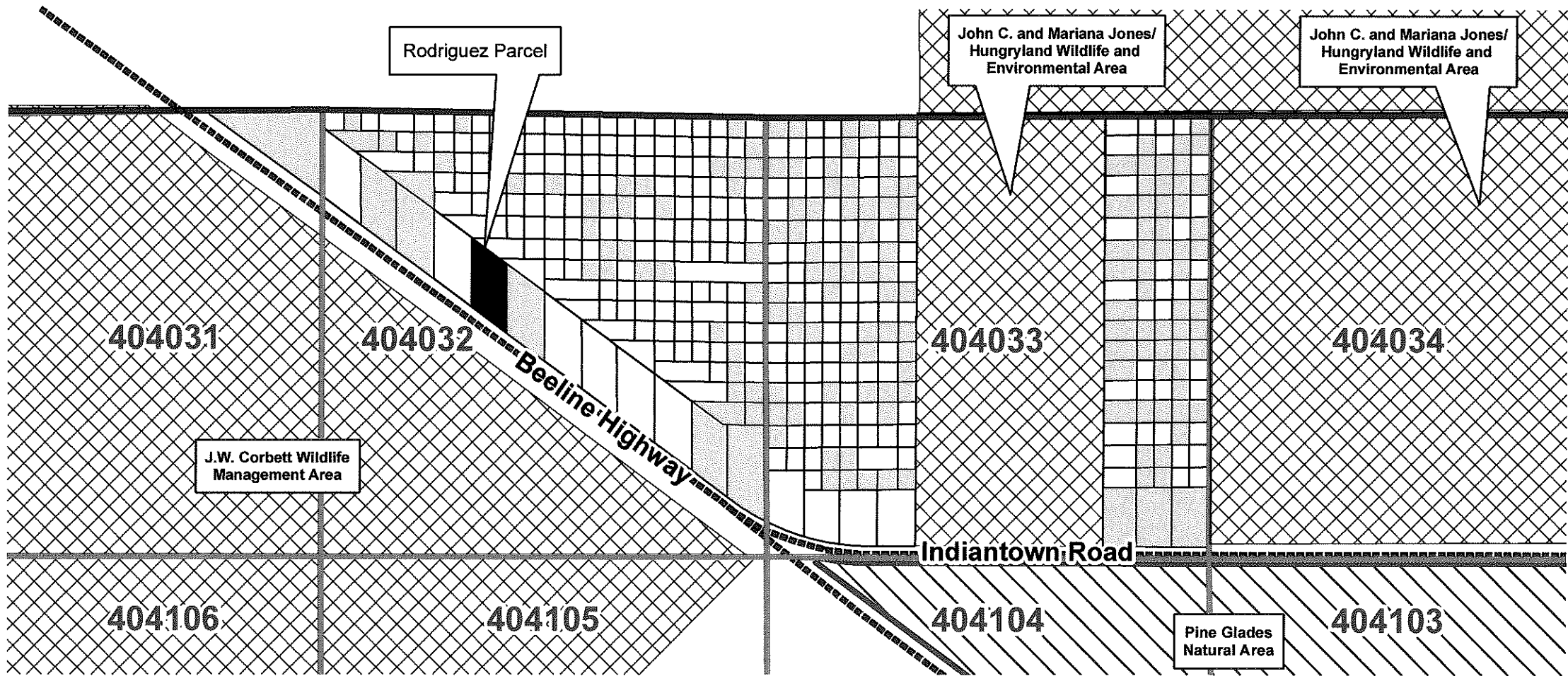
Background and Policy Issues: Lands in the Pal-Mar Ecosite were on the County's proposed acquisition list for both the Palm Beach County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Bond Referendum of March 12, 1991, and the Palm Beach County Lands for Conservation Purposes Bond Issue Referendum of March 9, 1999. Some of the proceeds from those two referendums were used to acquire buildable tracts of land within the Pal-Mar Ecosite. However, the funds ran out before the County could initiate a willing seller program within the Palm Beach Heights portion of the Pal-Mar Ecosite.

In November 2021, the Board approved the use of ARPA Response Project Funds to initiate a willing seller program to acquire environmentally sensitive lands within the County. One of the areas identified for potential acquisition was Palm Beach Heights. Although the road front parcels were not part of the initial focus of the acquisition program, Mr. Rodriguez heard about the program and offered to sell his parcel for an amount equal to the appraised value for road front parcels. PREM and ERM reviewed the location and environmental sensitivity of Mr. Rodriguez's parcel and determined that its acquisition would further the intent of the Palm Beach Heights acquisition program.



The County currently owns 166 of the 434 parcels in the Palm Beach County portion of Palm Beach Heights. The County has been acquiring parcels in this area as they become available. The subject parcel is bordered to the east by a County owned road front parcel, and contains high-quality mesic flatwoods, wet flatwoods and slough marsh habitats. The subject parcel also contains a portion of an old borrow pit that serves as a deep water refuge for wildlife and fish. A summary of acquisitions approved by the Board to date under the ARPA-funded willing seller program to acquire environmentally sensitive lands within the County is provided in Attachment 4.

