



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo

12-2380

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2012

TITLE: Motion to accept Broward County Partners in Preservation Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the River Oaks Preserve with no matching funds required and authorize the proper City officials to execute the grant agreement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission accept Broward County Partners in Preservation Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to remove invasive exotic plants from a portion of the River Oaks Preserve with no matching funds required and authorize the proper City officials to execute the grant agreement.

Background

On March 29, 2012, the City submitted a grant application to the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department for Partners in Preservation funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the River Oaks Preserve located at 2200 block of SW 19th Avenue. On June 26, 2012, staff received notification from Broward County advising that the County Commission approved this project for funding in the amount of \$15,000 with no City match required.

The Partners in Preservation Grant Program funds the removal of invasive, non-native vegetation, and replacement planting with native plants on public properties within the County. River Oaks Preserve is approximately 9.1 acre preserve which was acquired for water quality treatment and flood protection for the River Oaks neighborhood within the City of Fort Lauderdale. The current project that is underway on the site will provide hydrological restoration and enhancement of a wetland area which historically discharged into the South Fork of the New River. Approximately 2 acres will be left as upland habitat and will be treated under this grant.

The removal of the invasive and non-native vegetation will be done starting in January with planting taking place in the later part of May to take advantage of the start of the rainy season. Most of the work will be done by hand removal, target herbicide, and the larger trees will be removed by mechanical means. The City's current contractor for the exotic plant removal is All Florida Tree & Landscape, Inc. The planting will be done by Arazoza

Brothers Corporation the City's current native plant contractor.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$15,000. This Broward County \$15,000 grant revenue and expenditure will be appropriated with the consolidated budget amendment included in the 11/06/2012 City Commission agenda, to Fund 470, Subfund 02, P11419.470D.

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FUND	SUBFUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
470	02	Stormwater Capital Projects	P11419.470D	River Oaks Stormwater Park	F304	Broward County - Physical Environment	\$ 15,000.00
AND				TOTAL			15,000.00
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470	02	Stormwater Capital Projects	P11419.470D	River Oaks Stormwater Park	6599	CONSTRUCTION	\$ 15,000.00
				TOTAL			15,000.00

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Grant Agreement

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