Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 18, 2008

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

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Grant Application to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails Land Acquisition Program

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to apply for up to $4,000,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Greenways and Trails Land Acquisition and further authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to receive and expend funds and execute contracts and amendments as required. The grant will be used to purchase up to four parcels of land to serve as a trailhead to the South Dade Greenway Network and build a passive recreational park.

Scope

The land is located within the Princeton area on the C-102 canal blueway/greenway (S.W. 240th Street and S.W. 137th Avenue) which provides connectivity to the South Dade Trail, the greater South Dade Greenway Network, and busway on South Federal Highway. The land is located in Commission District 8.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will contribute up to $4,000,000 toward the total cost of the land. This cost is based on estimated land values of other properties in the area and is subject to review and approval by the General Services Administration Real Estate Division. The grant match of $200,000 will come from available Impact Fees.

Track Record/Monitor

The FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails has not awarded the Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) any grants for land acquisition. The new grant will be administered by Beth Wojas, MDPR Grants Administrator.

Background

FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails Land Acquisition Program provides land acquisition funding to governmental agencies to further their goal of creating a statewide system of greenways and trails. The grant requires a Board approved resolution for submission concurrent with the application which is due April 17, 2008. If the application is successful, funds will be available in September 2008.

The development of a neighborhood park on the site would provide recreational opportunities for residents in the Princeton area, local open space for future residents, as well as serve as a trailhead to the South Dade Greenway Network.

Attachment

Alex Muñoz, Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: March 18, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(A)

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 _____

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03-18-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR UP TO $4,000,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM TO PURCHASE UP TO FOUR PARCELS OF LAND TO SERVE AS A TRAILHEAD TO THE SOUTH DADE GREENWAY NETWORK AND TO BUILD A PASSIVE RECREATIONAL PARK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to apply for up to $4,000,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails Land Acquisition Program to purchase up to four parcels of land within the Princeton area to serve as a trailhead to the South Dade Greenway Network and build a passive recreational park; and further authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such contracts and amendments as are required by this governmental body following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend all monies for the purposes described in the funding request; file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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 18th day of March, 2008. 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. MR

Monica Rizo