A Disclosure of Beneficial Interests is not required from Jorge Rodriguez since he is an individual.

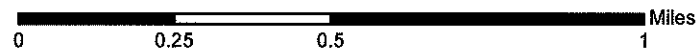
(All part of Commission District #1)



Legend

-  Subject Parcels
-  Palm Beach County-owned Parcel
-  Major Road
-  County Boundary
-  Palm Beach County Natural Area
-  Other Publicly-owned Conservation Land

**Subject Palm Beach Heights Parcels
and Palm Beach County Ownerships
as of May 22, 2023**



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Palm Beach County
Department of Environmental
Resources Management



May 22, 2023; slm

Attachment #2
Agreement for Purchase and Sale with Memorandum of Agreement
Jorge Rodriguez (2 @ 21 pages)

AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE

between

**PALM BEACH COUNTY,
a political subdivision of the State of Florida,
by and through its Board of County Commissioners**

as Purchaser

and

Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez, a married man

as Seller

\\pbcgov.org\FDO\Common\PREM\Dev\Open Projects\ERM-Palm Beach Heights\Acquisitions\Parcel 32-3190 -
Jorge Rodriguez\P&S Agreement\Rodriguez Parcel 5.2.23 HF approved.docx

AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE

This Agreement for Purchase and Sale is made and entered into _____, by and between PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez, a married man, (hereinafter referred to as the "Seller").

WITNESSETH:

1. **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms as used herein shall have the following meanings:

1.1 **"Agreement"** - this instrument, together with all exhibits, addenda, and proper amendments hereto.

1.2 **"Closing and Closing Date"** - the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby which shall be held upon the date reflected in Section 10.2 of this Agreement, unless extended by the terms of this Agreement, or by mutual consent of the parties.

1.3 **"Current Funds"** - Palm Beach County warrant drawn against a public banking institution located in Palm Beach County, Florida.

1.4 **"Effective Date"** - the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date upon which the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners approves this Agreement at a formal meeting of the Board.

1.5 **"Inspection Period"** - that certain period of time commencing upon the Effective Date and terminating forty-five (45) days thereafter.

1.6 **"Permitted Exceptions"** - those exceptions to the title of the Property as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, together with any other title matters that may be accepted in writing by the County.

1.7 **"Property"** - the Real Property.

1.8 **"Purchase Price"** - the price set forth in or determined in accordance with Section 3.1 of this Agreement

1.9 **"Real Property"** - the Real Property legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all improvements situate thereon.

2. **SALE AND PURCHASE** In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and various other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Seller agrees to sell and convey to County and County agrees to purchase from Seller, on the terms, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Property, together with all improvements located thereon, if any, and all right, title, interest, privileges, estates, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances appertaining to the Real Property, including, without limitation, any and all streets, roads, highways, easements, accesses, and rights of way appurtenant thereto.

3. **PURCHASE PRICE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.**

3.1 **Purchase Price.** The purchase price of the Property shall be Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$319,137).

3.2 **Payment of Purchase Price.** On the Closing Date, County shall pay the total amount of the Purchase Price of the Property in Current Funds, subject to any adjustments, credits, prorations, and fees as herein provided.

4. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER.** As a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement, Seller hereby acknowledges, represents, and warrants to County as follows:

4.1 Seller is indefeasibly seized of marketable, fee simple title to the Property, and is the sole owner of and has good right, title and authority to convey and transfer the Property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, excepting only the Permitted Exceptions.

4.2 The Property consists of one parcel that abuts a public roadway to which access is not limited or restricted.

4.3 There is no litigation, investigation, or proceeding pending, or to the knowledge of Seller threatened, which relates to or adversely affects Seller's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

4.4 There are no judicial or administrative actions, suits, or judgments affecting the Property pending, or to the knowledge of Seller threatened, which relate to or adversely affect Seller's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement, including, without limitation, those relating to any laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction of the Property.

4.5 There are no existing or pending general or special assessments affecting the Property, which are or may be assessed by any governmental authority, water or sewer authority, school district, drainage district, or any other special taxing district.

4.6 Seller represents that simultaneously with Seller's execution of this Agreement, Seller has executed and delivered to County the Seller's Disclosure of Beneficial Interests attached hereto as Exhibit "C" (the "Disclosure") disclosing the name and address of every person or entity having a 5% or greater beneficial interest in the ownership of the Property as required by Section 286.23 of the Florida Statutes. Seller warrants that in the event there are any changes prior to Closing to the names and addresses of the persons or entities having a 5% or greater beneficial interest in the ownership of the Property after the date of execution of the Disclosure, Seller shall immediately, and in every instance, provide written notification of such change to the County in the manner required by Section 15 of this Agreement. Seller warrants that at Closing, Seller shall provide County with a Disclosure that accurately discloses the beneficial interests in the ownership of the Property at the time of Closing regardless of whether or not the information contained therein has changed from the date of execution of the original Disclosure. In the event Seller is an individual, Seller is exempt from this provision.

4.7 There are no condemnation, environmental, zoning, or other land-use regulation proceedings, either instituted or planned to be instituted, with regard to the Property.

