

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RURAL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FROM GRANTS MADE AVAILABLE FROM BROWARD COUNTY'S LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPEN SPACE GRANTS #V AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S COMMUNITIES TRUST TO ACQUIRE THE BAY TREE ISLANDS PARK; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has set aside \$20 million from their Land Preservation Program to offer Challenge Grants #V to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space before the County's May 2, 2002 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has set aside \$66 million from its Florida Forever Program to offer grants to local municipalities wishing to purchase public open space before the State's June 10, 2002 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has determined that purchasing additional rural public open space for recreational purposes furthers many of the major objectives proposed to be adopted in the Town's pending Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches has identified a 40 acre vacant site known as Bay Tree Islands Park as the proper location for developing the first neighborhood park to serve the Country Estates neighborhood while satisfying the Town's minimum open space ratio requirement to meet the Town's Concurrency standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

**Section 1: Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2: Approval.** The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby ratify and authorize the submission of a Grant application to the Broward County Land Preservation Program and the Florida Forever Program for purchasing the Bay Tree Islands Park site before their respective deadlines this Spring.

**Section 3: Authorization.** The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable Grant Applications, attend all necessary meetings and coordinate the execution of final Grant agreements, if any, between the parties

**Section 4: Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

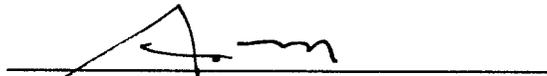
**PASSED AND ADPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003.

  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
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Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney