



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

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

**DATE:** March 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District, Waterway Assistance  
Program for an ADA Accessible Floating Dock at Sweeting Park

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to purchase and install an ADA accessible floating dock in Sweeting Park on the New River.

**Background**

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to the waterways.

Sweeting Park is located on the North Fork of the New River. The City is in the process of enhancing the park. Currently there are two small fixed docks along the river. The enhancement project calls for the demolition of the existing wooden docks and replacing them with a single dock made of sustainable recycled plastic. The docks provide access to the river for fishing, crabbing and a scenic vista.

District funding is made available after October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project costs. The estimated cost to manufacture and install the dock is \$50,000. The application deadline is April 1, 2015.

**Resource Impact**

There is an anticipated positive impact to the City in the amount of \$25,000 which would allow for project implementation. The grant requires a \$25,000 local match. There is not a current year budget impact.

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan initiative, included with in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **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 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1– FIND Waterways Assistance Program Application

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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