4.8 On the Closing Date there will be no outstanding contracts made by Seller for any improvements to the Property which have not been fully paid for, and Seller shall cause to be discharged all mechanics' or construction liens arising from any labor or materials furnished to the Property prior to the time of Closing.

4.9 All documents executed or to be executed by Seller which are to be delivered to County at Closing will be legal, valid and binding obligations of Seller.

4.10 There are no service contracts affecting the Property which will survive Closing.

4.11 That all ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes for the Property have been fully paid or will be paid at or prior to Closing, in accordance with Section 12 hereof, for the year of Closing and all prior years.

4.12 Seller has entered into no other contracts for the sale of any portion of the Property which remain in force.

4.13 There are no facts known to Seller affecting the value of the Property which have not been disclosed in writing to County.

4.14 Seller has complied and shall comply from the date hereof until Closing with all applicable Federal, State, County and municipal regulations, rules, ordinances, statutes and other requirements and regulations pertaining to the Property.

4.15 Seller has not used, is not currently using and will not in the future (for so long as Seller owns the same) use the Property for the handling, storage, transportation or disposal of hazardous materials and, to the best of Seller's knowledge, the Property has not in the past been so used.

In the event that any of Seller's acknowledgments, representations and warranties shall prove to be materially untrue, the same shall be considered a default for which the County shall have the rights and remedies identified in Section 17.1 hereof.

5. **INSPECTION OF PROPERTY.** During the Inspection Period, County and its engineers, surveyors, agents, and representatives shall have unrestricted access to the Property for purposes of survey, testing and inspection thereof. All surveys, testing and inspections shall be conducted by County at its expense, and shall be performed by licensed persons or firms dealing in the respective areas or matters tested. All testing shall be done in the least intrusive manner reasonably practical. In the event County elects not to close upon its purchase of the Property, County shall restore the Property to the condition in which it existed prior to such inspections, using materials of like kind and quality. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit County from disclosing the results of said inspections as may be required by applicable law. In the event that such inspections shall reveal a deficiency in the Property, as determined by County in its sole and absolute discretion, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time during the Inspection Period by giving written notice thereof to Seller, whereupon the parties shall be relieved of all further obligations hereunder.

6. **EVIDENCE OF TITLE.**

6.1 Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, the County shall obtain an owner's title insurance commitment, together with legible copies of all exceptions to coverage reflected therein, issued by Southeast Guaranty and Title, Inc. agreeing to issue to the County upon the recording of the Statutory Warranty Deed to the Real Property, an owner's title insurance policy in the amount of the Purchase Price, insuring the marketability of the fee title of the County to the Real Property, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions. The cost of said title insurance commitment and title insurance policy and any premium therefor shall be borne by County.

The County shall have until the later of ten (10) days after receipt of the title insurance commitment, or the end of the Inspection Period, whichever is later, in which to review same. In the event the title insurance commitment shall show as an exception any matter other than the Permitted Exceptions, County shall notify Seller of County's objection thereto, and Seller shall act with reasonable effort, including bringing suit, to remove such exception(s), which exception(s) shall be deemed to constitute title defects. The Seller shall be entitled to ninety (90) days from the date of notification by County (with adjournment of the Closing Date, if necessary) within which to cure such defects or to make arrangements with the title insurer for deletion of any such title defects from the title insurance commitment without the inclusion of any additional exceptions to coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Seller shall have the option of discharging any such matters at Closing with the closing proceeds. If the defect(s) shall not have been so cured or removed from the title insurance commitment by endorsement thereto at the termination of the said ninety (90) day period, County shall have the option of: (a) accepting title to the Property as it then exists; or (b) terminating this Agreement, by giving written notice thereof to Seller, provided, however, County shall not thereby waive any rights or remedies available to County due to such default by Seller, including an action for damages.

6.2 County may request, prior to the Closing, an endorsement of the title insurance commitment making it effective to within fifteen (15) days of the Closing Date. At Closing, County shall cause the title insurance commitment to be endorsed to remove, without the inclusion of any additional exceptions to coverage, any and all requirements or preconditions to the issuance of an owner's title insurance policy, and to delete any exceptions for: (a) any rights or claims of parties in possession not shown by the public records; (b) encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the Property (provided County obtains a survey in accordance with Section 7 hereof); (c) easements or claims of easement not shown by the public records (provided County obtains a survey in accordance with Section 7 hereof); (d) any lien, or right to a lien, for services, labor or material heretofore or hereinafter furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the public records; (e) taxes for the year of Closing and all prior years, and taxes or special assessments which are not shown as existing liens by the public records; (f) matters arising or attaching subsequent to the effective date of the title insurance commitment but before the acquisition of record of title to the Property by the County; and (g) any general or specific title exceptions other than the Permitted Exceptions.

6.3 From and after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Seller shall take no action which would impair or otherwise affect title to any portion of the Property, and shall record no documents in the Public Records which would affect title to the Real Property, without the prior written consent of the County.

7. **SURVEY.** County shall have the right, within the time period provided in Section 6 for delivery and examination of title, to obtain a current survey of the Real Property and all improvements thereon. If the survey reveals any encroachments, overlaps, boundary disputes, or other defects, or any matters other than the Permitted Exceptions, the same shall be treated as title defects as described in Section 6 of this Agreement, and County shall have the same rights and remedies as set forth therein.

8. **MAINTENANCE.** Between the Effective Date and Closing, Seller shall maintain the Property in the condition in which it existed as of the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Seller shall deliver the Property at Closing free of any trash, refuse or other debris, and in full compliance with all governmental regulations. Seller shall bear the risk of any loss, damage or casualty to the Property prior to Closing. County shall have access to the Property at any reasonable time prior to Closing to verify Seller's compliance herewith.

9. **CONDITION PRECEDENT TO CLOSING.** The following are conditions precedent to County's obligation to close upon its purchase of the Property: (1) Seller shall have performed all of the covenants and obligations under this Agreement that it is obligated to perform at or prior to Closing, on or prior to the dates such performance is required hereby; (2) Seller's representations and warranties identified in this Agreement shall be true and correct; (3) there shall have been no change in the condition of the Property or the status of title to the Property, other than as specifically permitted by this Agreement. The foregoing conditions precedent are for the exclusive benefit of County and may be unilaterally waived by the County.

10. **CLOSING.** The parties agree that the Closing upon the Property shall be consummated as follows:

10.1 **Place of Closing.** The Closing shall be held at the Property and Real Estate Management Division office, 2633 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida.

10.2 **Closing Date.** The Closing shall take place within fifteen (15) days after expiration of the Inspection Period, or at such earlier date as is mutually agreed upon by the parties.

10.3 **Closing Documents.** County shall be responsible for preparation of all closing documents. County shall submit copies of same to Seller no less than ten (10) days before Closing. At Closing, Seller shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to County, the following documents, each fully executed and acknowledged as required.

10.3.1 **Statutory Warranty Deed.** A Statutory Warranty Deed conveying good and marketable fee simple title to the Property, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions.

10.3.2 **Seller's Disclosure of Beneficial Interests.** A Seller's Disclosure of Beneficial Interests as required by Section 286.23, Florida Statutes, which accurately discloses the name and address of any person or entity having a 5% or greater beneficial interest in the ownership of the Property as of the date of Closing. The foregoing shall be in addition to any Disclosure or notice of change thereto previously provided to County, and in the same form as previously provided to County. In the event Seller is an individual, Seller is exempt from this provision.

10.3.3 **Affidavit of Seller.** A Seller's Affidavit stating that the Property is free and clear of all encumbrances, mortgages, liens, leases, licenses, contracts or claim of rights in a form sufficient to permit the title insurer to delete the "Gap" and "Standard Exceptions" from the title insurance policy and insure County's title to the Property in accordance with Section 6 of this Agreement, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions.

10.3.4 **Non-Foreign Affidavit.** Seller represents and warrants to County that Seller is not a "foreign person" as defined by the Federal Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (the "Act"). At Closing, the Seller shall execute and deliver to County a "Non-Foreign Affidavit", as required by the Act. Seller acknowledges that in the event Seller fails to deliver the Non-Foreign Affidavit, County shall be authorized to withhold from the closing proceeds an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the gross amount of the purchase price and to remit same to the Internal Revenue Service, as required by the Act.

10.3.5 **Closing Statement.** A Closing Statement prepared in accordance with the terms hereof.

10.3.6 **Additional Documents**. Seller shall also deliver and/or execute such other instruments as are necessary or reasonably required to consummate the transactions herein contemplated including, without limitation, if applicable, such documents as County or the title company may require evidencing Seller's existence, good standing, power and authority to enter into and consummate the transaction herein contemplated.

10.4 **Possession**. At Closing, Seller shall deliver full, complete, and exclusive possession of the Property to the County.

10.5 **County's Obligations**. At Closing, County shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Seller the following:

10.5.1 **Cash due at Closing**. The required payment due in Current Funds as provided elsewhere herein.

11. **EXPENSES**.

11.1 County shall pay the following expenses at Closing.

11.1.1 The cost of recording the deed of conveyance.

11.1.2 All costs and premiums for the owner's title insurance commitment and policy.

11.2 Seller shall pay the following expenses at Closing:

11.2.1 Documentary Stamps required to be affixed to the deed of conveyance.

11.2.2 All costs necessary to cure title defect(s) or encumbrances, other than the Permitted Exceptions, and to satisfy or release of record all existing mortgages and liens upon the Property.

11.3 The Seller and County shall each pay their own attorney's fees.

12. **PRORATIONS**.

12.1 **Taxes**. On or before the Closing Date, Seller shall establish an escrow fund with the County Tax Collector pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 196.295, and shall pay into said escrow Seller's prorata portion of ad valorem and non-ad valorem real property taxes and assessments for the year of Closing and any prior years as determined by the Tax Collector. Seller's prorata share of all taxes and assessments shall include the day of Closing.

