Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: April 24, 2007

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(F)

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess, County Manager

Subject: Resolution Approving an Option for Purchase of Approximately 5 Acres in the South Dade Wetlands Project from Ervin A. Mendel by the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

RECOMMENDATION

The attached Assignment of Option to Purchase real estate has been negotiated by The Nature Conservancy for the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program and is recommended for approval. Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) funding will be used for this purchase. However, due to the increased number of South Dade Wetlands purchases over the past year, it is possible that the annual GOB allocation for EEL purchases may be expended prior to the closing of this purchase. Therefore, the EEL Acquisition Trust Fund may be used to close on the property if needed.

BACKGROUND

TAX FOLIO NUMBER(S):	30-8909-000-1170
SELLER:	Ervin A. Mendel
SIZE:	Approximately 5 acres
LOCATION:	Township 58 South, Range 39 East, Section 9 in the South Dade Wetlands Project (See Attachment A)
PURCHASE PRICE:	$67,500, which is equal to the appraised value
JUSTIFICATION:	The County Commission placed the South Dade Wetlands on the EEL Priority A Acquisition List in 1993. To date, the County, in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District, the State of Florida, and other funding partners, have acquired approximately 17,939 acres of land throughout Miami-Dade County since inception of the EEL Program.
FUNDING SOURCE:	Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB), Project 2.4
PROJECT MANAGER:	Emilie Young, DERM

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(F)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(F)

04-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND ERVIN A MENDEL AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes of Section 24-50 of the Code of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby accepts the "Assignment of Option to Purchase" from The Nature Conservancy, as assignor, Ervin A. Mendel as seller, for purchase of property more specifically described in Exhibit A of Attachment B, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof; and authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and to exercise the provisions contained therein.

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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

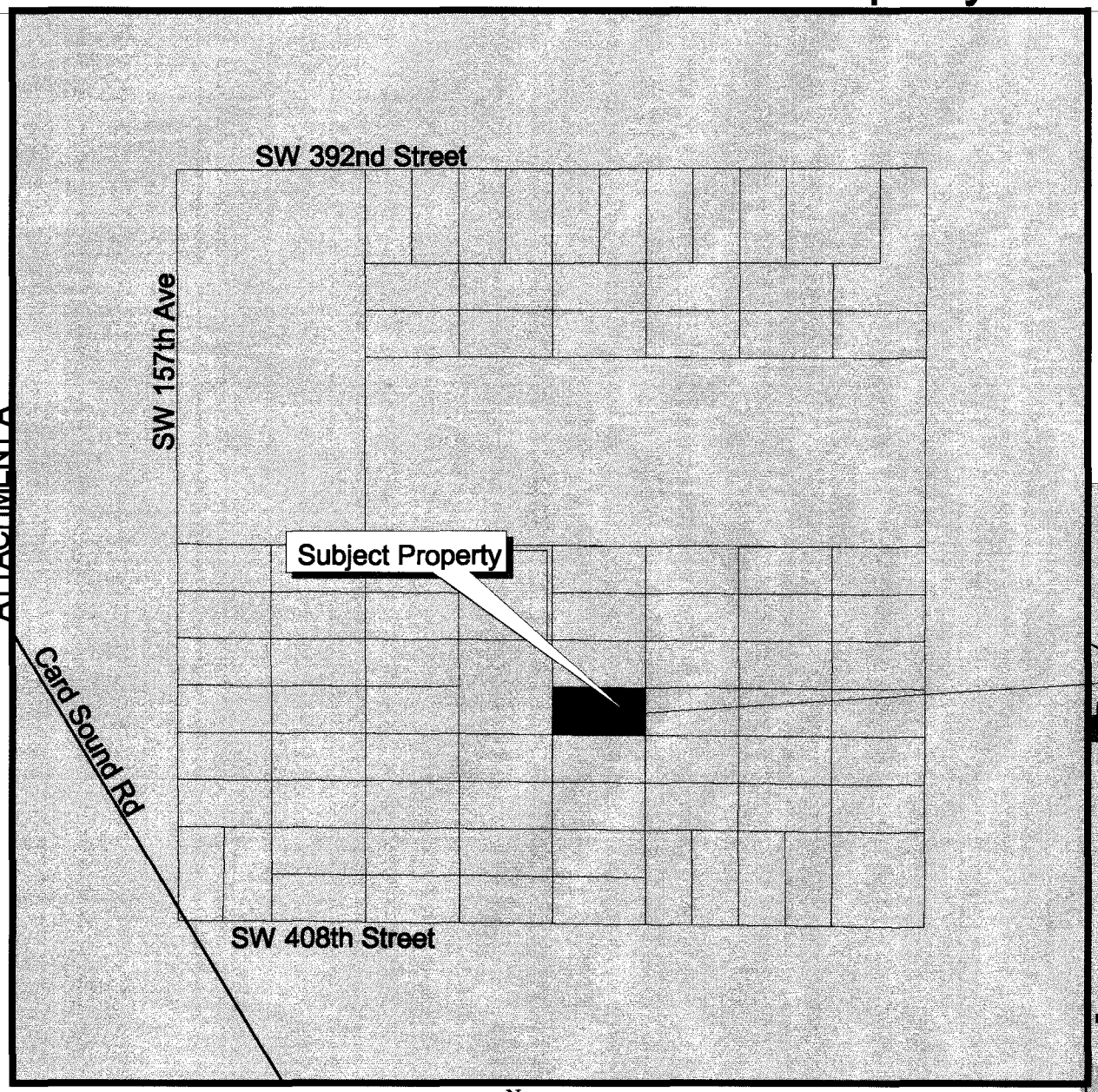
By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Robert A. Duvall

SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT
Mendel Property

ATTACHMENT A



Project Parcel
P:/EEL/EEL gis/BCC/sdw/mendel8909

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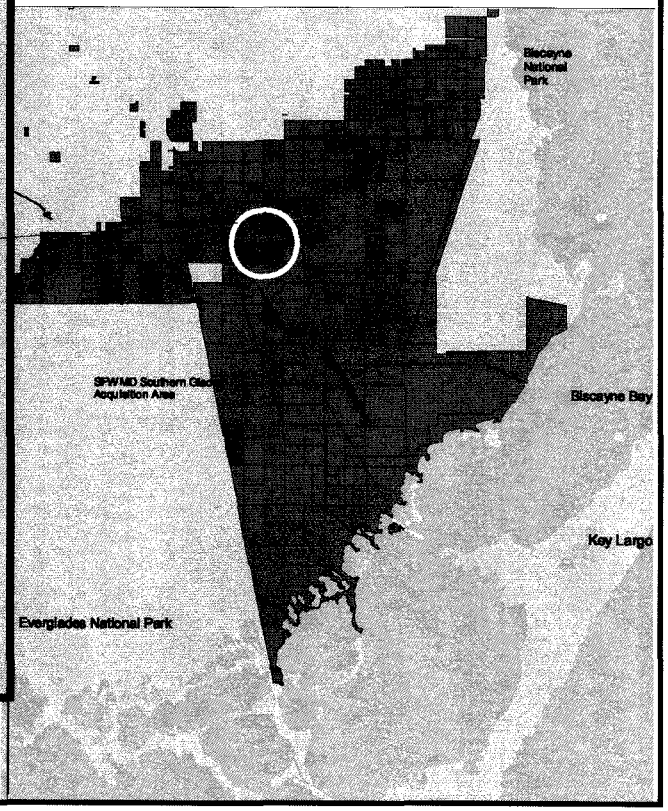
Environmentally
Endangered
Lands Program

Parcel Information:
Folio # 30-8909-000-1170

GOB Project 2.4



ATTACHMENT B

Revision Date: 12/07/2006
Re: South Dade Wetlands
SFWMD Tract No.: 301-137
Dade Folio #: 30-8909-000-1170

OPTION AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE

This Option Agreement for Sale and Purchase (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 26th day of January, 2007, by and between the below named SELLER:

Ervin A. Mendel
whose address is: 540 NW 165 Street Rd.#310
Miami, FL 33169

(hereinafter referred to as "SELLER"), and The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit District of Columbia corporation, as Trustee of The Nature Conservancy Charitable Trust dated May 11, 1998, as amended, and its successors and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "BUYER") whose address is 222 S. Westmonte Drive, Suite 300, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

For and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

This Agreement will be void, at the option of the BUYER, if not accepted by the SELLER by proper execution on or before February 2, 2007. The date of agreement, for purposes of performance, shall be regarded as the date when the BUYER has signed this Agreement. Acceptance and execution of this Agreement shall void any prior contracts or agreements between the parties concerning the Premises (as defined below) unless incorporated by reference herein.

