

Memorandum



Date: October 11, 2023

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(2)

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

November 7, 2023

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Status Report Related to the Establishment of a Wetlands Mitigation Bank by Miami-Dade County—Directive No. 220286

On November 2, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-1051-21, sponsored by former Chairman Diaz, directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to take action related to the establishment of a wetlands mitigation bank by Miami-Dade County, requiring the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for a Mitigation Bank Conceptual Permit and explore other options to make mitigation credits available within Miami-Dade County. A preliminary report on the establishment of a mitigation bank and detailing the available mitigation alternatives was submitted and accepted by the Board on the March 1, 2022, with updates provided through subsequent status reports as required by the Resolution.

On June 20, 2023, DERM entered into an agreement with a consulting firm, Metric Engineering, to authorize a feasibility study regarding a mitigation bank on wetlands owned by Miami-Dade County, including if wetlands acquired by the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program for conservation can be utilized or if Miami-Dade County needs to find other lands for a mitigation bank. The total acreage being considered is approximately 2,488.33, primarily consisting of state lands under the management of the EEL program, and EEL lands owned by the County. It is estimated that the feasibility report will be completed and submitted to DERM in approximately nine months. Once submitted and reviewed, additional recommendations and necessary actions will be forwarded for the Board's consideration. Therefore, the next update is expected to be provided in mid-2024.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. If additional information is needed, please contact Lisa Spadafina, Assistant Director, Division of Environmental Resources Management in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, at Lisa.Spadafina@miamidade.gov.

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