



To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: February 25, 2013

From: Ron E. Williams, Village Manager

Re: Appointments to Tree Advisory Board

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY TREE ADVISORY BOARD; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Tree Advisory Board duties include reviewing and proposing revisions to the Village's Master Street Tree Plan and Plans relating to trees for all Village Parks and Public Places for consideration and action by Village Staff and the Village Council. The Board is to issue recommendations to the Village Council for all program acquisitions or modifications in accordance with this Division. The Advisory Board may make recommendations as to the public education aspects of the program.

The Public Works Director, or his/her designee, continues to serve as the liaison to the advisory board. The Advisory Board shall be guided by the criteria of the National Arbor Day Foundation's Street Tree USA Program criteria and guidelines.

Currently, three members' terms have expired (two year term appointees, in order to allow for staggered terms.) Additionally, the position previously held by the Vice Mayor is open due to his being elected to the Village Council. This position was previously the Mayor's appointee and is a one-year term position. Mr. Rick Cohen has indicated that he would like to serve again, at the request of Councilman Patrick Fiore.

Staff has attached two applications for consideration. In order to be a member of this Board, the appointee must be knowledgeable in at least one of the identified fields of: urban planning, landscape architecture, tree-related professional (such as forestry professors, nursery operators, arborists, or other environmental civic activist.) The terms of the newly appointed Board shall be two years.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No additional costs anticipated at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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5 Eve A. Boutsis,
6 FIGUEREDO & BOUTSIS, P.A., as Office
7 of the Village Attorney

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10 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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12 Council Member Patrick Fiore _____

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14 Council Member Tim Schaffer _____

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16 Council Member Joan Lindsay _____

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18 Vice-Mayor John DuBois _____

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20 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk _____



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
APPLICATION FOR TREE
ADVISORY BOARD

Please complete the application, including attachments, and return to the Village Clerk, 9705 E. Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay 33157 (305-259-1234)

Name: Rainer W. Schael
Home Address: 18171 SW 90th Court
City: Palmetto Bay State: FL Zip: 33157
Telephone: 305-979-4290 Cell: _____
Email address: rainer@rs-env.com

EDUCATION (Attach additional information to application, if necessary)

Degree(s): BA Environmental Consulting, Inc.
School: Rollins College
Year Graduated: 1999

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Occupation: President
Employer: RS Environmental Consulting Inc.
Business Address: PO Box 161158
City: Miami State: FL Zip: 33116
Telephone: 305-383-3404 Fax: _____
Email address: rainer@rs-env.com

What prompted your interest in the Tree Advisory Board? After a positive experience as Chairman of the Building and Permitting Advisory Committee, I have been looking for another way to get involved in the Palmetto Bay regulatory arena.

What do you plan to accomplish as a Board Member? Provide my insights and experience in regulation of tree resources to the board.

Please describe any special qualifications or experience that would be beneficial to your service on the Tree Advisory Board:

As a Certified Arborist State and County qualified Professional Mangrove Trimmer experience in tree permitting ranging from single-family residential to 100 acre sites. Excellent contacts at all level of natural resource regulation, including local, county, state and federal.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current resume
2. Three personal/professional references.

Rainer W. Schael

Experience **2006 - Current** **RS Environmental Consulting, Inc.** **Miami, FL**

President

As founder and president of RS Environmental Consulting, Inc, Mr. Schael serves as project manager for high profile projects and clients as well as ensuring that all submittals prepared by staff meet company philosophy. He also oversees the day to day operations of the company, including financials, proposals and client relations.

Mr. Schael has an excellent relationship with regulatory staff and supervisors in a variety of regulatory agencies, including the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade County DERM, US Fish and Wildlife, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

In addition to business operations, Mr. Schael is also active in the Builders Association of South Florida as well as a volunteer for Dade County Science Fair and a variety of environmental education programs, including classroom lectures and field trips. He is also an alumnus of the University of Florida's Natural Resources Leadership Institute, the Chairman of the Village of Palmetto Bay's Building & Permitting Advisory Committee, a Board Member on the Herman Lucerne Memorial Fishing Tournament and a Trustee with the South Florida National Parks Trust.