I. OPTION.

1. GRANT OF OPTION.

SELLER hereby grants to BUYER the exclusive option to purchase all of SELLER's right, title and interest in and to the real property located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, described in Exhibit "A", together with all improvements, easements and appurtenances (the "Premises"), in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement becomes legally binding upon execution by the parties. BUYER may assign this Agreement to Miami-Dade County ("Miami-Dade County") whose mailing address is Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, 33 SW 2nd Avenue, PH-2, Miami, FL 33130-1540, c/o Emilie Young, Director. If assigned, the exercise of the option is conditioned upon the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

2. OPTION TERMS.

The option payment is $100.00 (the "Option Payment"), the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by SELLER. SELLER agrees to provide BUYER with a completed W-9 form, upon BUYER's request, in order to enable BUYER to issue any checks provided for hereunder.

The option is exercised by BUYER delivering written notice of exercise to SELLER during the period beginning with BUYER's execution of this Agreement and ending One Hundred and Twenty (120) days after BUYER's execution of this Agreement (the "Option Expiration Date"), unless extended by other provisions of this Agreement.

II. TERMS OF SALE AND PURCHASE. In the event that the Option is exercised pursuant to Section I above, the following terms and conditions shall apply to the sale and purchase.

1. PURCHASE PRICE.

The purchase price is the sum of **SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($67, 500.00)** (the "Purchase Price") which, after reduction by the amount of the Option Payment, will be paid in cash (or, if this option is assigned to the County, by County check) to SELLER at time of closing, subject only to the prorations and

adjustments as otherwise provided in this Agreement. In the event BUYER's funds in the amount of the Purchase Price are not available by the Option Expiration Date, the period of exercise of the option may be extended until such funds become available, not to exceed 60 days after the Option Expiration Date, by written notice from BUYER to SELLER.

2. CLOSING DATE.

The closing shall be on or before 90 days after BUYER exercises the option; provided, however, that if a defect exists in the title to the Premises, title commitment, or any documents required to be provided or completed and executed, the closing shall occur either on the original closing date or within 30 days after receipt of documentation removing the defects, whichever is later. BUYER shall set the date, time and place of closing.

3. PRORATIONS.

All real estate taxes and assessments which are or which may become a lien against the Property shall be prorated between the parties to the date of closing. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if this Agreement is assigned to the County, SELLER shall pay at closing all real property taxes accrued with respect to the Property through the closing date in accordance with Florida Statute 196.295 and all other revenue of the Property shall be prorated as of the closing date. All pending, certified, confirmed or ratified special assessment liens existing as of the closing date are to be paid by the SELLER no later than closing. Intangible personal property taxes, if any, shall be paid by SELLER.

4. EVIDENCE OF TITLE.

BUYER, no later than thirty (30) days after BUYER's execution of this Agreement, shall at BUYER's expense order a title insurance commitment issued by a title insurer of BUYER'S choice, agreeing to issue to the BUYER upon recording of the deed hereinafter mentioned, an owner's policy of title insurance in the amount of the Purchase Price insuring the BUYER as to marketable title of the Premises, subject only to liens, encumbrances, exceptions or qualifications set forth in this Agreement and those which will be satisfied or discharged by the SELLER at or before closing. Said title insurance commitment shall include, at BUYER's expense, complete legible copies of all supporting documentation to all schedule B title exceptions. BUYER shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receiving the evidence of title to examine same. If title is found to be unacceptable to BUYER, in BUYER's sole discretion, the BUYER shall within said period notify the SELLER in writing specifying the defects. The SELLER shall have ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notice to cure the defects, and if after said period the SELLER shall not have cured the defects, BUYER shall have the option: (1) of accepting title as it then is or (2) declining to accept title and thereupon this Agreement shall be canceled and the BUYER and the SELLER shall have no further claim against each other.

