



To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council Date: November 7, 2016
From: Edward Silva, Village Manager Re: Deering Estate Impact Study

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY BY FIU METROPOLITAN CENTER; CO-SPONSORING THE STUDY WITH THE DEERING ESTATE FOUNDATION; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DISBURSE \$3,500 IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Administration)

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Organization of Biological Field Stations (OBFS) has designated Deering Estates as the only field station in Miami-Dade County. Deering Estates is the only field station with eight environmentally sensitive areas in one station, which are: Pine Rockland, Salt Marsh, Mangroves, Submerged Sea Grass Beds, Deering Estate flow-way, Remnant Slough, Tropical Hardwood Hammock, and Beach Dune Chicken Key.

The Deering Estates Foundation (The Foundation) has plans to build a facility to house scientists from around the world that would like to study the eight environmental areas throughout the Deering Estates 445 acres.

The Foundation would like to know what the impact of such a facility would be to Palmetto Bay and Miami-Dade County. The FIU Metropolitan Center will perform the study for \$23,082.75, waiving the 26% indirect cost fee. The study will provide economic and demographic impact on neighborhoods/zip codes in the vicinity, and an overview of industrial sectors directly involved or affected. The information will be useful to the Village of Palmetto Bay's ongoing economic development to attract prospective developers and businesses, The Village is proposing co-sponsoring by providing \$3,500 towards to cost of the study.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The budgetary impact is \$3,500 to General Services.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Deering Estates is an important conservation and economic partner to the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Organization of Biological Field Stations (OBFS) has designated Deering Estates as the only field station in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Deering Estates is the only field station with eight environmentally sensitive areas in one station, which are; Pine Rockland, Salt Marsh, Mangroves, Submerged Sea Grass Beds, Deering Estate flow-way, Remnant Slough, Tropical Hardwood Hammock and Beach Dune Chicken Key ; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact study will provide economic and demographic impact on neighborhoods/zip codes in the vicinity, and an overview of industrial sectors directly involved or affected by the field station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, supports the study as the information will be useful is its ongoing economic development of the Village.

Section 2. The Village Manager is authorized to disburse \$3,500 as a co-sponsor of the FIU Metropolitan Center economic impact study for the OBFS Deering Estate field station.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2016.

Attest: _____
Missy Arocha
Village Clerk

Eugene Flinn
Mayor

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Dexter Lehtinen, Village Attorney

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10 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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12 Council Member Larissa Siegel-Lara _____

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20 Mayor Eugene Flinn _____