Key accomplishments in the field include:

- Obtaining the first favorable Biological Opinions for impacts in Panther Habitat in Miami-Dade County via coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, including innovative usage of mitigation banks in regards to Panther Habitat Units
- Utilization of innovative design methodology to minimize wetland impacts while at the same time maximizing developable land
- Professional Mangrove Trimmer/ Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture
- Focus on the development of corporate culture to foster a positive work environment for a driven and dynamic staff.

2001 - 2006 **Ford Engineers, Inc.** **Miami, FL**

Director of Environmental Services

As Environmental Scientist and eventually director of Environmental Services, Mr. Schael performed wetland jurisdictional determinations and performed functional assessments as part of the federal, state and county wetland permitting process.

1999 - 2004 **RS Drafting, Inc.** **Miami, FL**

President

As president of RS Drafting, Inc. Mr. Schael performed field inspections, drafted and processed permits for the cable industry.

Education **1995 - 1999** **Rollins College** **Winter Park, FL**

B.A., Environmental Policy w/ minor in Business Administration



Professional References

Recommendations for Rainer W. Schael

- 1 - Mayor Shelley Stanczyk
- 2 - Councilmember Patrick Fiore
- 3 - Councilmember Joan Lindsay
- 4 - Vice Mayor John Dubois
- 5 - Palmetto Bay Building Official Edward Silva
- 6 - Village Manager Ron Williams



**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
APPLICATION FOR TREE
ADVISORY BOARD**

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Name: RICK COHEN
Home Address: 15134 SW 72 Court
City: Palmetto Bay State: FL Zip: 33158
Telephone: 305-235-7070 Cell: 305-607-7522
Email address: TM8TERS4U@aol.com

EDUCATION (Attach additional information to application, if necessary)

Degree(s) Bachelor's
School: Pacific University, Oregon
Year Graduated: 1977

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Occupation: Wholesale imported produce
Employer: Pure Fresh
Business Address: 8901 NW 33 Street
City: Miami State: FL Zip: 33172
Telephone: 305-477-2047 Fax: _____
Email address: _____

What prompted your interest in the Tree Advisory Board? Served on the Board in the past; membership expiring. Very concerned about the environment "Tree Hugger" - served on many environmental Boards, such as Tropical Audubon Society, Florida Native Tree Society, and Deering Estate Foundation.

What do you plan to accomplish as a Board Member? Continue the service I have already been accomplishing - discussing and providing input for the wise planning and proper usage of trees and shrubs within the Village.

Please describe any special qualifications or experience that would be beneficial to your service on the Tree Advisory Board:

See above - service on several environmental Boards.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current resume
2. Three personal /professional references.



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Please complete the application, including attachments, and return to the Village Clerk, 9705 E. Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay 33157 (305-259-1234)

Name: CRAIG GROSSENBACHER
Home Address: 7245 SW 167 ST
City: PALMETTO BAY State: FL Zip: 33157
Telephone: 305 498-9957 Cell: 305 498-9957
Email address: grosso@miamidade.gov

EDUCATION (Attach additional information to application, if necessary)

Degree(s): B.S.
School: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Year Graduated: 1984

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Occupation: CHIEF, NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING SECTION, PER-DEPTM
Employer: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PER-DEPTM
Business Address: 701 NW 1 COURT
City: MIAMI State: FL Zip: 33136
Telephone: 305 372-6522 Fax: 305 372-6639
Email address: SAME AS ABOVE

What prompted your interest in the Tree Advisory Board? MY INTERESTS IN TREE AND FOREST PRESERVATION IN SOUTH FLORIDA

What do you plan to accomplish as a Board Member? PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE AS WELL AS CURRENT COUNTY AND STATE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO BOTANICAL/BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Please describe any special qualifications or experience that would be beneficial to your service on the Tree Advisory Board:

I OVERSEE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S TREE REGULATORY PROGRAMS AS WELL AS THE COUNTY EFFORT TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE ADOPTION OF THEIR OWN TREE PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current resume - TO BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY
2. Three personal /professional references. TO BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY

Meighan Alexander

From: Grossenbacher, Craig (RER) <GrossC@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 5:51 PM
To: Meighan Alexander
Cc: Grossenbacher, Craig (RER); Davis, Matthew (RER)
Subject: Village of Palmetto Bay Tree Committee
Attachments: Craig's Curriculum Vita Update 2006.pdf

Ms. Alexander,

I have attached my C.V. to go with my application for the tree committee. Also I am providing three professional references per our discussion. They are:

Mr. Lee Hefty, Asst. Director, Miami-Dade County DERM – (305) 372-6754

Dr. Susan Markley, DERM – (305) 372-6863

Mr. Matt Davis, DERM (305) 372-6594

Please confirm receipt and thank you for your assistance.

Thanks,

Craig

Craig K. Grossenbacher, Chief

Natural Resources Planning Section

Environmental Resources Management

Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources

Overtown Transit Village

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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Craig K. Grossenbacher
7245 SW 167 Street
Miami, FL 33157
(305) 372-6522 (work)

EDUCATION

B.S. Geology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida,
1984

EMPLOYMENT

Natural Resources Planning Section Chief, Miami-Dade
County Dept. of Environmental Resources Management
(DERM), July 2007 to present

Special Project Administrator II, Miami-Dade County DERM
Office of the Director, July 2001 to July 2007

Biologist III and Coastal Resources Section Chief, Miami-
Dade County DERM, December 1992 to July 2001

Biologist II and Class I Program Head, Miami-Dade County
DERM, March 1990 to December 1992

Biologist I, Miami-Dade County DERM, September 1989 to
March 1990

Pollution Control Inspector, Miami-Dade County DERM,
March 1988 to September 1989

Year Round Sports, Incorporated, Manager, Miami, Florida,
September 1984 to January 1987

Professional Free Lance Yacht Captain, 1981 to March 1988

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPERIENCE Past and Present

Provide environmental review and impact analysis of
significant development proposals including Development of
Regional Impact (DRI) reviews

Represent Miami-Dade County in interagency regional
environmental restoration programs including Comprehensive
Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project delivery teams

Direct staff of approximately 15 environmental professionals
including environmental resource project supervisors,
biologists, pollution control inspectors, GIS specialists, and
engineers

Provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of natural resource management plans

Provide technical assistance and impact analysis related to saltwater intrusion and protection of groundwater resources

Oversee coastal construction "dredge & fill" permitting program for all work in tidal waters/coastal wetlands of Miami-Dade County including oversight of approximately 400 permit applications annually

Oversee annual operating permit program to regulate marinas, shipping terminals, boatyards and other similar water dependent industrial pollution sources with approximately 250 permitted sources countywide

Oversee tree protection and Natural Forest Community regulatory programs for Miami-Dade County

Negotiate delegation agreements with the State of Florida DEP to streamline environmental regulatory programs (proprietary delegation for minor structures on sovereign, submerged land and regulatory delegation for mangrove trimming/alteration)

Negotiate delegation to Miami-Dade County of Environmental Resource Permitting Program with the State of Florida DEP and South Florida Water Management District

Oversee regulatory programs delegated by the State of Florida DEP (proprietary delegation for minor structures on sovereign, submerged land and regulatory delegation for mangrove trimming/alteration) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (SAJ-42 regulatory delegation for minor structures in waters of the United States)

Oversee staff in the implementation of FDEP-approved Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan

Assist in the development and coordination of large-scale mitigation projects including public sector projects

Assist in the development of natural resource management plans, policies and regulations including county ordinances, state statutes and rulemaking

Oversee the drafting, approval, and execution of restrictive covenants running with the land in favor of Miami-Dade County for the protection of environmental resources

Assist in development and management of electronic databases to support environmental management and regulatory programs including state-delegated programs

Assist various DERM programs in implementation of Electronic Data Management System work flows

Provide environmental review and impact analysis of development proposals for endangered and/or threatened species including federal and state listed species

**COMMITTEES, BOARD
APPOINTMENTS AND
AFFILIATIONS**
Past and Present

Staff Advisor, Miami-Dade County Shoreline
Development Review Committee

Coordinator, Miami River Enforcement Group

Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative (BBPI)
Regulatory Survey Team Member

Miami River Commission
Greenway Committee Member

Biscayne Bay Access Plan
Advisory Committee Member

South Florida Association of Environmental Professionals
Board of Directors

Florida Pollution Control Association

**REPORTS AND
PUBLICATIONS**

Teas, Howard J., C. Grossenbacher and R. Karafel, 1996.
*Mangroves as a Crop in the United States. Halophytes and
Biosaline Agriculture.* Marcel Decker Publishers Inc. 16pp.