12.2 **Assessments**. If as of the Closing Date, assessments or charges have been imposed against the Property or any part thereof which are, or which may become payable in annual installments, the first installment of which is then a charge or lien, or has been paid, then for the purposes of this Agreement, all of the unpaid installments of any such assessments, including those which become due and payable after the Closing Date, shall be deemed to be due and payable and to be a lien upon the premises affected thereby, and shall be paid and discharged by the Seller on or before the Closing Date. Any other assessments not deemed to be due and payable as aforesaid which burden County owned property shall be deemed to be payable on a calendar year basis in arrears and prorated accordingly.

13. **CONDEMNATION.** In the event that all or any part of the Property shall be acquired or condemned for any public or quasi-public use or purpose, or if any acquisition or condemnation proceedings shall be threatened or begun prior to the Closing of this transaction, County shall have the option to either terminate this Agreement and the obligations of all parties hereunder shall cease, or to proceed, subject to all other terms, covenants, conditions, representations, and warranties of this Agreement to Closing, receiving, however, any and all damages, awards, or other compensation arising from or attributable to such acquisition or condemnation proceedings. County shall have the right to participate in any such proceedings.

14. **REAL ESTATE BROKER.** Seller represents and warrants to County that it has not dealt with any broker, salesman, agent, or finder in connection with this transaction and agrees to indemnify, defend, save, and hold County harmless from the claims and demands of any real estate broker, salesman, agent or finder claiming to have dealt with Seller. All indemnities provided for in this Section shall include, without limitation, the payment of all costs, expenses and attorney's fees incurred or expended in defense of such claims or demands. The terms of this Section shall survive the Closing or termination of this Agreement.

15. **NOTICES.** All notices and elections (collectively, "notices") to be given or delivered by or to any party hereunder shall be in writing and shall be (as elected by the party giving such notice) hand delivered by messenger, courier service, or national overnight delivery service, telecopied or faxed, or alternatively shall be sent by United States Certified Mail, with Return-Receipt Requested. The effective date of any notice shall be the date of delivery of the notice if by personal delivery, courier services, or national overnight delivery service, or on the date of transmission with confirmed answer back if by telecopier or fax if transmitted before 5:00 p.m. on a business day and on the next business day if transmitted after 5:00 p.m. or on a non-business day, or if mailed, upon the date which the return receipt is signed or delivery is refused or the notice designated by the postal authorities as non-deliverable, as the case may be. The parties hereby designate the following addresses as the addresses to which notices may be delivered, and delivery to such addresses shall constitute binding notice given to such party:

15.1 County:

Palm Beach County
Property & Real Estate Management Division
Attention: Director
2633 Vista Parkway
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411-5605
Fax 561-233-0210

With a copy to:

County Attorney's Office
Attention: Real Estate
301 North Olive Avenue, Suite 601
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401-4791
Fax 561-355-4398

15.2 Seller:

Jorge Rodriguez
16026 73rd Terrace North
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418-7474
Fax _____

With a copy to:

Fax _____

Any party may from time to time change the address at which notice under this Agreement shall be given such party, upon three (3) days prior written notice to the other parties.

16. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither County nor Seller may assign this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the other party, which may be granted or withheld at such other party's sole and absolute discretion. Any attempted assignment, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, or subletting without such consent shall be null and void, without legal effect and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement. This provision shall be construed to include a prohibition against any assignment by operation of law, legal process, receivership, bankruptcy, or otherwise, whether voluntary or involuntary.

17. **DEFAULT.**

17.1 **Defaults by Seller.** In the event Seller fails, neglects or refuses to perform any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement for which a specific remedy is not set forth in this Agreement, County shall have the right to: (1) terminate this Agreement by written notice to Seller, in which event the parties shall be released from all obligations hereunder other than those which specifically survive termination of this Agreement; (2) grant Seller a reasonable period of time within which to cure such default during which time Seller shall utilize Seller's commercially reasonable efforts, including bringing suit, to remedy such default; or (3) seek specific performance of the terms of this Agreement. In the event County elects option number two (2) set forth hereinabove and Seller fails or is unable to cure such default within the applicable time period, County shall have the rights identified in option numbers one (1) and three (3) set forth hereinabove. In the event County elects option number three (3) and County is unable to obtain specific performance of this Agreement for any reason, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and pursue damages.

17.2 **Defaults by County.** In the event County fails or refuses to perform any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement for which a specific remedy is not set forth in this Agreement, Seller shall have the right to: (1) terminate this Agreement at any time prior to Closing by written notice to County, in which event the parties shall be released from all obligations hereunder other than those which specifically survive termination of this Agreement; (2) grant County a reasonable period of time within which to cure such default during which time County shall utilize County's commercially reasonable efforts, including bringing suit, to remedy such default; or (3) seek specific performance of the terms hereof. In the event Seller elects option number two (2) set forth hereinabove and County fails or is unable to cure such default within the applicable time period, Seller shall have the rights identified in option numbers one (1) and three (3) set forth hereinabove. In the event Seller elects option number three (3) and Seller is unable to obtain specific performance of this Agreement for any reason, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and pursue damages.

18. **GOVERNING LAW & VENUE.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement will be held in a State court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein

conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

19. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

20. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.** County shall be entitled to record the Memorandum of Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "D" in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida. In the event County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, County shall deliver a termination of such Memorandum of Agreement to Seller within sixty (60) days of such termination.