5. CONVEYANCE.

At closing, SELLER shall execute and deliver to BUYER a statutory warranty deed in accordance with Section 689.02, Florida Statutes, conveying marketable title to the Premises together with all timber rights, water rights and subsurface rights, and all right, title and interest of SELLER in and to any streams, canals, water bodies, drainage ditches, alleys, roads, streets, easements of access and utility rights of way, abutting or adjoining the Premises, in fee simple free and clear of all liens, reservations, restrictions, easements, leases, tenancies and other encumbrances, except for those that are acceptable encumbrances in the opinion of BUYER and do not impair the marketability of the title to the Premises.

6. RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS.

The BUYER shall take title subject to: (a) Zoning and/or restrictions and prohibitions imposed by governmental authority, (b) public utility easements of record, provided said easements are located on the side or rear lines of the Premises and are not more than ten feet in width.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, any other easements, restrictions, obligations or encumbrances either recorded or unrecorded, for which SELLER is unable to acquire release satisfactory to BUYER, or such easements, restrictions, obligations or encumbrances which BUYER, at its sole discretion, does not accept, shall be considered title defect(s) and shall allow BUYER to terminate all obligations under this Agreement.

7. EXISTING MORTGAGES.

For any existing mortgage, the SELLER shall furnish estoppel letters (not necessarily in affidavit form) setting forth the principal balance, method of payment, and whether the mortgage is in good standing. All outstanding mortgages shall be satisfied by SELLER and a recordable satisfaction of such mortgage furnished to BUYER, at or prior to closing.

8. NO LEASES OR PARTIES IN POSSESSION.

The SELLER warrants that there are no written or oral leases, licenses, rights of entry or easements pertaining to the Premises and that there are no parties other than SELLER in occupancy or possession of any part of the Premises.

9. MECHANICS LIENS.

The SELLER shall furnish to the BUYER at closing an affidavit that there have been no improvements to the Premises for 90 days immediately preceding the date of closing. If the Premises have been improved within 90 days immediately preceding the closing date, the SELLER shall deliver releases or waiver of all mechanics liens executed by general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers or material men and the SELLER's mechanics lien affidavit sufficient to obtain a title policy without an exception pertaining thereto.

10. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIENS.

All pending, certified, confirmed or ratified special assessment liens existing as of the date of closing are to be paid by the SELLER.

11. HANDWRITTEN PROVISIONS.

Handwritten provisions inserted in this Agreement and initialed by the BUYER and the SELLER shall control all printed provisions in conflict therewith.

12. DOCUMENTS FOR CLOSING.

The BUYER shall prepare the deed, the SELLER's affidavits, and the closing statement and submit copies of the same to the SELLER's attorney, at least five (5) days prior to the closing. At the time of execution of this Agreement by SELLER, the SELLER shall prepare and submit to BUYER a Beneficial Interest and Disclosure Affidavit as required by Sections 286.23 and 380.08(2), Florida Statutes. [Note, Florida Statute 286.23 only applies if the seller is an entity. In all cases where the seller is an individual(s), the reference to 286.23 should come out.]

13. EXPENSES.

The SELLER will pay the documentary revenue stamp tax and all other taxes or costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of recording the statutory warranty deed and any other recordable instruments necessary to assure good and marketable title to the Premises.

14. DEFAULT.

If SELLER defaults under this Agreement, BUYER may waive the default and proceed to closing, seek specific performance, or refuse to close and elect to receive the return of any money paid, each without waiving any action for damages, or any other remedy permitted by law or in equity resulting from SELLER's default. In connection with any dispute arising out of this Agreement, including without limitation litigation and appeals, BUYER will be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

For purposes of this Agreement, "pollutant" shall mean waste of any kind, or any contaminant, toxic material, hazardous material, petroleum, petroleum products or by-products, ground pollution or other pollution as defined or regulated by applicable federal, state, or local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations or other governmental restrictions (hereinafter

sometimes referred to collectively as "Applicable Laws"). "Disposal" shall mean the presence, introduction, release, storage, use, handling, discharge, or disposition of such pollutants.

While paragraph 15 establishes contractual liability for the SELLER regarding pollution of the Premises as provided herein, it does not alter or diminish any statutory or common law liability of the SELLER for such pollution.

A. REPRESENTATIONS

The SELLER warrants and represents to the BUYER as follows concerning the Premises:

1) The SELLER has obtained and is in full compliance with any and all permits regarding the disposal of pollutants on the Premises or contiguous property.