**SPECIAL TRAINING/SKILLS
AND CERTIFICATIONS**
Past and Present

United States Coast Guard Licensed Captain
100 ton Professional Master's Rating

PADI/YMCA Certified SCUBA Diver

Miami-Dade County DERM SCUBA Diver

Miami-Dade County Code Enforcement Certification

American Red Cross Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
Certification

American Red Cross First Aid Certification

Diver's Alert Network Oxygen First Aid Provider Certification



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Name: Don Pybas
Home Address: 9264 SW 180 Street
City: Palmetto Bay State: FL Zip: 33157
Telephone: _____ Cell: 305-733-4081
Email address: don.pybas@att.net

EDUCATION (Attach additional information to application, if necessary)

Degree(s) Master of Agriculture
School: Texas A&M University
Year Graduated: 1979

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Occupation: President
Employer: Pybas Enterprises, LLC (natural resources and agriculture consulting)
Business Address: Same as above
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email address: _____

What prompted your interest in the Tree Advisory Board? Professional and personal concerns for quality tree canopy in the community. Proper selection, placement, and maintenance of public and residential trees.

What do you plan to accomplish as a Board Member? Provide nearly 32 years of professional experience and insight to Palmetto Bay Village leaders and residents to increase awareness on tree canopy quality through enhanced outreach and education in the village on the topic.

Please describe any special qualifications or experience that would be beneficial to your service on the Tree Advisory Board:

A resident of the community since 1978. Nearly 32 years of experience as a University of Florida Extension Agent (faculty), the last 13 as the Director of Miami-Dade County Extension Programs, including horticulture and agriculture faculty educational program development. Have served county Emergency Management Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group and currently appointed to the LMS Steering Committee ag and marine interests.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current resume
2. Three personal /professional references.

DONALD W. PYBAS

HOME

9264 S.W. 180 Street
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157
Phone: 305-733-4081
Email: don.pybas@att.net or pybas@ufl.edu

EDUCATION

Master of Agriculture, Texas A&M University, Recreation and Resource Development, Specialty in Coastal and Marine Resources Management.

Bachelor of Science in Education, Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma.

Associate of Science, Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

MILITARY

U.S. Navy Submarine Service, Qualified Navy SCUBA Diver, 1971 – 1975
(Secret clearance)

EMPLOYMENT

February, 2011 – Present – President, Pybas Enterprises, LLC, a natural resources and agriculture consultancy. Current client, Florida Avocado Administrative Committee to coordinate Red Bay Ambrosia Beetle and Laurel Wilt disease outbreak in Avocado industry.

November, 2010 – December, 2011 - Senior Technical Advisor - Business Development /Marketing, URS Corporation, (part-time).

May, 2010 – May, 2011 – Director - Business Development Marine Advisory Group, LLC, a consulting consortium, (part-time).

April, 2010 - Emeritus faculty status University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service. Conferred

1978 – 2010 - University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service as Extension Agent and County Extension Director. Cooperative Extension is a partnership between: Federal (USDA), University of Florida (Land Grant institution), and county government (Miami-Dade) to provide research based technical assistance and non-formal educational opportunities to various clientele groups. Successive roles include:

1997 - 2010 - County Extension Director and Extension Agent IV, Miami-Dade County.