21. **TIME OF ESSENCE.** Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of each and every provision of this Agreement where a time is specified for performance.

22. **INTEGRATION.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may not be modified or amended, except in a writing signed by all of the parties hereto.

23. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement is expressly contingent upon the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and shall become effective only when signed by all parties and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

24. **HEADINGS.** The paragraph headings or captions appearing in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not part of this Agreement, and are not to be considered in interpreting this Agreement.

25. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the parties agree that throughout the term of this Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all persons are treated equally without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information under any activity conducted pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of this Agreement.

26. **CONSTRUCTION.** No party shall be considered the author of this Agreement since the parties hereto have participated in extensive negotiations and drafting and redrafting of this document to arrive at a final Agreement. Thus, the terms of this Agreement shall not be strictly construed against one party as opposed to the other party based upon who drafted it. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

27. **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY.** 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, including but not limited to any citizens of Palm Beach County or employees of County or Seller.

28. **ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING.** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other negotiations, representations, or agreements, written or oral, relating to this Agreement.

29. **SURVIVAL.** The parties' warranties, agreements, covenants, and representations set forth in this Agreement shall not be merged and shall survive consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

30. **WAIVER.** No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective against any party hereto unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

31. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be modified and amended only by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

32. **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.** Exhibits attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

33. **TIME COMPUTATION.** Any references in this Agreement to time periods of less than six (6) days shall, in the computation thereof, exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and federal or state legal holidays; any time period provided for in this Agreement that shall end on a Saturday, Sunday, federal or state legal holiday shall extend to 5:00 p.m. (EST) of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, federal or state legal holiday.

34. **RADON GAS.** Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when it has accumulated in a building in sufficient quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that exceed federal and state guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional information regarding radon testing may be obtained from your County public health unit.

35. **PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.** Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General is authorized with the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General's authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of entities contracting with the County, or anyone acting on their behalf, in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and to detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be a violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

36. **COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement, including the exhibits referenced herein, may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall constitute collectively but one and the same Agreement. The County may execute the Agreement through electronic or manual means. Seller shall execute by manual means only, unless the County provides otherwise.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names on the dates set forth below.


Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

Date of Execution by Seller:

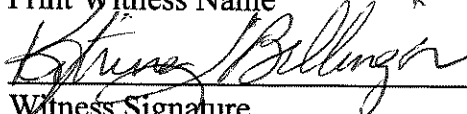
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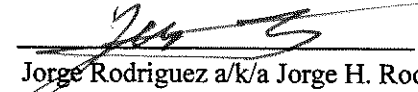
Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez, a married man


Witness Signature

Serenia Page-Beckton
Print Witness Name


Witness Signature

KARINA BELLINGER
Print Witness Name

By: 
Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez

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_____, 20__

ATTEST:

JOSEPH ABRUZZO
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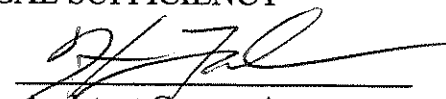
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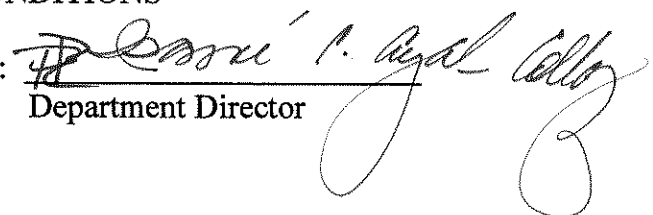
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
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By: 
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By: 
Department Director

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT "A" - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT "B" - PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS

EXHIBIT "C" - DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL INTERESTS

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EXHIBIT "B"
PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS

None

EXHIBIT "C"
SELLER'S DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL INTERESTS

Intentionally deleted.

EXHIBIT "D"

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Prepared By/Return To:
Lorymil Melendez-Delgado, Real Estate Specialist
Facilities Development & Operations Dept.
Property & Real Estate Management Division
2633 Vista Parkway, WPB, FL 33411-5605

PCN: 00-40-40-32-00-000-3190

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, County and Seller have entered into the Agreement pursuant to which Seller has agreed to sell to County and County has agreed to purchase from Seller the Real Property located in Palm Beach County legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of giving public notice of the existence of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby acknowledge, and give notice of, the existence of the Agreement.

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_____, 20____

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

COUNTY:

ATTEST:

**JOSEPH ABRUZZO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
& COMPTROLLER**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political
subdivision of the State of Florida**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO
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By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

By: _____
Department Director

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_____, 20__

“SELLER”

Signed and delivered in the presence
of:

By: _____
Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez

Witness Signature

Print Witness Name

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing Memorandum of Agreement was acknowledged before me by means
of [] physical presence or [] online notarization this ___ day of _____, 20____,
by Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez, () who is personally known to me OR
() who produced _____ as identification and
who () did (X) did not take an oath.