2) The SELLER is not aware nor does it have any notice, actual or constructive, of any past, present or future events, conditions, activities or practices which may give rise to any liability or form a basis for any claim, demand, cost or action relating to the disposal of any pollutant on the Premises or on contiguous property other than the cleanup, if any, referred to in Paragraph 15C (2) of this Agreement.

3) There is no civil, criminal or administrative action, suit, claim, demand, investigation or notice of violation pending or threatened against the SELLER relating in any way to the disposal of pollutants on the Premises or on any contiguous property.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT.

The SELLER hereby allows BUYER full and free access to the Premises in order to perform an Environmental Pollution Audit ("Audit") to be completed by Buyer, at Buyer's expense, within sixty (60) calendar days after the Buyer's execution of this Agreement.

C. POLLUTANTS.

(1) In the event that the Audit discloses the presence of pollutants on the Premises, BUYER or SELLER may elect to terminate this Agreement by sending written notice to the other party within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the Audit, and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement.

(2) Should the BUYER and SELLER elect not to terminate this Agreement, the SELLER shall at his sole cost and expense and prior to the closing, complete any assessment, cleanup and monitoring of the pollutants on the Premises necessary to bring the Premises into full compliance with all Applicable Laws. SELLER shall furnish the BUYER with written proof from the appropriate local, state and/or federal agency with jurisdiction over the cleanup that the cleanup has been satisfactorily completed and no further liability exists. The SELLER shall, in addition, execute an affidavit to be delivered to the BUYER at closing that the SELLER warrants and represents to the BUYER, its successors and assigns that SELLER has fully completed any assessment, clean up and monitoring of pollutants on the Premises necessary to bring the Premises into full compliance with Applicable Laws.

16. RIGHT TO ENTER.

The SELLER agrees that from the date of this Agreement through the date of closing, all officers and accredited agents of the BUYER shall have at all reasonable times the unrestricted right to enter upon the Premises for all proper and lawful purposes, including examination of the Premises and the resources upon them.

17. PLACE OF CLOSING.

Closing shall be held at the office of the BUYER or as otherwise agreed upon.

18. RISK OF LOSS AND CONDITION OF PREMISES.

SELLER assumes all risk of loss or damage to the Premises prior to the date of closing and warrants that the Premises shall be transferred and conveyed to BUYER in the same or essentially the same condition as of the date of SELLER's execution of this Agreement, ordinary wear and tear excepted. However, in the event that the condition of the Premises is altered by an act of God or other natural force beyond the control of SELLER, BUYER may elect, at its sole option, to terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement. SELLER agrees to clean up and remove all abandoned

personal property, refuse, garbage, junk, rubbish, trash and debris from the Premises to the satisfaction of BUYER prior to the Option Expiration Date.

19. ACCESS.

SELLER warrants that there is legal ingress and egress for and to the Premises.

20. BROKERS.

SELLER warrants that no persons, firms, corporations or other entities are entitled to a real estate commission or other fees as a result of this Agreement or subsequent closing. SELLER shall indemnify and hold BUYER harmless from any and all such claims.

21. TIME.

Time is of the essence with regard to all dates or times set forth in this Agreement.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained in it and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties. No supplement, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the parties.

23. WAIVER.

Failure of BUYER to insist upon strict performance of any covenant or condition of this Agreement, or to exercise any right herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of any such covenant, condition or right; but the same shall remain in full force and effect.

24. ASSIGNMENT AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST.

This Agreement may be assigned by BUYER to Miami-Dade County. This Agreement may not be assigned by SELLER. This Agreement shall be legally binding upon the parties, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

25. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Notices. All notices, requests, consents and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (as elected by the person giving such notice) hand delivered by messenger or courier service, or mailed (airmail if international) by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid), return receipt requested, or sent by any form of overnight mail, addressed to:

TO BUYER:

The Nature Conservancy, as Trustee of
The Nature Conservancy Charitable Trust
222 S. Westmonte Drive, Suite 300
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

If the Agreement is assigned to the County:

Attn: Director
Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
33 SW 2nd Ave., PH 2
Miami, FL 33130-1540

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TO SELLER:

Ervin A. Mendel
540 NW 165 Street Rd.#310
Miami, FL 33169

Each such notice shall be deemed delivered (1) on the date delivered if by personal delivery; (2) on the date upon which the return receipt is signed or delivery is refused or the notice is designated by the postal authorities as not deliverable, as the case may be, if mailed; and (3) one day after mailing by any form of overnight mail service.

b. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or any other agreement entered into pursuant hereto is contrary to, prohibited by or deemed invalid under applicable law or regulation, such provision shall be inapplicable and deemed omitted to the extent so contrary, prohibited or invalid, but the remainder hereof shall not be invalidated thereby and shall be given full force and effect so far as possible. If any provision of this Agreement may be construed in two or more ways, one of which would render the provision invalid or otherwise voidable or unenforceable and another of which would render the provision valid and enforceable, such provision shall have the meaning which renders it valid and enforceable.

c. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile copy of this Agreement and any signatures thereon shall be considered for all purposes as originals.

26. SURVIVAL.

The covenants, warranties, representations, indemnities and undertakings of SELLER set forth in this Agreement, including those contained in paragraph 15 shall survive the closing, the delivery and recording of the deed and BUYER's possession of the Premises.

27. CERTIFICATION REGARDING MATERIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO TERRORISTS.

The SELLER certifies that the information he has provided on Exhibit "B" - "CERTIFICATION REGARDING MATERIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO TERRORISTS," (the "Certification"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is true and correct to the best of the SELLER's knowledge. In the event that any material misrepresentation in the Certification is discovered during the term of this Agreement, the BUYER may elect to declare this Agreement null and void and immediately terminate it. In the case of an intentional material misrepresentation, the BUYER may, at its option, recover damages resulting from the termination. Notice of termination shall be given to SELLER as provided in paragraph 26.a. above.

28. LIKE KIND EXCHANGE.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, it is understood between the parties that it is SELLER's intent to exchange some portion or all of the proceeds from the sale of the Premises to BUYER for other properties of like kind in a manner which will cause such transaction to qualify as a like kind exchange under the provisions of Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, and that SELLER would not enter into this Agreement but for the contemplated like kind exchange. If the SELLER is unable to close on the like kind replacement properties at the time of the purchase hereunder, then the BUYER agrees to cooperate with SELLER in structuring the purchase of the Premises as a like kind exchange, whether simultaneous or deferred. The BUYER's cooperation shall be limited to paying a portion or all of the proceeds into an escrow account until the SELLER can identify and contract for like kind replacement properties. SELLER acknowledges that BUYER's sole obligation under this paragraph shall be to cooperate with SELLER at no additional cost, expense, obligation or liability to BUYER in accommodating SELLER's intent to effect a like kind exchange. Buyer shall have no obligation to indemnify, defend or hold harmless any person or entity and no obligation to enter into any contract to purchase any property. SELLER further acknowledges that BUYER has made no representations or warranties concerning the tax consequences or effect of the exchange contemplated hereunder. SELLER agrees to indemnify and hold BUYER

harmless from any loss, cost, damage or expense not otherwise contemplated in this Agreement, incurred by BUYER by reason of BUYER's cooperation with SELLER in coordinating the like kind exchange contemplated hereunder."

Witness as to Seller

Witness as to Seller
Print Name: Leo Peicwer

Witness as to Seller
Print Name: Samuel Yecutieli

SELLER:

Ervin A. Mendel

Date signed by Seller 1/19/07

Witness as to Buyer

Witness as to Buyer

BUYER:

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, a nonprofit District of Columbia Corporation, as Trustee of The Nature Conservancy Charitable Trust dated May 11, 1998, as amended

By: Maria Melchiori
Maria F. Melchiori
Chief Operating Officer

F.E.I.D. No. 53-0242652

Date signed by Buyer 1/26/07

Legal: JN
1/23/07

State of Florida
County of Miami-Dade

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of January, 2007, by Ervin A. Mendel, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification and who did not take an oath.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)
SEAL

Notary Public
Sandra B Rivera
(Printed, Typed or Stamped
Name of Notary Public)
Commission No.: DD172504
My Commission Expires: March 11, 2007

Sandra B Rivera
My Commission DD172504
Expires March 11, 2007

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State of Florida)
County of Seminole)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of Jan, 2007, by Maria F. Melchiori, as Chief Operating Officer of The Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit District of Columbia corporation, as Trustee of The Nature Conservancy Charitable Trust dated May 11, 1998, as amended. She is personally known to me and did not take an oath.

(NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL)

Barbara J. Berger
Notary Public

(Printed, Typed or Stamped Name of Notary Public)
Commission No.:
My Commission Expires:

BARBARA J. BERGER
Commission # DD0175213
Expires 2/23/2007
Bonded through
(800-432-4254) Florida Notary Assn., Inc.

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EXHIBIT A

Legal Description

South ½ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ A/K/A TR 4 Section 9 Township 58 South Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

EXHIBIT "B"

CERTIFICATION REGARDING MATERIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO TERRORISTS

A. The Seller hereby certifies:

1. The Seller does not commit, attempt to commit, advocate, facilitate, or participate in terrorist acts, nor has Seller committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts.

2. The Seller will take all reasonable steps to ensure that Seller does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts.

3. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Seller will consider all information about that individual or entity of which Seller is aware or that is available to the public.

4. The Seller will implement reasonable monitoring and oversight procedures to safeguard against assistance being diverted to support terrorist activity.

B. For purposes of this Certification:

1. "Material support and resources" means currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.

2. "Terrorist act" means:
(i) an act prohibited pursuant to one of the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols related to terrorism (see UN terrorism conventions Internet site: http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp); or
(ii) an act of premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; or

(iii) any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

3. "Entity" means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group or subgroup.

SELLER:

Ervin A. Mendel

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ADDENDUM
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(INDIVIDUAL)

The following Disclosure Statement is given in compliance with Section 380.08(2), Florida Statutes. The Seller states as follows:

1) That to the best of the Seller's knowledge, all persons who have a financial interest in this real estate transaction or who have received or will receive real estate commissions, attorney's or consultant's fees or any other fees or other benefits incident to the sale of the Premises described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto are:

Name	Address	Reason for Payment	Amount

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED. IF "NONE", WRITE "NONE"

None

2) That, to the best of the Seller's knowledge, the following is a true history of all financial transactions concerning the Premises which have taken place during the five years prior to the date of this affidavit:

Name and Address of Parties Involved	Date	Type of Transactions	Amount of Transactions

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED. IF "NONE", WRITE "NONE"

None

SELLER:

Ervin A. Mendel

ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE

Tract No. **301-137**

For the consideration recited hereunder, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation, whose address is 222 South Westmonte Drive, Suite 300, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, as Assignor, hereby transfers and assigns to MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, with an address c/o Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, Department of Environmental Resources Management, Office County Manager, Stephen P. Clark Center, Suite 1200, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128-1994, its successors and assigns, as Assignee, all of its right, title and interest in that certain option to purchase between Assignor, as Purchaser, and **Ervin A. Mendel,** as Seller, and which option agreement and all amendments thereto are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference made a part hereof (the "Option Agreement"), for the sale and purchase of the real property described in the Option Agreement (the "Property"), subject to terms and conditions thereof and hereby does remise, release and quit claim unto Assignee and its successors and assigns, all of its right, title and interest in and to the Property.

Assignor hereby authorizes and empowers Assignee, on its performance of all the above-mentioned terms and conditions to demand and receive of Seller the warranty deed covenanted to be given in the Option Agreement hereby assigned in the same manner and with the same effect as Assignor could have done had this Assignment not been made.

This Assignment is made pursuant to the Assignee's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Agreement for Professional Services (the "Contract") between Assignor and Assignee and dated April 20, 2001. The consideration for this Assignment shall be payment by Assignee to Assignor according to the terms of said Contract.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

By: Maria F. Melchiori

Maria F. Melchiori

Its: Chief Operating Officer

Date Executed: 1/26/07

Legal: GW 1/28/07

ACCEPTANCE BY ASSIGNEE

Assignee hereby accepts the above Assignment of Option Agreement and agrees to perform all obligations to be performed by Assignor under the Option Agreement, according to the terms and conditions therein stated.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clerk

[SEAL]

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
County Manager

Approved as to form and Legal Sufficiency

Attorney: _____

Date Executed: _____