Responsible for administration of county office with staff of 16 professional faculty and 23 support staff. In addition, responsible for establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with County Commissioners and administrators of county and university, overall extension advisory committee, and clientele organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

An invited reviewer of numerous proposals, draft management plans for marine resources management, ecosystem restoration, land use, disaster planning, and agriculture retention. Served on several working committees related to economic development and land use of the area including:

Miami-Dade County Urban Tree Canopy Committee, (2003-2010)

Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management, Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (1998-2012), LMS Steering Committee appointment February, 2013;

Local Agriculture Disaster Board with USDA for post-disaster assessments, (1997-2010);

South Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Public Health/Agro-Terrorism Sub-Committee, (2009-Present);

Miami-Dade County Agricultural and Rural Lands Retention Study Technical Advisory Committee (2002-2003);

South Miami-Dade County Watershed Study and Plan Technical Review Committee (2003-2005);

Water Management District funded Economic Study of Biscayne Bay, Florida, Independent Review Team (2003-2005);

Biscayne Bay Strategic Access Plan Advisory Committee (7/2003-3/2004);

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team founding member, a sub-unit of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group, (2002-2010), Member Emeritus 2010;

Water Management District funded Economic Study of Biscayne Bay, Florida, Independent Review Team (2003-2005);

Biscayne Bay Strategic Access Plan Advisory Committee (7/2003-3/2004);

Miami-Dade County Agriculture Purchase of Development Rights Review Committee, (2008-2010);

Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force, sub-committee on Natural Systems Adaption (2008-2009);

Miami-Dade County Interdepartmental Sustainability Assessment "GreenPrint" Team (2009-2010);

Invited participant for the MIT Climate Change in the Greater Everglades Landscape project funded by USFWS and USGS. This project examined and created scenarios for land use changes and wildlife habitat implications with climate related implications.

These various projects and assignments have allowed liaison and interaction with numerous federal, state, and local governmental agencies, NGOs, and trade organizations.

AWARDS

Extension Enhancement Award, "Development of Innovative GIS Database System for Flood Analysis, Crop Planning and Agricultural Loss Mitigation", Team member. December, 2000.

USDA Superior Service Award, for outstanding leadership and interagency cooperation in delivering of emergency services to victims of Hurricane Andrew, Florida, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., September, 1993.

References:

Dr. Joe Schaefer, District Extension Agent, University of Florida Extension Service,
3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL, 33430-4702
561-993-1278, natres@ufl.edu

Ms. Katy Sorenson, Director, The Good Government Initiative
1320 South Dixie Highway, Suite 911
Coral Gables, FL 33146
katy@goodgov.net
305-689-8212 office

Mr. Bob Brennan, Arborist, Fairchild Tropical Gardens
305-323-7342 mobile
treeguru@mac.com

Alan Flinn, Manager, Florida Avocado Administrative Committee
P.O. Box 900188
Homestead, FL, 33090-0188
305-247-0848 office
avocadocommittee@bellsouth.net



To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: February 25, 2013

From: Ron E. Williams, Village Manager

Re: 2013 Recreational Trails Program
Grant Application

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GRANTS; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE STATE'S 2013 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORAL REEF PARK TRAIL; INCLUDING SAID PROJECT IN ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Recreational Trails Program is a competitive grant program which awards funding for trail projects that provide new trail facilities or maintain existing ones. Inclusion of the project in the applicant's Capital Improvement Plan is a prerequisite for funding. As such, copies of the relative portion of the CIP must be submitted with the grant application. Alternatively, for applicants who do not have the project incorporated in their CIP, the program allows for the adoption of a resolution committing to include the project in the CIP should the applicant receive program funds. This resolution authorizes staff to proceed with the grant application and serves as the Village's commitment to include the project in the Village's CIP only in the event that funds are awarded.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The maximum grant award for the current cycle is \$200,000. The Village will be requesting \$195,000 in grant funds and will provide \$130,000 in matching funds. RTP grant applications are evaluated based on a point system and applicants with a greater match commitment are awarded a higher number of points. The Village is thereby proposing a 60:40 grant to match ratio.

Grant Request:	\$ 195,000 (60%)
Grant Match:	\$ 130,000 (40%)
	FY2013- Adopted Budget*; Capital Outlay; CRP Bridge
	FY2013- Adopted Budget*; Capital Outlay; CRP East Restrooms
	FY2013- Adopted Budget*; Capital Outlay; CRP Repaving
Total Project Cost:	\$ 325,000
	*Funds are included in the FY2013 Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Village Council direction.