Notary Public

Print Notary Name

(Stamp/Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC
Florida at Large

Commission Number

My Commission Expires: _____

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Attachment #3
Memorandum of Agreement
Jorge Rodriguez (2 @ 4 pages)

Prepared By/Return To:
Lorymil Melendez-Delgado, Real Estate Specialist
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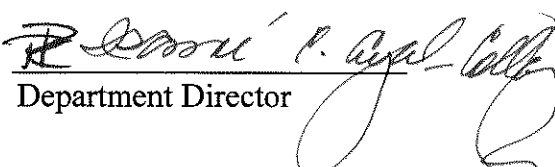
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: 
Assistant County Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND
CONDITIONS**

By: 
Department Director

Date of Execution by Seller:
5-24, 2023

“SELLER”

Signed and delivered in the presence
of:

By: [Signature]
Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez

[Signature]
Witness Signature

Serenia Page-Beckton
Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Witness Signature

KATRINA L. BELLINGER
Print Witness Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing Memorandum of Agreement was acknowledged before me by means
of [] physical presence or [] online notarization this 24th day of May, 2023,
by Jorge Rodriguez a/k/a Jorge H. Rodriguez, () who is personally known to me OR
() who produced FL DL# R362-428-62-293-0 as identification and
who () did () did not take an oath. Exp 08/13/2028

[Signature]
Notary Public
Vaneeta Arora
Print Notary Name

(Stamp/Seal)



NOTARY PUBLIC
Florida at Large

Commission Number HH 031356
My Commission Expires: Sept 7, 2024

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SUMMARY OF ACQUISITIONS

Summary of acquisitions approved by the Board to date under the ARPA-funded willing seller program to acquire environmentally sensitive lands within the County follows.

Board Meeting Date	Willing Seller(s)	Acreage & Parcel Control Number (PCN)	Purchase Price	Costs (Estimate)	Closing
Nov. 15, 2022 (Item 5D-3)	Glenn S. Harris BarbaraValentine-Harris	2.1 (00-40-40-33-00-000-1270)	\$32,550	\$500	01/12/2023
Nov. 15, 2022 (Item 5D-3)	Jane Couch	1.1 (00-40-40-33-00-000-5090)	\$17,050	\$400	01/12/2023
Nov. 15, 2022 (Item 5D-3)	Pedro Cantillo and Ciana Cantillo (Trustees of the Pedro Cantillo Living Trust)	1.3 (00-40-40-33-00-000-1100)	\$20,150	\$425	01/12/2023
Jan. 10, 2023 (Item 5D-1)	Maryann S. Peterson and Jeanne Givens	1.3 (00-40-40-33-00-000-1090)	\$20,150	\$515	03/09/2023
Jan. 10, 2023 (Item 5D-1)	Amelia F. Petravicz	1.3 (00-40-40-33-00-000-5110)	\$20,150	\$515	03/10/2023
March 14, 2023 (Item 6A-2)	John Joseph Erhart	2.6 (00-40-40-33-00-000-3190 00-40-40-33-00-000-3230)	\$40,300	\$625	05/11/2023
March 14, 2023 (Item 6A-2)	Susan Witonsky and Louis Witonsky	1.3 (00-40-40-33-00-000-3200)	\$20,150	\$515	05/11/2023
March 14, 2023 (Item 6A-2)	Modeline Gaspard and Jean Gaspard	1.3 (00-40-40-32-00-000-2010)	\$20,150	\$515	05/22/2023
April 04, 2023 (Item 5C-2)	Ann F. Gwinnell and William S. Gwinnell	1.3 (00-40-40-32-00-000-1210)	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
April 04, 2023 (Item 5C-2)	Neville Washington and Laurel Washington	1.3 (00-40-40-33-00-000-3250)	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
April 04, 2023 (Item 5C-2)	Laurel Washington, Neville Washington, Lance Washington and Dave Washington	1.5 (00-40-40-32-00-000-1280)	\$23,250	\$535	Pending
April 18, 2023 (Item 5H-2)	Wayne Witt & Traci McQuiston	1.2 00-40-40-32-00-000-1750	\$18,600	\$500	Pending
April 18, 2023 (Item 5H-2)	Steven Delawar and Dana Delawar	1.3 00-40-40-32-00-000-3300	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
April 18, 2023 (Item 5H-2)	Diane Michalski and Edmund Michalski, Jr.	1.3 00-40-40-33-00-000-7220	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
May 16, 2023 (Item 5B-2)	Krystyna Johns	1.3 00-40-40-32-00-000-5240	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
May 16, 2023 (Item 5B-2)	Madeline E. Mackenzie	1.3 00-40-40-32-00-000-1460	\$20,150	\$515	Pending
June 6, 2023 (Item 5D-1)	Joseph Tomacic and Mary Tomacic	1.3 00-40-40-33-00-000-3280	\$20,150	\$525	Pending
June 6, 2023 (Item 5D-1)	Edward D. Quinn, Jr.	1.3 00-40-40-33-00-000-7150	\$20,150	\$525	Pending
Total		25.4	\$393,700	\$9,185	
			\$402,885		

BUDGET AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

REQUEST DATE: 05/24/2023 REQUESTED BY: Lory Delgado PHONE: (561) 233-0214
Real Estate Specialist – PREM

PROJECT TITLE: Acquisitions of three Palm Beach Heights Parcel

IST PLANNING NO.:

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$

BCC RESOLUTION#:

REQUESTED AMOUNT: **\$321,217.00**

DATE:

CSA or CHANGE ORDER NUMBER:

LOCATION: **Palm Beach Heights**

BUILDING NUMBER:

DESCRIPTION OF WORK/SERVICE LOCATION:

PROJECT/W.O. NUMBER:

CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR:

THE ACQUISITION OF ONE PARCEL OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND LOCATED IN PALM BEACH HEIGHTS AKA PAL-MAR ECOSITE. THE PURCHASE PRICE INCLUDING CLOSING COST IS \$321,217.00. RODRIGUEZ 7.91 ACRE PARCEL for \$319,137.00. PCN #: 00-40-40-32-00-000-3190.

