



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 18, 2014

TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION – Motion approving the submittal of a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Land Water Conservation Fund for Coontie Hatchee Park, \$100,000, City match required

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper city officials to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the development of Coontie Hatchee Park.

Background

Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Division of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Design and Recreation Services, administers the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The LWCF grant provides grants for the development of land for outdoor public recreation use. The subject of this LWCF grant will be support for the development of a lagoon to be used as a canoe/kayak launch at Coontie Hatchee Park.

Grant funds will be used toward the construction of the lagoon. Construction may include, but is not limited to, seawall shoreline stabilization, riprap boulders, sandy fill material, sheet pilings, and engineering fees and contingencies.

The grant matching ratio is one applicant dollar to one federal dollar (50% / 50%). The application deadline is February 28, 2014. Grantees may be allowed up to three years from the effective date of the agreement to complete development projects.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive impact to the City in the amount of \$100,000 which would allow for project implementation in fiscal year 2015. There is not a current year budget impact. The use of park impact fee as a source of matching funds was presented to the Commission on February 4, 2014 (CAM 14-0071).

Strategic Connections:

This grant application furthers the Public Places goals and objectives as contained in Press Play Fort Lauderdale, Our City Our Strategic Plan 2018. Specifically:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan: We are Here.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – LWCF Program Information

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