Attachment: Recreational Trails Program Fact Sheet

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GRANTS; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE STATE'S 2013 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORAL REEF PARK TRAIL; INCLUDING SAID PROJECT IN ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay desires to submit a grant application under the 2013 Recreational Trails Program, to fund needed improvements to the Coral Reef Park trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program is a competitive grant program and, as a condition of the grant award, the project receiving funding must be included in the applicant's Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, applicants may adopt a resolution committing to include the project in their Capital Improvement Plan provided that funding is awarded; and,

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to proceed with the grant application, committing to incorporate the Coral Reef Park Trail Improvement project in its Capital Improvement Plan, provided that funding from the 2013 Recreational Trails Program is approved.

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

Section 1. Staff is hereby authorized to file a grant application under the 2013 Recreational Trails Program for improvements to the Coral Reef Park trail.

Section 2. The Village of Palmetto Bay will include the proposed project in its Capital Improvement Plan should funding be awarded.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of March, 2013.

Attest: _____
Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk

Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eve A. Boutsis,
FIGUEREDO & BOUTSIS, P.A., as Office
of the Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore	_____
Council Member Tim Schaffer	_____
Council Member Joan Lindsay	_____
Vice-Mayor John DuBois	_____
Mayor Shelley Stanczyk	_____

Recreational Trails Program

Florida Fact Sheet

What is the Recreational Trails Program (RTP)?

RTP is a competitive program which provides grants for projects that provide, renovate or maintain recreational trails, trailhead and trailside facilities. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 included the National Recreational Trails Fund Act (NRTFA) and established the National Recreational Trails Funding Program (NRTFP). The National Highway System Designation Act (NHS Act) of 1995 amended and revived the NRTFA. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) amended the previous legislation and provided for six years of funding. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) replaced TEA-21. Project proposals may address the following recreational trail interests:

Motorized Trails

Nonmotorized Trails

Mixed-Use projects (either motorized, nonmotorized or a combination of both)

What is a "Recreational Trail"?

The federal legislation defines a recreational trail as follows: A thoroughfare or track across land or snow, used for recreational purposes including, but not limited to, such uses as bicycling, nordic (cross-country) skiing, day hiking, equestrian activities, jogging or similar fitness activities, trail biking, overnight and long distance backpacking, roller skating, in-line skating, dog sledding, running, snowmobiling, aquatic or water activity and vehicular travel by motorcycle, four-wheel drive or all terrain, off-road vehicles.

How is RTP Administered?

Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Greenways & Trails administers the program in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Who May Apply for RTP funds?

Municipal or county governments, state or federal governmental agencies, recognized state and federal Indian tribal governments, and organizations approved by the State.

How Do I Apply?

Applicants must submit a completed RTP Grant Application, during the submission cycle of October 17, 2012 – October 31, 2012. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2012. Applicants may submit only one application during the submission period. Applications must involve only one project site.

What is the Maximum Grant Amount?

The current maximum grant amount for mixed use projects and nonmotorized projects is \$75,000. The maximum grant award amount for motorized projects it is \$800,000.

What are the Match Requirements?

All grant awards must be matched. In your application you choose either 50:50, 60:40 or 80:20 match. The more match provided, the more points awarded.

For example, with a \$100,000 project, your match could be any of the following:

<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>RTP Grant</u>	<u>Local Match</u>
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
\$100,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000

What Can I use to Match a RTP Grant?

Cash and/or In-kind services.

NOTE: Federal agencies may match grant funds with federal funds up to 95% of total project cost.

How are RTP Grants Awarded?

Each application is reviewed to determine eligibility. The Office of Greenways and Trails, in consultation with the RTP Advisory Committee, evaluates each eligible application according to program policy and assigns a final score. Based on the scores, DEP prepares and submits a recommended priority list to the Federal Highway Administration for funding consideration.

Who Do I Call for More Information?

Alexandra H. Weiss, CPM
Recreational Trails Program
Office of Greenways & Trails
Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #795
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Phone: 850.245.2052

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