CONSTRUCTION	\$
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$
STAFF COSTS*	\$
EQUIP. / SUPPLIES	\$
OTHER/ACQUISITION	\$321,217.00
CONTINGENCY	\$
TOTAL	\$321,217.00

*** By signing this BAS your department agrees to the costs related to the acquisition and your account will be charged unless there is a change in the scope of work, no additional charges will be billed. ***


BUDGET ACCOUNT NUMBER(S) (Specify distribution if more than one and order in which funds are to be used):

FUND:1164 DEPT:410 UNIT:509B OBJ:6101

IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCE FOR EACH ACCOUNT: (check and provide detail for all that apply)

- Ad Valorem (Amount \$4,000,000.00 Infrastructure Sales Tax (Amount \$ _____)
- State (source/type: _____ Amount \$ _____) Federal (source/type: _____ Amount \$ _____)
- Grant (source/type: _____ Amount \$ _____) Impact Fees: (Amount \$ _____)
- Other (source/type: _____ Amount \$ _____)

Department: FDO

BAS APPROVED BY: 

DATE 5/24/2023

ENCUMBRANCE NUMBER: _____

Attachment #6
Report on Lack of Development Potential of Palm Beach Heights Parcels-
April 2017 (2 pages)

**REPORT ON LACK OF DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF
PALM BEACH HEIGHTS PARCELS -
APRIL 2017**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to notify and help educate land owners and other interested parties regarding the lack of development potential (also known as "buildability") of parcels within the Palm Beach Heights portion of Palm Beach County (Palm Beach Heights; Attachment).

Lack of Development Potential:

As of April 2017 most of the parcels in Palm Beach Heights could not meet current land development regulations and therefore are not buildable. The eight parcels along the Beeline Highway and Indiantown Road described below may be an exception due to their direct access to an existing road and the timing of their original deeds. However, a number of significant regulatory hurdles must be overcome for those parcels to be considered buildable.

Factors Affecting Development Potential:

There are 434 individually-deeded parcels within this approximate 716-acre area. In order for parcels to be buildable they must have been created by legal subdivision, meet the density requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and meet the regulations in the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) or qualify under the Potentially Buildable Lot Review. They also must have an approved drainage plan before they can be issued a permit for the operation of a septic system, and receive a wetland fill permit from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) prior to impacting any existing wetlands.

Only 26 of the 434 parcels were deeded into separate ownership before February 5, 1973 and are considered "grandfathered" with respect to the subdivision rule requirements for a legal subdivision. Unlike some of the Jupiter Farms areas, the owners of the Palm Beach Heights area failed to apply for and obtain an Affidavit of Exemption which could have exempted the Palm Beach Heights area from the subdivision rule. As a result, all other Palm Beach Heights parcels are considered an illegal subdivision. Of the 26 grandfathered parcels, two were owned by the same entity on February 5, 1973 and were grandfathered only as a single, combined parcel. Two of the 26 grandfathered parcels are now owned by Palm Beach County. None of the grandfathered parcels can meet the ULDC requirement of having useable access from an existing road, in this case, to either the Beeline Highway or Indiantown Road. While some road easements exist, they are principally over submerged lands and are considered unusable.


Eight parcels along the Beeline Highway and Indiantown Road, which were originally deeded between February 5, 1973 and June 16, 1992, may be able to meet the requirements listed under Zoning's Potentially Buildable Lot Review. However, unless they get an approved drainage plan from the SFWMD and/or the PBC Engineering Department, in addition to the necessary wetland

permits, these eight parcels also would be unbuildable. None of these parcels have received drainage approval from the Land Development Division. As a result, they may not be able to receive approval for septic tank usage based on the Florida Department of Health's criteria. The likelihood of receiving SFWMD or ACOE permits for wetland fill is considered remote and building in wetland areas without such permits would be in violation of federal and state rules and regulations.


Confirmation of Factors Listed Above Which Affect the Development Potential and Buildability of Parcels within Palm Beach Heights:

Signed By: 
Robert Robbins, Director
Department of Environmental Resources Management


Date: 4/29/17

Signed By: 
Patrick W. Rutter, Executive Director
Planning, Zoning and Building Department

Date: 5/2/17

Signed By: 
George Webb, County Engineer
Engineering and Public Works Department

Date: 5/1/17

Signed By: 
Timothy Mayer, Director
Division of Environmental Public Health
Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County

Date: 5/3/17